

The First Forecast

of
First United Methodist Church

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

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‘Renewal and Restoration’

October 2015

Hey Beloved of God,

First of all, let me say how welcome you have made Tracie, Joe, and I feel in our first 2 months. Thank you! Go ahead and ask me, “How are things going?” Glad you asked. Let me show you some stuff going on in our church.



Leadership Retreat and the pastor’s attempt at a ‘selfie’.

Recently, we held a leadership retreat predominantly comprised of our Ministry Council. We met at the Havice farm and journeyed toward First Church’s new bright future. We are not there yet but moving in the right direction. Renewal and restoration were key words used that day. We spoke of ‘relational discipleship’ being the DNA of our future. (Communicating and connecting with each other.) Our next gathering will be October 24th for more goal-setting and work.



Our church offered the ‘Block Party’. Thanks to all the hands and feet of Christ that made this bridge building event happen. Awesome! The pastor got a tattoo! It washed off the next day! 😊

Block Party – Making New Friends



We celebrated marriage and vow renewal with Eric and Betty Benner. What a fun time to see a family strengthened and the church support them in their 25th anniversary!



In case you missed it, we have a new website and are placing Sunday sermons on Youtube. These social media tools are advancing our ministry presence and actively spreading the Gospel to a wider audience.

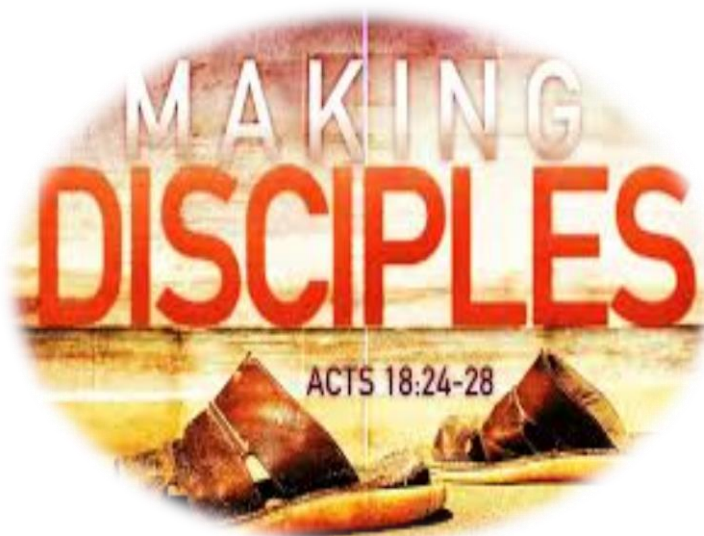
Lewistown First UMC -- <http://fumhospitality.wix.com/fumc>

Youtube link on our website -- (FUMC Hospitality)

We are caring, sharing, and preparing to make disciples for Jesus and want to transform broken lives into new ones. Glad we can do this important work together.

Peace,

PR





Our next 'Come to the Banquet' free monthly luncheon is slated for Wednesday, October 28th, @ noon. Everyone is welcome! Join us!

Our new website address is

<http://fumhospitality.wix.com/fumc>

Be sure to look for Pastor Randy's daily blog. We are also on Facebook at **First United Methodist Church of Lewistown**. On both pages there is a link to **YouTube** where videos,

including the 10:30 message, are posted. You can also go directly to www.youtube.com and search FUMC Hospitality for our channel.

If you have questions contact Sandy Matthews @ 513-3132 or sanray2@verizon.net Special thanks to Sandy Matthews, Bill Hoenstine, and Bev McClellan for their great work.



3 Bible Studies are happening now!

RENEWED, a study which helps answer the age old question, "What does it mean to be United Methodists," is a 6 week study

running through October 25th, @ 9:15 AM. **Our weekly Bible Study** which explores various books of the Bible has resumed @ 10:30 AM and 7 PM every Wednesday. **A new Men's DVD Bible Study**, "Stepping Up," by Family Life Today is being held @ the Heckman's home every Monday evening beginning @ 7 PM. This 10 week journey open to boys and men 12 years old and up runs through Nov. 23rd.

Koinonia Fun and Fellowship -

Koinonia, our Women's Fellowship Group, meets Tuesday, October 6th, @ 7 PM. All women are invited to attend. Contact Lynne Westlin or Barb Baker with any questions.





