

# ***The First Forecast***

*of*  
***First United Methodist Church***  
200 East Third Street, Lewistown, PA 717-248-4618

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***'The Journey'***

November 2017

## **A Journey Starts with the First Step**

The other day, I was in a local hardware store (think big hardware store) and noted all the Halloween decorations they had for sale. As I walked along it dawned on me that to my right was Halloween stuff and on my left were 12-15 different styles of Christmas trees. I groaned.

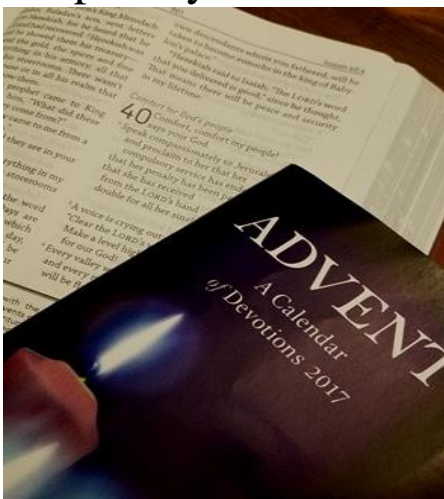


Somewhere in between Halloween and Christmas is the oft celebrated but rarely mentioned Thanksgiving holiday. It always gets short shifted. It isn't the only season of the year that gets generously ignored. Advent is another important season of the year and in the life of the church. Those 4 weeks leading up to all the food, gifts, family gatherings, and other stuff that occurs December 24th and 25<sup>th</sup> seem to get lost.

This year, we'll be doing something different for Advent. We'll be kicking off Advent season with a dinner on Sunday evening November 26<sup>th</sup>. The Hospitality committee will be sponsoring this event and they will be

equipping us with a meaningful devotional to utilize throughout those four weeks before Christmas. You know, the weeks filled with last minute shopping, preparing enough food for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, and stressing about how to pay for it all.

What better way to focus on the original reason for Christmas than to embark on a journey that



helps to calm, center, and prepare us to receive a new born baby King into our midst, into our hearts. Mark your calendars for that date November 26. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and you won't want to miss this time of celebration and anticipation of Jesus' birth.

Another meaningful event a week before our Advent kick-off will be a community Thanksgiving dinner and worship service to be held at the Salvation Army on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5 PM. Captain Darlene Means will be leading the event and welcomes volunteers to help with the dinner. Call her at 717-248-8338.

**PS:** Our Children's Program will be held Sunday morning December 17<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Bonnie Zannino and Julie Hannon!

**PSS:** Our Blue Christmas Service is tentatively set for Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM.

**PSSS:** The Mifflin County pastors of the United Methodist Cluster will have Holy Communion at Kish Park Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 PM as part of the "Shining the Light into the Darkness" festivities.

**PSSSS:** Our worship schedule for December 24<sup>th</sup> will be as follows:

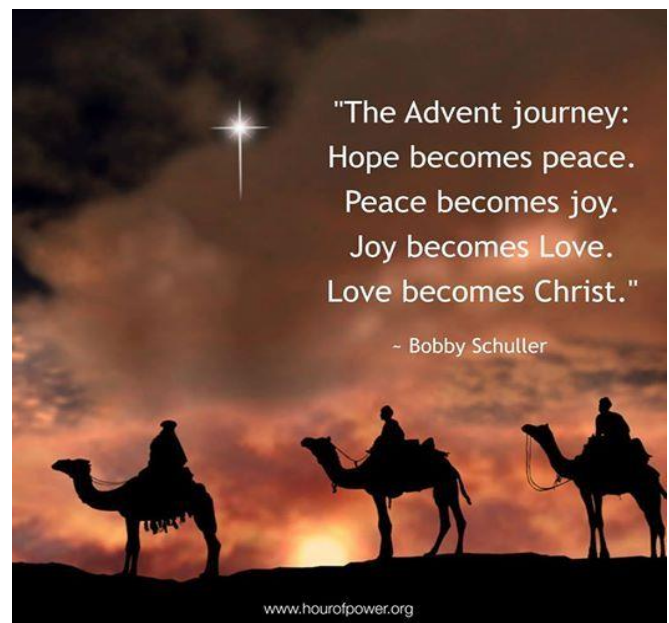
† Sunday morning combined service at 9:30.

