

OPENING WORSHIP SONG.....*"Same Power"*
WELCOME & INVOCATION.....*Jim Loeffler*
PRELUDE.....*"Near to the Heart of God"*
PRAISE & WORSHIP.....*"Everlasting God"*
"Lord, I Need You"
PRAYER.....*Sue Fuller*
APOSTLES' CREED
SCRIPTURE (John 17:20-23 - Prayer of Jesus in Gethsemane).....*Chrissy Dougan*
KID'S TALK & DISMISSAL.....*Adrienne Morton*
HYMN #472.....*"Near to the Heart of God"*
MESSAGE.....*Pastor Keith*

Reconciling Differences

The Critical Need for Leadership, Reconciliation, and Unity

We Are One Body

Acts 15

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE.....*"Life Song"*
BENEDICTION/BLESSING
EXIT SONG*"How Can I Keep from Singing"*



**In Sunday School
TODAY:
Jesus and the
Tax Collector**
(Matt 9:9-13; Hosea 6:6)
Jesus' love can change
anyone



Join the Band of Brothers'
video series, **"33 the Series: A
Man and His Story"** Tuesday
evenings @ 6:30 p.m. If you have any
questions see or call Gordy (719) 640-7644.



The Sweet &
Salty Bible
Study resumes
Thursday evenings @ 6:30 pm
with the book, **Love Does** by
Bob Goff. Join us any time!

After Worship
TODAY!

ALL SOUND TEAMS: There will be a brief meeting for all sound team members and all those interested in joining the sound teams immediately after the service in the balcony. Please inform Linda Morey if you cannot make the meeting.



DISTRICT YOUTH SNOW TUBING EVENT

This Sunday SHUMY is participating in the District Youth Snow Tubing Event at Mt. Pleasant in Edinboro on Sunday, January 23. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. Tubing is from 3:00-5:00 p.m. with a follow-up gathering at Edinboro UMC. We will return to the church between 6:30-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20/child. Adults won't be tubing because of limited space.



CALLING ALL MEN!! We are planning a men's chorus to sing either Sunday March 13 or March 20. Song choice is "Be Thou My Vision," an Irish hymn. Any man who enjoys singing with a choir is welcome. The song is two-part, bass and tenor.

Practices (whichever is more convenient for you) begin on Thursday, February 3-March 10 at 7:00 p.m. or on Sunday directly after worship starting on February 12-March 13.

Mark Your Calendar
February 6

PRAISE TEAM MEETING: There will be a brief meeting for ALL Praise Teams on Sunday, February 6 after the worship service.



Sunday School Teachers and Aides Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Sunday School teachers and aids on Monday, Feb. 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. If you are interested in teaching Sunday school or would like to be an aid, please come to the meeting to see what it entails.



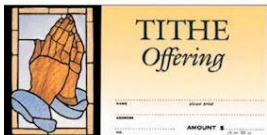
COLLECTING MEN'S CLOTHING: We are collecting men's clothing for the Bethany Outreach Center. This is a great inspiration to go through your closet! There will be two blue containers in the narthex for your donations. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Yerace at 734-717-1136.



SMALL GROUP UPDATE: Are you looking for a Bible Study? Are you thinking about becoming a Bible Study Leader? We have several Bible Studies ongoing in our church. Some are established with those who have been together for a long time and some are open and seeking new persons to join them. Also, coming in the near future will be a Bible Study Leader's training study to help those who could be and are interested in leading a Bible Study. Please speak with Small Group Chairperson, Linda Morey if you are interested in joining one or leading one!



Church Bulletin Board: Have an artistic flair and would like to design and upkeep the church bulletin boards? Talk to Kim Peters or give her a call 814-899-5362 and let her know you are interested.



2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES: You'll find your 2022 Offering Envelopes in your mail slot in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like envelopes, please see Chuck Myers, call the church office at 814-899-5962 or there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the small table by the Fellowship Hall doors.

