

The First Forecast of First United Methodist Church

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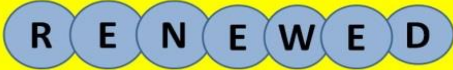
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Spring into Action

March 2017

Upcoming Highlights

RENEWED – Resurrect, Engage, N' Encourage Witness Every Day
RENEWED is the five week course on our heritage as United Methodists and introduces our five points of discipleship. Begins March 5th.



Resurrect, Engage aNd Encourage Witness Every Day

(5) Week Course to answer the age old question...
"What does it mean to be United Methodist?"

Beginning: Sunday, March 5th (9:15 – 10:15 AM)
meet in Youth Room, lower level!

The Good Eggs are back in full swing. Egg days are M,T,TH,F. Sales hours are 9-11:30. The Egg Hotline is 242-1539. The best eggs in town! We have peanut butter, coconut cream, and butter cream eggs. Still just \$.80/egg.



Spring Rally Sponsored by UMMen
We celebrate the Spring Rally
here @ FUMC on Saturday, April 1st. Singing begins @ 6:30 PM and the Program gets underway @ 7 PM. The guest speaker for this year's Rally is former Pittsburgh Pirate Sid Bream. We will have a special meal from 4:30-6:30 before the program. Details announced soon. Join us!



Leadership = Influence

We have just completed a month long focus on hospitality. While we were thinking about the church in our worship and devotion time, hospitality is something that translates well into our families, neighborhoods, and community.



First church continues to be an amazing faith community that leads the way in sharing the love of God. Here are a few ways our church has made a profound influence in healing the community of Lewistown.

- † Our Block Party Community VBS
- † Strong support of Lumina Week of Caring
- † Matthew 25 ministry
- † Supporting our Law Enforcement and First Responders
- † Working with other churches in the community.

What can we add to this list? What people group needs First church to shine God's light into their circle? How will God use us in the next year? Let's pray and dream. Let's seek God's heart for this part of the world to which we have been entrusted.

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Living Orange Life

March is here at Living Orange Life (LOL). We are learning new things and seeing new helpers join in on the fun is awesome.



XP3 Grades 6 to 9

You’ve probably heard of “escape rooms”—you know, those places where you get locked in a room with your friends and then try to escape by solving puzzles and secret codes? Some people love them and can’t wait to solve the puzzles, while others count down the minutes until they’re over. Just like an escape room, we all handle difficult and painful situations differently . . . but often we look for some type of relief. Maybe it’s a Netflix binge, or gaming, or spacing out while listening to Spotify. Maybe it’s staring at a phone and scrolling for hours. Whatever it is, we all have a favorite distraction—something we get lost in. Something that helps us escape reality. But the trouble is, these good and fun distractions sometimes lead to hurting others, hurting ourselves, or damaging our relationship with God.

In this series, we’ll look at how to deal with difficult situations in our lives. As we do, we just might find that God’s inviting us to stop avoiding and escaping hard times, and instead, face our troubles head-on. And maybe we’ll see that through our struggles, God builds our character, provides us with comfort, and calls us to share that comfort with others.

Here are few songs to listen to:

“Trust It All” by Brett Stanfill (from *Northpoint Inside Out: Hear (Live)*)
“When The Fight Calls (Live)” by Hillsong Young & Free (from *Youth Revival*)

“It Is Well” by Bethel Music, Kristene Dimarco (from *It Is Well (Radio Mix)*)

“Fierce” by Jesus Culture, Chris Quilala

252 Grades k-5

Forgiveness is a reflection of the character of God.

Throughout Scripture, we are reminded about God’s grace and forgiveness.

God makes us white as snow. (Isaiah 1:18)

God’s mercies are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

God is faithful and just to forgive our sins. (1 John 1:9)

When our relationship with God was broken beyond repair, God offered His only Son as the way to forgive us and restore the broken relationship.

Since we are created in God’s image, we have the ability to offer forgiveness when people in our lives hurt us. God’s love in us makes it possible for us to forgive others and work towards fixing our own relationships that break down from time to time.

