

**Ministers Serving Today Are: The Congregation of First U.M. Church**

**Pastor:** Rev. Randy Hughes

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

**Youth Director:** Crystal Ferencz **Outreach Coordinator:** Jen Lynch

**Secretary:** Jamie Strawser **Office Manager:** Rob Hagenberger

**Liturgist/Worship Leader:** Tiffany Goss

**Children's Message:** Bruce Buffington

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

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

**Nursery:** Jaden and Jen

**November 27<sup>th</sup> Attendance and Offering**

Attendance .....	77
Regular Offering .....	2294.00
Plate/S.S. ....	142.00
Matthew 25 .....	221.00
Coins for Mission .....	2.50
Other Gifts .....	5.00
Organ/Piano Preservation .....	50.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>2714.50</b>

**Calendar**

<b>T</b> oday	<b>9:30 Worship</b> 9:30 <b>Facebook Live</b> 5:30 PM <b>Alpha Small Group Study @ LUMINA</b>
<b>M</b> onday	7 PM <b>New Ray of Hope</b>
<b>W</b> ednesday	1:30 PM <b>Bible Study @ FA</b> 7 PM <b>Bible Study @ FUM</b>
<b>T</b> hursday	6:30 <b>Bell Choir</b> 7:30 <b>Sanctuary Choir</b> 8 PM <b>AA</b>
<b>S</b> unday	<b>9:30 Worship</b> 9:30 <b>Facebook Live</b> 5:30 PM <b>Choirs Christmas Party @ Heckmans'</b>

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**200 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Lewistown, PA**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

*Are you a guest this morning? Thank you for coming to First Church!  
We are honored to join with you in worship and pray your visit is a time of  
refreshing. Please take time to fill out a 'Guest Card' located on the back of  
the pew and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to your presence  
in future services. Please check out our website and Facebook page.*



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

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December 4, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Announcements		9:30
Prelude		<i>Acolytes light candle</i>
* Call to Worship	(Responsive Reading) <i>Psalm 29</i>	UMH 761
* Hymn	“Rejoice, the Lord is King”	UMH 715

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Blessed is the Lord, and blessed are God’s people to whom God sends a Savior, the Messiah, who is Christ the Lord. Blessed is our God, and blessed are God’s gifts, that grace us with forgiveness and every good gift. Lord, you have come to dwell within us. Build your temple within our hearts. Amen.

Special Music *Kraig Kratzer, Allie Sieber, Austin Glick, and Katie Becker*

Advent Wreath Lighting *Bruce & Laura Buffington*

L: The Light shines in the darkness,

C: but the darkness has not overcome it.

L: During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

C: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

C: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

C: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Children’s Message “Jesus Loves the Little Children” *Bruce Buffington*

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

In our waiting, we hope in you O Lord. As we look forward to a glorious day in the future, keep us focused on the here and now of living into your Will. Amen.

\*Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:5-6, 1 Samuel 16:6-13

L: This is the word of our Lord! All: Thanks be to God.

Message *Waiting/Hoping: “Son of a King”*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Tithes and Offerings

Prayers of Intercession with the Lord’s Prayer

\*Sending Hymn

\*Benediction

Offertory

with the Lord’s Prayer

“People Look East”

\*Postlude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

UMH 895

UMH 202

*Our prayers for peace, health, and wholeness are shared with: Danielle Smith, Lloyd King, Lynne Westlin, Nancy Lingle, A.J. Lingle, Bill Herbertson, Donald Libby, Barbie Kephart, Ruth Bloom, Elizabeth Blessing, Bentley Fulkroad, Jan Nefflen, Tanja Fike, Tom Schlager, Jim & Sandy Havice, Ruth Broome, Ken Barnes, Karen Chesla, Cole Hummel, Bill Baumgardner, Paul Bryan, Cliff McLaughlin, Deb Spickler, Pam Bell, Don Bell, Mindy Fryer, Joann Byers, Peg Shilling, Lorraine Haines, Stacy Mohr, Gary Booher, Kim Heimbaugh, Bette Renshaw, Robin Eicker, Claire Crock, Joanna Lauder, Karen Muir, Larry Irvin, Hope Hill, Cathy Dysinger, Wendy Noss, Sarah Donahey, Brandi Gamble, Sharon Morgan, Bobby Lee Parker, Cora Harper, Allen & Beth Myers, Gary Vargas, Bill Hackenberry, Faye Shipe, Gary Geiselman.*

12/11 Scriptures: Matthew 1:15-17, 2 Chronicles 36:22-23

Sermon: “Preserved for God’s Timing”

\*\* December 7 – BIBLE STUDY at FA 1:30 and FUM at 7 PM

[Our Christmas worship opportunities are:](#)

\* Blue Christmas 12/18 at 4 PM

\* Cluster Worship at Kish Park 12/18 at 7 PM

\* Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion at FUM at 7 PM

\* Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion at Freedom Avenue at 9 PM

\* Christmas Day ‘Come as you are’ worship 9:30 AM

**Giant Gift Cards are available, and Jamie will be selling them at the Welcome Center after church throughout December.**

† Nativity Show at Watts Memorial UMC in Belleville is back! The show will be open during the following hours: Sun., Dec. 4, 11 AM – 2 PM; and Fri., Dec. 9, 5 – 8:30 PM. Free admission. Questions? Call the church at 717.935.2518.

†† You are encouraged to remember our members who are unable to attend services with Christmas cards. Please have them here by Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. The list is at the Welcome Center. Thank you for being a part of this ministry.

We are collecting socks for veterans through December. All grades of socks are requested. See Jen for details.

**Choir Christmas Party @ Heckmans’ Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:30 PM for choir members and their families. If you want to participate in a game, bring a wrapped white elephant gift, either something you already have or a \$10 limit. Please see Lisa to sign up with the number of people coming and what dish you are bringing to share. Please respond by today! 24 Hartland Lane, Lewistown. 717-250-9539**