

The First Forecast

of

First United Methodist Church

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

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‘Join a Band’

September 2018

Upcoming Highlights

I’m Just a Member of a Band!

Hey, do you want to join a band; no, not a musical ensemble. Although, that would be cool to do. I’m talking about a small group study where accountability, transparency, and spiritual growth are the normative means of operation. John Wesley’s band society was the backbone of the early Methodist church (google it).



Coming this fall, we will once again have our standard fare for small groups studies. We’ll have:

- † Wednesday Morning 10:30 Bible studies led by Pastor Vicki Elmer.
- † Wednesday evening 7 PM studies led by Pastor Randy. (Beginning 9/26) No sign-up necessary.
- † Monday evening Men’s study meeting at Tom Heckman’s house 6 PM. (Beginning 9/17) Sign-up on Bridge Builders)

Along with these, there are plans to have a Family Life “The Art of Marriage Enrichment” short term study and sign-up sheets will be available for this one. (Probably early or mid October).

Also, we'll have new member (One Day) Retreat for those considering becoming a full member of First United Methodist Church (FUMC) either by profession of faith or confession of faith. (profession = one who has been active in churches previous to FUMC; confession = those who are coming to faith in Christ for the first time.) (Probably mid to late October).

Whether you play a guitar, brass, or drums, all are eligible to join in on these small group bands and grow in your faith development. If you have questions about any or all the offerings, call me at 717.578.3309.

Peace,

PR





Matthew 25

January-June 2018

In the first six months of 2018 through the generosity of the people of First, Grace, Lake Park, the Valley Parish Churches and others there have been over 280 times families have been helped financially.

Through these encounters there were also opportunities to share in the important situations of the lives of our neighbors. In hard times many are open to sharing deeply of spiritual, emotional, physical, and financial concerns. Prayer has been offered often and invitations have been extended for growth in faith.

There were many others who called, I responded by leaving messages that were not returned. Other times the messages contained insufficient information to get back in touch. The needs are great and there have been times I have had to say there were no funds at this time.

In all over \$10,000 were dispersed to meet needs for shelter, food, medicine, diapers and personal items, transportation for medical appointments and work, and a myriad of miscellaneous needs. This is about 58% of the total for all of 2017.

Shelter

Rent	\$1736	15
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Utilities

Electricity,	\$1969	23
Fuel Oil, Natural Gas	\$ 830	16

Water, Sewage	\$ 220	4
Food	\$ 947	46
+many pantry visits		
Medicine	\$ 137	6
Diapers and Personal items	\$ 107	7
Transportation (Gasoline)		
Medical appointments	\$2345	105
Work related	\$ 772	33
Other (Bus, train, gas for other appointment, car repairs, etc.)	\$ 965	23
Miscellaneous		
(Work clothes, Photo ID, etc.)	<u>\$ 134</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$10,165	283

All of these encounters come with a story that represents people who are children of God. They include families with young children, teenagers, single moms, single dads, and adults of all ages and experience. Some find the greatest help from talking and praying together. Some have never asked for help before and find it difficult. Others are well seasoned in asking and receiving. Some refer their loved ones or neighbors as they recognize needs in others. Most are extremely appreciative and desire to give back.

A young mother came in to get a gas voucher for a follow-up appointment at Geisinger in Danville for her infant daughter. She proudly showed me a picture of a beautiful, happy baby on her first Christmas. The mother who had made many trips to Danville (with gas money provided by Mt 25) for her at risk pregnancy said her daughter wouldn't be here today without the help you gave. Thank you so much.

A senior girl from the learning support class at MCHS got to go to the prom looking beautiful in a dress from Cinderella's Closet. Lack of transportation almost prevented this from happening but rides were given and she had a wonderful time.

Ongoing transportation help has been given to a family with a child who has muscular dystrophy as medical appointments abound.

A woman with a history of drug addiction and imprisonment has been clean for several years since her commitment to Christ became real to her in prison. She has had many medical problems and has received emotional and spiritual support and financial help to get to appointments and medical treatment. She has a heart for those in need and has sought help for others as well.

I thank God for you and your generous gifts that made this help possible.

Karen McCachren





September 2

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

September 9

10 AM **Worship/Picnic**
@ Malta Park

September 16

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Jeanne Horning

10:30 Liturgist: Beth Knepp

September 23

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

September 30

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September S.S. Teachers

Nursery – TBS

Pre-School – K Aleta Harpster

Grades 1-2 Rylie Ream

Grades 3-5 TBS

Grades 6-9 Heidi Bracken

Grades 10-12 Tracie Hughes



greeters

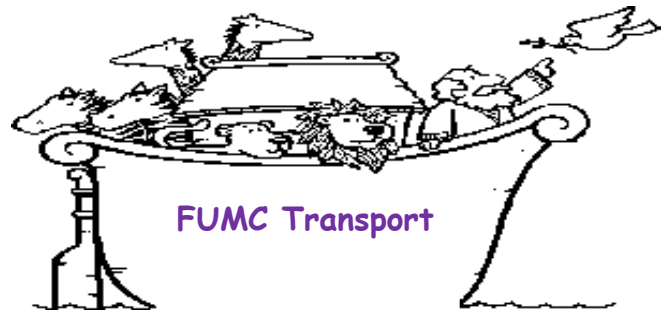
8 Jane Beightol, Bev McClellan

10:30 TBS



Nursery Attendants

Wendy Barton



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Please call the church office to arrange transportation.



