

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

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

Volume 24 No. 2 *Holy Season Worship and Fellowship Opportunities*

March 2016

Upcoming Highlights

Easter Schedule of Services

Seder Meal in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 24th, @ 6 PM.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross @ Sacred Heart begins @ 11 AM followed by a Cross Walk through town. We will hold a Good Friday Service @ FUMC beginning @ 7 PM.

Sunrise Service Easter Morning @ Lind @ 6:30 AM followed by a delicious breakfast. Sign up for breakfast @ the Welcome Center or call the office.

Easter Worship @ 8 AM/10:30 AM.

Come Celebrate the Risen Christ!

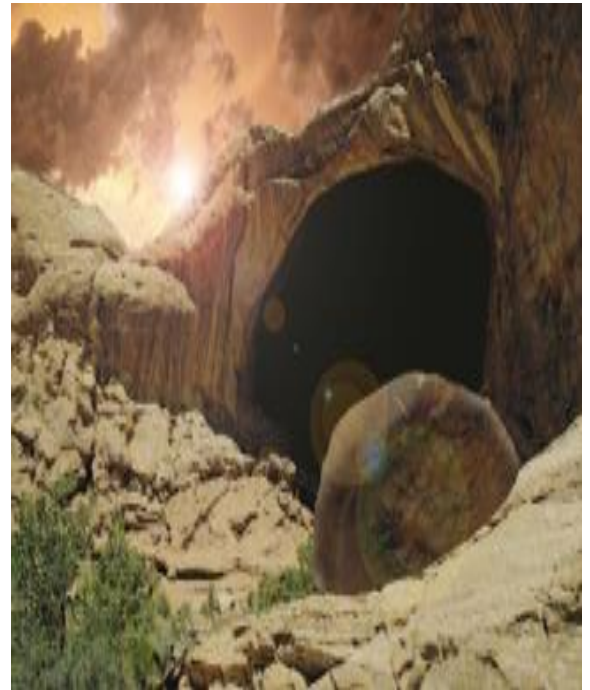
Spring Rally Sponsored by UMMen

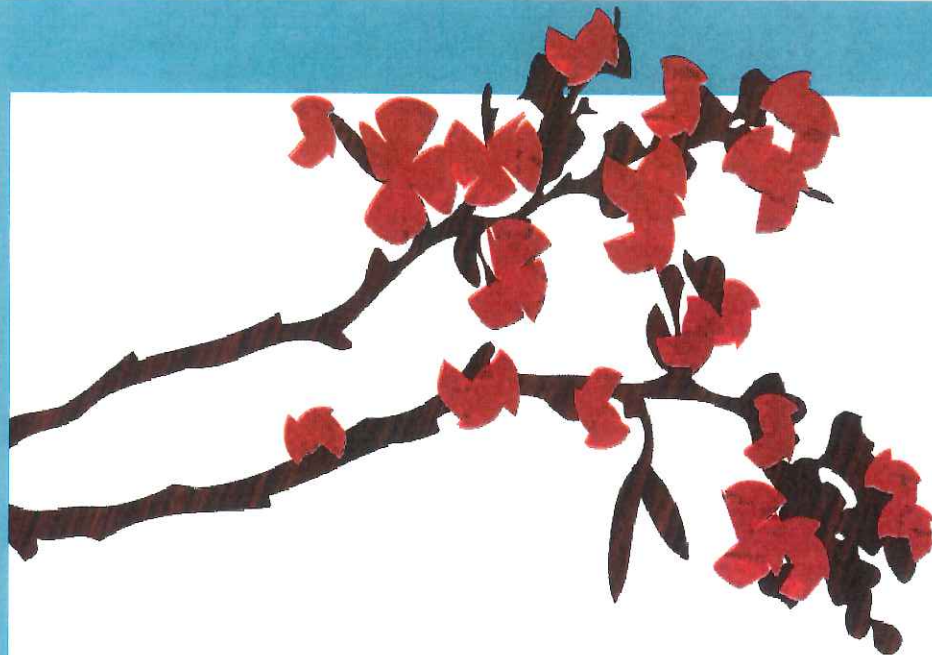
We celebrate the Spring Rally

here @ FUMC on Friday, April 9th.

