

Last Week's Attendance and Offering

Attendance	84
Regular Offering	5,748.00
Plate/S.S.	227.00
Matthew 25	366.46
Coins for Mission	2.45
Organ/Piano Preservation.....	500.00
Homespun Donation (THANK YOU!)	2,200.00
Total	9,043.91
Average weekly total needed to continue offering the ministries/administrative objectives of FUMC.....	6,000.00

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
<u>T</u> hursday	6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8 PM AA
<u>S</u> unday	9:30 Worship 9:30 Facebook Live

Altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Harold and Lois Hoenstine from their son William and daughter-in-law Paula.

Worship committee will meet on Tuesday, November 21 at 7 pm.

Prayer Team meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6:00pm.

Ministry Council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7:00pm.

Pastor Steve has created an Advent devotional that is available at the Welcome Center.

SPRC cookie sale will be December 2nd in conjunction with the Pancake Festival. Please bring any donations of baked goods to the church office Friday, December 1st by noon.

Poinsettia flower orders are available at the Welcome Center. Due by Dec 3rd.

Koinonia Christmas Party: a lovely time for fun, frivolity and feasting! Dec 5 at 6PM at Karen Doberneck's home, 10 Moonbeam Drive, Lewistown. Please bring a surprise \$5 gift for a game as well as a covered dish. Tableware, coffee, tea and meat will be provided. Please RSVP to Karen at 717-250-5410.

Fundraiser: There will be a vendor show in the Stevens Hall Dec 9th. We are asking for donations of baked goods, hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Any questions, see Rylie Ream.

A list of our Homebound Members is available at the Welcome Center. Cards will be collected in bags designed by Koinonia on the back pew of the overflow area. The cards are due by Sunday, December 12. Watch for more details concerning delivery of the cards.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 E 3rd Street

Lewistown, PA

November 19, 2023



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

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Office Manager: Jamie Strawser Liturgist: Rev. Karen McCachren

Worship Leaders: Chris Ferencz and Austin Glick

Children's Message: Pastor Steve

Music Director: Katie Becker Organist: Lauri Dulis

PowerPoint: Doug Lynch Technical Coordinator: Jared Lynch

Nursery: Tom and Lisa Jr Church: Elaine and Christine

November 19, 2023 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Announcements 9:30

We welcome all who are worshipping with us on Facebook live.

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.
Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

God's love surrounds us this day.

God calls us to be children of light.

We seek to be faithful the best we know how.
We want to invest the talents God gives us.

Faithfulness helps us to build up one another.

May our worship encourage each of us today.

* Opening Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH 102

Special Music "Chimings of Thankfulness" Bell Choir

Children's Message "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Pastor Steve
Children ages 4-10 may go upstairs for Jr. Church. Parents should come upstairs to pick up their children after the service is over.

* Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Generous God, you are present in all times and places. Capture our attention in this time and place. Open our eyes to see the wonders you provide. Open our ears to hear your commandments, your ordinances, your statutes. Open our hearts to care deeply about people in need, whatever that need might be. Awaken our generosity and sense of justice, that we may be inspired to helpful action. Open our mouths to proclaim your good news and sing with joy about your gift of salvation. Amen.

* Hymn of Preparation "He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS (Black) 2270

* Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed, Trad. Version" UMH 881

* Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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

Special Music "In Jesus' Name (God of Possible)" Rylie Ream

Message: Pastor Steve "Being Faithful with What We Have Been Given"

Tithes/Offerings Offertory Doxology UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of Intercession W/ Lord's Prayer UMH 895

* Hymn of Commission "What Gift Can We Bring" UMH 87

* Call to Commission

As another week unfolds, continue to look up.
Dare to invest yourself for the sake of others.

God will go with us to uplift our spirits.

We will pass on to others the encouragement God gives.

God's saving grace is a healing force among us.

Strive for God's commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We will seek to be worthy of that affirmation.

May God bless our worship and our service.

* Benediction

* Postlude

(Please stand in body or in spirit)*

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11/26 Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "The Final Judgment"

Our prayers for peace, health, and wholeness are shared with: Judy Headings, Larry Searer, Sandy Havice, Pam Bell, Vicki Elmer, Chad Ream, Paul & Nadine Bryan, Donald Libby, Ruth and Bob Broome, Karen Chesla, Bill and Rosemarie Baumgardner, Family of Cliff McLaughlin, Stacy Mohr, Troy Gro, Tom Schlager, Ruth Miller, Brenda Reeder, Virginia Weaver, Estella "Sis" Smith, Jim Walker, Rebecca Knepp, Mike Schieber, Tracy Loucks, Carly Snedeker, Danielle Smith, Larry Schwindt, Zachary Pandel, Robert Costello Jr, John McKnight, Barbie Kephart, Jean Walker, Maddie Lauver, Barb Baker, Doug Pierce, Jim Ream

