

The First Forecast

of
First United Methodist Church

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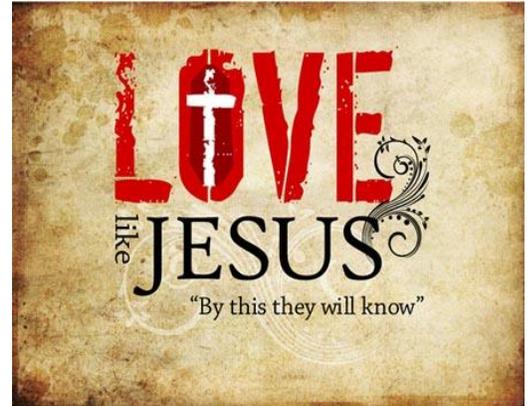
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'New'

January/February 2016

Friends, Happy New Year!!

A lot has happened in the first (last) six months of ministry here at First UMC. A new pastor and his family have arrived. Learning new names and faces has occurred. Getting to experience many firsts at First has been fun and exciting. And then there are the usual events that have unfolded:



- † A Block Party that made kids smile (adults too)!
- † Church picnic
- † Halloween and Christmas parades
- † Homespun festivities
- † The Giving Tree blessings
- † Christmas Pageant and parties
- † Christmas Eve celebrations
- † Parsonage renovations
- † Community worship opportunities



The newness of the pastor and family has begun to wear off and a new year has brought with it the promise of more new things and the usual expected fare. The pastor will begin to branch out and begin meeting with different groups of people. Planning will begin toward expanding our “Come to the Banquet” monthly feast.

Then a new bridge building event designed to approach the unchurched in our community will include another worship service in union with other churches in the area.



As usual, we'll be rolling "Good Eggs" and preparing for Lent and then Easter! We'll focus on caring for our congregation as we answer the call to care for our neighbors and total strangers. You see, we have been made new creations through Jesus Christ in order to do good works for Him. So we will Care, Share, and Prepare to continue shining the light of Christ to the world!!

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the **old has gone**, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV).*

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10, NIV)

Peace, PR



Good Works

Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven (3 Nephi 12:16).

Matthew 25 Ministry - 2015

In the last year through the generosity of the people of First, Grace, and the Valley Parish Churches there have been over 400 times families have been helped financially. I thank God for you and your gifts that made this help possible.



Through these encounters there were also opportunities to share in the important situations of the lives of our neighbors. In hard times many are open to sharing deeply of spiritual, emotional, physical, and financial concerns. Prayer has been offered often and invitations have been extended for growth in faith.

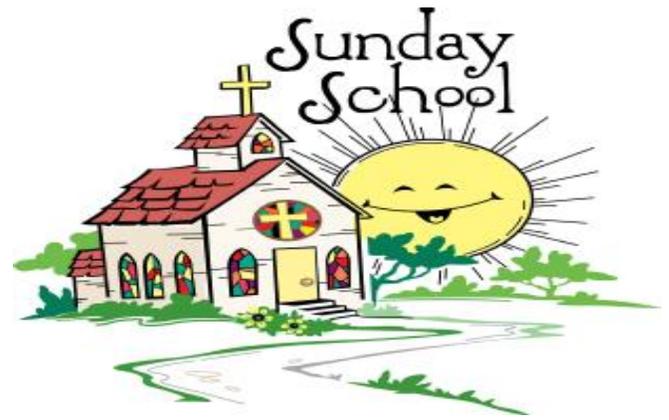
There were many others who called, messages were returned but my subsequent messages were never returned. Other times the messages contained insufficient information to get back in touch. There were also several periods of time when there were no funds to help.

In all close to \$15,000 were dispersed to meet needs for shelter, food, medicine, diapers and personal items, transportation for medical appointments and work, and a myriad of miscellaneous needs.

Shelter		
Rent	\$ 3617	38
Utilities	\$ 1763	36
(Natural Gas, Electricity, Water, Sewage, Refuse, Phone)		
Fuel Oil	\$ 1215	29
Food	\$ 1390	68
+many pantry visits		
Medicine	\$ 1035	15
Diapers and Personal items	\$ 499	25
Transportation (Gasoline)		
Medical appointments	\$ 2434	114
Work related	\$ 1241	59
Other	\$ 336	15
Miscellaneous		
Bus, Train, Work Boots, Childcare, etc.	<u>\$ 1368</u>	<u>19</u>
	\$14,898	418

May God Bless both the giver and receiver as we touch each other in the name of Jesus.

