

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

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

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'Mission'

May 2019

Mission – (n.) an important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel.

synonyms: assignment –
commission – expedition –
journey - [trip](#)

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



† a group of people sent on a mission. (syn. Delegation)

† the vocation or calling of a religious organization, especially a Christian one, to go into the world and spread its faith.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus called people out of their learned trade to engage and invest them into a place of vocation they had never done previously?

I wonder about such things and contemplate how churches understand missions. I contemplate how I understand the same.

If our main task as followers of Jesus is to make more followers (that requires us to be in relationship with non-believers) then it seems to me that Jesus is calling us out of our learned trades and vocations to engage a whole new place of learning and spiritual growth.

I'm trying to envision Jesus walking along the Sea of Galilee and hailing the fishermen to "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) and they begin dragging their boats and fishing gear behind them as they scurry along after Jesus. ☹

No, on the contrary, the following verse 20 says, “At once they left their nets and followed him.”

This month, we will be seeking your help as the mission team prepares to venture to Onondaga Reservation in Syracuse, NY (June 8-14) to continue the relationship we have with friends and neighbors there.

The Italian Night is a prime fund raiser for the mission delegation and it always proves to be a fun time filled with good food, good entertainment, and some sketchy singing by various unnamed folk.

Later this summer, (July 29 through August 2) the 4th annual Week of Caring (WOC) will embark on building relationships with neighbors in Mifflin County. As you might suspect, we need your help in many areas. Your financial contributions to the Mission reserve are vital but we also need your hands, feet, expertise, and cookie baking prowess too!

God’s mission for us is simple; build relationships so that a cogent conversation about Jesus and His salvation might be had. How will you engage and invest?

Sincerely,

PR



Spend an Evening in Old Italy!

A romantic evening complete with music, costumed entertainers, 3 different pastas: linguine, ravioli, and thin spaghetti, 4 pasta sauces, salad, bread, dessert, coffee and tea.

Entertainment by
Dan and Galla Variety Show

SATURDAY
5.18.19
4:00-7:30 PM

TICKETS
\$12.00 Each
(Sold in Advance)

First United Methodist Church
Third and Dorcas Streets, Lewistown, PA
Tickets available by calling church at 717-248-4618
or Jim Havice at 570-658-5055



10:30 Liturgist: Karen

Grades 10-12 *TBS*

Greeters

10:30 *TBS*

Outside Greeters
TBS





Nursery Attendants

May -
Cathy Hunter



Junior Church
Bonnie/Julie



Kangaroo Kids
(with Jr. Church)



*"Let the
little children
come to me"*

MATTHEW 19:14

Children's Message

May 5 Bruce Buffington

May 12 Pastor Randy

May 19 Pastor Karen

May 26 Pastor Randy

Acolytes -

May 5

TBS

May 12

TBS

May 19

TBS

May 26

TBS



Acolytes





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

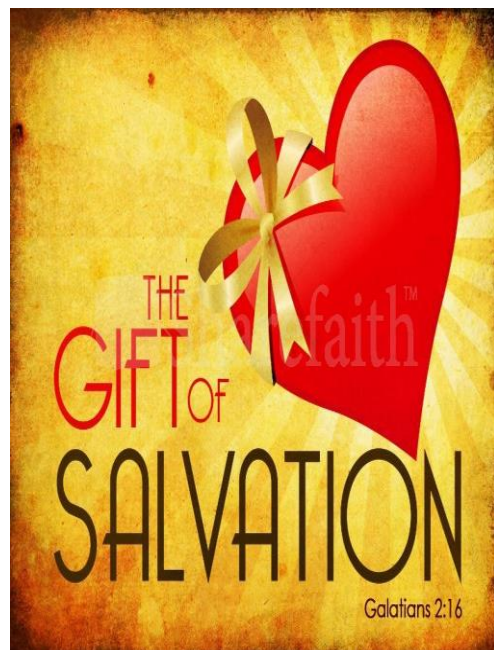
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

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:
Pam Meloni, Gary Mast, Bonnie Benner, Ken Barnes, Jane Wagner, Lisa Benner, Bonnie Benner, Jared Vento, Nadine Bryan, Elizabeth Yetter, Danielle Smith, and the families of Betty Beckwith, Bev Knox, Charles Butler, and Nancy Sherman.



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

April 7 \$6,199

April 14 \$5,751

April 21 \$5,704

Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

Attendance

April 7 138

April 14 157

April 21 275



Our next Finance meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th, @ 7 PM.



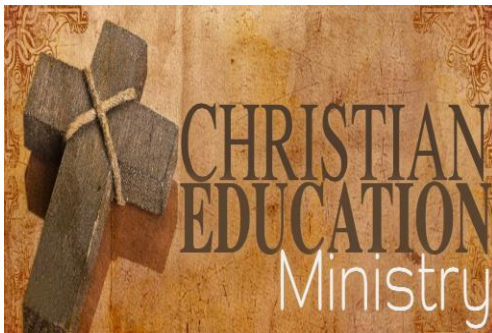


Our next 'Come to the Banquet' free luncheon will be Wednesday, May 29th, @ noon. We will feature chicken, vegetable, and a great dessert. Everyone is invited to attend. Join us!