Singing begins @ 6:30 PM and the Program gets underway @ 7 PM.

The guest speaker for this year's Rally is Chaplain David Smith. A 30 year chaplain in the U.S. Army, Rev. Smith serves as the coordinator of the Soul-Care initiative of JustPeace. Join us for a \$5 Lasagna Dinner before the Rally from 5-7 PM. Tickets available @ the Church Office or by calling 248-4618.





SPRING RALLY

SPONSORED BY UNITED METHODIST MEN

APRIL 9, 2016

7:00 PM (HYMN SING 6:30-7:00)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 E. THIRD STREET, LEWISTOWN, PA



Guest Speaker is Chaplain David Smith. A 30-year chaplain in the US Army, Rev. Smith serves as the coordinator of the Soul-Care Initiative of JustPeace.

During his service he deployed 9 times, including 4 combat deployments. He brings experience and passion to our Armed Forces and provides training and resources for them upon returning home.

Join us for a \$5.00 lasagna dinner prior to the rally, 5:00-7:00pm. Dinner tickets are available at the church office, reserve by 03/31/16. For more information call church office at 717-248-4618.

If winter has had you on the run and you've been out of the loop, here are some things that have been occurring at First Church!

We have been training new acolytes, rolling and selling Good Eggs, meeting for men's Lenten breakfasts, and starting new disciples on the journey of faith through confirmation.

Here are a few images of lives being transformed and nurtured by First Church. Ministry continues to roll along.



Discussions have begun toward forming a new ministry in Lewistown. We're partnering with other churches to create a 'Coffee House' to meet the spiritual needs of unchurched and those who have wandered away from church.



Our plans are moving forward and excitement is growing over the possibilities for ministry and transformed lives in Lewistown. You know what that means don't you? It means our community health will be able to experience improving health from a spiritual standpoint. The 'Come to the Banquet' is back up and running the last Wednesday of each month.

And. . . .

As spring draws near, here are a few things that you'll not want to miss:

0. Daylight Savings (Spring Ahead on March 13th!!
1. *Palm Sunday services 8 and 10:30*
2. *Maundy Thursday Seder Meal 6 PM*
3. *Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart 11 AM and Cross Walk noon.*
4. *Good Friday Evening service at FUMC 7 PM*
5. *Easter Sunrise at Lind Memorial 6:30, breakfast to follow at FUMC*
6. *Easter resurrection Celebrations at FUMC - 8 and 10:30!*



Seder Celebration
Thursday, March 24, 2016 6:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall (Steven's Room)



The Jewish Seder will be celebrated as closely as possible followed by the Christian Celebration of Communion. The Seder will include the remembrance of the Passover using the words and foods in a traditional Jewish celebration and a complete celebratory meal of chicken pot roast. This will be the only service on Maundy Thursday. To adequately prepare for the Seder meal **reservations** will be needed. Please sign up on the Board in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office by **Sunday, March 20**. Please also consider helping in the preparation or by supplying food. Sign-up sheets will be on the board.

“**The Seder** is one part of the present-day Jewish seven-day Passover celebration. The name Passover harks back to the time when God, through Moses, led the Israelites out of their slavery. The Egyptian pharaoh was finally convinced to let the people go when the angel of death killed every firstborn in Egypt but “passed over” the Israelite homes that had put lamb’s blood on their doorposts.

To recall that great deliverance, the elements of the traditional Seder meal symbolize historically significant features of the Israelite experience. Both the event of God’s deliverance and the directions God gave Moses for later commemoration of the Passover history are represented in the Seder ritual and meal.

Christians are particularly interested in this ritual meal because it was during a Passover celebration that Jesus instituted Holy Communion. It should be realized that the Passover clearly predates and is entirely separate from the Eucharist. ... It is a Jewish celebration of freedom useful in helping Christians understand Judaism.”

