The First Forecast of First United Methodist Church

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

Volume 26 No. 1

'New Opportunities'

January/February 2018

It is 2018! Say it out loud. It is 2018.

Remember when we were stocking supplies, gathering flashlights, batteries, Millennium candles, and food stuffs for the impending Y2K disaster that never really occurred? I do. It was our first year of ministry in the West



Decatur Charge in Philipsburg and Sandy Ridge. Oh, if you are between 15-20 years of age, you probably have no recollection of Y2K or its

menacing presence.

As I recall, Calvary UMC decided to bring in Y2K with a prayer circle in the church parking lot. New Years Eve came, we gathered, and the clock struck midnight. Our prayers lifted, the lights stayed on, we hugged, we shrugged, and the vehicles all started as we journeyed home. What changed for us that night? (Nothing really.) Our faith in an eternal God remained the same and some would later say their faith was galvanized that night.

A new year has begun and we'll face new challenges, new opportunities to love and serve our neighbors and new possibilities for ministry. In the challenges, our God will provide. In the opportunities, God will offer us direction and patience. In the possibilities for ministry, God will help connect us with folks in desperate need of the hope in which we live and move and have our being.

Aside from the normal New Year's resolutions, how will you personally live for God and work in the life of this church? How will you allow God to test your faith and galvanize your trust?

Let's walk side by side into a new year with blank pages and write the story that God will direct us to. Let's exercise our faith in new and challenging ways. Let's make 2018 the best year to date.



January 21st will be a historic moment in the Lewistown faith community of churches as the Ministerium is planning a combined worship service in the MCMS to begin at 10 AM. All denominations will gather as a unified body of Christ to demonstrate our unity in Christ. Circle your calendars.

Presently, there are plans to receive an offering that will go to a local organization or to our food banks. Your normal offerings can still go to First UMC. Stay tuned as plans for this worship service of Christian unity takes shape.

Shalom,

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February 4

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

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February 11

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February 18

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February 25

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February S.S. Teachers

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Outside Greeters
To be scheduled





Narrative Budget of First United Methodist Church, Lewistown For the year 2017_18 200 E. 3rd Street, Lewistown, PA 17044

Thank you for your financial support of First UMC! This narrative budget is provided for you to highlight just some of the many exciting life changing ministries that are possible because of your generosity.

Our Finance committee, headed by Laura Buffington, always seeks to fund important ministries while maintaining our buildings and grounds. The team has offered a modest budget to insure First Church has top notch staff and programs designed to make disciples for Jesus Christ and transform Lewistown.

The figure set forth for 2018 is \$386,259. Our Shares of Ministry to the Susquehanna Conference are set, and we expect to pay them in full once again.

Here are a few snapshots of just some of the 2017 ministry and mission that occurred because of your generosity. Thank you from the bottom of my heart as you continue to lead the way for faith development here in the Juniata Valley and Mifflin County.

Represented in these images are several community outreach projects. We are connecting with our neighbors and offering the love of God in tangible ways. Thank you for making this happen! Our N.O.W. Nurture, Outreach, and Witness Ministry!





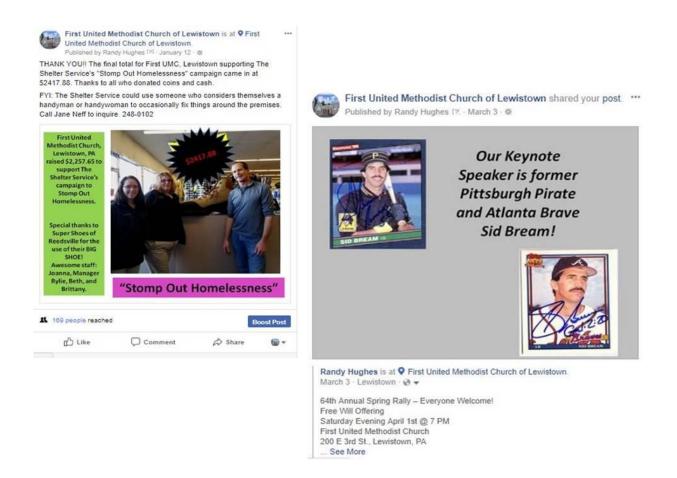
The development of a
Christian Education
Director - Youth Leader
for junior and senior high
students has born new
ministries and Heidi
Bracken continues to
grow interest and
excitement in our Sunday
School and youth

East Derry Elementary Adopt a School



departments. Julie Hannon and Bonnie Zannino are investing into young children and the elementary youth program continues to thrive. Our men's group labors on the Rat Rod project that you have so generously funded. Still an ongoing need there.