Jesus made it possible for us to have God’s forgiveness.

God’s showed us just how much He cares about forgiveness when He made the ultimate sacrifice and sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin. While sin separates us from God, He offers grace and forgiveness as a gift for us to receive. We have been forgiven of so much, it’s only right that we turn to those in our lives and offer forgiveness to them in return.

That’s why we think it’s important for us to help our kids and families discover more about Forgiveness—deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

Our Memory Verse for March comes from Colossians 3:13.



Some songs you may look up on Youtube to listen to and learn:

“Let It Be Known” from *Movin’ Me*

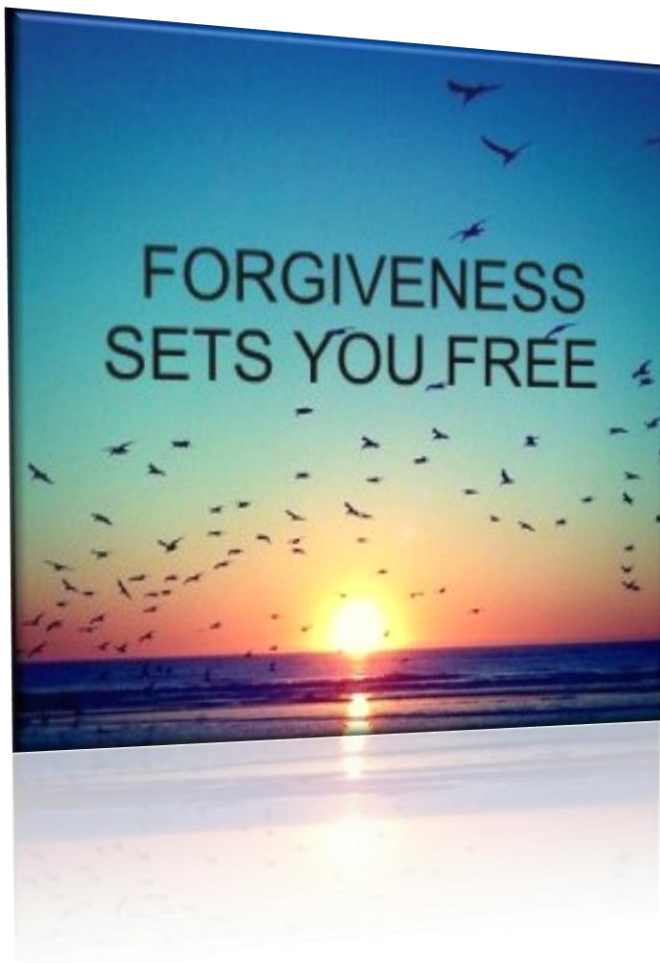
“Forever Reign” from *Living Inside Out*

“Happy Day” from *Live It Out*

“Let Revolution Start” from *Living Inside Out*

“Good Good Father” from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 4*

We would like to thank the Agape class for helping us out with decorating the 252 area for LOL (Living Orange Life).





