

# ***The First Forecast*** ***of*** ***First United Methodist Church***

FUMC, 200 East Third Street, Lewistown, PA 717-248-4618

Volume 25 No. 6

*‘Slow Down’*

July/August 2017

## ***Upcoming Highlights***



***State College Spikes Baseball Outing***  
***Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:05 PM***

**Block Party**  
**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**4-9 PM!**  
**Set-Up @ 4 PM**  
**Party 6-8 PM!**  
**Tear Down 8-9 PM**



***Week of Caring July 31<sup>st</sup>- Aug 4***  
***Base Camp is Grace UMC***  
***We'll be working 9 AM-3 PM***  
***all around Mifflin County.***  
***End of Mission Week Worship***  
***Celebration Aug 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM @***  
***Rec Park Community Center.***  
***Contact PR for details.***



## "When Things Get Hectic."

While traveling through life, sometimes things can get a little crazy. Our host church on the Onondaga Reservation near Syracuse, NY had just watched their refrigerator up and quit on them. They needed to find one and our mission team was arriving to use their kitchen for the week. The search began for another used fridge.



Our mission team, upon hearing of this dilemma, chose to purchase a new refrigerator for the First Methodist Church. One store had the floor model of a discontinued fridge left and was prepared to give us a great deal on it, except, it had severe damage to the plug. Nothing we couldn't fix, but we decided to keep looking. In another store about 15-20 miles away, we discovered the same model, same great deal, and so we bought it. WIN!!

When you are running late, driving unfamiliar roads, and excited to be blessing someone with a gift, often something weird will occur. It did. As I crested a slight rise in the street and began to accelerate down the grade I glanced over and saw a black police car to my right. Did I mention I had not paid attention to speed limit signs? (Also, I have noticed police will often run radar in places where vehicles are gaining speed down hills.) Immediately, I saw the 30 MPH sign which didn't match my speedometer. I stiffened and said, "Oops, I think he got me." I glided by trying to look holy and innocent. Neither worked. I saw the dreaded red and blue lights flashing in my rearview.



Long story short, I couldn't find my wallet and I had unbuckled my seatbelt to look in the backseat of the truck for my wallet. The officer approached and asked the usual questions. I explained my dilemma. His face didn't look any friendlier. He took my name, address, registration, and insurance information and returned to the cruiser. My breath prayer was answered in a heartbeat. I glanced down and saw my wallet right where I left it. I waved the license out the window and the officer came to retrieve it. We waited. I lamented.

The officer returned, asked me if I knew why he had pulled us over and proceeded to explain my violation. I humbly explained our trek for a fridge for the nation church, our unfamiliarity with our surroundings, and the issue of finding our way back to the reservation. Can you tell when a person's heart softens? I think I have that gift of discernment. When the officer began helping us with directions, I sensed God might be using this moment to teach me some stuff. I was correct; God was using my mistake to teach some truth.

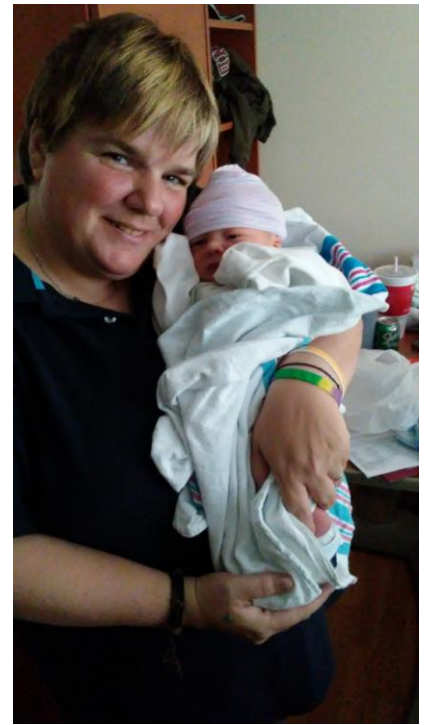
The officer gave me a warning and asked that I mind speed limits in their village. I extended a hand of appreciation, he shook my hand, and we parted company. Lesson learned. When life gets hectic, breath prayers are enough to get God's attention and change the course of an event and ensuing conversation. Oh, and 'slow down' is good advice too!

*"A Musing Pastor"*



Hello from the new FUMC Christian ED/ Youth Director,

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ. I am the newly hired Christian Ed/ Youth Director. I am excited to be joining the FUMC family. From what I have read and seen thus far this is an extremely active and thriving congregation. I have been praying and spending time visioning where God may be calling us in the Christian ED and Youth Departments. Please feel free to call me with any questions, suggestions, prayer requests, etc.



Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I graduated from Derry Area High School. I have taken quite a few classes at Westmoreland Community College in Psychology and Criminal Justice. I worked as a Nurses Aide off and on for 23 yrs. I attended Messiah College and graduated with an undergraduate degree in Biblical and Religious Studies with a major in Bible. I took quite a number of Christian Ministry Courses at Messiah including Youth Ministry and Pastoral Counseling. I have 3 biological children, all girls, Katrina is 20 yrs. old and lives in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania. Haley is 19 yrs. old and currently is residing in Harrisburg Pennsylvania. Skyler is 16 yrs. old, is a junior at Mifflin County High School and lives at home with me. I have a God given son, Michael, who is 25 yrs. old. He moved in with me at the age of 17 when both of his parents passed away. Michael has recently made me a Nana, and I am a proud Nana to Kayden Lucas Ruby who is 3 weeks old. Michael, his significant other, and Kayden live in Derry (Westmoreland County) Pennsylvania. I am also the Student Intern at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, and I am on the approved Pulpit Supply for Huntington Presbytery. I have been in ministry and youth ministry for 11 yrs. I am currently a student at Lancaster Theological Seminary and will graduate with a Masters of Divinity. Some things I enjoy are.... Obviously spending time with my kids and grandson (did I mention spending time

with my GRANDSON), fishing, nature walks, being in nature. I love the ocean and going to the beach, I enjoy leisure reading, camping and campfires, picnics, and swimming. I find serenity in nature and water and love to spend my devotional time in the woods, or by a body of water. My favorite food is pizza, my favorite dessert is pumpkin pie with loads of cool whip. My favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

**My theological belief statement:** I believe there is one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I believe Jesus Christ came to earth as a baby, lived a sinless and holy life on earth and did the work of the Father then willingly gave his life to save all of humankind. I believe God loves all of God's children and every person ever born is a child of God. I believe we are all sinners saved by grace and that all have fallen short of the glory of God. I try to extend grace to all of God's beloved children and remind myself daily that I am a sinner saved by grace running the race and am capable of falling flat on my face at any given moment. (but for the grace of God there go I). I get energy from ministry and evangelism and love to be involved in what God is doing in the church, and in our world. I am super psyched to be here working for Christ in the FUMC family. Blessings, in the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heidi Bracken

Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, & Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Friday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. I will be available for other times by apt. my other 14 hrs a week will be spent in community making connections with and for potential members and Youth and evangelism.

Heidi Bracken

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My name is Sara Ventimiglia. I was born and raised here in Lewistown, and attended the local schools. I received a diploma from Tuscarora Blended Learning Charter School after attending Lewistown Area High School in 2006. Throughout those school years, I sang in the choir and traveled all over the state for competitions. After graduating, I was employed at Ohesson Manor as a Laundry Aide for 2 years, until I left to attend college.

I completed one year in the RN program at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, PA. During that year, I lived on campus and worked at the college as a housekeeper. When it was football season, I had a temporary position at the Beaver Stadium in State College for Penn State, scanning tickets and working as security. Once I returned home, I obtained a position at Valley View Retirement Community working as a Certified Nurses Assistant. Currently, I work in the Memory Lane Unit, full-time. I've been working throughout the facility for over 5 years now. I would like to return to school, furthering my nursing career.

In my spare moments, I spend time with close friends. On my evenings off, I visit my brother who has Down syndrome. He currently lives with our grandmother, who gladly took him in after we lost our parents. We three try to get together as much as we can, enjoying each other's company.



## July 2

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## July 9

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Justin Lynch

10:30 Liturgist: Mark Salvatore

## July 16

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Justin Lynch

10:30 Liturgist: Mark Salvatore

4-9 PM **Block Party**

## July 23

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Justin Lynch

10:30 Liturgist: Mark Salvatore

## July 30

8/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## July S.S. Teachers

**Nursery** – TBS

**Pre-School – K** Aleta Harpster

**Grades 1-2** Bonnie Zannino

**Grades 3-5** Tina Stoner

**Grades 6-9** Tracie Hughes

**Grades 10-12** TBS



greeters

8 AM **John & Cheryl Hasson**

10:30 AM **TBS**

*Outside Greeters*

*TBS*





### Nursery Attendants

July 2 Jen Lynch

July 9 Jen

July 16 Jen

July 23 Jen

July 30 Sandy/Stacey



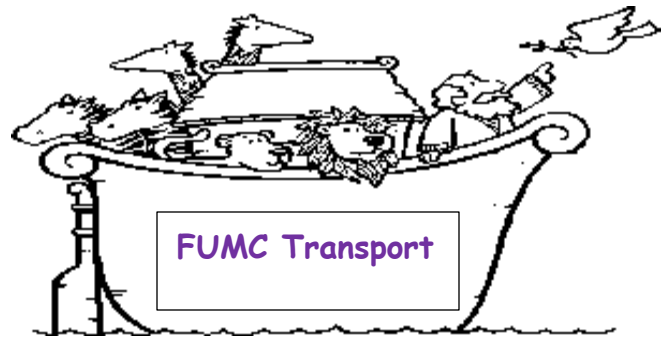
### Junior Church

TBS



### Kangaroo Kids

No Kangaroo Kids  
during the summer



Transportation is available to  
the Sunday Worship Service.  
Contact the office to arrange  
transportation.



