

Last Week's Attendance and Giving

Attendance	92
Regular Giving.....	6,300.00
Plate/S.S.....	278.00
Total Giving for administrative/operating expenses.....	6,578.00
Average weekly total needed to continue offering the ministries/administrative objectives of FUMC.....	6,000.00
Designated Giving for ministry/projects (not for operating objectives)	
Lumina	44.35
Matthew 25	175.00

Calendar

<u>T</u> oday	9:30 Worship 9:30 Facebook Live Rainbow Bell Choir
<u>M</u> onday	7PM New Ray of Hope
<u>W</u> ednesday	1:30PM Bible Study at Freedom Ave UMC based on "Ten Men of the Bible" by Max Lucado
<u>T</u> hursday	6:30PM Bell Choir 7:30 Sanctuary Choir 8PM AA
<u>S</u> unday	9:30 Worship 9:30 Facebook Live Rainbow Bell Choir

The Rainbow Bell Choir will play again for the church on February 16. It rehearses briefly after the church services every Sunday. Children of any age are welcome to join at any time!

Bus Trip to Sight & Sound to see "Noah" is planned for Good Friday, Apr. 18, 2025. If interested, please contact Darla Rickert at darla.f.rickert@gmail.com or provide your contact info to Pastor Steve.

Pastor Steven Small is planning a date for a mission trip to the Georgia area through the conference Emergency Response Teams, March 23-29. Pastor Steven can be contacted at 814-414-7505 for more information.

The worship committee will meet February 10 at 6 pm in the sanctuary overflow. All are welcome to attend and help with worship planning.

Freedom Ave Soup Sale orders are due by Feb. 2 and pick up at the church is on Feb. 9, 9am – 6pm. Sign-up sheet is on the welcome desk.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 E 3rd Street
Lewistown, PA
February 2, 2025



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Liturgist: Rev. Karen McCachren **Children's Message:** Pastor Steve

Worship Leaders: Bruce and Laura Buffington

Music Director: Katie Becker **Organist:** Lauri Dulis

PowerPoint: Doug Lynch **Technical Coordinator:** Jared Lynch

Jr Church: Pam and Elaine

February 2, 2025 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Announcements 9:30

(We welcome all who are worshipping with us on Facebook live.)

Prelude "A Joyous Song of Praise" Samuel Wesley

* Call to Worship

God is our Rock and Refuge, our strong fortress.
Praise God who rescues and delivers us.

God accepts us, even when people do not.

God affirms us, even when we fail.

Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.
God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith.

We are here to worship the God who empowers us.

* Opening Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH 600

Special Music "Speak to One Another" Sanctuary Choir

Special Music "Mighty to Save" Mandy Knosp

Invocation (in unison)

God of love, in whose name we are consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope, and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows change to transform us in the presence of your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message Pastor Steve Portner

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world, Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children ages 4-10 may go upstairs for Jr. Church. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary by Junior Church leaders for communion.

* Hymn "Thy Word" UMH 601

* Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version" UMH 882

* Scripture Reading: Luke 4:21-30

L: This is the word of our Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

Message "Good News Is Meant to be Shared" Pastor Steve Portner

A Service of Holy Communion UMH 12

Tithes/Offering

Offertory "Bread of the World" Hodges

Doxology UMH 94

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of Intercession W/ Lord's Prayer UMH 895

* Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH 251

* Call to Commission

Let the Scriptures be fulfilled by your faithfulness.

Let the Word take flesh in all you do.

God promises to be our Rock and our Refuge.

God is ever with us to deliver us.

* Benediction

* Postlude "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" Nichol

*(*Please stand as you are able)*

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Prayer Squares: Carol Smith *If you know of someone who would like a Prayer Square, please contact Chris Ferencz at 717-250-1600 or caf6@verizon.net.*

2/9/25 -- Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

"Using Our Skills for Jesus"

Our prayers for peace, health, and wholeness are shared with: Judy Headings, Larry Searer, Sandy Havice, Pam Bell, Vicki Elmer, Donald Libby, Paul & Nadine Bryan, Ruth and Bob Broome, Karen Chesla, Stacy Mohr, Troy Gro, Bill and Rosemarie Baumgardner, Ruth and Darl Miller, Brenda Reeder, Estella "Sis" Smith, Rebecca Knepp, Mike Schieber, Bobby Costello, John McKnight, Jean and Jim Walker, Katie Setzle, Carrie Stuft, Toby Sweigart, Esther Heider, Karen Doberneck, Chris Havice, Bonnie Harbst, Schamburg family, Kyle Smith, Dan Demskie, Bill Buffington, Brianna Renshaw, Robert Beers, Roger Searer, Becky Scholl, Randy Snyder, Scott Noss, Tammy Lucci, Barry Bargo, Nick Dickson, Brian Decker, Allen Kratzer, Phyllis Snyder, Pete Marsh, Robert Benner, Jr., Cara Walters, Tibby McClure, Julie Sieber, Family of Jerry Clelan, Tom Fletcher, Hope Collective Prayer for our community: Elementary Schools