

**Sunday Morning
Worship**

**January 7, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*” arr. A.L. Page

Call to Worship: Jarod Hamlin

*Opening Hymn: “*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*” (omit vs. 3) 95

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer:

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

*Response: “*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*” Words on Screen

Children’s Message: Beth Daly

Giving of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory: “*O How He Loves You and Me*” arr. Kurt Kaiser
Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Dedication

Reading of the Word: Acts 1: 1-11 (p. 884) Kelsie Cox

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation: “*Spirit of the Living God*” Words on Screen

Sermon: “*Journey Through Acts*” Rev. K. Scott Robertson

Ministry of Music: “*Born to Be the Bread*” Ruth Elaine Schram
Brian Shepard, tenor

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Breaking of the Bread
Sharing of the Cup

*Closing Hymn: “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*” Words on screen

Benediction

Postlude: “*Recessional*” Daniel Gawthrop

*Congregation stands, as able.

Budget Receipts thru December 24, 2017 - \$315,112.96

Needed each week to meet 2017 Budget goal: \$5,680.00

Received 12/31 - \$6,809.00 12/31 Worship Attendance: 138

Betty Creech Memorial Scholarship given to date - \$ 5,071.00

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering to date- \$ 911.00

The Shack: You are invited to come **this evening at 5pm** to watch a special viewing of the movie *The Shack*. The movie is about a man named Mack, and the misfortunes in his life that have left him feeling stressed and heartbroken. Through his grief, he encounters three strangers who lead him on an encounter with God. Beginning Sunday, January 14th through Sunday, February 11th, Pastor Scotty will be leading a small group study based on the movie. The studies will take place from 6pm-7pm at church. Please sign up in the narthex after service or by calling Kathy in the office to make sure enough books are ordered. Thanks!

**Jr. & Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Informational Meeting –
Sunday, January 7th – 4 pm**

All Jr. & Sr. High Youth and their parents who are interested in the Youth Mission Trip this summer, please plan to attend this informational meeting on Sunday, January 7th at 4 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the mission trip, costs, dates, deadlines, and see who is interested in going. Kristen Adkins has been working on the research and planning of this trip and will share all of the information she has gathered with us during this very important meeting.

Website update: Karen Axelrad is the new webmaster for the church's website. She brings more than 15 years of communications experience to the role, including web design, digital photography, graphic design & social media. Please contact Karen at webmaster@fbcmiddletown.org with news, updates & photos from your board/group/organization throughout the year. The website will also get a revamped look in 2018. More details to come!

This Week at First

Today, January 7

8:45 a.m. Prayer .

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

4 p.m. ABY Mission Trip Info Meeting with Youth & Parents

5 p.m. Movie – *The Shack*

Monday, January 8

2 p.m. Health Ministry

7 p.m. Yoga

7:30 p.m. F B Ringers

8 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, January 9

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

7 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday, January 10

Deadline for Annual Reports

10 a.m. Yoga

7 p.m. ABY

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 11

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi

7 p.m. RAK

7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

Notice: Annual Business meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28 immediately following the worship service. Please plan to attend.

Serving Among Us Today

Senior Pastor:	Rev. K. Scott Robertson
Director of Music/Organist:	Christine Baird
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brian Shepard
Children's Church Teacher:	Beth Daly
Greeters:	Dave and Sandi Gillum
Deacons Greeting:	Tina Breitenbach, Bob Baird
Audio Technician:	Ron Cobb
Visual Technicians:	Mark Dunaway, Tom Henry
Head Usher:	Dave Adams, Bob Welch

Attention Staff, Board and Committee Chairpersons and Sunday

School classes: In preparation of the Annual Business Meeting in late January, annual reports will be due in the church office by **Tuesday, January 10**. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in meeting this deadline.

Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!!! We met our \$5,000 goal for the Betty Creech Scholarship Fund! The Memorial Committee wants to thank everyone for their generous donations in 2017. Some of the monies collected were used for the scholarships granted in August to our college students! We pray you will continue to support the Betty Creech Scholarship Fund in 2018!! Let's see if we can reach \$7,500 this year! Blessings, The Memorial Committee

Love Gift for Pastor Wayne - A time has been set in early February to thank Pastor Wayne. Therefore, we will be accepting monies now until January 28 for a love gift for Pastor Wayne. Mark your check or envelope – Love Gift for Pastor Wayne. Thanks.

A new season of **Wednesday Nights for Kids** kicks-off on Wed., Jan. 17th, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. *Any child in 1st - 6th grade is welcome to join the weekly activities – FBC kids, their friends, your grandchildren, etc.* Chris Baird leads the children in singing and music activities. Beth Daly and Suzanne DeCamp lead the students in Christian based activities and lessons, and snack time. Exciting plans for WNK are in the works for this winter! *Friends - please pray for our leaders and the children who come for this mid-week Christian program.*

Coming Soon

January 14

Prayer – 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

Worship

Study – The Shack

January 15

M.L.King Day

Church Office and

Day Care Closed

Yoga

FB Ringers

Basketball

January 16

Rev It Up aerobics

Scouts

January 17

Yoga

Wednesday Night for Kids

ABY

Sanctuary Choir

January 18

Rev It Up aerobics

Tai Chi

AA mtg.