COVID PROTOCOLS

As a leadership team, we are making decisions daily & will continue to do so regarding COVID protocols here at SHUMC. SO... We're asking a couple of things of you as you come to worship:

- 1) That people be mindful of responsible 'distancing' between family units
- 2) We're asking that everyone wear masks until the children are dismissed for Sunday School. Once the children are dismissed, you're welcome to take off your mask for the balance of the service.
- 3) We're asking that we all wear masks as we leave the sanctuary and return to our cars.

With love and care,

SHUMC



Please hit the "Like" button so we know that you are viewing! It helps us with our attendance to know who is watching.

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WE AR ONE BODY – THE BODY OF CHRIST

Acts 15

JOHN 17:20-23 (Part of the Prayer of Jesus in Gethsemane)

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. **I pray also for those who will believe** in me through their message, ²¹ **that all of them may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. **May they also be in us SO THAT the world may believe** that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ **I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. THEN the world will know** that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

When a 'movement' is in its fledgling stages of beginning (as with an infant in its earliest life) ... the movement is most vulnerable to attacks and resistance of all kinds --- it's very survival and viability is most susceptible, and is at risk, during its beginnings ... The 1st century church was certainly at its most fledgling stages throughout the book of Acts. Acts 15 is such an account.

Acts 15:5-11 (Msg): ⁵ Some Pharisees stood up to say their piece. They had become believers, but continued to hold to the hard party line of the Pharisees. "You have to circumcise the pagan converts," they said. "You must make them keep the Law of Moses." ⁶ The apostles and leaders **called a special meeting to consider the matter.** ⁷ The arguments went on and on, back and forth, **getting more and more heated.** THEN Peter took the floor:

"Friends, you well know that from early on God made it quite plain that he wanted the pagans to hear the Message of this good news and embrace it - and not in any secondhand or roundabout way, but firsthand, straight from my mouth. ⁸ **And God, who can't be fooled by any pretense on our part but always knows a person's thoughts, gave them the Holy Spirit exactly as he gave him to us.** ⁹ He treated the outsiders exactly as he treated us, **beginning at the very center of who they were and working from that center outward, cleaning up their lives as they trusted and believed him.**

¹⁰ **"So why are you now trying to out-god God, loading these new believers down with rules that crushed our ancestors and crushed us, too? ¹¹ Don't we believe that we are saved because the Master Jesus amazingly and out of sheer generosity moved to save us just as he did those from beyond our nation? So what are we arguing about?"**

Acts 15:12-13; 19-22: ¹² **There was dead silence.** No one said a word. With the room quiet, Barnabas and Paul reported matter-of-factly on the miracles and wonders God had done among the other nations through their ministry. ¹³ **The silence deepened; you could hear a pin drop.**

¹⁹ **"So here is my decision: We're not going to unnecessarily burden non-Jewish people who turn to the Master.** ²⁰ We'll write them a letter and tell them, 'Be careful to not get involved in activities connected with idols, to guard the morality of sex and marriage, to not serve food offensive to Jewish Christians - blood, for instance.' ²¹ This is basic wisdom from Moses, preached and honored for centuries now in city after city as we have met and kept the Sabbath. ²² **Everyone agreed:** apostles, leaders, all the people.

WHAT MIGHT WE LEARN FROM ACTS 15:

1. **UNITY IS CRITICAL DURING TIMES OF CHANGE AND CHALLENGE:** The failure to unite during a critical time of inception and growth can kill a fledgling movement.
2. **PERSONAL RESPECT, SHARING, and RELATIONSHIPS ARE CRITICAL:**
 - + Peter Sharing
 - + Paul & Barnabas Sharing
 - + James' Discernment & Leadership
3. **The HOLY SPIRIT's PRESENCE & BLESSING are a CRITICAL SIGN of GOD's DIRECTION**
4. **GODLY LEADERSHIP IS VERY IMPORTANT**
5. **PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP & COMMUNICATION – "FACE-TO-FACE" are VITAL**