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Koinonia Women's Fellowship – Making Abuse Network Care Packages

*Tuesday, May 7th, @ 7 PM
@ Lisa Heckman's home
Bring: Travel size toiletries
(list to be provided)*



***Christian Education meeting** in the sanctuary overflow on Tuesday, May 21st, @ 7 PM. All Sunday School teachers, VBS volunteers, and Children's Ministry volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend. Contact Heidi if you have any questions.*

***Good Eggs Celebration Lunch –
Friday, May 3rd, Gathering 11:30,
Lunch follows @ Hoss'.***



***Thank you breakfast for the women
who helped serve Lenten breakfasts
Saturday, May 4th, @ Trinity UMC
@ 8 AM.***



ROAR!!! That is what we will be doing at VBS this year here at First Church. Mark your calendars for June 23rd thru June 27th, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Children ages 3 through completion of 5th grade are invited. There will be a light supper served at 5:30 again, as in previous years.

Join us as we go on an African adventure and learn and experience that God is Good - when life is unfair, when life is scary, when life changes, and when life is sad.

We are planning on six (6) centers for the children this year, which is an increase from four (4) in previous years. Due to the increase in attendance of 100+ registered children we are aiming for smaller groups sizes. SOOOO.... there is a need for YOU to get involved.

At this time there is a need to someone to lead the Games and all materials as well as game suggestions will be ready for. We are also going to have a KidVid Cinema with God Sightings for the children. We are also planning for a time to teach the kids to learn to sign a song and perhaps have some puppets/skit time.

We really need to have all hands on deck to make this week special for the kids who come. There are some children who return to our Community VBS year after year!!

First Church will be responsible for the snack on Sunday evening. There should be 4-5 people to help to this. All supplies will be provided.

Supper needs will be announced closer to the time of VBS, and we will also need helpers to prepare/serve/clean up.

I do have a wish list of items that I am hoping some of you will have and be willing to allow us to borrow. The following is a partial list that has been started and more items will follow in upcoming weeks. Please remember to tag your items with your name and that it is for VBS. Please note that there will be sign up sheets on the Bridge Builders board in the upcoming weeks for helpers with the crews, donations of items, and general helpers throughout the week. As always, please keep the Community VBS in prayer that we might be successful in reaching out and sharing the good news about God. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Mobile 717-348-9999. Email rebaxter54@gmail.com.

- Elaine Baxter

WISH LIST

Smiley stickers - 400

Cotton Balls - 400

Peppermint Essential Oil

Small plastic buckets - 4

Jump Ropes - 4

Balloons - pack of 50, medium/large size

Play bowling sets - 3 sets

Small Foam Balls - 20

Bean Bags - 20

**NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS UNTIL AFTER
JUNE 1ST.**



Word Search Puzzle.

ROAR

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GLORIOUS
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MARGE
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SCARY
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CHANGES
FRIENDS
GODSIGHTINGS
ISRAELITES
LION
MUSIC
PROMISED LAND
SAD
SLAVES
ZION

CHICK
GIRAFFE
HOOPER
JORDAN RIVER
MACK
PLAGUES
RED SEA
SAVANNA
UNFAIR

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Roar into the fun at VBS!



June 23 - June 27
6 pm - 8:30 pm
Supper at 5:30 pm
Ages 3 thru 5th Grade

Registration on Sunday, June
23rd at 5:15 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
200 East Third St
Lewistown, PA

Safe Sanctuary Compliant
All volunteers have
clearances.





Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____



Youth Ministry Events

Kids Connection – Saturday - April 27th 8 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

April 13th & May 18th – Car wash at Shine & Ride 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Silent Auction Saturday May 11th

Mission Trip to Onondaga Indian Reservation – June 8th – June 15th

June 22nd – Ladies of the King Banquet

Sunday April 14th – Palm Sunday 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Youth and Leaders are Performing a Skit and offering Refreshments and Testimony.

Fundraisers that will be done for these Activities

Spring clean up day- Hire our youth ? May?

Candy Bars & Discount Cards

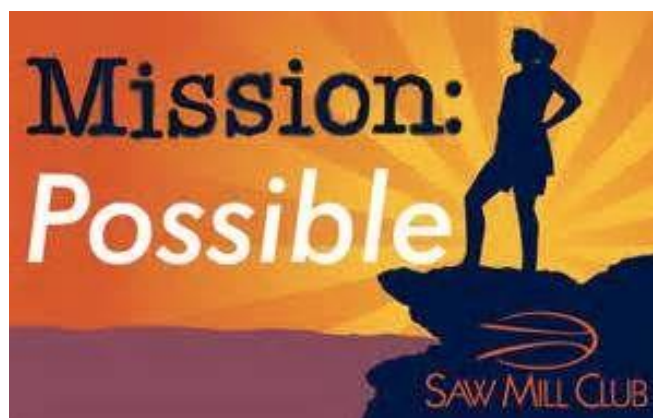
Marianna Hoagies

Car Washes at Gykes – One in April, May, June, and July

Canning/Tag day?