(from Passover Seder, Ritual and Menu for an Observance by Christians by Barbara Balzac Thompson)

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
4.23.16
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



March 6

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

March 13

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Jim Havice

10:30 Liturgist: Chris Ferencz

March 20 Palm Sunday

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Jim Havice

10:30 Liturgist: Laura Buffington

March 24 Maundy Thursday

6 PM Seder Meal

March 25 Good Friday

11 AM Stations of Cross

@ Sacred Heart

Noon Cross Walk

7 PM Good Friday Service

March 27 Easter

6:30 Sunrise Service @ Lind

followed by Easter Breakfast

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen



March S.S. Teachers

Nursery – Rose Baumgardner

Pre-School – K

Aleta Harpster

Grades 1-5

We need a Teacher – See Jen

Grades 6-12

Doug Lynch



8 AM Jeanne & Ben Horning

10:30 AM Su & Mark Salvatore

Outside Greeters

Sierra & Kody Hassinger





Nursery Attendants

Wendy Barton



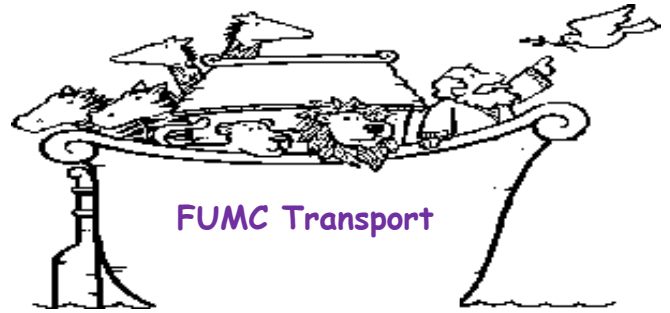
Junior Church

Bonnie Zannino and
Julie Hannon



Kangaroo Kids

Sandy Matthews



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Please call the church office and ask for Jen Lynch to arrange transportation.



Children's Message

March 6 Bruce Buffington

March 13 Karen

March 20 Pastor Randy

March 27 Pastor Randy

Acolyte -

Tristan Hileman





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.

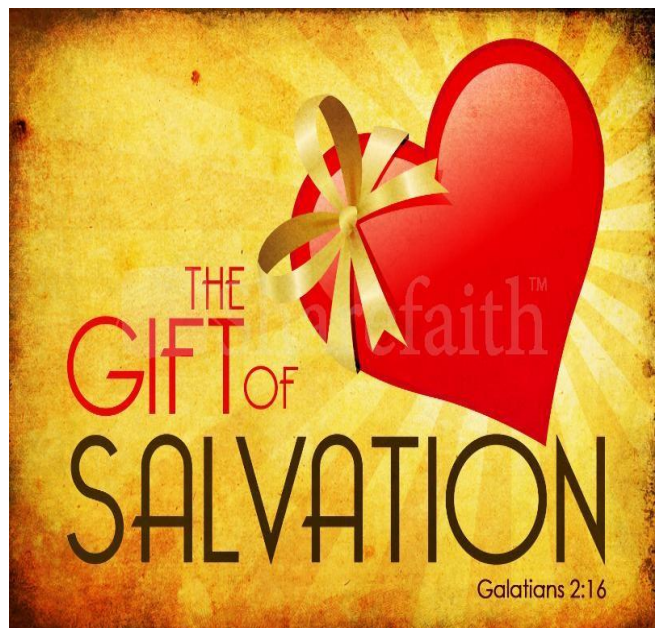
To request prayer or to become a praying member call:

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



Our prayers for health and wholeness are shared with:

Paul Lohman, Bob Goodwin, Alex Pierce, Kathy Walls, Steve Henry, Sam Morgan, Daniel Shore, Ruth Miller, Vesta Brenaman, Evan, and the families of Ed Van Wright, Mick Maines, and Wendell Reis.



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

Feb 7	\$6,899
Feb 14	\$3,084
Feb 21	\$7,065

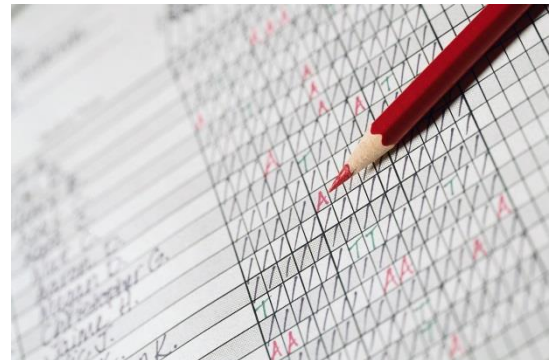
Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

Attendance

Feb 7	158
Feb 14	117
Feb 21	202

2016 YTD Average Attendance: **158**

2015 YTD Average Attendance: **132**



Our next Finance Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th, @ 7 PM.