† Regular Christmas Eve services with communion and candlelight at 7 and 10 PM.

If you are ready and your bags are packed, join me on this great journey into the most joyous time of the year!

Peace,

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## CRAFT BAZAAR

### FEATURING

- \*SWEET N' TREATS
- \*FRESH FROM THE OVEN
- \*CHRISTMAS SHOP
- \*WOOD SHOP
- \*QUILTERS BOOTH

Thursday, November 2nd  
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

3rd & Dorcas Street  
Lewistown, PA



JOIN US IN OUR DINING ROOM

Advance Ticket Only

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017**

Roast Turkey & all the Trimmings 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults - \$8.00 Children (6-11) \$3.50 Children under 5 - free

SORRY, NO CARRY OUT





## Advent Kick Off Dinner and Crafts -

Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:30 PM

We'll make Christmas crafts to give as gifts or to take home. Sign up by Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> @ the Bridge Board. If you have an Advent wreath bring it along to use as a centerpiece. Advent meditation booklets and tapers available.



## Community Thanksgiving Meal/Worship Service @ Salvation Army – Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

The meal gets underway @ 5 PM, and the Thanksgiving Service follows. Join us for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal and let's come together as a community and give thanks.

## *All Ladies Welcome to Koinonia!*

*Koinonia (pronounced coin-ah-nee-ah) is a Greek word meaning fellowship. Koinonia is a service and social group open to all women of the church. We meet the first Tuesday of the months of September through June. Most meeting times are 7 PM, but depending on the activity, sometimes we meet earlier. Some meetings are held at the church and some are held in member's homes. Activities scheduled for the remainder of this year are: assembling craft kits for an Advent craft night, Christmas potluck dinner/party, game night, bake auction, an Easter Egg Hunt for children of the church, Scavenger Hunt for youth of the church, bingo with residents of a local nursing home, end of year dinner at the Bread of Life Restaurant. All women are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship. Watch the bulletin and church calendar for details or speak to Lynne Westlin, Barb Baker, or Laura Buffington. We'd love to have you join us! **This month, Tuesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, @ 7 PM we meet to assemble kits for Advent Craft Night.***





## November 5

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## November 12

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Tiff Goss

10:30 Liturgist: Edna Snook

## November 19

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Tiff Goss

10:30 Liturgist: Edna Snook

## November 26

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

5:30 **Advent Kick-Off/  
Dinner**



## November 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

8:00 Jane Beightol,  
Bev McClellan

10:30 TBS

*Outside Greeters*

*TBS*



Nursery Attendants

Nov 5 *Lauren Hassinger*

Nov 12 *Lauren Hassinger*

Nov 19 *Lauren Hassinger*

Nov 26 *Sandy/Stacey*



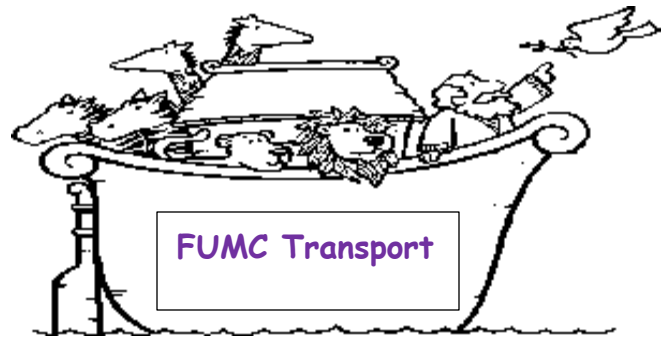
Junior Church

Bonnie/Julie



Kangaroo Kids

Bonnie/Julie



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Contact the office to make arrangements.



