

# *The First Forecast*

of  
*First United Methodist Church*

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

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*'Potato Head'*

October 2018

## *Upcoming Highlights*

### **Harvest Time**

It starts in the spring, when the ground is still cool and damp. When soil lays dormant all winter, it is in need of cultivation. The steward sinks a plow into the ground and begins the process of cultivation, aeration, and preparation.



Somewhere a person sits and slices seed potatoes making sure that each piece has at least one eye on it. At a time when the ground has warmed and frost is a long forgotten nemesis, the steward begins setting potato seeds into the soil, adding fertilizer, and covering each row with more soil. If only that was all it took to grow potatoes! Throughout the summer, there is weeding, heeling each row with more soil, checking for potato bugs, and a few other chores.

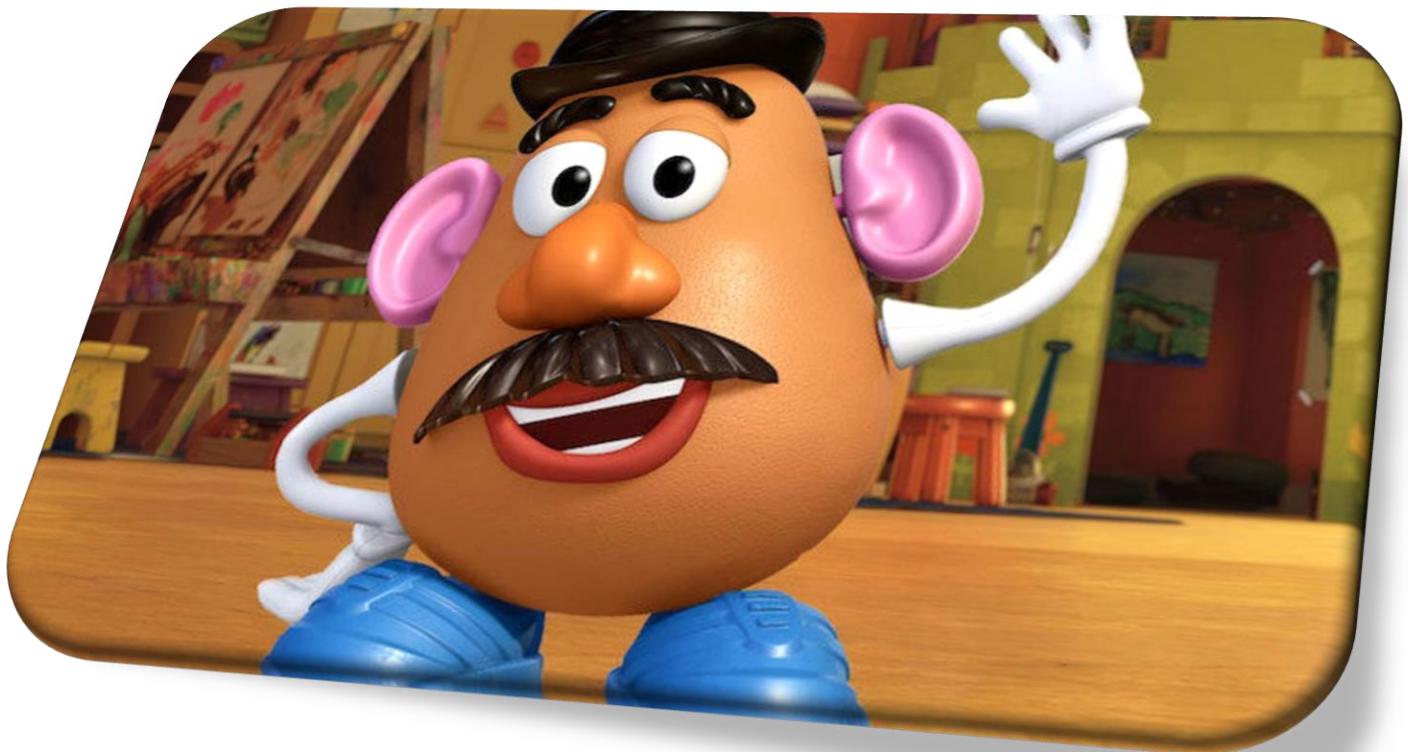
Heeling each row with more soil? Yes, as the potatoes form and grow larger, they push dirt away from the plant. Eventually, potatoes would begin to be exposed and suffer sunburn. Have you ever seen a green potato? It has lain in the sun. No lie.



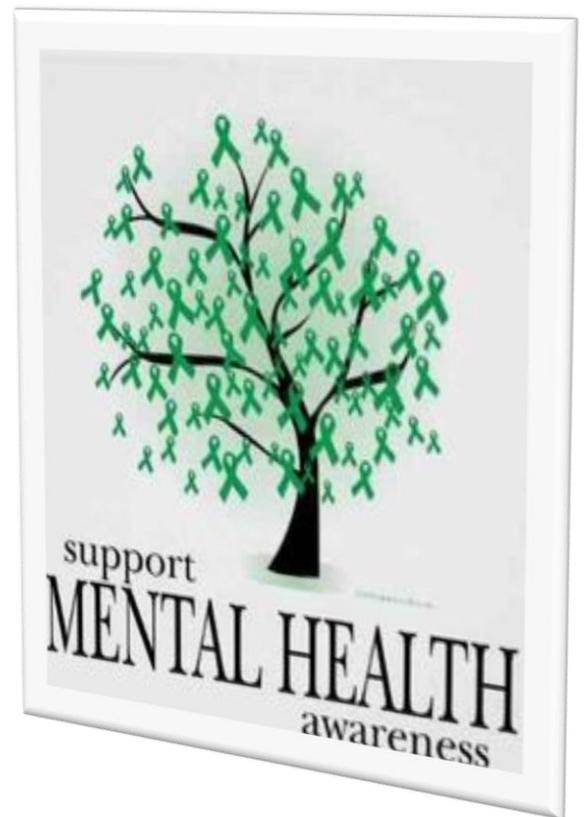
Come late summer, after back breaking labor and much prayer, the harvest of potatoes is ready to be dug. Depending on the size of the farm, determines the size of the harvester. Our family farm potato digger looked like this. No matter the machine, potatoes are extracted from the ground to be enjoyed in countless ways.



