

# ***The First Forecast*** ***of*** ***First United Methodist Church***

200 East Third Street, Lewistown, PA 717-248-4618

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April 2019

## ***Upcoming Highlights***

### ***Easter Schedule of Services***

***Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday***

***April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM.***

***Good Friday*** Stations of the Cross @  
Sacred Heart begins @ 11 AM followed  
by a Cross Walk through town. We will  
hold a Good Friday Service @ FUMC  
beginning @ 7 PM.

***Sunrise Service*** Easter Morning @  
Lind @ 6:30 AM followed by a delicious  
breakfast. Sign up for breakfast @ the  
Bridge Builders Board.

***We'll gather in worship @ 8 and  
10:30 AM on Easter morning to  
proclaim the resurrection of Jesus  
to the world!***

***Come Celebrate the Risen Christ!***

***Good Eggs sales wrap up April 12<sup>th</sup>***

***Sales hours*** continue M,T,TH, and  
Fridays from 9:11:30 AM.

***Egg Hotline 717-242-1539***



*He is Risen!*

**Because...**, last month we asked the question, “Why?” this month we will unwrap the answer, “Because.”

## Definition

**‘because’** conj. -- since, for the reason that, in view of the fact that, owing to the fact that, seeing that -- used to introduce a word or phrase that stands for a clause expressing an explanation or reason.

The **“reason** we enjoy our freedom from the curse of sin and the sting of death is based upon Jesus and his atoning work on the cross and his victory over the grave (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).

**“Since”** we have received these gifts, we are called to be employed in ministry in God’s kingdom (Ephesians 2:8-10).

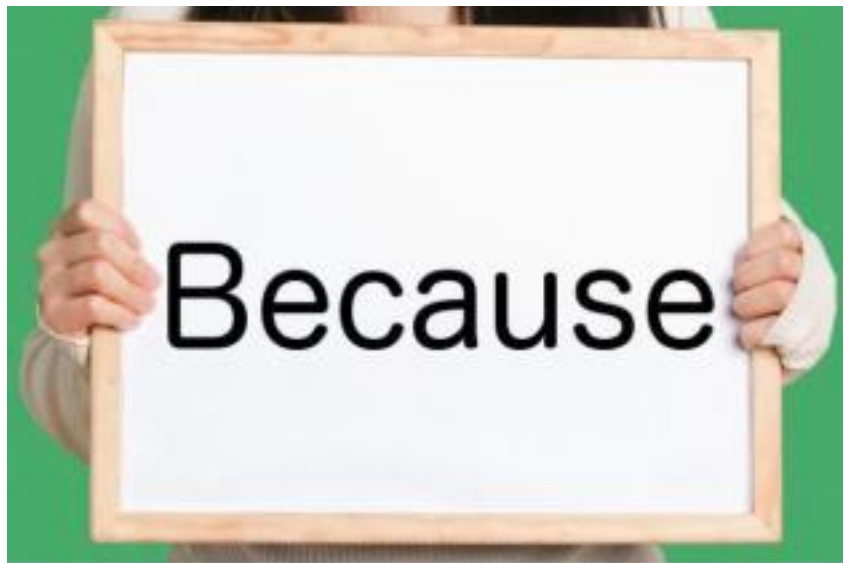
**“For the reason that”** Jesus loves us, we are to love one another (John 13:34-35).

**“In view of the fact that”** God so loved the world, we are saved through believing in Jesus’ salvific power to overcome our sins and preserve us from being destroyed (John 3:15-17).

**“Owing to the fact that”** we are to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind, we are compelled and commanded to love our neighbors as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40).

**“Seeing that”** Jesus offered the Great Commission to the disciples at His Ascension, we are part of the ongoing line of workers in the field tasked with making disciples for Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20, John 4:35-38).

I hope you have seen the connection between asking, “Why?” and the resulting litany of “because’ reasons. We are in a unique position to impact our world with Good News of Jesus and bring those outside the



family of God a little closer to joining in on the glorious riches of God's grace through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19)

Queen Esther was reminded of her unique position "For such a time as this" to save her people and she did not ask why but rather embraced her task and said, "If I perish, I perish." (Esther 4:12-14).