Good Eggs will be once again churning out yummy delights; your financial support through purchasing of the same, funds so many ministries and this all beyond budgetary structures. Thank you! More meaningful connections are made through the Spring Rally and partnering with local organizations like the Shelter. Your support of the Shelter's "Stomp Out Homelessness" went above and beyond the budget which demonstrates your generous spirit.



First Church has excellent staff and the work they do for Christ in His church profoundly impacts our spiritual growth and ability to transform Lewistown and the world beyond. The budget supports our staff and has allowed expansion of ministries. Finance, Stewardship, and Administrative costs are also a budgeted item that gets fully funded.

For obvious reasons, caring for our church building and providing funds for utilities and upkeep are vital. Our ministries need to have safe and comfortable places for people to gather in celebration of Jesus Christ. The budget identifies funds to cover utilities and church maintenance, which includes our van and office equipment.

The church trustees continue to do a fine job of maintenance and upkeep on the parsonage. As your pastoral family, we appreciate the warm, beautiful house you provide for our home, and we strive to

maintain it and care for it as though it were our own. Thank you for loving us by providing such a wonderful living space. The budget has earmarked money to support the parsonage utilities and upkeep.

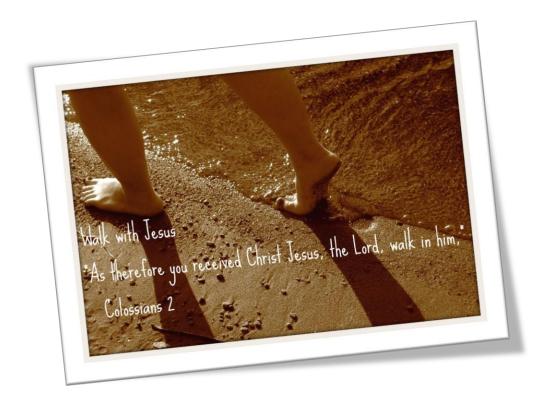
The continuation of spiritual development within women and men of First Church allows growth and movement of the Holy Spirit which leads into the streets to celebrate the Light of Jesus Christ, even in the midst of a secular observance like Halloween. Thank you for sharing your resources so we can push back the darkness to reveal to our community our hope in Jesus Christ!

Thank you for your continued support of ministry and mission at Lewistown First United Methodist Church. Your generosity is making a difference in many lives and families are strengthened.

Shalom, Pastor Randy

Randy S. Hughes

(2018 line item budgets are available from our church office upon request.)



Matthew 25 - 2017

In the last year through the generosity of the people of First, Grace, Lake Park, the Valley Parish churches and others there have been over 550 times families have been helped financially. I thank God for you and your gifts that made this help possible.

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 messages contained insufficient information to return calls. **In all, over \$17,500 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.

Shelter		
Rent	\$ 3617	38
Utilities	\$ 1763	36
(Natural Gas, Electricity, Water, Sewage, Ref	fuse, Phone)	
Fuel Oil	\$ 1215	29
Food	\$ 1390	68
+many pantry visits		
Medicine	\$ 1035	15
Diapers and Personal items	\$ 499	25
Transportation (Gasoline)		
Medical appointments	\$ 2434	114
Work related	\$ 1241	59
Other (Bus, train, gas, repairs, etc)	\$ 336	15
Miscellaneous		
(Work clothes, Photo ID, etc.)	\$14,898	418

One of those who has been helped on a number of occasions through the years called several days before Christmas. In her message she said, "I don't need anything. I'm just calling to wish you and everyone at the church a Merry Christmas. I appreciate what you have done for me so many times."

May God Bless the giver and receiver as we love one another in the name of Jesus.

In Christ's love,

Karen McCachren





Wednesday Bible Study resumes Jan. 3rd @ 10:30 AM and 7 PM. Vicki Elmer leads the morning study and Pastor Randy leads the evening study.

Beginning in January: A sermon series about mentoring and relationships within the scriptures and in our church.