March S.S. Teachers

Nursery – Rose Baumgardner

Pre-School - K - Aleta Harpster

Grades 1-2 - Bonnie Zannino

Grades 3-5 - Tina Stoner

Grades 6-9 – Tracie Hughes

Grades 10-12 – Doug Lynch

March 5

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

9:15 **RENEWED**

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

March 12

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

9:15 **RENEWED**

8:00 Liturgist: Randy Fluke

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

March 19

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

9:15 **RENEWED**

8:00 Liturgist: Randy Fluke

10:30 Liturgist: TBS

March 26

8:00/10:30 AM **Worship**

9:10 Sunday School

9:15 **RENEWED**

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen



greeters

8 AM **Connie & Tom Walters**

10:30 AM **TBS**

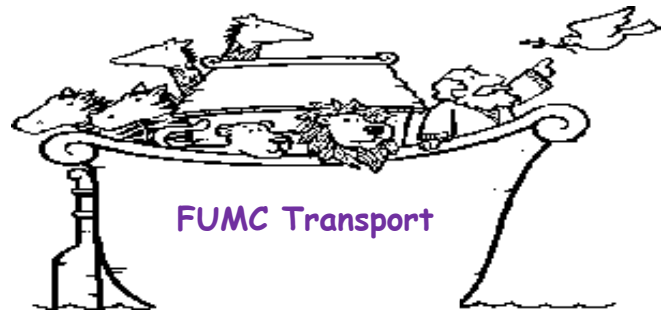
Outside Greeters

TBS





March 5, 12, 19 -
Lauren Hassinger
March 26 -
Sandy, Stacey



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Please call to arrange transportation.



Junior Church
Bonnie Zannino and
Julie Hannon



Children's Message
March 5 Bruce Buffington
March 12 TBS
March 19 TBS
March 26 TBS



Kangaroo Kids
Bonnie/Julie

Acolyte -
TBS





In accordance with privacy policy @ Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital you need to inform Rev. Karen McCachren (248-1011 or 437-6023) or the church office if you are hospitalized and desire a visit.

Prayer Chain Line:

Call 248-8459 or 242-1655

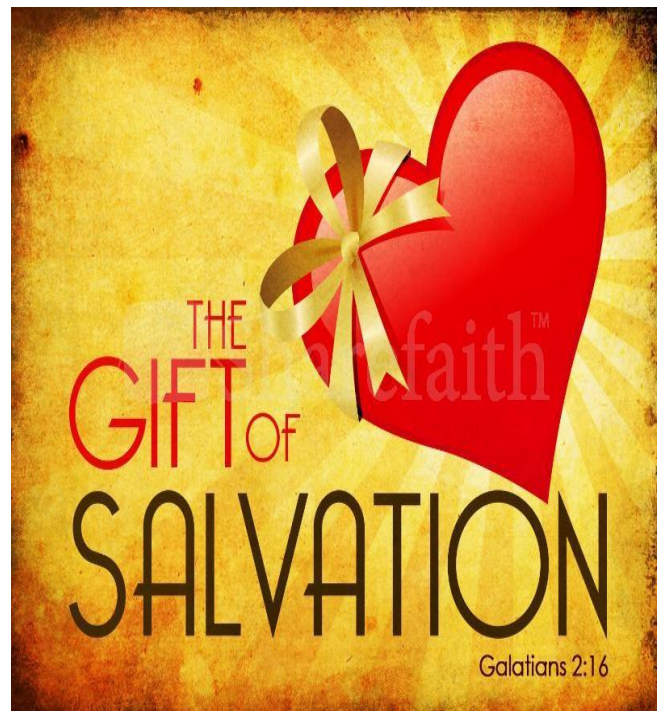
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

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:**
Dawn Mierley, Tom Lyter, Bob Goodwin, Lois Thompson, Gary Mast, Bill Baumgardner, Nancy Adair, Kiera Shuttlesworth, Harvey Eckert, and Bob Horning.*



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

Feb 5	\$6,784
Feb 12	\$4,642
Feb 19	\$5,593

Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

Attendance

Feb 5	174
Feb 12	122
Feb 19	146

2017 YTD Average Attendance: **137**

2016 YTD Average Attendance: **155**



Community Ash Wednesday Service
@ Rhodes Memorial United Methodist
Church on March 1st @ 7 PM.



Men's Lenten Breakfasts
during March @ 7:30 AM.
March 4 – FUMC
March 11 – Watts UMC
March 18 – Grace UMC
March 25 – Rhodes UMC



Koinonia Women's Fellowship
Tuesday, March 7th, @ 6 PM –
We will enjoy a St. Patrick's
Day Dinner and Get-together
@ Karen Doberneck's home.
Bring an Irish dish to share.
Devotions – Elaine
All women are invited to join us!
Contact Barb Baker (248-6649)
or Lynne Westlin (248-8229)
for more information or details.



'Come to the Banquet'
Wednesday, March 29th, @ noon.
Join us for our monthly free
luncheon.
Everyone is invited!





