

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

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

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*Great Fellowship Opportunities*

April 2016

## ***Upcoming Highlights***

### ***Spring Rally Sponsored by UMMen***

***We celebrate the Spring Rally***

*here @ FUMC on Saturday, April 9th.*

*Singing begins @ 6:30 PM and the*

*Program gets underway @ 7 PM.*

*The guest speaker for this year's*

*Rally is Chaplain David Smith.*

*A 30 year chaplain in the U.S. Army, Rev. Smith serves as the coordinator of the Soul-Care initiative of JustPeace. Join us for a \$5 Lasagna Dinner before the Rally from 5-7 PM. Tickets available @ the Church Office or by calling 248-4618.*



### ***'Spend a Night in Old Italy'***

*Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4-7:30 PM*

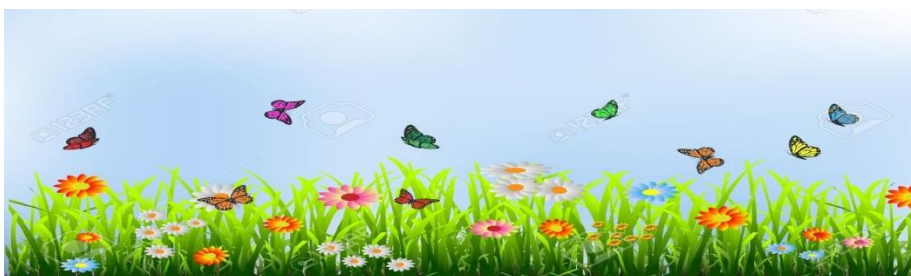
*A romantic evening complete with great food, music, and entertainment.*

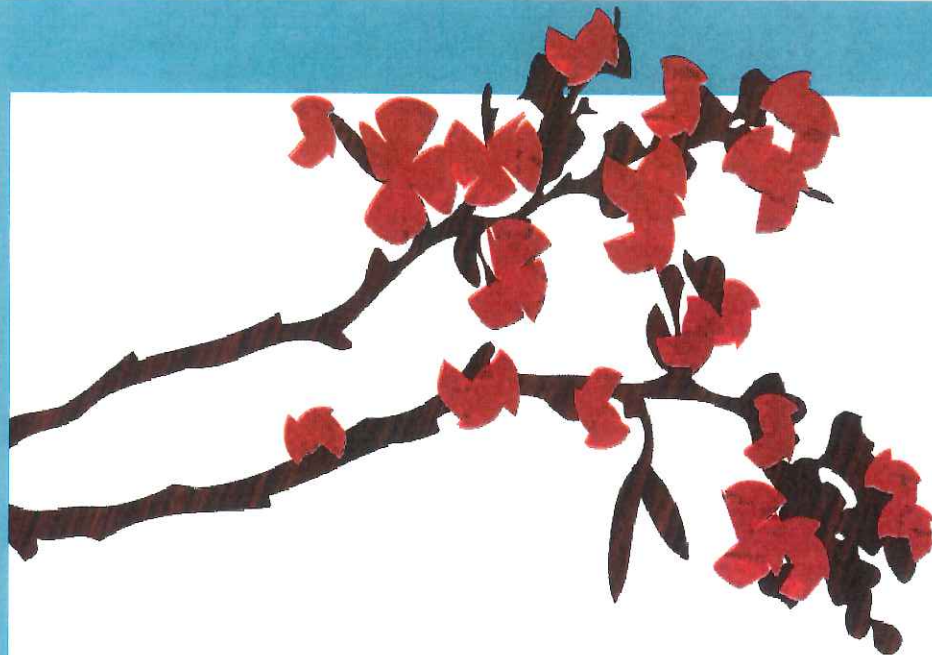
*Tickets are \$12 each, sold in advance.*

*Get your tickets from Jim Havice*

*(570-658-5055) or from the church*

*office (248-4618). Join us for this fun evening!*





# SPRING RALLY

SPONSORED BY UNITED METHODIST MEN

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**APRIL 9, 2016**

**7:00 PM** (HYMN SING 6:30-7:00)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
200 E. THIRD STREET, LEWISTOWN, PA

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**Guest Speaker is Chaplain David Smith.** A 30-year chaplain in the US Army, Rev. Smith serves as the coordinator of the Soul-Care Initiative of JustPeace.

During his service he deployed 9 times, including 4 combat deployments. He brings experience and passion to our Armed Forces and provides training and resources for them upon returning home.

*Join us for a \$5.00 lasagna dinner prior to the rally, 5:00-7:00pm. Dinner tickets are available at the church office, reserve by 03/31/16. For more information call church office at 717-248-4618.*



Take a deep breath! Can you smell it? Spring has sprung! The bulbs that have been lying dormant are vibrating and bursting forth with their gift of beauty! The same thing is happening here at First Church and in our community.