With each 'because' listed here, there is someone apart from a godly relationship who is asking 'why'. Will you reach out to them with God's grace and mercy today? ☺

Love,

PR

### **Men's Lenten Breakfasts (7:30)**

**April 6 – Grove Memorial**

**April 13 – Wesley Chapel**

**April 20 – Granville UMC**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – Trinity UMC**

**(Women's Appreciation Breakfast**

**@ 8 AM)**



**Dear Fellow Disciples,**

What was the last invitation you received? It's hard to get anyone to actually commit to an event. We live in an age when invitations demand much of our time. It makes it hard to know which invitations to accept.



Our time is divided and the same is true for our students. Ultimately, the invitations I accept are the ones coming from people that matter to me. It's less about the event and more about the relationship. A misconception is that youth ministry is about getting teenagers to show up to events so they can hear about God and have their lives changed. In this mindset, it's the job of the church (also parents and youth pastors) to provide an exciting place to be. Teenagers have plenty of events to choose from, what is missing from their lives is authentic relationships with adults who love Jesus.

A relationship is always more compelling than an event. The power of an event fades, but a relationship lasts through the ups and downs of life. As a church, our goal isn't to invite teens to show up to an event, service or trip; it's to invite them into a relationship with other teens, Christ-reflecting adults and ultimately Jesus Himself. We are passionate about seeing teens walk with Jesus for a lifetime, well beyond their time in student ministry.

John 10:26 gives us a picture of what the process of walking with Jesus looks like,



*... “But you don’t believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.*

In this passage Jesus says His sheep will believe Him (which is more like an active faith instead of intellectual acknowledgement). How does that active faith come about?

**1 Listening to Jesus:** We are inviting students to listen to the voice of God through prayer, scripture and looking for signs of His work.

**2 Knowing Jesus:** After we learn to listen to Jesus. We can discern His voice from others. We move from knowing about Him to actually knowing Him.

**3 Following Jesus:** As teens develops a habit of walking with Jesus, they will experience life and security.

If you have a teenager in your life and want them to hold firm to their faith, then here are a few thoughts:

- Don’t be satisfied with church attendance. Look for deeper spiritual markers (like prayers, Bible study, the fruits of the Spirit) as markers that they are walking with Jesus.
- Model the kind of relationship with Jesus you want them to have. Show them what it looks like to have an intimate relationship with Jesus on a daily basis. They won’t believe it unless they see it lived out.
- Initiate the conversation by asking them how they are seeing God at work in their everyday lives.

FUMC is not an exciting place to be because we put on great events, but because many people here have a living relationship with Jesus. Our student ministries are thriving because we’re inviting teens into that relationship every single time we meet. Thank you for being part of what makes FUMC great!

*Blessings, Heidi Bracken*

# Spend an Evening in Old Italy!

A romantic evening complete with music, costumed entertainers, 3 different pastas: linguine, ravioli, and thin spaghetti, 4 pasta sauces, salad, bread, dessert, coffee and tea.

Entertainment by  
Dan and Galla Variety Show

**SATURDAY**

**5.18.19**

**4:00-7:30 PM**

**TICKETS**  
**\$12.00** Each  
(Sold in Advance)

**First United Methodist Church**  
**Third and Dorcas Streets, Lewistown, PA**

Tickets available by calling church at 717-248-4618  
or Jim Havice at 570-658-5055





## April 7

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## April 14 – Palm Sunday

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Barb Baker

10:30 Liturgist: Lisa Heckman

## April 18 – Maundy Thursday

6 PM Seder Meal

## April 19 – Good Friday

11 AM Stations of the Cross

@ Sacred Heart

Noon Cross Walk through town

7 PM Good Friday Service

## April 21 – Easter

6:30 AM Sunrise Service @ Lind

followed by breakfast @ FUMC

8:00/10:30 AM Easter Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## April 28

