

The First Forecast of First United Methodist Church

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'TEAM'

September 2016

As much as I have tried to forget, I still vaguely remember my first Rugby scrum...



My 5 foot 9 1/2 inch body topping out at 150 pounds being joined together with other ruggers who were mostly over 6 foot and or over 200 pounds seemed a bit odd. Clearly, my slight body became much stronger when linked together with my huskier (and much stronger) teammates. Scrumming for me was not a norm but more of an accident. My task on the Wolfpack 7 team was flyhalf. I was the speedy little fellow who would hopefully receive the final pitch near the sidelines and run it in for the try. Never was it part of my responsibility to match up in a scrum with opponents (some twice my size).

All that to say, being linked with my teammates made me feel much stronger and we had the opportunity to win the scrum. I was required to do my part. Well, my short stint as a rugger was fun and I'm glad I survived. Twenty plus years have passed since those days of machismo. One thing I carry with me is the sense of effectiveness when the team links together for a common goal.

Last night was the culmination of a week of mission here in Lewistown and our worship at the local community center was powerful, enriching, energetic, and just what our town needed. The monumental task of planning, making connections, asking for help, and executing the plan



could not have been done by a spindly flyhalf preacher. Many hands make the burden light could be a standard title for what I am about to share. I think I will stay with the title, "**T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore" (**TEAM**).

There were so many people taking part at so many different levels, one simply needs to rejoice at how it all works and how God orchestrated the whole thing from vision and dream to actual fruition.

Here is a list of participants as best as I can recall:

Lewistown Borough

Crossroads Pregnancy Center

The Shelter Services

Mifflin County Library

Lewistown Presbyterian Church

Evangel Baptist Church

First Baptist Church

Sacred Heart Church

Trinity UM Church

Rhodes Memorial UM Church

Yeagertown UM Church

Lake Park UM Church

Calvary Bible Church

St. John's Lutheran Church

FUMC and Volunteers

Grace UM Church

Thrivent Financial Group

Maines and Associates

Douglas Lynch

Community Center Director, Mary Barr

Mifflin County High School Key Club

Sherwin Williams Store (Great deal on paint)

The Lewistown Sentinel

The Salt 'n Light Ministry team

Mark Crossan and Joe Gagliardo

The United Way

Not last nor least, my wife and son

I'm sure I have missed someone or an organization and for that I apologize in advance of my shortcoming. In short, the fabric of our community became a bit stronger and more resilient through all the planning and working of "Week of Caring."

Can't say we formed a 'scrum' this week, but that word picture does work here. Each member of the team that responded to the invitation to join the mission came together to form a formidable group of workers in God's field. With warm regards, I offer this thank you to all who invested your lives into Lewistown Borough.

PS: Next year our "Week of Caring" will begin July 30 and end August 4. Our worship celebration will occur Sunday, August 6.

Peace,

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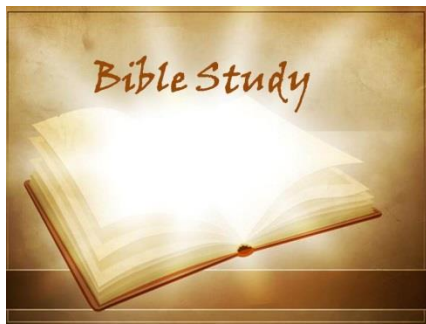




Our next 'Come to the Banquet' free monthly luncheon is slated for Wednesday, September 28th, @ noon. Everyone is welcome! Join us!

***Sunday, September 18th
Kish Park Orange Pavilion***

Our Worship Service will be held at Kish Park and will begin at 10:30 AM. We will have our annual picnic following the service. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Drinks, and Place Settings will be provided. Join us for Worship in the Park.



Bible Study resumes in September. Our Wednesday Bible study begins again on September 21st. Vicki Elmer will lead the 10:30 AM morning study and Pastor Randy will lead the evening study @ 7 PM. We will also have a Men's Study scheduled for Monday evenings @ 6 PM beginning

Monday, September 19th and a Women's Study on Monday evenings @ 6:30 PM getting underway September 12th. Details will follow soon. If you have any questions about these studies contact Pastor Randy.



New Pictorial Church Directories coming soon. Life Touch will be @ FUMC taking photos October 6, 7, and 8. There is a sign-up sheet @ the Welcome Center for appointments. If you have your photo taken for the directory you receive a free photo and directory. If you submit

a photo, the submission fee is \$10 and the directory cost is \$5. There is no charge for our homebound members. You may make a photography appointment after worship at the Welcome Center, on our website, <http://fumclewistown.org>, or by calling or texting Sandy @ 513-3132.