*FUMC \$10,000 Challenge! First Church making a difference for 200+ years. Let's be the leaders in mission both near and far!
Currently we are still searching for \$8,270.*



The Good Eggs continue churning out delicious Peanut Butter, Coconut, and Butter Cream eggs. The Good Eggs work M,T,TH,F from 8-11:30 AM. Order eggs from the Egg Hotline @ 242-1539.



Men's Lenten Breakfasts continue during March and April @ 7:30 AM.

March 5 – Watts UMC Belleville

March 12 – Lake Park UMC

March 19 – Granville UMC

April 2 – Women's Appreciation
@ Trinity UMC



Koinonia Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, March 1st, @ 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 – Carol

Refreshments – Carol

All women are invited to join us!

Contact Barb Baker (248-6649)

or Lynne Westlin (248-8229)

for more information or details.



CPR Training –

Saturday, March 5th, from 1-6 PM.

We have a sign-up sheet @ the Bridge

Builders Board or call Jen Lynch

(248-8229) if you would like to participate.





Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness, for your concerns and most importantly for your many prayers. They are definitely working as I continue to recover from

my surgery. I am looking forward to returning to church very soon.

Thank you again.

Helen Searer

Dear Folks,

Thank you for your 'hands of support,' your ministry of helping to provide folks to be in the Live Nativity and donations of food, cookies, etc., that supported and helped this year's mission project of "Little Town of Bethlehem" that was a part of the 2015 Ice Festival.

Rev. Ted Corcelius, Tim Collins

Dear Congregation,

I want to thank you for the generous monetary donation of \$688.80. We are grateful and blessed by your thoughtfulness. We are seeing many positive changes. The new Board of Directors is working hard, and the Thrift Store is now open. We have been blessed with volunteers. God is good. We continue to focus on the homeless, getting back to basics, helping our residents get linked to appropriate services, and finding permanent housing. We at the Shelter would like to thank you for your gifts and donations.

Jill Pecht

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for the gift and the Christmas cards. They are very much appreciated.

Best Wishes to All,

Beverly Miller

Greetings from Montrose, PA

To the wonderful people of FUMC: Thank you for thinking of me this holiday season. Thanks to Sally Matthews – I can bring up Pastor Randy's sermons each week on my Ipad. My heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Florence Hartley

Narrative Budget
First United Methodist Church, Lewistown
200 E. 3rd Street, Lewistown, PA 17044

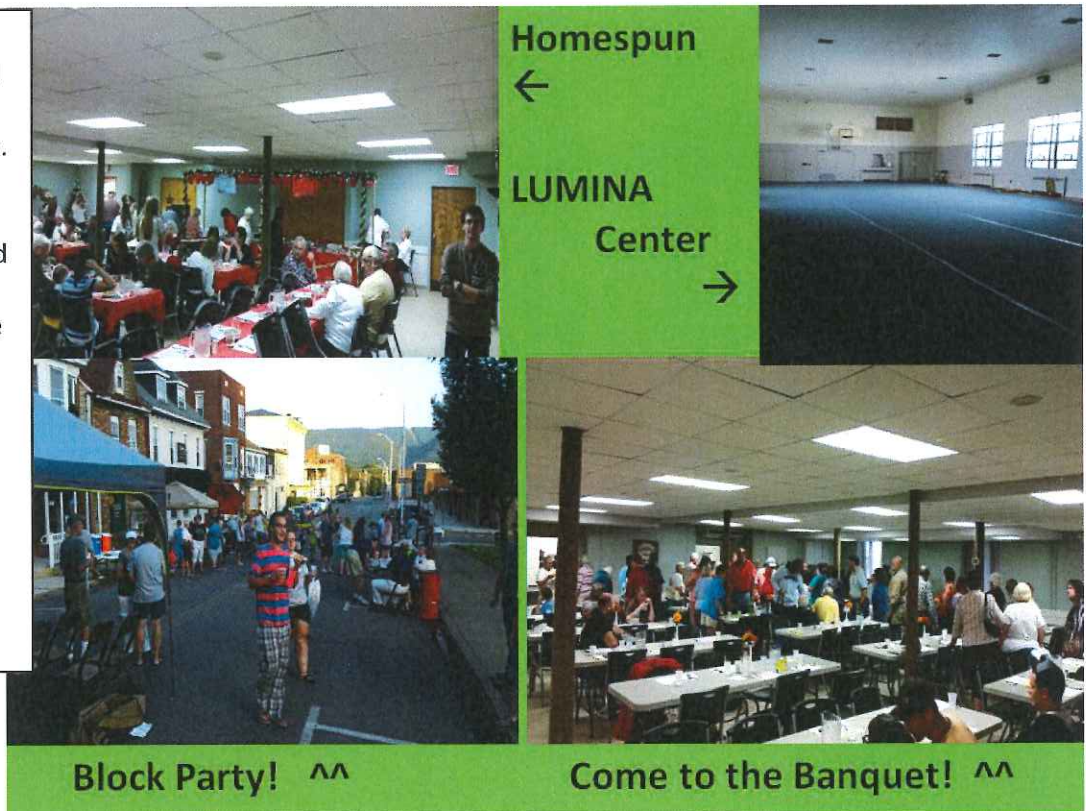
This narrative budget is provided for you to highlight just some of the many exciting life changing ministries that are possible because of your generosity.