### Children's Message

July 2 Bruce Buffington

July 9 Pastor Randy

July 16 Karen

July 23 Pastor Randy

July 30 TBS

### Acolytes -

Brynn Walls,  
Kaylee Stoner







## August 6

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

6 PM **Week of Caring Celebration**  
**@ Rec Park Community Center**

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## August 13

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Jen Lynch

10:30 Liturgist: Shirley Hennessy

## August 20

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Jen Lynch

10:30 Liturgist: Shirley Hennessy

## August 27

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen



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**Grades 1-2** *Bonnie Zannino*

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**Grades 6-9** *Tracie Hughes*

**Grades 10-12** *TBS*



**greeters**

8 AM **Bill & Cindy Seaholtz**

10:30 AM **TBS**

*Outside Greeters*

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Nursery Attendants

**Aug 6 Tina Stoner**

**Aug 13 Tina**

**Aug 20 TBS**

**Aug 27 Sandy/Stacey**



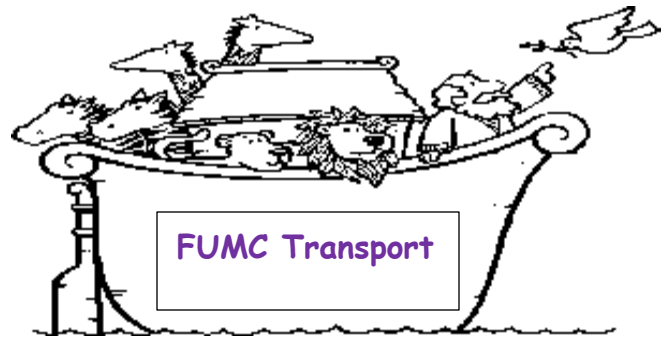
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*"Let the  
little children  
come to me ...."*

MATTHEW 19:14

**Children's Message**

**Aug 6 Bruce Buffington**

**Aug 13 Pastor Randy**

**Aug 20 Karen**

**Aug 27 Pastor Randy**

**Acolytes -**

**Justin Lynch**

**Chris Benner**





**In accordance with privacy policy @ Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital you need to inform Karen (437-6023) or the church office if you are hospitalized and desire a visit.**

**Prayer Chain Line:**

Call 248-8459 or 242-1655

Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

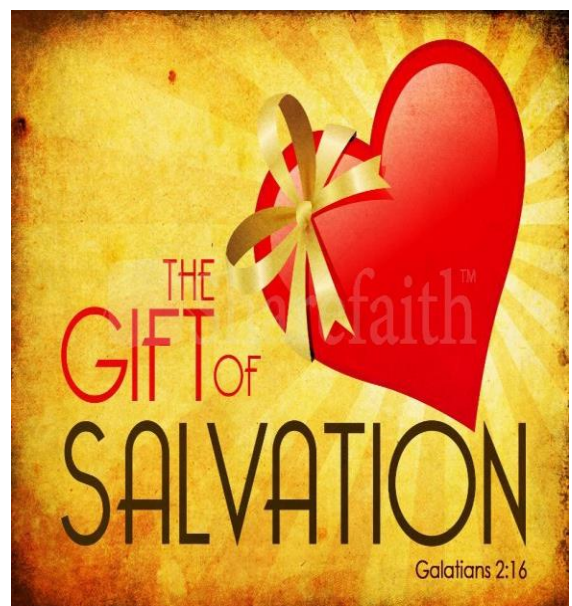
Purpose The prayer chain provides confidential intercessory prayer.