Worship Schedule

October 4

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:15 RENEWED

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

October 11

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:15 RENEWED

8:00 Liturgist: Jim Havice

10:30 Liturgist: TBS

October 18

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:15 RENEWED

8:00 Liturgist: Jim Havice

10:30 Liturgist: TBS

1 PM CROP Walk

October 25

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:15 RENEWED

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

2 PM **Charge Conference**

@ Granville UMC



October S.S. Teachers
Grades 1-12 Combined Class
Michelle Snyder



Greeters

8 AM **Connie & Tom Walters**

10:30 AM **Leslie Goss,**

Wendy Barton

Outside Greeters
To be Scheduled



Oct 4 Bev McClellan
 Oct 11 Bev McClellan
 Oct 18 Kelly Rutherford
 Oct 25 Kelly Rutherford

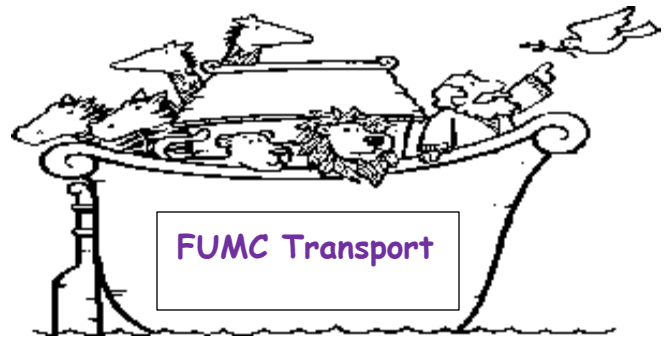


Junior Church

Oct 4 Laura Buffington
 Oct 11 Laura Buffington
 Oct 18 Chris Ferencz
 Oct 25 Chris Ferencz



Kangaroo Kids
 Sierra Hassinger



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. The Van Driver for October is yet to be scheduled.



Children's Message

Oct 4 Bruce Buffington
 Oct 11 Pastor Randy
 Oct 18 Pastor Randy
 Oct 25 Pastor Randy

Acolyte -
 Steve
 Renninger





Please note policy change –

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

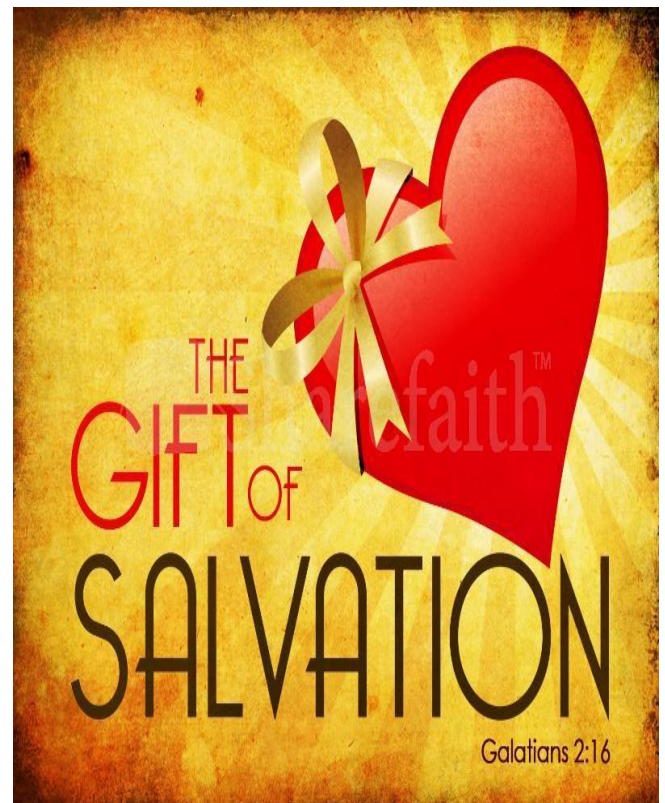
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

Purpose The prayer chain provides confidential intercessory prayer.

