

Last Week's Attendance and Giving

Attendance	97
Regular Giving.....	4,670.00
Plate/S.S.....	101.00
Total Giving for administrative/operating expenses.....	4,771.00
Average weekly total needed to continue offering the ministries/administrative objectives of FUMC.....	6,000.00
Designated Giving for ministry/projects (not for operating objectives)	
Matthew 25	645.00
Lumina Center.....	3.00
Organ Preservation.....	

Calendar

<u>T</u> oday	9:30 Worship 9:30 Facebook Live
<u>M</u> onday	7 PM New Ray of Hope
<u>W</u> ednesday	1:30 PM Bible Study @ Freedom Ave UMC; Social hall 7 PM Bible Study @ FUMC; Church office
<u>T</u> hursday	6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8PM AA
<u>S</u> unday	9:30 Worship 9:30 Facebook Live

Altar flowers are in loving memory of Donna Hughes, and are presented by her husband and family.

General Conference debriefing, Sunday, May 5 at 6:00pm in the First UMC sanctuary, which will be recorded on Facebook. Written materials will be provided at time of morning worship services.

Children's bell choir (Rainbow Bell Choir) will meet after church briefly for 10-15 minutes. **Koinonia meets Tuesday, May 7 at 7PM. The end of year dinner at the Bread of Life is June 4 at 5:30PM. RSVP to Barb Baker at 717-437-0929 by May 21.**

Prayer Squares meet Monday, May 13 at 6PM at the Parsonage.

State College District churches are being asked to collect bath size bar soap (2.5oz and larger- no Dove, Ivory, or Lisa Brands) and adult toothbrushes (sealed in their individual packaging) for Mission Central Care Kits for Annual Conference. Please place donations in the box at the Welcome Center by May 26.

Graduate Sunday will be June 8. If you have a graduate who you would like celebrated during the worship service, please submit names and other information you would like (i.e. graduation place/date and any future plans after graduation) to the church office.

All are invited to celebrate Dave and Karen McCachren's 50th wedding anniversary on June 16th from 1-6PM at the Orange Pavilion at Kish Park. RSVP to Katy at 717-250-8332 by June 3.

Community VBS will be held June 23-27, 6-8PM @ Grace UMC. See Elaine Baxter for info. **The LUMINA Center will be hosting Rainbow Summer. There are opportunities to sponsor a child or volunteer/donate. Contact the center for info. (717-242-2888)**



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 E 3rd Street
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May 5, 2024



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Nursery: Lisa and Tom Jr Church: Mary Jo and Paula

May 5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Announcements (We welcome all who are worshipping with us on Facebook live.) 9:30

Prelude “There Is No Greater Love” Peterson

* Call to Worship

Come all who are born of God;

Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

We remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let our hands and voices echo God’s praise.

Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things.

Obey God’s commandments for they are not burdensome.

We are here in response to the One who calls us friends.

We are here in obedience to Christ’s command.

* Opening Hymn “I Come with Joy” UMH 617

Special Music “In Christ” Sanctuary Choir

Breakthrough Prayer (Unison)

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, You broke through in the lives of people like Mother Stoner, Isaac Wiley, and Jacob Gruber to bring freedom, healing, and salvation to people in Lewistown and around the world. Just as these saints of old did before us, we come to You, humbly surrendering our will to Yours, and asking You to break-through in our lives so that we might participate in building Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Children’s Message “Jesus Loves the Little Children” Pastor Steve Portner

(Children ages 4- grade 5 may go upstairs for Jr. Church.)

Parents should come upstairs to pick up their children after the service is over.)

* Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other” UMH 560

* Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed, Trad. Version” UMH 881

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17

L: This is the word of our Lord! All: Thanks be to God.

Message “No Greater Love” Pastor Steve Portner

A Service of Holy Communion UMH 12

Tithes/Offering

Offertory “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arr. By Parson

*Doxology UMH 94

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of Intercession W/ Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

* Song of Commission “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” UMH 671

* Call to Commission

Friends of Christ, carry God’s love into the world.

You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

May the Holy Spirit inspire our words.

May God’s love in Christ empower our deeds.

Sing of the victory of self-giving friendship.

Witness to the saving power of love.

In Christ, we are no longer servants but friends.

We are learning to love as we have been loved.

God judges the world with righteousness.

Our efforts are accepted with steadfast faithfulness.

We love because God first loved us.

We go out to serve as apprentices of Jesus Christ.

* Benediction

* Postlude “Recessional” Hughes

(*Please stand as you are able)

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5/12 Scripture: Acts 1:1-11 “The Ascension of Christ” Pastor Steve Portner

Prayer Squares: Sandy Havice, Jen Lynch

If you know of someone who would like a Prayer Square, please contact Chris Ferencz at 717-250-1600 or caf6@verizon.net.

Our prayers for peace, health, and wholeness are shared with: Judy Headings, Larry Searer, Sandy Havice, Pam Bell, Vicki Elmer, Chad Ream, Donald Libby, Paul & Nadine Bryan, Ruth and Bob Broome, Karen Chesla, Stacy Mohr, Troy Gro, Bill and Rosemarie Baumgardner, Tom Schlager, Ruth Miller, Brenda Reeder, Virginia Weaver, Estella “Sis” Smith, Rebecca Knepp, Mike Schieber, Zachary Pandel, Robert Costello Jr, John McKnight, Jean and Jim Walker, Maddie Lauver, Barb Baker, Jim Ream, Katie Setzle, Kiera Higuera, Carrie Stuft, Toby Sweigart, Esther Heider, Karen Doberneck, Chris Havice, Bonnie Harbst, Schamburg family, Kyle Smith, Dan Demskie, Bill Buffington, Harry Kanter, A.J. Lingle, Hope Collective Prayer for area churches: Fairview Bible