In Christ's love,
Karen McCachren



January 3

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

January 10

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Randy Fluke

10:30 Liturgist: Vicki Elmer

January 17

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

January 24

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Randy Fluke

10:30 Liturgist: Vicki Elmer

January 31

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

January S.S. Teachers

The schedule is not yet available.
See Jen for scheduling.



Greeters

8 AM Chris & Deb Havice

10:30 AM Kraig & Sue Kratzer

Outside Greeters

Bonnie Zannino,

Julie and Zanna Hannon





Nursery Attendants

To be scheduled



Junior Church Jan/Feb

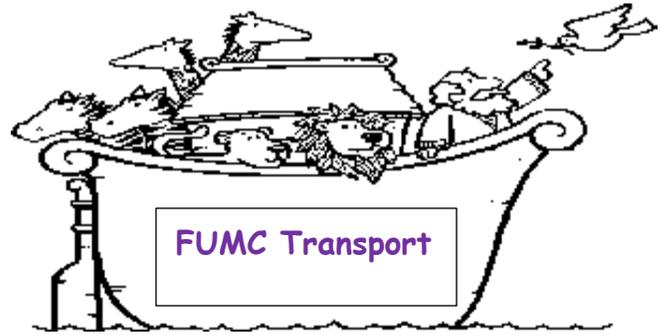
To be scheduled



Kangaroo Kids

January - Allie Sieber

February - Edna Snook



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Contact Jen Lynch for driver information or to schedule.



"Let the little children come to me ..."

MATTHEW 19:14

Children's Message Jan/Feb

To be scheduled

Jan/Feb

Acolytes -

To be

scheduled





February 7

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

February 14

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Jen Lynch

10:30 Liturgist: Kraig Kratzer

February 21

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

February 28

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Jen Lynch

10:30 Liturgist: Kraig Kratzer

February S.S. Teachers

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greeters

8 AM To be scheduled

10:30 AM Wendy Barton and
Leslie Goss

Outside Greeters
Bonnie Zannino,
Julie and Zanna Hannon





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

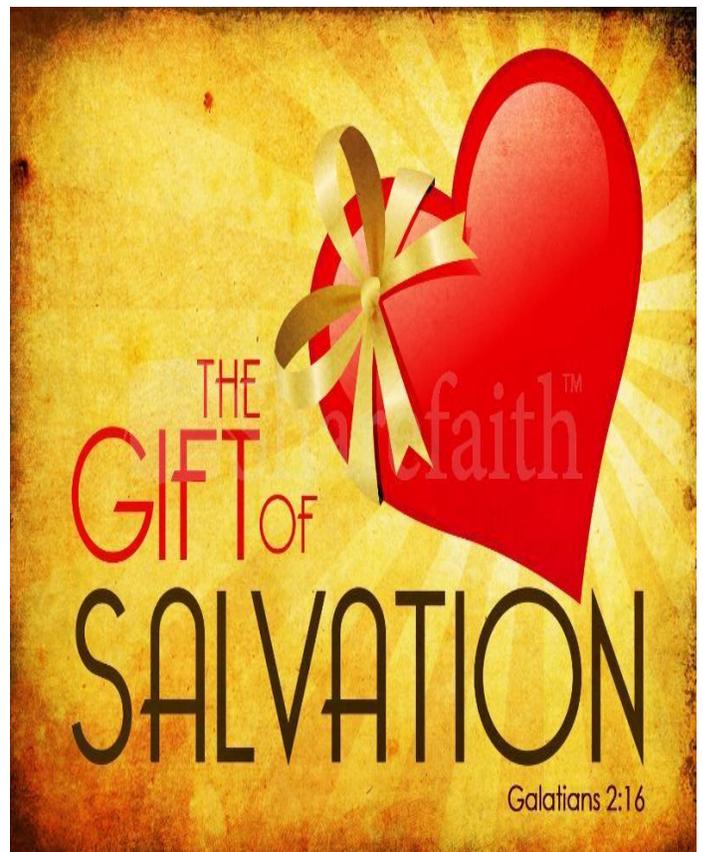
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

Purpose The prayer chain provides confidential intercessory prayer.