Coming in late January: A five-week course for potential new members to FUMC. Event to be held here at the church on a Sunday morning.



Koinonia Women's Fellowship meets Tuesdays, January 2nd and February 6th @ 7 PM. January 2nd we will have Game Night. We'll play a game as two teams. Coordinator: Lisa Heckman, Devotions: Barb Refreshments: Carol Herbertson

Bake Auction Feb 6^{th} – Bring individually wrapped baked goods/sweets (whoopie pies, brownies, cookies, breads, homemade jelly, etc.)

Devotions – Lisa Heckman, Refreshments – Lisa Heckman



'Come to the Banquet,' our free community luncheons, resume the last Wednesday of the month at noon. So be sure to join us Wednesday, January 31st, and then again on Wednesday, February 28th, @ noon to enjoy a great free meal and fellowship.





January 7

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

January 14

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: TBS

10:30 Liturgist: TBS

January 21

10 AM Combined

Ministerium

Interdenominational

Service @ MCMS

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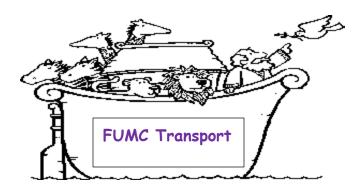


Junior Church Jan/Feb
To be scheduled



Kangaroo Kids Jan – Cathy Hunter Feb – TBS





Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service.



Children's Message Jan/Feb
To be scheduled

Jan/Feb
Acolytes To be
scheduled





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.

<u>Purpose</u> 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,

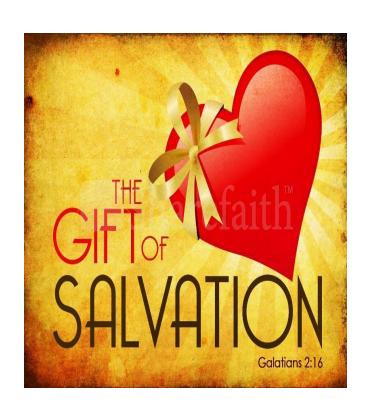
(kmccachren@comcast.net) or Laura or Bruce Buffington @

(lkbuff122@gmail.com)

717-242-1655,



Our prayers for health and wholeness are shared with:
Kiera Shuttlesworth, Nadine
Bryan, Jeffrey Schnurr, Al
Costello, David Jenkins, Tommy
Kerstetter, Gary Walls, Derk Reed and family, Judy Headings, Al and Donna Hughes, and the families of Leroy Black and Barbara Shearer.



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

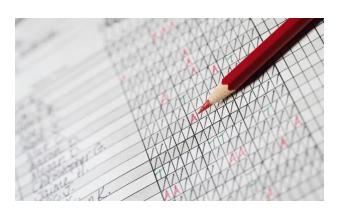
Dec 3	\$5,681
Dec 10	\$5,079
Dec 17	\$7,764
Dec 24	\$6,230



Unpaid Bills – 0.00

Attendance

Dec 3	152
Dec 10	145
Dec 17	158
Dec 24	361



2016 Average Attendance: 145 2017 Average Attendance: 151

Here's a brief look at selected categories of the 2018 budget breakdown versus last year.

If you would like a copy of the detailed budget please contact the office.

	2018	2017
Shares of Ministry	43,488	42,663
Education – Nurture	6,450	5,000
Nurture – Programs	8,450	3,800
Trustee Utilities	37,000	37,300
Trustee Operations	51,600	52,400
Finance	590	575
Stewardship	150	100
Administration	5,000	4,800
Witness/Outreach	5,500	5,500
Total Budget	386,259	371,330

"GOOD EGGS 2018"

It is the time of year to think about fellowship and fun and also the production and sales of our wonderful Peanut Butter, Coconut Cream, and Butter Cream GOOD Eggs. The



Good Eggs will be at FUMC Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Production begins at 8 AM on those days. Sales will be from 9 AM until 11:30 AM on the same days. There is a place for everyone! Give as much time as you care to in helping by being a Good Egg. Some are able to help every day; others can help occasionally; whatever fits your schedule is appreciated. Seasoned "veterans" and first time "rookies" are needed and WELCOME. Many hands make the work light.