Advent/Christmas Schedule 2023

Sunday, December 10: *Christmas Cards for Homebound Members Due*

2:00: Hymn/Carol Sing

Card Bags will be available for delivery any time after the Carol Sing

5:30: Choir Party at Heckman's

Sunday, December 17

4:00: Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 24

7:00: Christmas Eve Service

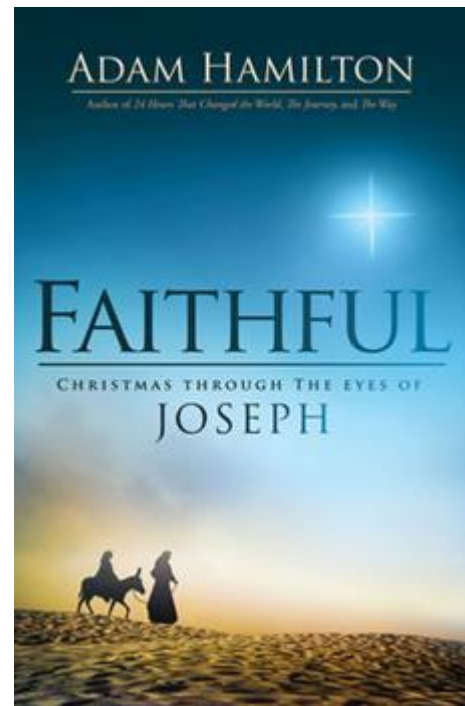
Faithful

**Christmas Through the Eyes of JOSEPH
Bible Study by Adam Hamilton
Led by Pastor Steve Portner
Same study, Wednesdays during
Advent**

**1:30 pm – Freedom Avenue UMC,
Burnham, Social Hall**

**6:30 pm – Lewistown First UMC,
Room 306 (Agape Room)**

**Books are available. Let Pastor Steve
know, if interested.**



November 29 – A Carpenter Named Joseph

Matthew 13:54-56; John 1:45; John 6:41-42; Matthew 19:14

December 6 – Whose Child Is This?

Matthew 1:1-19; Genesis 38; Joshua 2:1-24; 6:22-25; Ruth (the whole book);
2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:15b-25; Deut. 22:13-29; Genesis 6:9; Luke 3:23-38

December 13 – Raising a Child Not Your Own

Matthew 1:18-25; Genesis 7:1-5 (Noah); Genesis 12:1-5a (Abraham and Sarai);
Exodus 3:1-15; 4:1, 10-13 (Moses); Judges 6:11-16 (Gideon); Isaiah 6:1-8 (Isaiah);
Jeremiah 1:4-10 (Jeremiah); Matthew 28:16-20 (Jesus' Disciples); Acts 9:1-20
(Ananias and Saul/Paul)

December 20 – The Journey to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-45; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7;
Isaiah 11:1-10; Micah 5:2



THE UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION of Pennsylvania

The Empowered Church Project: Cohort IV, Module I *Susquehanna Conference* *Overview*

Event I Mount Asbury
March 1-3, 2024

Friday Evening: ***The Advantage*** by Patrick Lencioni
Saturday Morning: Kim and Gary Shockley: *Mission, Vision, Core Value*
Saturday Afternoon: Kim and Gary Shockley: *Strategic Planning*
Sunday Morning: Gary Weaver

Event II Mount Asbury
April 19-21, 2024

Friday Evening: ***Leading Together*** by Bryan Sims
Saturday Morning: Melanie Feldner & George Reynolds: *Engaging Younger Communities*
Saturday Afternoon: Alyce Weaver Dunn: *Marketing and Communication*
Saturday Evening: *Leading from the Center*
Sunday Morning: Barry Robison

Event III Mount Asbury
July 19-21, 2024

Friday Evening: J. P. Bohanan
Saturday Morning: Susan Jordan: *Conflict Management*
Saturday Afternoon: Darrell Greenawalt: *Recruiting, Developing, and Deploying Volunteers*
Sunday Morning: ***Upstream*** by Dan Heath and ***Developing an Intentional Discipleship System*** by Junius Dotson

Event IV Mount Asbury
August 23-25, 2024

Friday Evening: ***Good to Great*** by Jim Collins
Saturday Morning: Barry Robison: *Biblical and Theological Bases of Stewardship*
Saturday Afternoon: Barry Robison: *Effective Congregational Legacy Development*
Sunday Morning: Paul Amara

Event V Mount Asbury
November 8-10, 2024

Friday Evening: Kris Sledge and Kevin Witt: *Building the Beloved Community*
Saturday:
Review of Participant giftedness
Review of OHA and Mission InSite
Conversation about the formation of Module II
Sunday Morning: ***How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going*** by Susan Beaumont