Dear Christian Friends,

On behalf of the LUMINA Center, I would like to thank you for your wonderful support of the Center through your donation of \$759.06 for use in general fund. We are very appreciative of your love and care for the children, youth and families of Mifflin and Juniata Counties.

Deborah Wilt, Center Director

Dear Congregation,

On behalf of the residents and staff of Shelter Service, Inc., we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your generous and much needed donation campaign to 'Stomp Out Homelessness' of \$2,442.98. Thank you for being a compassionate member of our community, who not only cares but cares enough to take action! Because of your donations, the shelter is able to provide forty-two people in our community with a warm, dry, safe, temporary place to live as they work toward establishing permanent housing, stability, and independence. Again, thank you for your support in breaking the cycle of homelessness in our community.

Jane Neff, Executive Director

Dear Congregation,

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. The community police officers and families want to thank you for your kindness and support with your Law Enforcement Sunday service. The kids were great!

Lewistown Borough Police





March

1. Tim Thompson
2. Phyllis Dickson
5. Abb Dalby
8. Lynne Westlin
9. Sam Caldwell
13. Barry Bargo
18. Stu Ellis
18. Michelle Snyder
20. Dave Bowers
20. Pam Kennedy
22. Paula Pierce
25. Rose Baumgardner
26. Cindy Seaholtz
28. Doug Lynch
29. Sue Fluke



The Altar Flowers

March 5

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

March 12

The altar flowers are presented in honor of our wonderful pastors from a grateful congregation.

March 19

Flowers are presented to the glory of God.

March 26

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

Please use the enclosed Lily/World Hunger Order form to order Easter flowers.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Deadline for ordering is March 31st. Cost per lily is \$8.50.



In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Presented by _____

Make check payable to the First United Methodist Church. Place in offering plate or mail to First U.M. Church, 200 E. Third St., Lewistown, PA 17044. On your memo line please write Lily or World Hunger.

In lieu of a lily I would like my contribution to go to the World Hunger Project.

_____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Only contributions made in memory of or in honor of a loved one and filling out this form will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

How Many? _____ **Amount** _____ **Check No.** _____

Persons ordering lilies are requested to pick them up following the 10:30 service on Easter and deliver them to your special persons. The altar guild will not be making deliveries of Easter lilies.

First U.M. Church Staff

Ministry Staff:

Pastor: **Rev. Randy Hughes**

Pastor E-Mail: rhughes@susumc.org

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

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

Coordinator of Teaching Ministries: **Jen Lynch**



Music Staff:

Choirs Director: Katie Becker

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

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Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - Noon

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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!***





Join us for a fun night at the Ballpark on Aug. 13th.

We will take in a State College Spikes game @ Medlar Field in State College @ 6:05 PM.

Tickets are \$13/person. We have a sign-up sheet @ the Welcome Center. Contact Sam Caldwell to participate and pay for tickets. This year we will be in the Diamond Club seating area.

We had a great time at the ballpark last year. We will meet @ the church and travel together or you can meet us there.



March 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30/7 Bible Study 7 PM Ash Wednesday Community Service @ Rhodes	2 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	3 Wedding Rehearsal	4 7:30 AM Men's Lenten Breakfast @ FUMC Pecht Wedding
5 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School 9:15 RENEWED	6 7 PM Ray of Hope 7 PM Mission Trip Planning Meeting	7 6 PM Koinonia St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner @ Karen Doberneck's Home	8 10:30/7 Bible Study Noon Lenten Lunch @ First Baptist 7 PM Pink Connection	9 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	10	11 7:30 AM Men's Lenten Breakfast @ Watts UMC
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26 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School 9:15 RENEWED	27 7 PM Ray of Hope	28 4 PM Wedding 1-3 PM Knitting 7 PM Ministry Council	29 10:30/7 Bible Study Noon 'Come to the Banquet'	30 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	31 Good Eggs Last Day of Making Eggs	Good Eggs work M/T/TH/F from 8 AM – 11:30 AM Egg Hot Line 242-1539