

**Last Week's Attendance and Giving**

Attendance .....	84
Regular Giving.....	4,129.95
Plate/S.S.....	146.00
Total Giving for administrative/operating expenses.....	4,275.95
<b>Average weekly total needed to continue offering the ministries/administrative objectives of FUMC.....</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
Designated Giving for ministry/projects (not for operating objectives)	
Lumina.....	20.00
Matthew 25 .....	369.00

**Calendar**

<u>T</u> oday	9:30 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 <b>Facebook Live Rainbow Bell Choir</b>
<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 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 <b>Facebook Live Rainbow Bell Choir</b>

The worship committee will meet on January 13 at 6 pm in the sanctuary overflow area. Anyone wishing to help with the planning of worship is welcome.

**Finance Committee meets January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**

**Koinonia meets January 21<sup>st</sup> at 12PM.**

**Trustees meet January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM.**

**Jr Church meets January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM in the overflow.**

**Ministry Council meets January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**

The Rainbow Bell Choir will play again for the church on February 16. It rehearses briefly after the church services every Sunday except January 19. 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. Schedule would be as follows: 8AM depart FAUMC, 11:00 AM show begins 2:15 PM meal at Hershey Farm Restaurant 5:45 PM approximate arrival back to Church. Pricing ranges depending on number going (example 25-29 = \$204/adult and \$144/child). The goal is for 45-55 persons to sign up so that the cost will only be \$168/adult or \$109/child (ages 3-12). If interested, please contact Darla Rickert at darla.f.rickert@gmail.com or provide your contact info to Pastor Steve.



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**200 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**  
**Lewistown, PA**  
**January 12, 2025**



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**Office Manager: Jamie Strawser**

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

**Worship Leader: Tiff Goss**

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

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

**Jr Church: Mary Jo and Paula**

**January 12, 2025 – First Sunday after Epiphany**

Announcements		9:30
	<i>(We welcome all who are worshipping with us on Facebook live.)</i>	
Prelude	"When I Look Over Jordan"	Rasley
* Call to Worship	When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares: <b>I will be with you.</b> When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares: <b>I will be with you.</b> Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares: <b>I will be with you.</b> So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end. <b>Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.</b>	
* Opening Hymn	"Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine"	UMH 606
Special Music	"Here Is Water, Lord"	Sanctuary Choir
Invocation (in unison)	<b>Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</b>	
Passing of the Peace		
Children's Message	Pastor Steve Portner	
	<b>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.</b> <i>Children ages 4-10 may go upstairs for Jr. Church. Parents should come upstairs to pick up their children after the service is over.</i>	
* Hymn	"Jesus, the Light of the World"	W&S (Green) 3056
* Affirmation of Faith	"The Nicene Creed"	UMH 880
* Scripture Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22		

	<i>L: This is the word of our Lord!</i>	<i>All: Thanks be to God.</i>
Message	"Baptized for Mission"	Pastor Steve Portner
Tithes/Offering		
Offertory	"By the River Jordan"	Overholt
Doxology		UMH 94
* Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Prayers of Intercession W/ Lord's Prayer		UMH 895
* Hymn	"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"	UMH 605
* Call to Commission	Dare to face the world in joyous freedom. You have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <b>God has created us for glory.</b> <b>We will worship the God of power and strength.</b> Even now God's hand of blessing rests on us. The dove of peace descends upon us. <b>We welcome the Spirit's presence among us.</b> <b>We celebrate the Spirit's work within us. Praise God.</b>	
* Benediction		
* Postlude	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	Dykes

*(\*Please stand as you are able)*

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**Prayer Squares:** Kelly Schamburg, Jerry Clelan, Linda Eisenbach *If you know of someone who would like a Prayer Square, please contact Chris Ferencz at 717-250-1600 or caf6@verizon.net.*

1/19/25 -- Scripture: John 2:1-11 "Jesus is Concerned About What Concerns Us"

***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, Marie Watkins, Barry Bargo, Nick Dickson, Brian Decker, Allen Kratzer, Phyllis Snyder, Pete Marsh, Robert Benner, Jr., Cara Walters, Tibby McClure, Julie Sieber, Jerry Clelan Hope Collective Prayer for our community: Mifflin County Sheriff's Office, State Police***