Worship Schedule

September 4

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

September 11

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Krystan Hassinger

September 18

Worship in the Park

10:30 AM Worship

*Our annual picnic follows
the worship service in the
Orange Pavilion @ Kish Park*

September 25

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen



September S.S. Teachers

Nursery – Rose Baumgardner

Pre-School – K

Aleta Harpster

Grades 1-5

We need a Teacher – See Jen

Grades 6-12

Doug Lynch



greeters

8 AM Jane Beightol,

Pam Kennedy

10:30 AM Joe & Nancy Lingle

Outside Greeter

Blake Young



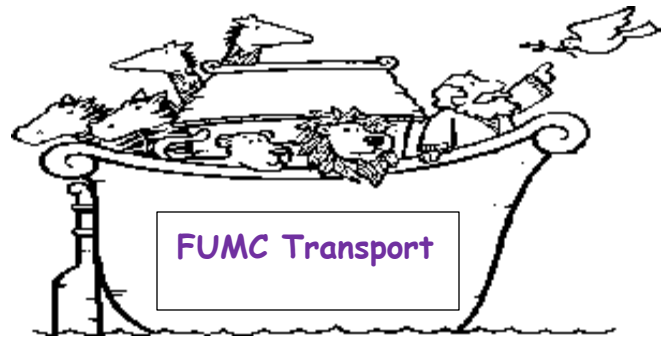
September –
Sierra Hassinger



Junior Church
Sept 4 TBS
Sept 11 TBS
Sept 18 *Kish Park*
Sept 25 Lisa Heckman



Kangaroo Kids
Cathy Hunter



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Contact Jen Lynch @ 248-4618 to make arrangements.



Children's Message
Sept 4 Bruce Buffington
Sept 11 Bonnie/Julie
Sept 18 Karen
Sept 25 Pastor Randy

Acolyte –
Christopher
Benner





In accordance with privacy policy @ Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital you need to inform Rev. Karen McCachren (248-1011 or 437-6023) or the church office if you are hospitalized and desire a visit.

Prayer Chain Line:

Call 248-8459 or 242-1655

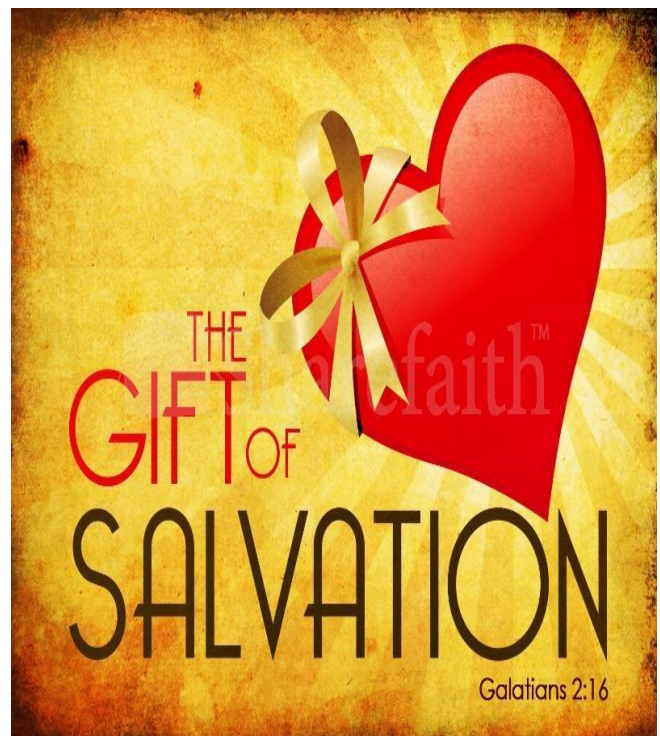
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

Purpose The prayer chain provides confidential intercessory prayer.

To request prayer or to become a praying member call:

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

Our prayers for health and wholeness are shared with:
Nina Shilling, Ed Powell, Karen Gray, Phyllis Smith, Paul Bryan, Gerald Clelan, Alex Pierce, Bob Goodwin, Bonnie Vannatta and the families of Pete Horning, Madeline Hassinger, Barb Geedey, and Rev. Norman Huff.



