

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

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

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'Exciting Plans'

September 2017

Mark your calendar!

We have some engaging things scheduled in the near future. Our Sunday School/ Church picnic at Malta Park is set for Sunday, September 3, at 12:30. Throughout September be on the lookout for a new youth group to take shape on Wednesday evenings. Heidi, our youth leader, is formulating plans to grow that group into something pretty special.

Later in September we'll come together in one worship service on the 24th at 9:30 AM and welcome Mr. Mark Cable as our worship leader.



Mark brings rich faith to worship and weaves together fun and excellent musical talent. Mark needs us to educate him on the importance of Goose Day festivities in our community. Come worship with Mark and wear your favorite goose apparel!

Near the end of the month, First Church will partner with other churches in the area to have our second annual potato drop at the Youth Park in Reedsville. Approximately 20 tons of potatoes will be delivered for distribution throughout Mifflin County. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

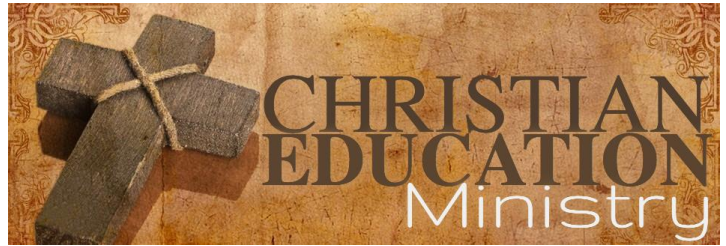
Many hands are needed to bag potatoes into 10-pound bags.

Continue to engage your faith into meaningful practice and watch how God blesses you through it!

Peace,
PR



Greetings from Your Christian Ed/ Youth Director



Dear Fellow Disciples,

I have had the honor of being part of The First United Methodist Family for a few months now. I have been talking with many of you and discussing how we can reach out to our community, how we can build programs to nurture the youth and children who are already part of our church family, and how we can build activities and provide opportunities for our church family to nurture one another, fellowship together, and build relationships and friendships. Summer will soon be behind us and fall will soon be here. I am excited about the opportunity to serve Jesus Christ as part of The First United Methodist Church Family. Here are some thoughts I have been contemplating:

Youth Program grades 6th - 12th meeting on Wednesday evenings from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a meal provided.

Children's ministry on Sunday mornings – Details are still being worked out!

I have many evangelism ideas that I would like to share with anyone who is interested in mission opportunities within our community.

I still have not met everyone who is part of the Christian Ed team. I am planning a second meeting to meet and greet all of my Christian Ed teachers, leaders, team members and to discuss moving forward into the fall schedule. This includes all Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders, and anyone who is involved in any Christian ED activities or events, even if you attended the first meeting please come to help enlighten the rest of the team on what was discussed during the first meeting and brainstorm what will be beneficial for fall programming.

I am planning a meeting for Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. with light snacks and refreshments. Please plan to attend and if you cannot attend please email me at heidi.bracken@gmail.com to let me know you are part of the team but cannot attend the meeting so I can communicate with you.

Tom and Lisa Heckman have kindly volunteered to host a Youth Back to School party/bonfire. We will plan to have devotions, fellowship, fun, games, and snacks including s'mores. Youth Meetings on Wednesday evenings will kick off starting Wednesday, September 20th. This will allow time for the Christian Ed team to meet before any of our fall programs get started.



If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me:
Cell- 724-516-5527 – Can call or text.

heidi.bracken@gmail.com



In Christ's love and Service
Heidi Bracken

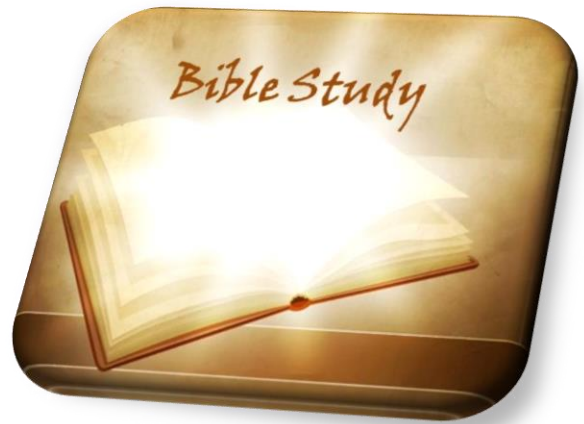




Our next ‘Come to the Banquet’ free monthly luncheon is slated for Wednesday, September 27th, @ noon. Everyone is welcome! Join us!

Some great Bible Studies coming!

Men’s Study – “Goliath Must Fall,” begins Monday, September 18th, @ Tom Heckman’s home, 24 Hartland Ln. Our study, “Goliath Must Fall,” by Louie Giglio includes a DVD component. Each evening will begin with a meal and then the study follows. A study guide will be supplied for \$9. Contact Pastor Randy to RSVP.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study led by Vicki Elmer, “Moses,” begins Wednesday, September 20th, @ 10:30 AM. Please sign up @ the Bridge Builders Board. Study guides will be made available.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study led by Pastor Randy, “30 Meditations on the Names of God,” also begins Wednesday, September 20th, and gets underway @ 7 PM in the second floor conference room. (Books are offered at approximately \$10.)