Junior Church

TBS



MATTHEW 19:14

Children's Message

Sept 2 Bruce Buffington

Sept 9 Pastor Randy

Sept 16 Pastor Randy

Sept 23 Pastor Randy

Sept 30 Pastor Randy



Kangaroo Kids

Wendy Barton

Acolytes -

TBS





In accordance with privacy policy @ Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital you need to inform Rev. Karen McCachren (717-248-1011 or 717-437-6023) or the church office if you are hospitalized and desire a visit.

Prayer Chain Line:

Call 717-248-8459 or
717-242-1655

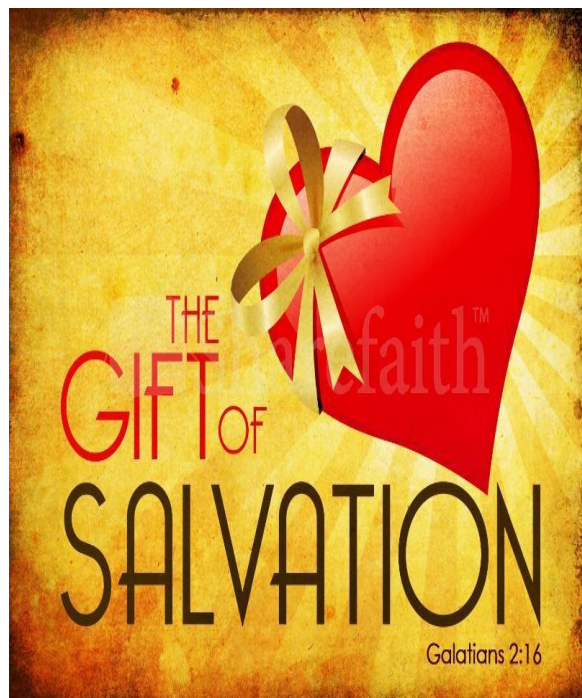
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

Purpose The prayer chain provides confidential intercessory prayer.

To request prayer or to become a praying member call:

Dave or Karen McCachren at
717-248-8459,
(kmccachren@comcast.net) or
Laura or Bruce Buffington @
(lkbuff122@gmail.com)

Our prayers for health and wholeness are shared with:
Nadine Bryan, Scott Wagner, Carl Crowder, Kathy Martofel, Judy Pennepacker, Lisa Benner, Tom Lyter, Bonnie Van Natta, the families of Jack Knox, Kathy Eby, Peg Silks, Bob Walters, Karen Gehrett, Diane Hain, and Ron Woodling.



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

Aug 5	\$5,337
Aug 12	\$5,452
Aug 19	\$6,135
Aug 26	\$3,988



Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

Attendance

Aug 5	142
Aug 12	138
Aug 19	133
Aug 26	111



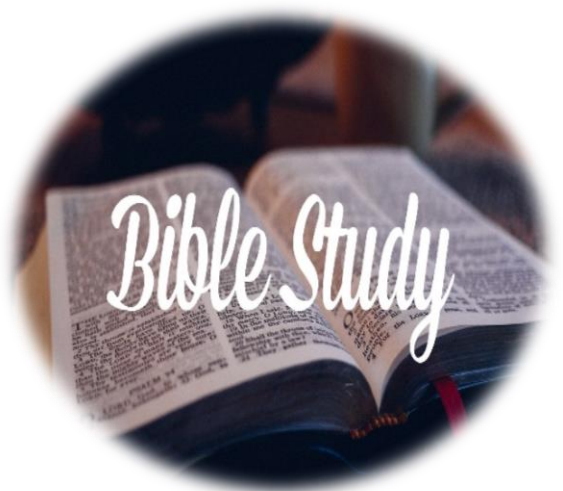
Our next Finance Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th, @ 7 PM.



Other News and Notes

All church worship and picnic at Malta Park on Sunday, Sept. 9th, with worship @ 10 AM and the meal to follow. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Wednesday morning Bible study on Corinthians begins Sept. 12th @ 10:30 AM. Please read the first 3-4 chapters. Pastor Vicki Elmer leads this study. Wednesday evening Bible study begins Sept. 26th @ 7 PM led by Pastor Randy. A six week Men's study, "Who is Jesus," begins Monday evening Sept 17th @ 6 PM @ Tom Heckman's home, 24 Hartland Lane. Chicken Pot Pie is on the menu.