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

MATTHEW 19:14

Children's Message

Nov 5 *Bruce Buffington*

Nov 12 *Pastor Randy*

Nov 19 *Karen*

Nov 26 *Pastor Randy*

Acolytes -

Brynn Walls

Maddie Lauver







**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

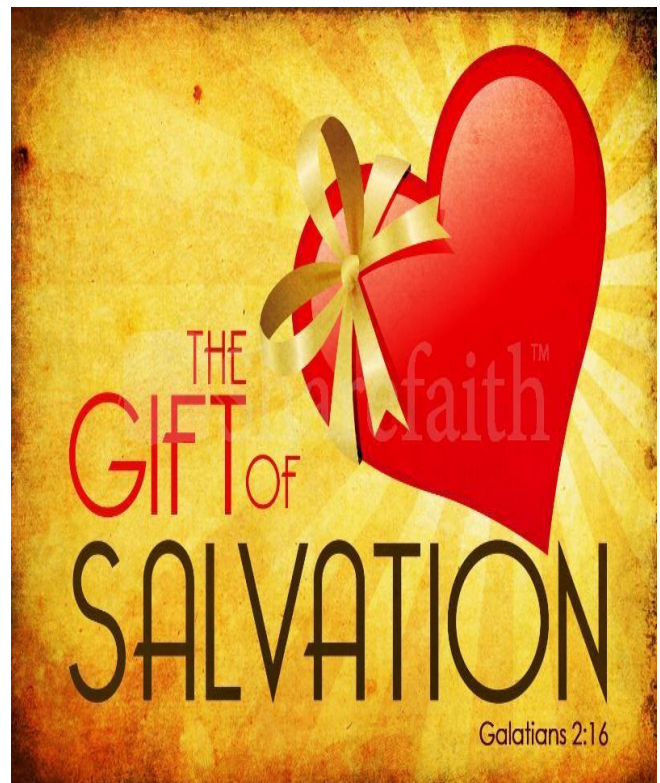
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

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](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:**  
Julia Butler, Lantz Heckman, Bob and Wanda Walters, Phyllis Dickson, Kiera Shuttlesworth, Nadine Bryan, and the families of Gene Metzgar and Peggy Marks.*



# FUMC Finance and Attendance

## Regular Offerings

Oct 1	\$4,634
Oct 8	\$6,009
Oct 15	\$5,657
Oct 22	\$4,857



Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

## Attendance

Oct 1	142
Oct 8	112
Oct 15	159
Oct 22	123



2016 YTD Average Attendance: **148**

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*The Finance Committee approved a tentative 2018 budget which will be presented to the Ministry Council for final approval this month. Special thanks to our Finance Chairperson, Laura Buffington, for her great work in preparing the 2018 budget.*







***Hard to believe, but it will soon be time for  
The Giving Tree.***

***Time to show God's love to the needy children  
of Mifflin County.***

***This year's names will be on the tree  
in the overflow on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.***

***Please be sure to sign your name after  
the child you take.***

***Gifts should be back to the church  
by November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you can provide gift paper  
with your gifts that would be extra appreciated.***



***Wrapping day will be on  
Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1 PM.***

***Hope to see you there!***



## November

1. Rev. Karen McCachren
3. Dr. Dan Doberneck
4. Mike Goss
5. Cameron Philpott
7. Justin Lynch
20. Randy Mayes
25. Lauri Dulis
25. Billie Miller



### **The Altar Flowers**

**Nov 5**

The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Brian Horning by Ben and Jeanne Horning.

**Nov 12**

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Richard Beightol by Jane, Eric, and Steven.

**Nov 19**

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Ray Matthews by Sandy.

**Nov 26**

The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Don and Martha McLaughlin and Raymond and Shirley Lewis by the families.





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**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


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



# November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 AM/7 PM Bible Study 5-7 PM Youth	2 4-8 PM <b>Homespun</b> 4-7 <b>Turkey Dinner</b>  6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	4	4
5 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S. 4 PM <b>Charge Conference @ Grace UMC</b>	6 7 PM Ray of Hope	7 7 PM <b>Koinonia</b> <b>Advent Craft Night</b>	8 10:30 AM/7 PM Bible Study 5-7 PM Youth	9 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	10	11
12 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	13 7 PM Ray of Hope	14 7 PM <b>Finance</b>	15 10:30 AM/7 PM Bible Study 5-7 PM Youth	16 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	17	18
19 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S. 5 PM <b>Community Thanksgiving Meal/Worship @ Salvation Army</b>	20 7 PM Ray of Hope	21 1-3 PM Knitting 7 PM <b>Trustees</b>	22 10:30 AM/7 PM Bible Study 5-7 PM Youth	23 <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8 AA	24 <b>Office Closed</b>	25
26 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S. 5:30 <b>Advent Kick-Off/Dinner</b>	27 7 PM Ray of Hope	28 7 PM <b>Ministry Council</b>	29 10/30 AM/7 PM Bible Study 5-7 PM Youth	30		