A Disciple 1 class begins @ Grace UMC September 6th. Interested persons should contact Pat Bollinger @ 717-899-7793 or e-mail pbollinger@susumc.org





September 3

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

12:30 PM *Picnic @*

Malta Park

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

September 10

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Randy Fluke

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

September 17

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Beth Knepp

September 24

9:30 AM **Combined Service**
with Mark Cable

Liturgist: Pastor Randy

September S.S. Teachers

Nursery – TBS

Pre-School – K Aleta Harpster

Grades 1-2 Bonnie Zannino

Grades 3-5 Tina Stoner

Grades 6-9 Tracie Hughes

Grades 10-12 TBS



greeters

8 AM Ben & Jeanne Horning

10:30 AM TBS

Outside Greeters
TBS





Nursery Attendants

Sept 3 TBS

Sept 10 TBS

Sept 17 TBS

Sept 24 Sandy/Stacey



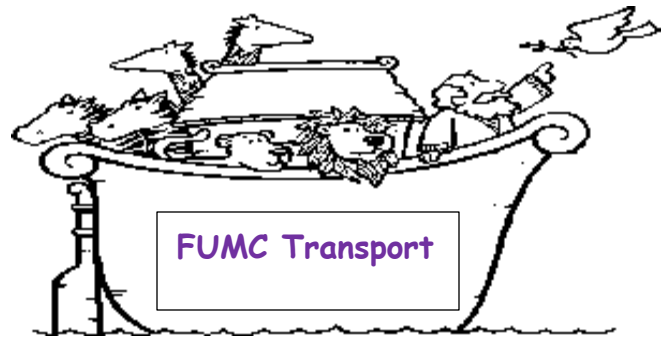
Junior Church

TBS



Kangaroo Kids

Allie Seiber



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Contact the office to make arrangements.



*"Let the
little children
come to me"*

MATTHEW 19:14

Children's Message

Sept 3 Bruce Buffington

Sept 10 Pastor Randy

Sept 17 Pastor Randy

Sept 24 Pastor Randy

Acolytes -

Brynn Walls

Tyson Lauver





In accordance with privacy policy @ 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

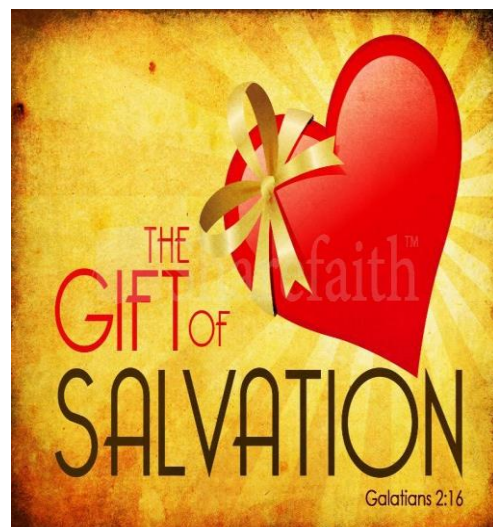
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

Purpose The prayer chain provides confidential intercessory prayer.

***Our prayers for health and wholeness are shared with:**
Kenny Boze, Bob and Wanda Walters, Cathy Hunter, Tyson Lauver, Kay Zeigler Atkinson, Kathy Walls, Betty Benner, John Allison, James Haines, James Gearhart, Brenda Hefflin, Emily Mann, Bob Schulz, Jesse Davis, and Eugene Metzger.*

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)



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

August 6 \$5,274

August 13 \$3,864

August 20 \$5,261

Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

Attendance

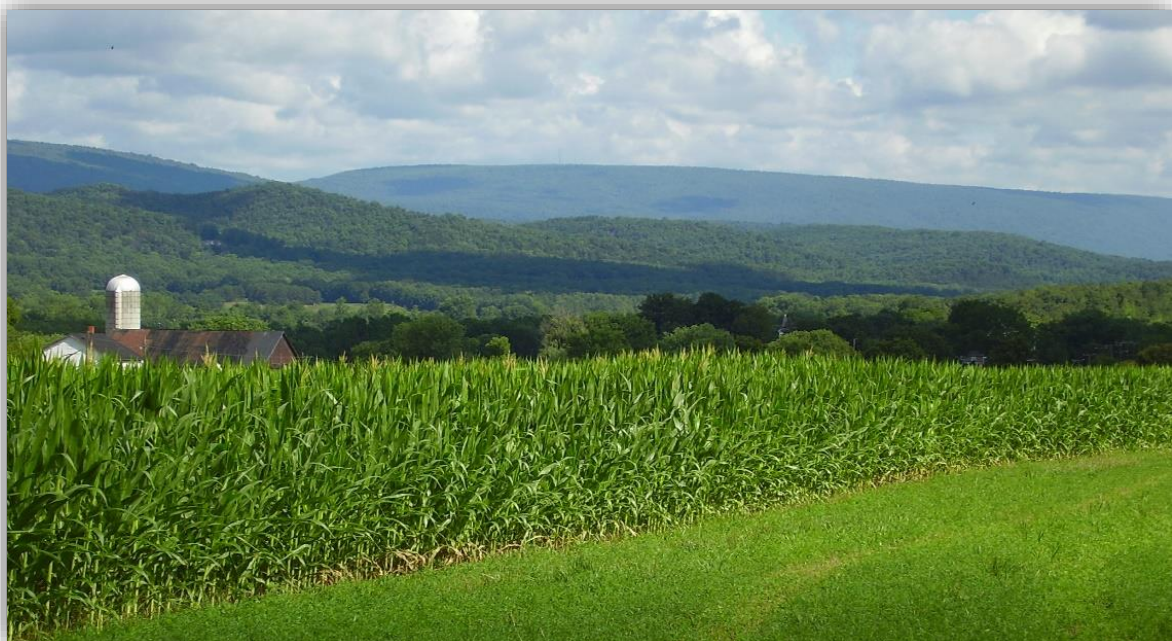
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2018 Budget Worksheets will be in committee mailboxes soon. Committee chairpersons are asked to complete these as soon as possible so the Finance Committee can begin the process of preparing next year's budget. See Laura Buffington if you have any questions about the worksheets or the budget.