Jobs available are:

Measurers to follow the recipe, Mixers run the machine

Rollers form the egg

Chocolatiers supply melted chocolate for coating

Skewer for dipping

Dippers coat the eggs with chocolate (maybe set a record for most at a time :--))

Runners take eggs to baggers, baggers package eggs and label for sale, Boxers for storage in cold room

Sales, take orders, fill orders, interact with public, and sell eggs All while talking, laughing, and getting to know each other in good egg fellowship!!!!!

January 18 10 AM Kitchen and Equipment Cleaning

January 22 8 AM Mixers and Rollers

January 23 8 AM Full production every one needed

January 22 until March 16 Production days 8 AM start

January 29 until March 23 Sales 9-11:30 AM M,T,TH,F

Egg Hotline 717-242-1539 to place orders

Questions to Marge McCardle or Dave McCachren, egg heads

Report of the Committee on Lay Leadership 2018 Officers for First United Methodist Church, Lewistown

The following are nominated:

The Ministry Council

Chairperson Tom Heckman Secretary To be voted in Trustees Chair Gyke McCardle Treasurer Barbara Baker Laura Buffington Finance Chair Vice Chair Susie Kratzer SPRC Chair Randy Fluke Stewardship Dave McCachren Director of Christian Education Heidi Bracken **Outreach Ministry** Jen Lynch Lay Leader Kraig Kratzer Lay Member of Annual Conference Jen Lynch Marge McCardle Alternate Youth Director Heidi Bracken

Randy Hughes **Pastor** Deacon of Caring Ministries Karen McCachren

Men's Ministry Tom Heckman and Kraig Kratzer Koinonia Barbara Baker/Lynne Westlin

At Large Members Harvey Eckert

Ministry Team Chairs Mission – Doug Lynch

HUB – Jen Lynch

Banquet – Lynne Westlin

Hospitality – Marge McCardle, Bonnie Zannino

Youth -- Heidi Bracken

ROO and JAM – Julie Hannon, Bonnie Zannino

Kangaroo Kids – Sandy Matthews

Worship – Pastor Randy Hughes/Katie Becker

Technology – Doug Lynch Custodians – Joe Lingle

Committees

Finance Chair Laura Buffington

Harvey Eckert, Charles Everhart, Lynne Westlin, Susan Kratzer Members

Randy Hughes, Pastor By Office

> Barbara Baker, Treasurer Randy Fluke, SPRC Chair Gyke McCardle, Trustee Chair

Tom Heckman, Ministry Council Chair

Dave McCachren, Stewardship

Bill Herbertson, Trusts Jim Havice, Capital Funds

Heidi Bracken, Director of Christian Education

Bev McClellan, At Large Member

Trustees By Church Discipline, pastor is a church trustee

Chair – Gyke McCardle

Members (2018) Sam Caldwell, Karen Doberneck, John Hasson

(2019) Gyke McCardle, Lynne Westlin, Charles Everhart

(2020) Barry Bargo, Doug Lynch

SPRC Chair -- Randy Fluke

Members (2018) Mark Salvatore, Pam Mannino, Randy Fluke

(2019) Ben Horning, Sandy Havice,

(2020) Carol Booher, TBF

Lay Leadership Chair Randy Hughes

Members (2018) Carol Booher

(2019) Jen Lynch

(2020)

Ministry Teams

Hospitality Co-Chairs Marge McCardle, Bonnie Zannino

Members Rose Marie Baumgardner, Beverly Knox, Krystan Hassinger,

Kelly Rutherford, Lisa Heckman, Gayle Case, Julie Hannon, Beth Knepp, Carol Herbertson, Bev McClellan, Paula Hoenstine, Megan Berry, Sierra Hassinger, Lauren Hassinger, Mary Jo

Everhart, Sandy Matthews,

Technology Chair Doug Lynch

Members Mark Harpster, Jared Lynch, Doug Lynch, Sandy Havice,

Jen Lynch, Edna Snook, Jane Freed, Barb Baker,

Pam Mannino, Mike Mannino, Bill Hoenstine, Bev McClellan,

Bob Broome

Worship Co-Chairs Randy Hughes/Katie Becker

Members Carol Herbertson, Bonnie Vannatta, Karen McCachren,

Edna Snook

Contemporary Worship Co-Chairs Randy Hughes/Katie Becker

Members Karen McCachren, Jen Lynch, Anne Becker, Heidi Bracken

Come to the Banquet Chair Lynne Westlin (and responsible for kitchen)

