

Ministers Serving Today Are: The Congregation of First U.M. Church

Pastor: Rev. Randy Hughes

Deacon of Caring Ministries: Rev. Karen McCachren

Youth Director: Crystal Ferencz **Outreach Coordinator:** Jen Lynch

Secretary: Jamie Strawser **Office Manager:** Rob Hagenberger

Liturgist: Pastor Karen **Worship Leaders:** Bruce & Laura

Children's Message: Pastor Randy

Music Director: Katie Becker **Organist:** Lauri Dulis

PowerPoint: Doug Lynch **Technical Coordinator:** Jared Lynch

Nursery: Crystal and Cheryl

November 20th Attendance and Offering

Attendance	88
Regular Offering	4539.00
Plate/S.S.	159.00
Matthew 25	300.00
Coins for Mission	3.25
Other Gifts	25.00
Organ/Piano Preservation	50.00
Total	5076.25

Calendar

T oday	9:30 Worship 9:30 Facebook Live 5:30 PM Alpha Small Group Study @ LUMINA
M onday	7 PM New Ray of Hope
W ednesday	1:30 PM Bible Study @ FA 7 PM Bible Study @ FUM
T hursday	No Choir rehearsals today 8 PM AA
S aturday	7 AM – 1 PM Pancakes & Cookies!
S unday	9:30 Worship 9:30 Facebook Live

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 E 3rd Street

Lewistown, PA

November 27th, 2022

Are you a guest this morning? Thank you for coming to First Church! We are honored to join with you in worship and pray your visit is a time of refreshing. Please take time to fill out a 'Guest Card' located on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to your presence in future services. Please check out our website and Facebook page.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

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November 27, 2022 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Announcements

9:30

Prelude

Acolytes light candle

* Call to Worship (Responsive Reading)

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

C: The Lord is our righteousness.

L: The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will be executed throughout the land.

C: The Lord is our righteousness.

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways, and heal the world with love and mercy.

C: The Lord is our righteousness.

* Hymn “Open Our Eyes”

FWS 2086

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Righteous one, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone we place our trust; for you alone we wait all day long. For you are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised one—the one who comes with power and glory, the one drawing near to bring our salvation. Amen.

Special Music Bruce and Laura Buffington

Children’s Message “Jesus Loves the Little Children” Pastor Randy

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, every child in every land,
Jesus holds them in His hand; Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Advent Wreath Lighting Pastor Randy & Tracie

Centering Hymn “God Almighty, We Are Waiting” W&S 3047

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

God, waiting for the fullness of your time is difficult for us. Yet, your word read this morning reminds us of your faithfulness to us as we patiently wait. In the name of Christ, the author of our faith Amen.

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:1-2, Genesis 15:1-6

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

Message *Listening and Waiting: “Ancient Whispers”*

Tithes and Offerings Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of Intercession with the Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

*Sending Hymn

“Hymn of Promise”

UMH 707

*Benediction

*Postlude

Our prayers for peace, health, and wholeness are shared with: Lloyd King, Lynne Westlin, A.J. Lingle, Donald Libby, Barbie Kephart, Ruth Bloom, Elizabeth Blessing, Bentley Fulkroad, Jan Nefflen, Tanja Fike, Tom Schlager, Jim & Sandy Havice, Ruth Broome, Ken Barnes, Karen Chesla, Cole Hummel, Bill Baumgardner, Paul Bryan, Cliff McLaughlin, Deb Spickler, Pam Bell, Don Bell, Mindy Fryer, Joann Byers, Peg Shilling, Lorraine Haines, Stacy Mohr, Gary Booher, Kim Heimbaugh, Bette Renshaw, Robin Eicker, Claire Crock, Joanna Lauder, Karen Muir, Larry Irvin, Hope Hill, Cathy Dysinger, Wendy Noss, Sarah Donahey, Brandi Gamble, Sharon Morgan, Bobby Lee Parker, Cora Harper, Danielle Smith, Allen & Beth Myers, Gary Vargas, Bill Hackenberry, Faye Shipe, Gary Geiselman.

The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Roy Smith by wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

12/4 Scriptures: Matthew 1:5-6, 1 Samuel 16:6-13 Sermon: “Son of a King”

November 30 – BIBLE STUDY at FA 1:30 and FUM at 7 PM

Our Christmas worship opportunities are:

* Blue Christmas 12/18 at 4 PM

* Cluster Worship at Kish Park 12/18 at 7 PM

* Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion at FUM at 7 PM

* Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion at Freedom Avenue at 9 PM

* Christmas Day ‘Come as you are’ worship 9:30 AM

Poinsettia order forms @ the Welcome Center. Attach a check and turn in to the office or drop in the offering plate by December 5th. Pick them up after Christmas.

The church will have a cookie sale Dec. 3rd, 7 AM-1 PM, at the Pancake Festival.

We need lots of cookies! Drop them off the day before. Thank you!

Nativity Show at Watts Memorial UMC in Belleville is back! The show will be open during the following hours: Sun., Nov. 27, 11 AM – 2 PM; Fri., Dec. 2, 5 – 7 PM; Sat., Dec. 3, 10 AM – 2 PM; Sun., Dec. 4, 11 AM – 2 PM; and Fri., Dec. 9, 5 – 8:30 PM. Free admission. Questions? Call the church at 717.935.2518.

You are encouraged to remember our members who are unable to attend services with Christmas cards. Please have them here by Sunday, Dec. 11th. The list is at the Welcome Center. Thank you for being a part of this ministry.

No Choir and Bell Choir rehearsal this week.

Choir Christmas Party @ Heckmans’ Sunday, Dec. 11th, @ 5:30 PM for choir members and their families. If you want to participate in a game, bring a wrapped white elephant gift, either something you already have or a \$10 limit. Please see Lisa to sign up with the number of people coming and what dish you are bringing to share. Please respond by Dec. 4th. 24 Hartland Lane, Lewistown. 717-250-9539