

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

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

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‘A Look Back’

March 2020

March 2020...

Say that again. March 2020. I decided to look backward and see what we were talking about in August of 2015 when we arrived as your pastor and family. Take a look.

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## **August Newsletter Article 2015**

Give me a moment of your time and let me share a story of celebration with you. A man came to worship on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> as a guest with no expectations other than that of meeting with God and offering his praise to the chorus of others gathered to do the same.

After the service, he came and shook my hand in appreciation of the message from Nehemiah 1 and was surprised to learn that I was new to this church. He is a former Presbyterian pastor and served the Lord for 40 + years. He encouraged me and then asked me a question regarding the Tiffany window. I had to decline comment since I do not know the history of our stained glass.

It was at that moment that Laura Buffington came to my rescue and began a conversation with our guest. I love the fact that so many people in First Church are ready and willing to welcome guests into this congregation! Tracie, Joe, and I have felt that extravagant hospitality first-



hand and know of several other occasions where we have witnessed the same.

As the pastor of First Church, I must commend you and thank you! If we are to transform the world for Jesus Christ, it will take each one of us extending a hand of welcome and words of gratitude and grace to everyone we are close to. I love the Bible study *Just Walk Across the Room* by Hybels. He puts forth “the ten-foot rule.” If another person comes within ten feet of you, go to them and extend a welcome.



As you and I partner in ministry, let's be sure to approach everyone who is within ten feet of that invisible circle around us. Meet, greet, welcome, and invite. Let no guest, visitor, or stranger remain that way for long. Thanks for the time you spent reading this celebration and let's go make some more!

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Well, four and a half years have flown by and the message remains the same. The congregation that gathers at 200 East Third Street is an incredible instrument God has been using to transform lives for Jesus Christ. Evidence of changed lives continues to be the clarion call that faithfulness to our call is an act of sacrificial obedience to Jesus' words, “Come follow me.”

Peace,

PR



Here is a look at upcoming opportunities:

Lenten Breakfast schedule:

March 7 th	Rhodes Memorial UMC
March 14 th	Freedom Ave UMC
March 21 st	Grace UMC
March 28 th	Lake Park UMC
April 4 th	Grove Memorial UMC
April 11 th	Granville UMC
April 18 th	Women's Appreciation @ Trinity UMC (8 AM)



All Lenten breakfasts begin @ 7:30 AM except the Women's Appreciation breakfast @ 8 AM.

April 25th – Kid Connection 9 AM – 2 PM, need booth attendant and set-up and tear down help

May 5,6,7 – church directory pictures

June 13-20 – mission trip

*July 26th – 6-8 PM Block Party, community band playing 6-7 PM
We need lots of help with this event*

September TBD – church picnic

October TBD – Halloween parade

Sign-up sheets on Bridge Builders Board closer to event time

Contact Jen Lynch with questions or to help, 717-437-1593

Donations of time and of money would be greatly appreciated for Kid Connection or the Block Party. Envelopes with labels for each event will be @ the Welcome Center. Please drop the envelopes in the offering plate. Thank you!



March 1st

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

March 8th

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: TBS

10:30 Liturgist: Tom Heckman

March 15th

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: TBS

10:30 Liturgist: Tom Heckman

March 22nd

8:00/10:30 AM

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

March 29th

8:00/10:30 AM

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: TBS

10:30 Liturgist: Tom Heckman



March S.S. Teachers

Nursery – TBS

K-1st - Aleta Harpster

Grades 2nd-5th Crystal Ferencz

Grades 6th-9th Rylie Hanson

Grades 10th-12th Tracie Hughes



Greeters

8 AM TBS

10:30 TBS



Nursery Attendants

March -
TBS



Junior Church
Bonnie/Julie



Kangaroo Kids
(with Jr. Church)



*"Let the
little children
come to me"*

MATTHEW 19:14

Children's Message
March 1 Bruce Buffington
March 8-29 Pastor Randy

Acolytes -
March
TBS



The Good Eggs are back in action!

Good Eggs work Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays.

Production continues through
Friday, March 27th.

Production begins @ 8 AM.

Sales continue through Friday, April 3rd, (unless eggs are all
sold sooner.)

Sales are from 9 AM - 11:30 AM on Egg days.

Egg Hotline: 717-242-1539

- Egg sales support FUMC ministries and community programs.





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.

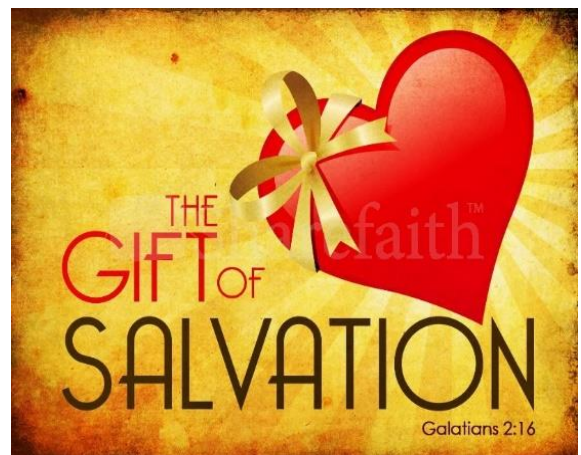
To request prayer or to become a praying member contact:

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:

Mark Salvatore, Pam Meloni, Nadine Bryan, Scott Noss, Rose Marie Baumgardner, Vera Harpster, Zack Lingle, Bev Miller, Tim and Lois Thompson, Judy Brown, Wayne Brewer, Jr., Judy Pennepacker, Betty Benner, Gary Mast, Wendy Nichols-Hontz, Linda Wilson, Lisa Benner, Vickie Briggs, Stevie Renninger, Fran & Tim Kodosky, Gladys McClellan, Donna Pandel, Anne Costello, Matthew Beach, Jack Hartman, and the families of Joyce Rheam and Nina Shilling.