Members Food – Jane Freed, Publicity and Decorations – Nadine Bryan

Supplies – Deb Bargo, Transportation

Stewardship Chair David McCachren

Members

By Office Pastor Randy Hughes, Jim and Sandy Havice, Capital Funds

Membership Chair Karen McCachren

Members Randy Hughes, Betty Baxter, Sandy Matthews

Servant Ministry Leaders

Worship

Coordinate Ushers 8 AM John Hasson, 10:30 AM Tom Heckman

Coordinate Greeters 8 AM Jim and Sandy Havice, 10:30 AM Beth Knepp 8 AM Randy Fluke/Lynne Westlin, 10:30 AM Beth Knepp Liturgists

Acolytes Jen Lynch Music Katie Becker

Organists Lauri Dulis, Fred Benner, Richard Hamler

Communion Steward Gayle Case-Lepley, Chris Stevens, Michelle Snyder

Home Communions Carol Herbertson Altar Guild Carol Herbertson Kangaroo Kids Sandy Matthews

OPEN Nursery Junior Church **OPEN**

Lay Speakers Randy Fluke, Jen Lynch, Doug Lynch

Prayer Chain Bruce and Laura Buffington, David and Karen McCachren

Sunday School Clerk **Bruce Buffington**

New Ray of Hope Karen McCachren, Betty Benner

Quilters Betty Baxter Crop Walk Randy Fluke

Homespun Chair

Deb Bargo

Members Betty Baxter, Kathy Martofel, Bonnie Zannino

Sue Fluke, Lynne Westlin, Deb Havice

Giving Tree Chair

Betty Baxter Members

Sue Fluke, Bev Miller, Helen Searer, June Taylor, Jeanne Horning, Cindy Seaholtz, Connie Walters

Funeral Meal Coordinators Dave McCachren

Good Eggs Dave McCachren, Marge McCardle

Clothing Bank Tandi Lauver, Betty Benner, Sally Greenaway

LUMINA Bob Broome, Al Hughes Rose Marie Baumgardner **Knitting Circle** Pink Connection Su Salvatore, Bev Knox

Matthew 25 Karen McCachren, Rich Tomlinson

Easter Breakfast Don Stimely/Randy Fluke

Money Counters Chair

Members Ann Burdge, Kay Lewis, Cheryl Hasson,

Stu Ellis

Connie Walters, Tom Walters

Scouts Randy Hughes Randy Hughes AA

The Giving Tree 2017



We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Giving Tree Christmas Project this year.

Whether you took a child's name, helped wrap, or gave a cash gift, you helped put joy into a child's heart this Christmas.

The First Church family always comes through in sharing God's love with these needy children.

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who put in so much time and passion to help the kids.

May God Bless you All, Betty Baxter





January

- 1. Marlene Pierce
- 4. Sandy Matthews
- 4. Jill Bryan
- 12. Mary Jo Everhart
- 18. Steve Richardson
- 21. Sandy Havice
- 22. Allie Sieber
- 25. Ann Burdge
- 25. Bev Clelan
- 28. Ben Horning
- 30. Phyllis Elliott
- 30. Suzan McClure



February

- 5. Louise Smithers
- 8. Maxine Householder
- 9. Nadine Bryan
- 9. Barb Eby
- 10. Joe Lingle
- 10. Laura Buffington
- 10. Tristan Hileman
- 11. Leonard Ronk
- 15. Jeanne Horning
- 16. Jim Dulis
- 19. Dick Taylor
- 21. Mike Goss
- 21. Roger Searer
- 23. Gloria Cook

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Deacon of Caring Ministries E-Mail: kmccachren@comcast.net

Education Director/Youth Leader: **Heidi Bracken**

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

Outreach Coordinator: Jen Lynch responder 1824@msn.com

Music Staff:

Choirs Director: Katie Becker

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

Support Staff:

Custodian: Joe Lingle

Office Manager: Rob Hagenberger

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - Noon Phone: 717-248-4618 Fax: 717-242-4757

Email: fumc200@outlook.com

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 15th of each month!









January 2018

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Sunday Mornings 8:30 Youth Breakfasts/Music 9:30 Youth S.S.	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 7 PM Koinonia Game Night	3 10:30/7 Bible Study 5-7 Youth	4 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8:00 PM AA	5	6
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