A special Week of Caring work day will be held Saturday, Sept. 22nd, kicking off with breakfast @ 7 AM @ Grace UMC. We will tackle some of the projects we didn't get to during our week of mission.

Choirs resume rehearsals on Aug. 30th. If you are interested in joining Hand Bells or the Chancel choir please see Katie Becker!





Thank you
for all you do
for the kids! ☺
Catie Breneman

We really appreciate
your support!
Thank You!
Brenda Hagenberger

Thank you!!
Marcia
Larson



Thank you so
much for everything
Brooke
Miller

This cheery little note
Is coming your way

To say thanks for everything

We appreciate it

More than words can say.

Thanks Again!

Thank you
for supporting
our students &
staff

Thank you
for your support
and kindness!
Michele
Clark

I appreciate
your support
and thoughtfulness!
Anita
Pyran

Your kindness
and generosity
are greatly
appreciated.

Jill
Hartsock

Thank so much
for all your
support and
generous ways!
Carrie
Stuff

♡ You are a blessing!
Your kindness is so
inspiring. ~~Stacy Selby~~

THANK YOU!
ERIK LIEBEAULT

Thank you
Kevin

Thank you for
your kindness and
words of encouragement!
Brenda
Ishler

Thank you!
Abby

Blessing
you! What a
thoughtful idea!
Thank you! Mrs. ~~Baker~~

Thank you for
all you do! ☺
Makaylah
Holbert

Thank you
for everything!
Sierra
Hassinger

You are all so
kind! Thanks for
everything!

You are truly
awesome and
love our kids as
much as we do!
Thank you!
Loni
Shawver

Ang Dolin ☺

Thank you
so much
Erica
Ruble





Homespun is coming! Our Homespun Bazaar is slated for Thursday, November 1st, from 4-8 PM. We need lots of helpers. Kitchen helpers, servers, pie and cake bakers. We appreciate each and every one that helps make Homespun a success. Here are some of the items we will need for our booths.

Christmas Shop – *homemade Christmas decorations, candles, Christmas items, and wreaths*

Sweets & Treats – *All that good stuff – candy, fudge, coated pretzels, hard candies, molded chocolate, lollipops*

Fresh from the Oven – *Homemade bread, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, jellies, peaches, pies*

Homespun Quilters – *Anything you can sew – aprons, cloth dolls, cross stitch items, and quilts*

Woodcrafters Shop – *Bird houses, benches, shelves, painted items*



Our legendary Turkey Dinner takes place during Homespun – Thursday, Nov. 1st, from 4-7 PM. Tickets are available now at the church office or from Homespun members. Adults \$8, Children 6-11 \$3.50. We will have a sign-up sheet for helpers. Join us for this great, traditional meal.

- The Homespun Committee



September

3. Doug Pierce
6. Chris Benner
8. Nancy Sherman
10. Adam Becker
11. Frances Wagner
13. Kraig Kratzer
14. Justin Tallon
16. Noah Mannino
17. Tom Heckman
17. Rebecca Decker
18. Jared Lynch
19. Judy Havice
21. Chris Ferencz
22. Gerry McElhaney
22. Britney Baumgardner
23. Marilyn Lohman
24. Beth Knepp
25. Kiera Shuttlesworth
25. Rev. Rick Noll
26. Paul Bryan



The Altar Flowers

September 2

The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Merle Baxter by his family.

September 9

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Amanda and Vincent Garvey by daughter, Jane Beightol.

September 16

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Ralph Baker Sr. by Barb, Jody, Justin, Ralph Jr., and Betsy.

September 23

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

September 30

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.



Walk to Fight Suicide

Juniata Valley

Out of the Darkness Walk

Sunday, October 7th, 2018

Register Today!

Afsp.org/Lewistown



American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention



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Education Director E-Mail: heidi.bracken@gmail.com 724-516-5527

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Music Staff:

Choirs Director: Katie Becker

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Custodians: Joe Lingle, Cassie Shank

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Monday through Friday 7AM - Noon

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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 15th
of each month!



September 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S. Youth Sunday both services	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4 7 PM Koinonia Planning Meeting 5-7 PM Back to school Youth swim party	5 5-7 PM Youth	6 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	7	8
9 10 AM Worship & Picnic @ Malta Park Church Picnic 	10 7 PM Ray of Hope	11 7 PM Finance	12 10:30 Bible Study 5-7 PM Youth	13 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	14	15
16 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	17 6 Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ray of Hope	18 7 PM Trustees	19 10:30 Bible Study 5-7 PM Youth	20 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	21	22 7 AM Week of Caring Work Day begins with breakfast @ Grace
23 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	24 6 Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ray of Hope	25 1-3 PM Knitting Circle 7 PM Ministry Council	26 10:30/7 Bible Study 10:30-1:30 Clothing Closet Noon 'Banquet' 5-7 PM Youth	27 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	28	29
30 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.						