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

Feb 2	\$3,761
Feb 9	\$3,603
Feb 16	\$7,200
Feb 23	\$4,274



Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

Attendance

Feb 2	130
Feb 9	132
Feb 16	119
Feb 23	163





March

1. Bev McClellan
1. Tim Thompson
5. Abb Dalby
8. Lynne Westlin
9. Sam Caldwell
13. Barry Bargo
14. Jordan Renninger
18. Stu Ellis
18. Michelle Snyder
20. Dave Bowers
20. Pam Kennedy
20. Jaden Ream
22. Paula Pierce
25. Rose Baumgardner
26. Cindy Seaholtz
28. Doug Lynch
28. Barry Decker
29. Sue Fluke
30. Tracie Hughes



The Altar Flowers

March 1

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

March 8

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

March 15

Flowers are presented to the glory of God.

March 22

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

March 29

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

*Lily/World Hunger forms
are @ the
Welcome
Center and
on the next
page of this
month's
newsletter.*



~ 2020 Easter Flower Order Form ~



Riverside Greenhouse LLC

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Phone 717.899.7964 Fax 717.899.6982

riversidegreenhouse@verizon.net

A variety of
plants
all seasons!

Church Name ★

Main Contact Name & Phone # ★

Other Contact / Phone #

Delivery or Pickup Date: ★

Shall we Deliver? Please circle Yes or No ★ (\$6.00 local delivery charge)

Please Circle Foil Color Needed

★ Foil: Green, Gold, Purple, Pink, Silver, Blue, White, Lavender, Mixed

Description	Amount	Price	Description	Amount	Price
Easter Lilies, White		7.95	Palm Branches, 20 per bundle		7.95
Hybrid Lilies, Pink		7.95			
Hybrid Lilies, Yellow		7.95	#4 Daffodil, mini		3.85
Hybrid Lilies, Orange		7.95			
Azalea, Red		7.95	#6 Pansy		3.00
Azalea, Purple		7.95	#4 Pansy		2.00
Azalea, Pink		7.95			
Azalea, Pink Bicolor		7.95			
3 bulb Hyacinth, White		7.00	1 bulb Hyacinth, White		2.85
3 bulb Hyacinth, Pink		7.00	1 bulb Hyacinth, Pink		2.85
3 bulb Hyacinth, Blue		7.00	1 bulb Hyacinth, Blue		2.85
#6 Tulip, Yellow		7.00	#4 Tulip, Yellow		3.85
#6 Tulip, White		7.00	#4 Tulip, White		3.85
#6 Tulip, Red		7.00	#4 Tulip, Red		3.85
#6 Tulip, Purple		7.00	#4 Tulip, Purple		3.85
#6 Tulip, Pink		7.00	#4 Tulip, Pink		3.85
#6 Tulip, Orange		7.00	#4 Tulip, Orange		3.85
#6 Mum, Yellow		7.00	#4 Mum, Yellow		3.85
#6 Mum, White		7.00	#4 Mum, White		3.85
#6 Mum, Lavender		7.00	#4 Mum, Lavender		3.85

Notes:

★ The star denotes info that must be completed! Thanks!

We have palm branches available for Palm Sunday, bundles of 20 @ \$7.95 per bundle.

Please have your order in **by March 23** Thanks, Happy Easter! ~ Mahlon

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Ministry Staff:

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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!



March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School 11:40 Christian Education Meeting	2 7 Crochet 7 PM Ray of Hope	3 4:30-6:30 JAM TBS Koinonia	4 10:30/7 Bible Study	5 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	6	7 7:30 AM Lenten Breakfast @ Rhodes
8 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	9 7 Crochet 7 PM Ray of Hope	10 4:30-6:30 JAM	11 10:30/7 Bible Study	12 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	13	14 7:30 AM Lenten Breakfast @ Freedom Ave.
15 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	16 7 Crochet 7 PM Ray of Hope	17 4:30-6:30 JAM 7 PM Trustees	18 10:30/7 Bible Study	19 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	20	21 7:30 AM Lenten Breakfast @ Grace
22 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	23 7 Crochet 7 PM Ray of Hope	24 4:30-6:30 JAM	25 10:30/7 Bible Study Noon 'Banquet'	26 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	27	28 7:30 Lenten Breakfast @ Lake Park
29 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	30 7 Crochet 7 PM Ray of Hope	31 4:30-6:30 JAM				
			Lenten Breakfasts Randy Traxler 717-242-8718	Good Eggs M,T,TH,F begin @ 8 AM, Sales M,T,TH,F 9:11:30 717-242-1539		