To request prayer or to become a praying member call:

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:
Ed Van Wright, Dorothy Heckman, Shari Hughes, Wendell Reis, Tom Stake, Donna Pandel, and Eleanor White.*



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

Dec 6	\$6,262
Dec 13	\$4,745
Dec 20	\$6,148
Dec 27	\$6,914



Unpaid Bills – **0.00**

Attendance

Dec 6	168
Dec 13	153
Dec 20	200
Christmas Eve	278
Dec 27	140



2014 Average Attendance: **145**

2015 Average Attendance: **146** (Jan-June 133) (July-Dec 159)

The 2016 Boxed Offering Envelopes are @ the Welcome Center. If you use envelopes but can't pick them up or would like envelopes and don't receive them please give the office a call, and we will send them to you.





Good Eggs 2016

*It is the time of year to think about fellowship and fun and also the production and sales of our wonderful Peanut Butter, Coconut Cream, and Butter Cream **GOOD Eggs**. The Good Eggs will be at FUMC Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Production begins @ 8 AM on those days. Sales will be from 9-11:30 AM on the same days. There is a place for*

everyone! Mixing, Rolling, Melting, Coating, Bagging, Selling, Laughing, and Talking are all a part of the day. Seasoned 'veterans' and first time 'rookies' are needed and WELCOME.

January 14 8 AM Kitchen and Equipment Cleaning

January 18 8 AM Mixers and Rollers

January 19 8 AM Full Production – Everyone needed

January 18 until March 11 – Production Days begin @ 8 AM

January 25 until March 18 – Sales M/T/TH/F 9-11:30 AM

See Marge McCardle or Dave McCachren with questions.



Koinonia Women's Fellowship meets Tuesdays, January 5th and February 2nd @ 7 PM. **Game Night Jan. 5th** –

Devotions - Mary Jo, Refreshments – Anne

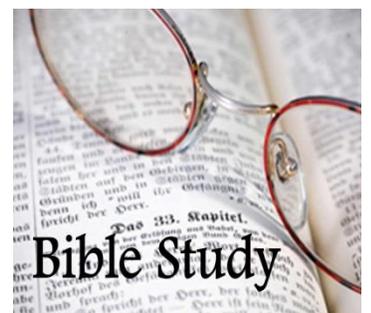
Making Valentines for Shut-ins Feb. 2nd

Coordinators: Anne, Karen Doberneck

Devotions – Laura, Refreshments - Aleta

Our next 'Come to the Banquet' free luncheon will be Wed., Jan. 27th, @ noon. We'll have Turkey Shepherd's Pie, fruit, pudding, and cookies. Everyone is welcome!

Coming January 3rd, a new sermon series entitled "Does the Bible really say that?" We will also embark on a new Wednesday Bible Study beginning Jan. 6th based on Fuquay's "The God We Can Know." Pastor Vicki Elmer will lead the morning study and Pastor Randy will lead the evening study. Join us!





Calling all youth, young adults, and those who like modern Christian music!

The Winter Jam is coming to the Bryce Jordan Center on Friday, January 8th and will feature worship leaders like: For King and Country, Matthew West, Crowder, Lauren Daigle, Red, Newsong, Sidewalk Prophets, KB, Tedashii, Trip Lee, Stars Go Dim, We Are Messengers, Tony Nolan (Guest Speaker).

The cost is \$10, and we will leave from FUMC that evening @ 5:15 PM. RSVP to Jen Lynch or Pastor Randy if you would like to go!



The Giving Tree 2015



We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Giving Tree Christmas Project this year.

Whether you took a child's name, helped wrap, or gave a cash gift, you helped put joy into a child's heart this Christmas.

The First Church family always comes through in sharing God's love with these needy children.

Committed helpers were Helen Searer, June Taylor, Connie Walters, Cindy Seaholtz, and Jeanne Horning. The project couldn't have been done without them. A heartfelt thank you to each of them.