September

3. Doug Pierce
6. Chris Benner
8. Nancy Sherman
10. Adam Becker
11. Frances Wagner
13. Kraig Kratzer
14. Justin Tallon
16. Noah Mannino
17. Tom Heckman
17. Rebecca Decker
18. Jared Lynch
19. Judy Havice
21. Chris Ferencz
22. Gerry McElhaney
22. Britney Baumgardner
23. Marilyn Lohman
24. Beth Knepp
25. Kiera Shuttlesworth
26. Paul Bryan

The Altar Flowers

September 3

The altar flowers are presented in honor of our terrific church staff and volunteers.

September 10

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Ralph Baker Sr. by Barb, Jody, Justin, Ralph Jr., and Betsy.

September 17

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Ella Thompson by her daughter, Anna Carothers.

September 24

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.





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101 Logan Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania 17044
Church - 717-248-5311/ Parsonage – 717-248-3178



August 8, 2017

Hello,

I am writing to inform you that on Saturday, September 30, 2017 through the Society of St. Andrews, approximately 20,000 lbs.(1/2 a trailer load) of gleaned potatoes we be delivered to the Mifflin County Youth Park, Reedsville, Pa.

These potatoes are available for free as the delivery costs are being provided by the United Methodist Churches of Mifflin County. We are offering to any non-profit agency the first opportunity to receive these free potatoes. They will arrive in 50 lb. bags at the youth park for you to pick up. They can be distributed by you to those you serve, but cannot be sold or used to cook anything that will be sold.

Potatoes that are not ordered by organizations will be repackaged into smaller bags and given to anyone who comes by to pick them up that morning.

If you would like to place a request to receive and pick up potatoes, please fill out the form below and return to: Grace United Methodist Church

101 Logan St., Lewistown, Pa. 17044

Or email your request to rick@gracelewistown.org.

Please return this form by September 18, 2017.

Thank you for serving those in your community with your resources.

Blessings,
Rev. Rick Bender
rick@gracelewistown.org

Organization

Contact Person

Address

Phone No. & email address

We would like to pick up _____ lbs.
of potatoes in 50 lb. bags.

***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

Education Director/Youth Leader: **Heidi Bracken**

Education Director E-Mail: heidi.bracken@gmail.com 724-516-5527

Outreach Coordinator: **Jen Lynch** responder1824@msn.com



Music Staff:

Choirs Director: Katie Becker

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

Support Staff:

Custodians: Joe Lingle, Sara Ventimiglia

Office Manager: Rob Hagenberger

Church Office Hours:

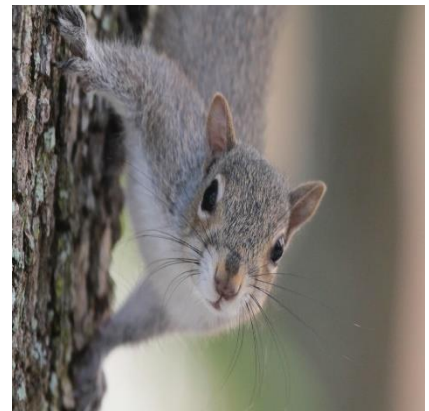
Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - Noon

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

Email: fumc200@outlook.com

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!***



September 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S. 12:30 Picnic @ Malta Park Church Picnic 	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5	6	7 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	8	9
10 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	11 7 PM Ray of Hope	12	13 7 Pink Connection	14 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	15	16
17 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	18 6 Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ray of Hope	19 7 PM Trustees	20 10:30/7 Bible Study	21 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	22	23
24 9:30 Combined Service 	25 6 Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ray of Hope	26 1-3 PM Knitting Circle 7 PM Ministry Council	27 10:30/7 Bible Study 10:30-1:30 Clothing Closet Noon 'Banquet'	28 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 AA	29	30