



OPENING WORSHIP SONG.....*"Your Name"*

WELCOME & INVOCATION.....*Jim Loeffler*

PRELUDE.....*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

PRAISE & WORSHIP.....*"I Will Praise You"*
"Shout to the Lord"

PRAYER.....*Sue Fuller*

APOSTLES' CREED

SCRIPTURE (Psalm 137:1-4).....*Kevin May*

KID'S TALK & DISMISSAL.....*Jim Loeffler*

HYMN.....*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)"*

MESSAGE.....*Pastor Keith*

LIFE STINKS! – WHAT DO YOU DO?

Jeremiah 29:4-14

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE.....*"We Are"*

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

EXIT SONG*"Everything Glorious"*



In Sunday School TODAY:
Jesus Feeds 5,000
Jesus provides everything we need.
 (Mark 6:14-44; John 6:1-14; Deuteronomy 8:1-3)

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 aide, please come to the meeting to see what it entails.



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.



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!



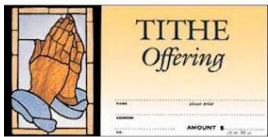
COLLECTING MEN'S CLOTHING: We are collecting men's clothing for the Bethany Outreach Center. This is a great inspiration to go through your closet! There will be two blue containers in the narthex for your donations. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Yerace at 734-717-1136.



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,

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

1-30-22

Life Stinks! – What Do You Do?

Psalm 137:1-4; Jeremiah 29:4-14

Comment: We have all known heartache and regret ... we have all known situations and circumstances that we did not ask for and did not want.

BUT, life seems to happen. Sometimes we made mistakes or even resisted doing what we ought --- and eventually, the consequences seem to be more than we can bear. **WHAT DO WE DO?**

Other times, CHANGE is imposed due to circumstances that we have little or no control of. **WHAT DO WE DO?**

Today's Scripture Reading describes the heartache of remorse and of missing the past.

HOW CAN WE SING THE SONGS OF GOD ... WHILE IN A FOREIGN LAND?

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalms 137:1-4

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. ² There on the poplars we hung our harps, ³ for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" ⁴ **How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?**

TODAY'S PRIMARY TEXT: Jeremiah 29:4-14

⁴ This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ **Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.**" ⁸ Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. [DO NOT LISTEN TO FAKE NEWS and FALSE PROGNOSTICATORS] Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹ **They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the Lord. [therefore PRAY and DISCERN]**

¹⁰ This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ **For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you (with the PEACE OF SHALOM) and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.** ¹² **Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.** ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. **I WILL** gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and **I WILL** bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

POINTS:

GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN YOU (4)

LIFE WILL NOT BE THE SAME --- THE PAST HAS GONE (5-6)

THEREFORE: CARRY ON --- LET GO OF THE PAST AND LIVE IN THE REALITY OF THE PRESENT

WHEN YOU PRAY --- PRAY NOT JUST FOR YOURSELVES OR YOUR INTERESTS – PRAY FOR THE SHALOM AND WELL BEING OF THOSE WITH WHOM YOU NOW LIVE ... (7)

BEWARE OF FALSE NEWS AND PROMISES THAT THE PAST WILL RETURN (9)

AND ... GOD IS WORKING OUT A NEW DAY AND NEW WAY --- BE PATIENT and LET ALL THE PIECES COME TOGETHER ... THESE PIECES WILL SET THE STAGE FOR THAT WHICH IS YET TO COME --- PERHAPS EVEN THROUGH YOUR GRANDCHILDREN or THEIR GRANDCHILDREN ... (10-14)

SO DO NOT LOSE HOPE

LIVE EACH DAY TO THE FULLEST

PRAY

REMEMBER A NEW DAY AND A NEW WAY IS PROMISED FOR GOD LOVES YOU AND LOVES THE WORLD IN WHICH YOU LIVE

AND MY WORD FOR YOU TODAY:

We live in a world that is not our home – FOR WE THE CHURCH and WE, as GOD's PEOPLE – PEOPLE OF FAITH, are called to LIVE EACH DAY TO THE FULLEST & PRAY BLESSING UPON OUR COMMUNITY --- OUR WORK and OUR SCHOOLS --- AND PRAY FOR SHUMC ---- for WE ARE FAMILY - -- WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ---- LIFE MAY NOT BE THE WAY WE WANT IT --- BUT GOD HAS SET US UPON THIS STAGE THAT THE WORLD OF EAST COUNTY – THE WORLD OF HARBORCREEK MAY SEE GOD IN US AND THROUGH US.