To request prayer or to become a praying member call:

Dave or Karen McCachren at 248-8459,
(kmccachren@comcast.net) or
Laura or Bruce Buffington @ 242-1655,
(lkbuff122@gmail.com)

*Our prayers for health and wholeness are shared with:
Rev. Dick Swartz, Judy Pennepacker, Rev. Don Ciampa, Bev Miller, Ruth Miller, Dawn Mierly, Esther Collins, Elanor Traxler, and the family of Jean Mierley.*



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

Sept 6	\$4,294
Sept 13	\$4,761
Sept 20	\$4,798

Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

Attendance

Sept 6	151
Sept 13	164
Sept 20	167

2015 YTD Average Attendance: **142**



*The Finance Committee meets Tuesday, October 13th, @ 7 PM.
Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to attend this budget meeting.
2016 Budget Worksheets are due back to the Finance Committee by
Sunday, October 4th. See Laura Buffington if you have any questions
about the worksheets.*





We're planning a Corn Maze trip for our Youth on Saturday, October 17th. This is still a tentative date for the activity so stay tuned for more details.

The Youth will be collecting donations again this year for UNICEF. This will take place during the Children's Sermon on October 25th. Please support this great program.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT
FOR UNICEF**

If you have any questions about our FUM Youth Group please see Julie Hannon or Bonnie Zannino. Join us!





October

1. Aaron Snook
2. Klara Feather
7. Harvey Eckert
7. Julia Butler
8. Joyce Wertz
8. Richard Cook
11. Peggy Stimely
12. Betty Baxter
13. Judy Caldwell
15. Karen Doberneck
16. Susan Kratzer
17. Nancy Lingle
17. Bonnie Vannatta
19. Tom McElhaney
20. Sally Greenaway
22. Betty Benner
25. Kay Lewis
27. Lisa Heckman
28. Tammy Matthews
30. Katie Becker
31. Glenda Knox-Dillman



The Altar Flowers

October 4

The altar flowers are presented in honor of Su and Mark Salvatore's anniversary.

October 11

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Tom Wertz by Joyce, Sandy, and family.

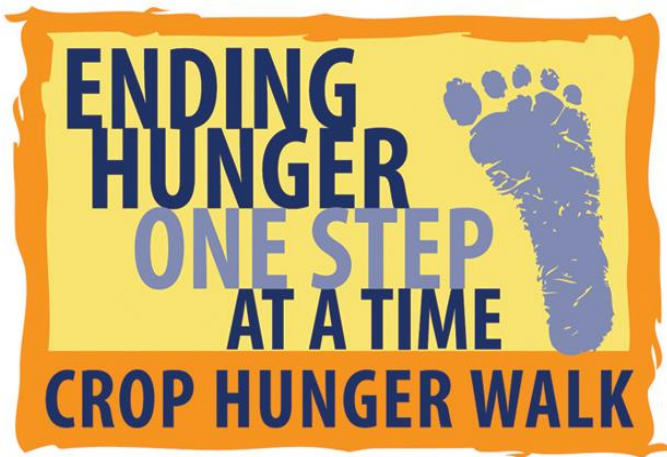
October 18

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

October 25

The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Ella Thompson by Anna Carothers.





Lewistown CROP Hunger Walk
October 18, 2015 Kish Park - Green Pavilion

Registration 1:00 Walk starts 1:15

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and Salvation Army will share 25% of the total CROP Hunger Walk Income

To sign up as a walker and receive a pledge envelope please see Randy Fluke.

A list of walkers will be advertised later.

Please consider walking and/or giving generously.

*****This event is not sponsored or endorsed by Derry Township, Mifflin County*****

What is your impact?

Funds you raise in a CROP Hunger Walk help global communities to flourish.

\$24 can provide a 1-year supply of Vitalia nutrition packets for 20 children - to promote healthy development and prevent life long health problems.

\$50 can provide a hoe, shovel, and seeds to help a family grow their own healthy food to eat and to sell at market.

\$110 can give emergency food packages - locally purchased and culturally appropriate - for a family of five for one month.

\$140 can provide a pair of pigs - soon providing a piglet to share with another family in need of a great source of food and income.

\$300 can provide 15 biosand filters that help prevent the spread of disease or 10 meters of a shallow borehole well for a community desperate for clean, safe water and sustainable food security.

\$525 can provide seven raised planting beds with nutrient-rich soil and gardening tools.

\$1,000 can support 10 women with small grants to jump-start their businesses or pump and maintenance training which allow women and girls to grow food and attend school, instead of carrying water long distances daily.