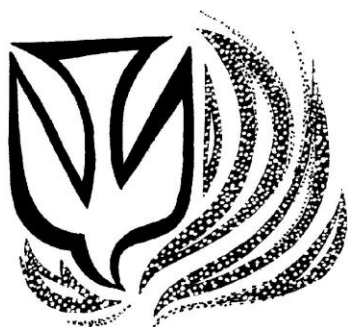
† Saturday evening April 9<sup>th</sup> is our Spring Rally! Dinner at 5 PM, hymn sing at 6:30 and our featured speaker, Chaplain David Smith at 7. Meal is \$5 and RSVP is requested by March 31.

† May 15<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday, we will receive 6 new disciples of Jesus Christ into First Church. Our confirmands will become full members and new followers of Christ. Please consider your important mentoring part in their spiritual development. The young people will be received into membership at the 10:30 AM service.



† June is busier than a long-tailed tomcat in a room full of rocking chairs! Annual Conference at Messiah College June 9-11. Our mission trip to Onondaga Nation is slated for June 12<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> and then Community VBS at the Lewistown Presbyterian Church begins Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and ends the 30<sup>th</sup>.

† Tucked in June is the community Faith Festival on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 till 2 PM at the Mifflin County Library.



We are working to bring new life to our church and community.

Join in and let's display God's goodness and beauty to Lewistown and beyond!

- Pastor Randy



# 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**  
**4.23.16**  
**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 3**

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

### **April 10**

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Carol Booher

### **April 17**

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Barb Baker

10:30 Liturgist: Carol Booher

### **April 24**

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Barb Baker

10:30 Liturgist: Karen



### **April S.S. Teachers**

**Nursery** – Rose Baumgardner

**Pre-School – K**

**Aleta Harpster**

**Grades 1-5**

*We need a Teacher – See Jen*

**Grades 6-12**

**Doug Lynch**



8 AM **Jim & Sandy Havice**

10:30 AM **Rod & Cathy Hunter**

**Outside Greeters**

**Krystan Hassinger &  
Megan Berry**



## Nursery Attendants

**Cathy Hunter**



## Junior Church

**April 3 Chris Ferencz**

**April 10 Chris Ferencz**

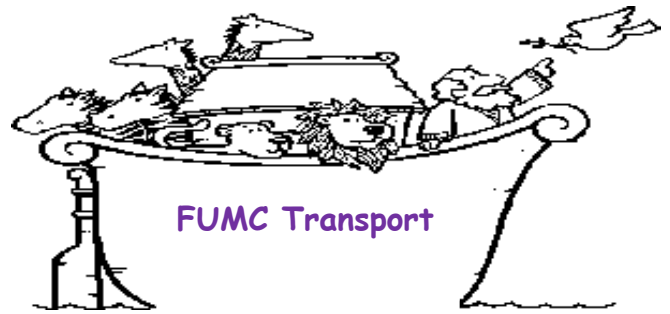
**April 17 Laura Buffington**

**April 24 Laura Buffington**



## Kangaroo Kids

**Leslie Goss**



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Please call the church office and ask for Jen Lynch to arrange transportation.



## Children's Message

**April 3 Bruce Buffington**

**April 10 Pastor Randy**

**April 17 Karen**

**April 24 Julie Hannon**

## Acolytes -

**Steven Renninger**

**Justin Lynch**





**Due to computer and policy changes @ Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital you need to inform Karen (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.

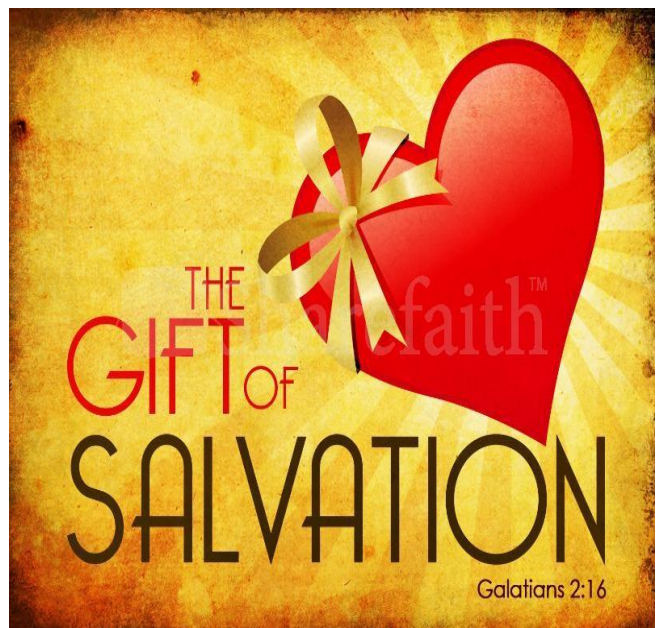
To request prayer or to become a praying member call:

Karen or Dave McCachren @ 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:***

*Paul Lohman, Bob Goodwin, Alex Pierce, Kathy Walls, Ruth Miller, Vera Harpster, Bev Miller, June Taylor, Connie Walters, Nancy Lewis, Bob Barlett, and Dave Bowers.*





# FUMC Finance and Attendance

## Regular Offerings

March 6	\$6,899
March 13	\$3,084
March 20	\$7,065
March 27	\$5,015
Unpaid Bills -	<b>\$0.00</b>



## Attendance

March 6	160
March 13	138
March 20	181
March 27	249
2016 YTD Average Attendance:	<b>164</b>
2015 YTD Average Attendance:	<b>130</b>



*FUMC \$10,000 Challenge! First Church making a difference for 200+ years. Let's be the leaders in mission both near and far! Currently we are still searching for \$7,500.*

*Special thanks to our auditors, Bill Herbertson and Kelly Rutherford, for their many hours of detailed work auditing the church's financial records.*





## ***Our huge thanks to the Good Eggs!***

*Thank you so much to the entire fabulous team of Good Eggs, the mixers, rollers, dippers, sales, delivery, and egg eaters! We will have a detailed report later, but preliminary figures look like around 30,000 eggs were made and sold this year. Very special thanks to Head Egg, Dave McCachren!*



## ***Koinonia Women's Fellowship***

*Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, @ 6 PM –*

***Youth Night – Pizza/***

***Ludicrous Olympics***

*Devotions – Barb*

*Refreshments – Barb*

*All women are invited to join us!*

*Contact Barb Baker (248-6649)*

*or Lynne Westlin (248-8229)*

*for more information or details.*



Join Us In  
Christian Fellowship  
**KOINONIA**

## ***More Upcoming Special Events***

***May 15<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday***

*We will receive 6 new disciples of Jesus Christ. Our confirmands will become full members of FUMC.*

***June 9-11 Annual Conference***

***June 12-19 Mission Trip Onondaga***

***June 18 Faith Festival 10-2 @ Library***

***June 26-30 Community VBS @***

***Lewistown Presbyterian Church***

***July 10 Spikes Baseball Trip***





## April

1. Chase Stahl
2. Prestie Headings IV
3. Pastor Vicki Elmer
6. Randy Fluke
11. Rev. Roz Mason
11. Nancy Rauch
16. Isaac Matthews
18. Ruth Broome
19. Dr. Charles Everhart
21. Aleta Harpster
21. Darl Miller
21. Carla Baumgardner
22. Bill Herbertson
23. Tandi Lauver
24. John Hasson
25. Barb Baker



*Applications are available in the church office for the Al and Julia Small Scholarship.*

*The deadline to apply is May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Current scholarship recipients do not have to fill out an application but must submit a copy of their final grades for the spring semester. A 2.5 GPA is required.*





## ***First U.M. Church Staff***

### ***Ministry Staff:***

Pastor: **Rev. Randy Hughes**

Pastor E-Mail: [rhughes@susumc.org](mailto:rhughes@susumc.org)

Deacon of Caring Ministries: **Rev. Karen McCachren**

Deacon of Caring Ministries E-Mail: [kmccachren@comcast.net](mailto:kmccachren@comcast.net)

Coordinator of Teaching Ministries: **Jen Lynch**



### ***Music Staff:***

**Choirs Director:** Katie Becker

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

### ***Support Staff:***

**Custodians:** Joe Lingle, Aaron Snook

**Office Manager:** Rob Hagenberger

Church Office Hours:

**Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - Noon**

**Phone: 717-248-4618 Fax: 717-242-4757**

**Email:** [fumchurch1@verizon.net](mailto:fumchurch1@verizon.net)

**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 Compliant

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





# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7:30 AM Women's Appreciation Breakfast @ Trinity UMC
3 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	4 7 PM Ray of Hope	5 6 PM <b>Koinonia</b> <b>Youth Night – Pizza</b> <b>Ludicrous Olympics</b>	6 10:30/7 Bible Study	7 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	8	9 <b>Spring Rally</b> 5-7 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Singing 7 PM Program 
10 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	11 7 PM Ray of Hope	12	13 10:30/7 Bible Study 7 PM Pink Connection	14 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	15	16
17 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	18 7 PM Ray of Hope	19 6 PM <b>Hospitality</b> 7 PM <b>Trustees</b>	20 10:30/7 Bible Study	21 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	22	23 <b>'Old Italy Night'</b> 4-7:30 PM 
24 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	25 7 PM Ray of Hope	26 1-3 PM Knitting	27 10:30/7 Bible Study Noon <b>'Come to the</b> <b>Banquet'</b>	28 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	29	30