*May God Bless you All,
Betty Baxter*





January

1. Marlene Pierce
4. Sandy Matthews
4. Jill Bryan
11. Sophia Kyler
12. Mary Jo Everhart
18. Steve Richardson
21. Sandy Havice
22. Allie Sieber
25. Ann Burdge
25. Bev Clelan
28. Ben Horning
30. Phyllis Elliott
30. Suzan McClure
31. Bill Baumgardner

February

5. Louise Smithers
6. Adrianna Baumgardner
6. Brianna Baumgardner
8. Maxine Householder
9. Nadine Bryan
9. Barb Eby
10. Joe Lingle
10. Laura Buffington
10. Tristan Hileman
11. Leonard Ronk
12. Jordan Havice
15. Jeanne Horning
16. Jim Dulis
19. Dick Taylor
21. Mike Goss
21. Roger Searer
23. Gloria Cook

Please use the following form to order flowers for 2016. Sunday dates are listed below for your convenience.

The flowers on the altar are in **loving memory** of _____

Or

The flowers on the altar are in **honor** of _____

The flowers are presented by _____

Name of person ordering _____ Phone # _____

Do you want the Altar Guild committee to take your flowers to a shut in? Yes ___No___

(If no, flowers must be picked up no later than noon Monday.) Flowers must be left on the altar until all services are over. This form will be made available on a yearly basis. Roses are reserved for births and baptisms only, and they will be handled through the church office.

Please do not send cash. Please mail **check and form** to:

The First United Methodist Church, 200 E. Third Street, Attention: Altar Flowers, Lewistown, PA 17044-1709.

Circle Choice Single Vase \$15.00 Double Vase \$30.00

Dates will be reserved on a first come/Paid in full basis.

2016 Sunday date – 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

If flower dates are not available I would choose one of these alternatives:

Contribution to: 1) Memorial Fund 2) Matthew 25 3) Lumina Center **Circle one only.**

These gifts in lieu of altar flowers will be mentioned in the newsletter only. Separate forms will be made available at a later time for Easter and Christmas orders.

January	February	March	April
3	7	6	3
10	14	13	10
17	21	20	17
24	28	27 Lilies	24
31			
May	June	July	August
1	5	3	7
8	12	10	14
15	19	17	21
22	26	24	28
29		31	
September	October	November	December
4	2	6	4
11	9	13	11
18	16	20	18
25	23	27	25 Poinsettias
	30		

Church Office Use Only

Date Received _____ Amount _____ Approved _____

Check # _____ Category _____

Asterisk denotes 1 vase ordered

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

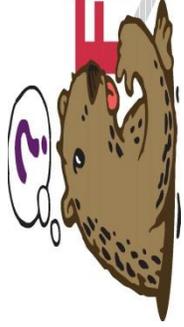
***The Newsletter Deadline
is always the 15th
of each month!***





January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2
3 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	4 7 PM Ray of Hope	5 7 PM Koionia Game Night	6 10:30/7 Bible Study	7 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8:00 PM AA	8 5:15 PM Departing to Bryce Jordan Center for Winter Jam Concert	9
10 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	11 7 PM Ray of Hope	12	13 10:30/7 Bible Study 7 PM Pink Connection	14 8 AM Good Eggs Kitchen Cleaning 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8:00 PM AA	15	16
17 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	18 8 AM Good Eggs Mixers and Rollers 7 PM Ray of Hope	19 8 AM Good Eggs Full Production 6 PM Hospitality 7 PM Trustees	20 10:30/7 Bible Study	21 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8:00 PM AA	22	23
24 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	25 9-11:30 Good Eggs Sales Begins 7 PM Ray of Hope	26 1-3 PM Knitting Circle 7 PM Ministry Council	27 10:30/7 Bible Study Noon 'Come to the Banquet'	3280 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8:00 PM AA	29	30
31 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School		Good Eggs Production Jan. 19- March 11 begins @ 8 AM M/T/TH/F	Good Eggs Sales begin Jan. 25 th from 9-11:30 AM on M/T/TH/F			



FEBRUARY

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 PM Ray of Hope	2 7 PM Koinonia Making Valentines for Homebound	3 10:30/7 Bible Study	4 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	5	6
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