Paint Party ?

Any other ideas?





Leadership Training

Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Beginning the first Wednesday in May. Chris Tatom is teaching this training and is using the DISC curriculum. This is a lot of fun and will create a TEAM Player approach offering a united team leadership mentality. We strongly encourage all of the leaders of the church to come to these trainings.





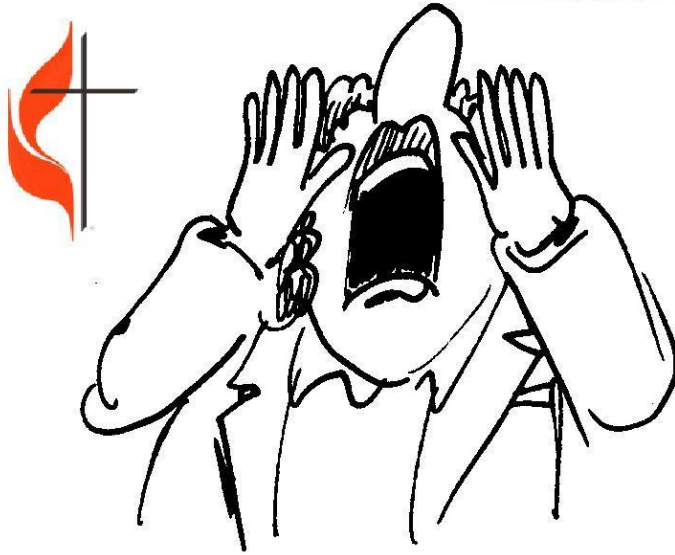
Doug Lynch was kind enough to arrange for our teens to hold a car wash at Shine & Ride Car Wash May 18th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.!

Please Come Out and Support our Teens!!!

Gyke McCardle was also kind enough to volunteer to allow the kids to have Car Washes as fundraisers so look for those Dates in the Bulletins!



SILENT AUCTION!!!



Please Support our Youth Ministry by donating items for a silent Auction to be open to the public on Saturday May 11th 2019.

Items may be dropped off anytime in the Youth Room!!

We need Your Support!!!



Ladies Mark Your Calendars

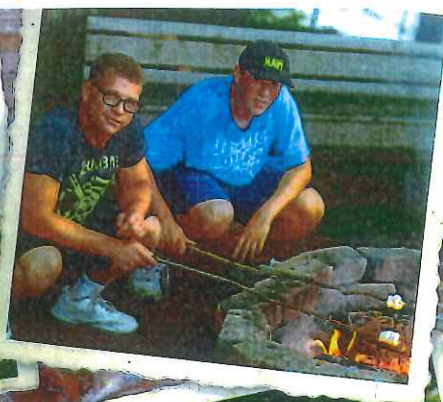
Our Youth will host a Ladies of the King Banquet

June 22, 2019 from **5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Our Teens and some of the gentlemen of our church
will serve you an appreciation Dinner and Desert

Come and enjoy a time of relaxation, fellowship and
fun!





2019

CAMP
PENN

CAMPS &

GREENE
HILLS

RETREATS

MOUNT
ASBURY



WESLEY
FOREST

SKY
LAKE

Register for summer camp by May 1 for the \$25 Early Bird Discount!

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

susumcamps.org





May

1. Bill Baumgardner
2. Robert Raymond
5. Donna Hughes
8. Rocky Matthews
13. Lois Thompson
14. Candi Zimmerman
18. Suzanne White
18. Jason Buffington
19. Tibby McClure
20. Chris Havice
24. Heidi Dalby
31. Deb Havice



The Altar Flowers

May 5

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

May 12

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

May 19

Flowers are presented to the glory of God.

May 26

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.



***First U.M. Church Staff
Ministry Staff:***

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Choirs Director: Katie Becker

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Custodians: Joe Lingle, Cassie Shank

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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!***



May 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 Bible Study 6:30-8 PM Leadership	2 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	3	4 8 AM Women's Appreciation Breakfast @ Trinity UMC
5 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	6 7 PM Ray of Hope	7 7 PM Koinonia @ Lisa Heckman's home	8 10:30 Bible Study 6:30-8 PM Leadership	9 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	10	11 <i>Youth Silent Auction</i>
12 Mothers Day 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	13 6 PM VBS Meeting 7 PM Ray of Hope	14 4:30-6:30 JAM 7 PM Finance	15 10:30 Bible Study 6:30-8 PM Leadership	16 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	17	18 9 – 2 Youth Car Wash 4-7:30 Italian Night 
19 8/10:30 Worship	20 7 PM Ray of Hope	21 7 PM Christian Education Meeting 7 PM Trustees	22 10:30 Bible Study 6:30-8 PM Leadership	23 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	24	25 Hanson Wedding
26 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 7 PM Ministry Council	29 10:30 Bible Study Noon 'Banquet' 10:30-1:30 Clothing Bank 6:30-8 PM Leadership	30 Annual Conf. 	31 Annual Conference	