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

August 7 \$6,308

August 14 \$5,826

August 21 \$4,866



Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

Attendance

August 7 133

August 14 154

August 21 154



2015 YTD Average Attendance: **140**

2016 YTD Average Attendance: **152**

The Finance Committee meets Tuesday, September 13th, @ 7 PM.

2017 Budget Worksheets will be in committee mailboxes soon.

Committee chairpersons are asked to complete these as soon as possible so the Finance Committee can begin the process of preparing next year's budget. See Laura Buffington if you have any questions about the worksheets or the budget.



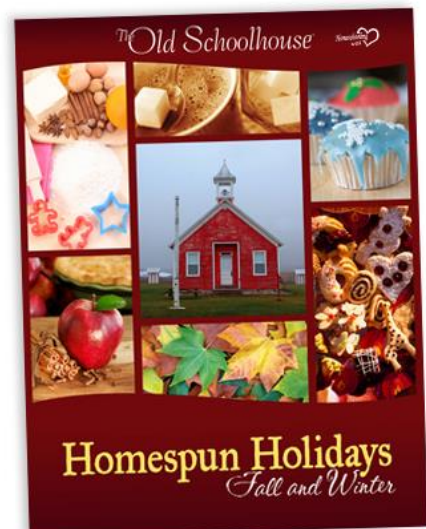


Yes, VBS is over for 2016 but what an awesome VBS we had this year. We registered over 100 kids this year at our VBS. PRAISE GOD!! Thanks to all of you who supported VBS – by your prayers, donations and/or time. We supported Heifer Fund as our mission outreach and raised just under \$1000.00 I hope you join me in thinking that is absolutely awesome!!. So, until next year thank you for your support!!

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

This was the theme for our Community Vacation Bible School this year! VBS was centered around Psalm 23 – where “Jesus Gathers Us Together.” This psalm shares our trust that the Lord is with us now and forever, that He provides us with all we need, and that He is always there to protect us.
- Elaine Baxter

Our annual Homespun show and legendary Turkey Dinner is coming soon! This year the date is Thursday, November 3rd. Mark your calendars. Don't miss this great traditional FUMC event. More details will be coming soon.





September

3. Doug Pierce
6. Chris Benner
8. Nancy Sherman
10. Adam Becker
11. Frances Wagner
13. Kraig Kratzer
14. Justin Tallon
16. Noah Mannino
17. Tom Heckman
17. Rebecca Decker
18. Jared Lynch
19. Judy Havice
21. Chris Ferencz
22. Gerry McElhaney
22. Britney Baumgardner
23. Marilyn Lohman
24. Beth Knepp
25. Kiera Shuttlesworth
26. Paul Bryan

The Altar Flowers

September 4

The altar flowers are presented in honor of our terrific church staff and volunteers.

September 11

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Ralph Baker by Barb, Jody, Justin, Ralph, and Betsy.

September 18

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Ella Thompson by her daughter, Anna Carothers.

September 25

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.



First U.M. Church Staff

Ministry Staff:

Pastor: **Rev. Randy Hughes**

Pastor E-Mail: rhughes@susumc.org

Deacon of Caring Ministries: **Rev. Karen McCachren**

Deacon of Caring Ministries E-Mail: kmccachren@comcast.net

Coordinator of Teaching Ministries: **Jen Lynch**



Music Staff:

Choirs Director: Katie Becker

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

Support Staff:

Custodians: Joe Lingle, Aaron Snook

Office Manager: Rob Hagenberger

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - Noon

Phone: 717-248-4618 Fax: 717-242-4757

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Website: <http://fumclewistown.org>

Facebook: *First United Methodist Church of Lewistown*



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 15th
of each month!***



September 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	2	3
4 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7	8 6:30 Bells 7 PM SPRC 7:30 Choir 8 AA	9	10
11 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	12 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7 PM Ray of Hope	13 7 PM Finance Committee Meeting	14 7 Pink Connection	15 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	16	17 <i>Birthday Party In Basement</i>
18 10:30 AM Worship in the Park followed by picnic 	19 6 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7 PM Ray of Hope	20 6 PM Hospitality 7 PM Trustees	21 10:30/7 Bible Study	22 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	23	24
25 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	26 6 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7 PM Ray of Hope	27 1-3 PM Knitting Circle 7 PM Ministry Council	28 10:30/7 Bible Study 10:30-1:30 Clothing Closet Noon 'Banquet'	29 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	30	