To request prayer or to become a praying member call:

Karen or Dave McCachren @ 248-8459,  
([kmccachren@comcast.net](mailto:kmccachren@comcast.net)) or  
Laura or Bruce Buffington @ 242-1655,  
([lkbuff122@gmail.com](mailto:lkbuff122@gmail.com))

***Our prayers for health and wholeness are shared with:***

*Kenny Boze, Bill Seaholtz, Louise Horning, Nancy Sherman, Marilyn Lohman, Judy Peace, Roberta Rupp, Gary Mast, and the family of Vaughn Shipe.*





## FUMC Finance and Attendance

### Regular Offerings

June 4	\$5,203
June 11	\$4,134
June 18	\$5,491
June 25	\$5,230



Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

### Attendance

June 4	189
June 11	129
June 18	160
June 25	143



***Summer Offerings:** While you're away enjoying summer vacations and activities, don't forget that church expenses continue. Making up your weekly contributions when you get back (or paying them ahead) helps keep up with our financial needs. Have a great summer!*

***Our next Finance Meeting** is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, @ 7 PM. This will only be held if needed. Laura will let the members know if the meeting is still a go.*







## ***Other News and Notes***

***Tentative Schedule  
Worship Service/Picnic  
@ Kish Park Sunday,  
Sept. 3rd, @ 10:30 AM  
in the Orange Pavilion.***

***Bring a covered dish to share.  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks  
provided.***



## ***Susquehanna Conference Camp & Retreat Ministry***

***Check out all the great camps  
for kids and adults of all ages  
available through the Conference  
Camping Ministry. Go to their  
website, [www.susumcamps.org](http://www.susumcamps.org)  
for all the information, details, and  
application forms. FUMC pays half the  
registration fee. Check them out!***



***German opera singer and  
Belleville native, Lisa Griffith,  
will be back again this summer  
to treat us to some very special  
music. We will let you know the  
date as soon as Lisa's schedule  
is solidified.***





## July

2. Dave McCachren
4. Josh Hassinger
6. John Brockett
6. Judy Headings
7. Cheryl Hasson
10. Leslie Goss
10. Gerald Clelan
12. Carol Raymond
23. Stacey Mann
24. Carol Booher
26. Carol Herbertson
27. Gayle Case



## The Altar Flowers

### July 2

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### July 9

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### July 16

The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of father, mother, and sister by Carol Glick.

### July 23

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### July 30

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## August

2. Kathy Martofel
3. Bruce Buffington
5. Tyler Barton
7. Gail Mayes
17. Nicky Doberneck
17. Harvey Eby
17. Katie Stimely
18. Debbie Bargo
19. Mark Harpster
22. Elaine Baxter
22. Butch Knepp
25. Dick Wagner
28. Tom Fletcher
28. Danielle Haines
30. Jim Havice
30. Don Stimely
31. Ron Drass
31. Jackie Eckert
31. Alice Van Wright



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### August 20

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Harold McClellan by Bev and Ed McClellan.

### August 27

The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Tom and Joyce Wertz by Sandy Matthews and family.



***First U.M. Church Staff  
Ministry Staff:***

Pastor: **Rev. Randy Hughes**

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Outreach Coordinator: **Jen Lynch** [responder1824@msn.com](mailto:responder1824@msn.com)



***Music Staff:***

**Choirs Director:** Katie Becker

**Organists:** Dr. Fred Benner, Lauri Dulis, Richard Hamler

***Support Staff:***

**Custodians:** Joe Lingle, Sara Ventimiglia

**Office Manager:** Rob Hagenberger

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**FUMC Worship Services** Sunday morning @ 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

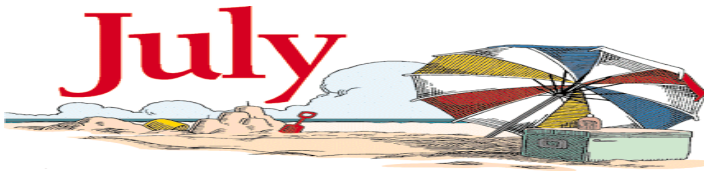
**Sunday School** @ 9:10 AM, Nursery Provided, Safe Sanctuaries  
Compliant


***The Newsletter Deadline  
is always the 15<sup>th</sup>  
of each month!***





# July 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	3 7 Ray of Hope	4 <b>Office Closed</b> 	5	6 8 PM AA	7	8
9 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	10 7 PM Ray of Hope	11 7 PM <b>Finance</b> (if needed)	1	13 8 PM AA	14	15
16 4-9 <b>Block Party</b> 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S. 	17 7 PM Ray of Hope	18	19	20 8 PM AA	21	22
23 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	24 7 PM Ray of Hope	25 1-3 Knitting	26 Noon – <b>Come to the Banquet</b> 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Clothing Closet	27 8 PM AA	28	29 2-3 PM Memorial Service
30 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	31 9 AM – 3 PM <b>Week of Caring</b> 7 PM Ray of Hope					

# August 2017



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6 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S. 6 PM Week of Caring Worship Celebration @ Rec Park Community Center	7 7 PM Ray of Hope	8	9	10 8 PM AA	11	12
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