Our Finance committee, headed by Laura Buffington, has sought to discover a path 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 2016 is \$348,920.00 and that reflects a 2.2 % decrease in spending. Our Shares of Ministry to the Susquehanna Conference are set at **\$43,861**.

Here are a few snapshots of just some of the ministry and mission that occurs 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 this image 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 is funded at **\$12,500**.



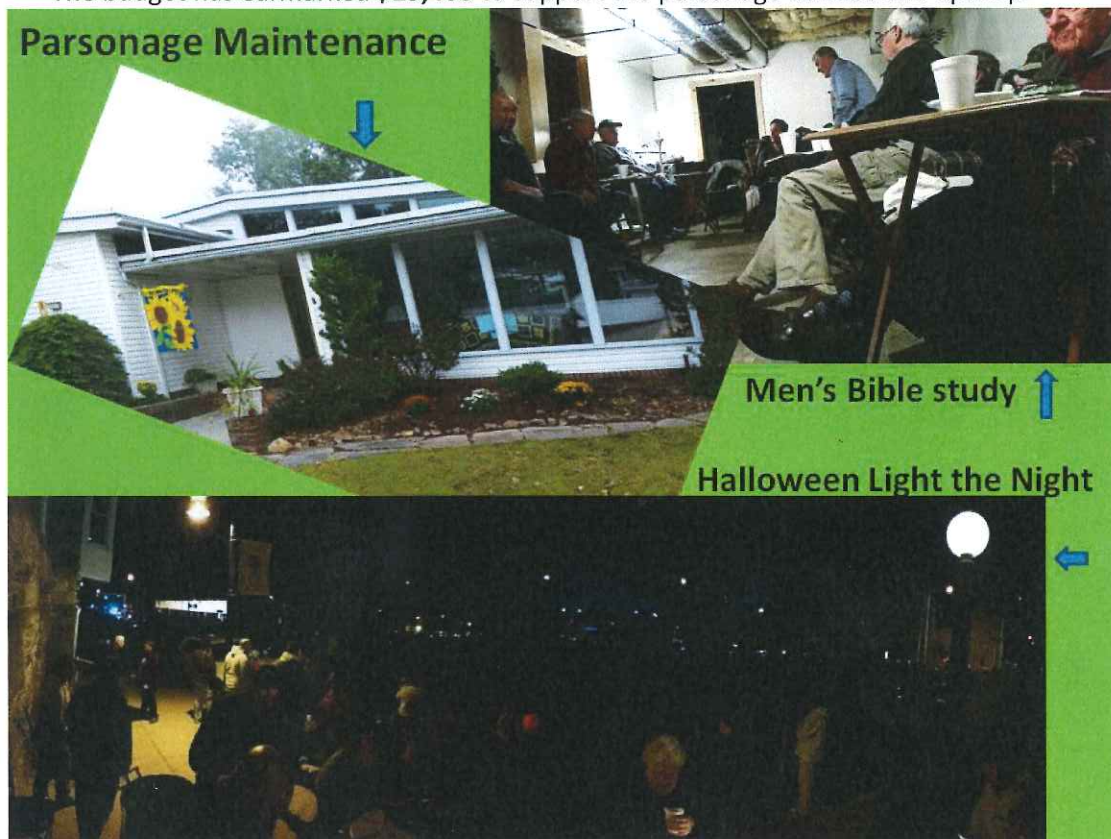
First church has excellent staff and the work they do for Christ in His church profoundly impacts our spiritual growth and ability to transform Lewistown and the world beyond. The budget sets aside **\$200,069** to support our fine staff.

