

Traditional Service
February 5, 2012
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion is observed today. You need not be a member to receive the elements (grape juice is used for Communion). All who sincerely desire to follow Christ as Savior and Lord, are invited to commune.

PRELUDE	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”	Willan
GREETINGS AND PARISH CONCERNS		Sharon O'Connor
OPENING PRAYER		Sharon O'Connor
*HYMN OF PRAISE	“Become to Us the Living Bread”	No. 630
ANTHEM (Sanctuary Choir)	“Communion”	Wagner
OFFERTORY	“Communion Improvisation”	Englert
*DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS (in unison)		
	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	No. 95
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	“Apostles' Creed”	No. 881
	(Holy catholic church means worldwide or universal church)	
*RESPONSE	“Gloria Patri”	No. 70
READING FROM GOD'S WORD	I Thessalonians 3:12-13	Pg. 1147
	This is God's Word for God's People	
	Thanks be to God!	

MESSAGE	“Exponential”	Pastor John
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Giving the Bread and the Cup

During communion the altar is always open for anyone who desires to kneel down and pray. The method of Holy Communion will be Intinction. Please come forward at the direction of ushers and sing the following hymns as the congregation communes.

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”	No. 599
“Come, We that Love the Lord”	No. 733
“God Will Take Care of You”	No. 130
“I Need Thee every Hour”	No. 397
“Oh How I Love Jesus”	No. 170
“Amazing Grace”	No. 378

MEDITATION	“There's Something About That Name” (Bob McClure, soloist)	Gaither
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Prayer after Communion (in unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. We praise and honor you, Emmanuel, God with us. Let us worship you as all the Wise Men and the Wise Women have done throughout history, to the glory of your amazing love. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN “Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love” (Verses 1-4) No. 566

**BLESSING Sharon O'Connor

**RECESSIONAL “Praise Be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” Buttstedt

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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For prayer requests, call Jane Anne @ 529-1385 or weistjaw@aol.com

MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Eleanor & Joe Burns, Nancy Carey, Elnora & Harry Davitt, Janet Dover, Joey Ferrell, Antigone & Fred Goetz, Audrey Hammerer, Glenn Harmon, Dan Kerrigan, T. Ney, Mary Palmer, Charlie Parker, Bob Rose, Steve Sanet, Julie Shenk, Michael Stevens, Jr., Michael Stevens, III, Aldie Thomas, Barbara Thomas, Beth Tremonte, Kay Wilmot, David Wisniewski, Roberta Wolfe.

ALTAR FLOWERS: One vase is given by Dick & Jean Gackenbach with Thanksgiving to God for life's miracles. One vase is given to Darla Laramore to remind her that Jeff, Britt, & Jacqueline love & miss her lots! The center arrangement is in loving memory of Karen McClure Valone, given by her parents, Bob and Vivian McClure. The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Mary Beth Quigley, given by Alberta.

SERVING YOU TODAY

USHERS: Vonnie Anderson, Ed Hearn, Lynn Peters, Glenn Winer
ACOLYTE: Monte Scott
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Oberg, Becky Turner

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

Soup Sale Between Services

10:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Refreshments in Welcome Center
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m. “The Branch” Worship
1:00 p.m. Constitution Class, Room 102
4:00 p.m. Heavenly Hands Life Group

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

7:00 p.m.	Mon.	Praise Band Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Mon.	AA Meeting, Room 202
7:30 p.m.	Mon.	Worship Team Meeting
1:00 p.m.	Tues.	Piecemakers
7:00 p.m.	Tues.	AA Meeting, Room 202
12:30 p.m.	Wed.	Bible Study in Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Wed.	Worship Leaders' Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Wed.	Bible Study in Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Wed.	John 3:30 Weight Loss Group
1:00 p.m.	Thur.	AARP Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Thur.	Carol Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Thur.	Red, White, and Bluegrass Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Thur.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Fri.	SURGE Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Fri.	Stampin'

If you have used glasses to donate to the Lions Club, drop off at Welcome Center. Over 350 pairs have been collected. THANK YOU!

The Girlfriends of Atonement is collecting shoes for Shoes2Share. Please place shoes in the gray container under the UMW bulletin board outside the nursery door. Over 5,555 pairs & 24 singles were collected so far!

SPRING JUBILEE: Save the Date! May 6 – 9, 2012 John Hobbs and Kenny Davis will be here for our 2012 Spring Jubilee. Additional details will be posted at a later date.

GIRLFRIENDS SOUP SALE: Today is "Souper" Bowl Sunday. Soup will be sold between services. The cost is \$7.00/quart.

PANCAKE FEAST: The Claymont Lions' Pancake Feast is Saturday, Feb. 11th, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Brandywine Hundred Fire Hall. Tickets are \$6.00/adult, \$3.00/children 10 & under. You may purchase tickets from: Dick Gackenbach, Bob Hershberger, Randy Keim, Danee Kennedy, Dave Ruth, Amanda Speechley, Chris Spor, or Matt Yoder.

YOUTH CHOIR: The Youth Choir will not rehearse in the month of February. Rehearsal resumes on March 1st.

LENTEN STUDY: Bob McClure will lead the 6-week Lenten Study at Doris Moulton's home, 122 Olympia Drive in Claymont. The study begins on Monday, February 27th @ 7:30 p.m. The study guide, "The Trials of Jesus," is available in the Welcome Center for \$5.00.

STRATEGIES FOR YOUR FUTURE - MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS: On February 25th at 11:30 a.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 300 E. Basin Rd, New Castle, is hosting a panel of experts who understand the issues facing individuals and their loved ones. The panel will include: Bridget Erhard, financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial Services; Diane Durban, President of Brandywine Senior Transitions; Kami Visser, co-owner of Country Clean; Jessica Loveland from Strano & Feeley Funeral Home; Karla Levinson, an Elder Law attorney; and Renee Goolday from Senior Helpers. Topics include: estate planning, assisted living issues, home cleaning services, living wills, and funeral preplanning. Lunch will be provided. Please register by calling Asbury at 328-5649 before February 22nd.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Attention Stephen Ministers! There will be a brief meeting in the Chapel next Sunday, February 12th, following the second service.

RETURNING VETERANS WORKSHOP: As military persons return from the battlefield, not all wounds are outwardly visible. Many carry spiritual and emotional needs that result in difficulty acclimating back into family life, the workplace, and the Church. Daybreak Counseling Services, in cooperation with the Delaware National Guard, is offering a workshop describing appropriate responses and resources that both family members and spiritual providers can offer to those who struggle with the aftermaths of war. This half day workshop will be on February 17th at Connection Community Church in Middletown, DE. Information is available at www.daybreakcounseling.org, and brochures are available in the Welcome Center. A reduced fee is available to groups of three or more persons. Call Doris Obenshain at 302-448-1450 to register.

DIRECTORY: Copies of the updated directory (not the new picture directory) are in the Welcome Center.