Homespun XXIX is coming! Our Homespun Bazaar is slated for Thursday, November 5th, 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*

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



Our legendary Turkey Dinner takes place during Homespun – Thursday, Nov. 5th, from 4-7 PM. Tickets will go on sale in early October, the cost for adults is \$8. We will have a sign-up sheet for helpers. Join us for this great, traditional meal.

- The Homespun Committee



A Note from our Choirs Director -

I have played on many pianos. Uprights and grands, small and large, in practice rooms and on stages and in churches. Of all of the instruments that I have ever played on, the Steinway in our sanctuary is one of the most lovely. It has incredible tone, as one would expect from such a big name, and is delightful to play.

Something about music has always connected with me, but I have always found it especially easy to get lost in music when playing a piano. I have to confess, there are times when I'm at the church for other things, and I'll just sit down and finger dance on the keys, just because. I open the cover, and listen to the music filling up the empty sanctuary, and it just fills my soul. I've even come to the church a few times JUST to play the piano.

There is a certain amount of maintenance that needs to be done on any instrument, but there are a great many little pieces in a piano, all of which have to work together correctly in order to make the instrument work as well as it possibly can. Not only is there tuning, but over the years, other parts of the piano start to wear down and work more poorly than when they were new. The "action" - the way the keys move and control the hammers - gets uneven over the length of the piano, and stops working as easily as it should. The felt covering the hammers wears down and the tone of the piano starts to sound harsh and jarring. Mostly this starts as something that the majority of people who haven't spent time getting intimately acquainted with the instrument wouldn't notice, but it's there, and over time becomes a real problem.

Recently, our piano was regulated, correcting these very issues. It's a difficult process, involving first removing the insides of the piano, similar to removing the engine block from a vehicle, and then detailed attention to all 88 keys and their various connecting pieces. Does all of this sound daunting? It is. It's a very complicated process, and frankly expensive. But our beautiful piano is worth it.

- Katie

Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital
Ethics Committee presents



It's a Family Matter

a program about
Living with Advanced Illness, Dying Well, and the
Importance of Talking About It with Family

Tuesday, October 13, 2015
6:30 pm

Calvary Bible Church
100 Calvary Lane, Lewistown, PA 17044

For more information, please call 717-242-7102

On Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm, Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital's Ethics Committee is pleased to present *It's a Family Matter: Living with Advanced Illness, Dying Well, and the Importance of Talking About It with Family* at Calvary Bible Church.

This one-hour program focuses on the importance of family conversations in the context of advanced chronic illness—difficult, but necessary conversations about living and dying well.

The program includes useful information about chronic disease and the impact of chronic disease on the physical, the psychological, and the spiritual well-being of patients and their families. It concludes with a description of easy-to-use tools for talking with family and with doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals about one's own wishes and preferences for care at the end of life.

The program features Dan Davis, PhD, system-wide director of bioethics for the Geisinger Health System.



First U.M. Church Staff

Ministry Staff:

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Coordinator of Teaching Ministries: **Jen Lynch**



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Choirs Director: Katie Becker

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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!***





October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	2	3
4 8/10:30 Worship 9:15 Renewed	5 7 PM Ray of Hope 7 PM Men's Bible Study	6 7 PM Koinonia	7 10:30 AM/7 PM Bible Study	8 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	9	10
11 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:15 Renewed	12 7 PM Ray of Hope 7 PM Men's Bible Study	13 7 PM Finance Budget Meeting	14 10:30 AM/7 PM Bible Study 7 PM Pink Connection	15 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	16	17 TBA Youth Trip to Corn Maze
18 8/10:30 Worship 9:15 RENEWED 1 PM CROP Walk 	19 7 PM Ray of Hope 7 PM Men's Bible Study	20 6 PM Hospitality 7 PM Trustees	21 10:30 AM/7 PM Bible Study	22 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	23	24 9 AM Leadership Retreat @ Havies' 
25 8/10:30 Worship 9:15 RENEWED 2 PM Charge Conf. @ Granville UMC Youth - UNICEF	26 7 PM Ray of Hope 7 PM Men's Bible Study	27 1-3 PM Knitting Circle	28 10:30 AM/7 PM Bible Study 10:30-1:30 Clothing Closet Noon 'Banquet'	29 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	30	31