Finance, Stewardship, and Administrative costs comprise **\$4,890** of the budget.

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 identified **\$72,200** for utilities and church maintenance, which includes our van and office equipment.



As your pastoral family, we appreciate the warm beautiful house you provide for our home. 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 **\$15,400** 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

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



March

1. Tim Thompson
2. Phyllis Dickson
5. Abb Dalby
8. Lynne Westlin
9. Sam Caldwell
13. Barry Bargo
14. Alice Forgach
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 6

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

March 13

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

March 20

Flowers are presented to the glory of God.

March 27

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 18th. 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.

LUMINA CENTER
18 E THIRD STREET
LEWISTOWN, PA
PHONE: 242-2888

WHAT: BENEFIT AUCTION
WHEN: MARCH 5, 2016---8:30 AM
PREVIEW ITEMS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1-8 PM
WHERE: LUMINA CENTER

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT LUMINA CENTER THE
WEEK OF THE AUCTION. IF ITEMS NEED TO BE PICKED
UP BY LUMINA PERSONNEL, PLEASE CALL THE CENTER
OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICK-UP.

FOOD STAND BY LUMINA CENTER
CRAFT ITEMS, FURNITURE, COLLECTIBLES, ANTIQUES,
ETC.

DONATIONS OF ITEMS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

(NO CLOTHING, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR OLDER TV'S)





Join us for a fun night at the Ballpark on July 10th.

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

Tickets are \$10/person. We have a sign-up sheet @ the Welcome Center or you can call the church office and send in a check.

Join Pastor Randy, Tracie, and Joe for this great evening of fun, food, and baseball. We will meet @ the church and travel together or you can meet us there. Travel details will be announced soon.



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

Support Staff:

Custodians: Joe Lingle, Aaron Snook

Office Manager: Rob Hagenberger

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - Noon

Phone: 717-248-4618 Fax: 717-242-4757

Email: fumchurch1@verizon.net

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!***





March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6 PM Koinonia St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner @ Karen Doberneck's Home	2 10:30/7 Bible Study	3 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	4	5 7:30 AM Men's Lenten Breakfast @ Watts UMC 10 AM Bible Study
6 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	7 7 PM Ray of Hope	8 7 PM Finance Committee	9 10:30/7 Bible Study 7 PM Pink Connection	10 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	11 Good Eggs Last Day of Making Eggs	12 7:30 AM Men's Lenten Breakfast @ Lake Park UMC 10 AM Bible Study
13 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	14 7 PM Ray of Hope	15 6 PM Hospitality 7 PM Trustees	16 10:30/7 Bible Study	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	18 Good Eggs Last Day for Sales	19 7:30 AM Men's Lenten Breakfast @ Granville UMC 10 AM Bible Study
20 Palm Sunday 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	21 7 PM Ray of Hope	22 Noon-9 PM Wrestling Banquet 1-3 PM Knitting 7 PM Ministry Council Meeting	23 10:30/7 Bible Study	24 6 PM Seder Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	25 11 AM Stations of the Cross and Crosswalk @ Sacred Heart Church 7 PM Good Friday Service	26 10 AM Bible Study
27 Easter 6:30 AM Sunrise Service and Breakfast 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	28 7 PM Ray of Hope	29	30 10:30/7 Bible Study Noon ' Come to the Banquet '	31 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA		Good Eggs work M/T/TH/F from 8 AM – 11:30 AM Egg Hot Line 242-1539