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Barb Baker

10:30 Liturgist: Lisa Heckman



## March 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 Tom & Connie Walters

10:30 TBS

## Outside Greeters

TBS



Nursery Attendants

April -  
Wendy Barton



Junior Church  
Bonnie/Julie



Kangaroo Kids  
(with Jr. Church)



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

MATTHEW 19:14

### Children's Message

April 7      Bruce Buffington  
April 14     Pastor Randy  
April 21     PR or PK  
April 28     PR or PK

### Acolytes -

April 7  
TBS  
April 14  
TBS  
April 21  
TBS  
April 28  
TBS



**Acolytes**







**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

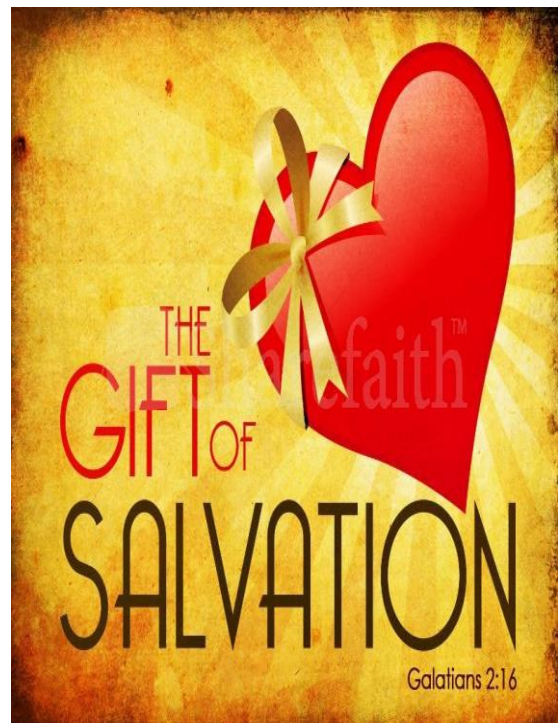
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

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:  
Pam Meloni, Betty Baxter, Jim Ream, Jane Wagner, Lisa Benner, Jared Vento, Nadine Bryan, Charles Butler, Elizabeth Yetter, and the family of Barb Benner.***



# FUMC Finance and Attendance

## Regular Offerings

March 3	\$4,530
March 10	\$4,845
March 17	\$8,062
March 24	\$3,130



Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

## Attendance

March 3	144
March 10	136
March 17	133
March 24	149

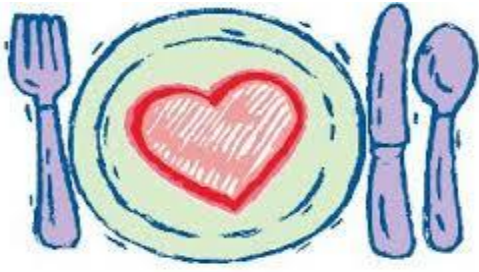


*Special thank you to Bill Herbertson for doing the annual audit again this year! The audit requires a huge investment of time and meticulous attention to detail. Thank you!*

*Thank you also to Barb Baker, our treasurer, for her outstanding work in ensuring the accuracy and integrity of the church's financial work.*



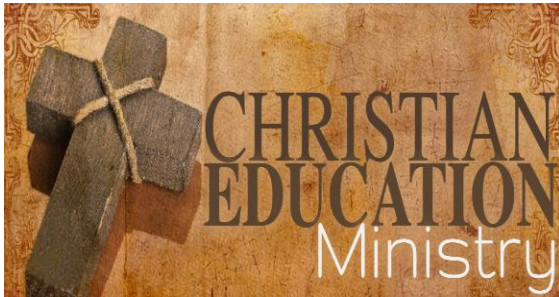




## COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

*Our next 'Come to the Banquet' free luncheon will be Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, @ noon. We will feature goulash, salad, bread, and ice cream. Everyone is invited to attend. Join us!*

*Koinonia Women's Fellowship - Children's Fellowship Dinner and Activity – Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, @ 4:30 PM. We will provide supper for the kids (@ 5 PM) and help Bonnie and Julie with the activity/program they have planned.*



*Christian Education meeting in the sanctuary overflow on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 7 PM. Contact Heidi Bracken if you have any questions.*

*Thank you to everyone at FUMC for all your prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. God bless you all,  
Jeanne Horning*



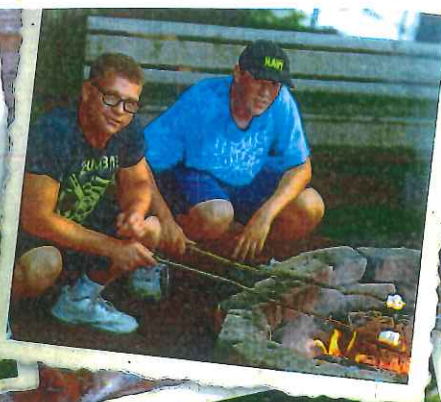




Well..... it is that time of the year already!! Time to start planning the Community Vacation Bible School. We here at First Church will be hosting this year. And..... we are going to AFRICA!!! Stay tuned for more upcoming information!! Questions can be directed to Elaine Baxter.







2019

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HILLS

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LAKE

Register for summer camp by May 1 for the \$25 Early Bird Discount!

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

[susumcamps.org](http://susumcamps.org)







## April

- 3. Rylie Ream
- 3. Vicki Elmer
- 6. Randy Fluke
- 11. Nancy Rauch
- 12. Madison Lauver
- 16. Isaac Matthews
- 18. Ruth Broome
- 19. Dr. Charles Everhart
- 20. Lantz Heckman
- 21. Aleta Harpster
- 21. Darl Miller
- 21. Carla Baumgardner
- 22. Bill Herbertson
- 23. Tandi Lauver
- 24. John Hasson
- 25. Barb Baker



## **The Altar Flowers**

### **April 7**

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### **April 14**

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### **April 21**

Lilies adorn the sanctuary in celebration of the risen Christ.

### **April 28**

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

***Lots of dates are still open for 2019. Complete a Flower Order Form available @ the Welcome Center or call the office if you would like one mailed to you.***





***First U.M. Church Staff  
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Outreach Coordinator: **Jen Lynch** [responder1824@msn.com](mailto:responder1824@msn.com)



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**Choirs Director:** Katie Becker

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

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**Office Manager:** Rob Hagenberger

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**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

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



# April 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Egg Sales</b> <b>M,T,TH,F</b> <b>9-11:30 through</b> <b>April 12th</b>	1	2 4:30 <b>Koinonia/JAM</b> <b>Children's</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Dinner/Activity</b>	3 Noon Lunch @ St Marks 10:30/7 Bible Study 5-7 PM <b>Youth</b>	4 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	5	6 7:30 AM Lenten Breakfast @ Grove Memorial UMC
7	8 7 PM Ray of Hope	9 4:30-6:30 JAM 7 PM <b>Christian</b> <b>Education Meeting</b>	10 Noon Lunch @ Lwtm Presbyterian 10:30/7 Bible Study 5-7 PM <b>Youth</b>	11 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	12 <b>Good Egg Sales End</b>	13 7:30 AM Lenten Breakfast @ Grace UMC
14 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School 1-4 Chess Club	15 7 PM Ray of Hope	16 4:30-6:30 JAM 7 PM <b>Trustees</b>	17 10:30/7 Bible Study 5-7 PM <b>Youth</b>	18 6 <b>Seder Meal</b> 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	19 11 <b>Stations/Walk @</b> <b>Sacred Heart</b> 7 PM <b>Good Friday</b> <b>service @ FUMC</b>	20 7:30 AM Lenten Breakfast @ Granville UMC
21 <b>Easter</b> 6:30 Sunrise Service @ Lind/Breakfast 8/10:30 <b>Worship</b> 9:10 Sunday School 	22 9:30 AM-4 PM PSAR Meeting 7 PM Ray of Hope	23 4:30-6:30 JAM	24 10:30/7 Bible Study 10:30-1 Clothes Bank Noon <b>'Come to the</b> <b>Banquet'</b> 5-7 PM <b>Youth</b>	25 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	26	27
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