Potato Drop 2018 will occur on Saturday October 20 at Church Hill UMC Reedsville. Over 20 tons of bagged potatoes will be delivered for rebagging and distribution. Want to meet other workers in the field, bag potatoes, and make a difference in your county? Come on out to the church between 7 and 8 AM.



Would you join me in praying this prayer written by a pastor who has known the pain of mental illness in her life. She has written it for The National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding which has been designated as the Tuesday of Mental Illness Awareness Week during the first week in October of each year. This year it is October 2. If you can't pray on this day choose another day and make the following your prayer. Blessings to you as you care for others.  
Karen McCachren



Loving Creator, we come to you on this National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding because we know that you are a God of love and compassion. We come as people of all creeds and all nations seeking your presence, comfort and guidance. We come as consumers, family members, friends, co-workers and mental health professionals. We come this day because we believe that you, Divine One, love each one of us just as we are and you walk with us on our individual journeys through life. You see the ignorance and injustice that divides and separates persons struggling with mental illness and you weep with us.

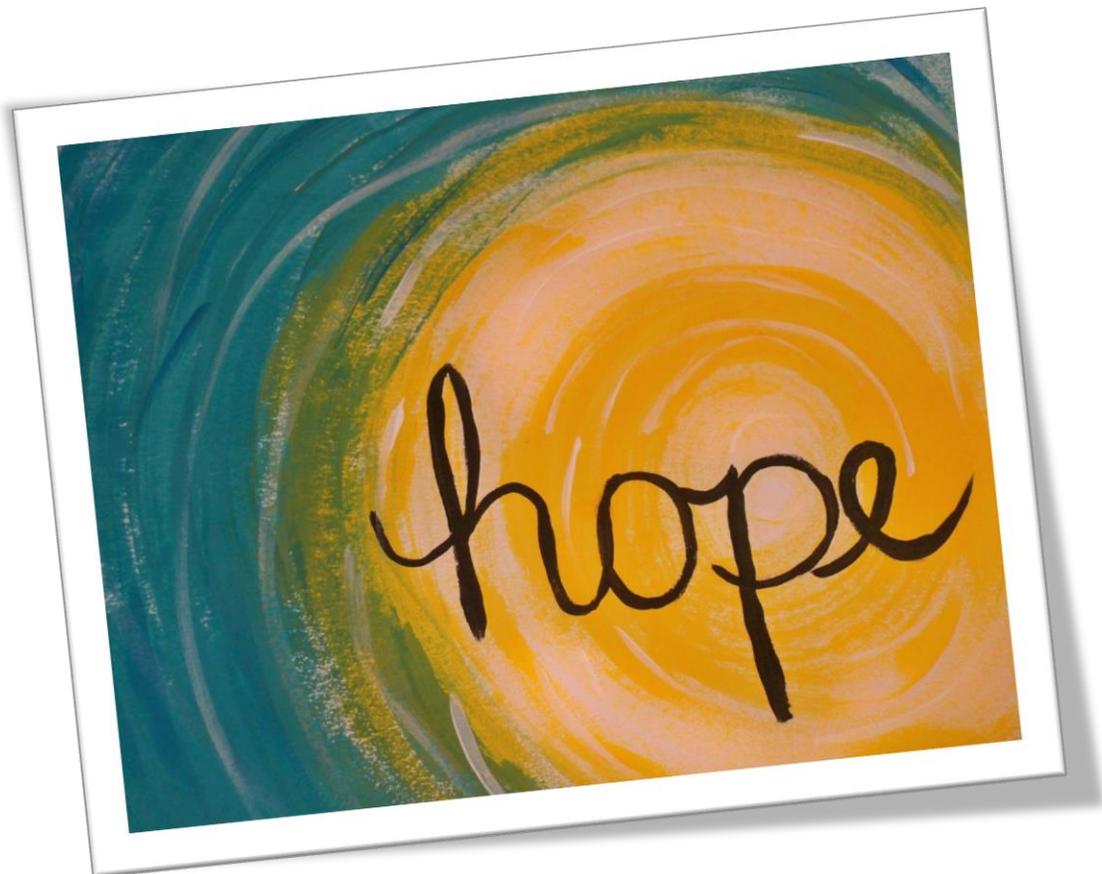
Give us courage to face our challenges and open us today to the many ways you are already working in our midst. Help us to identify mental illness as the disease it is, that we might have courage and wisdom in the face of ignorance and stigma. Inspire us as we seek to overcome fear, acquire knowledge, and advocate for compassionate and enlightened treatment and services.

Lead us as we open our hearts and homes, our communities and job opportunities, our houses of worship and communities of faith. Enable us to find ways to be inclusive of persons living with mental illness in our everyday lives. Be with doctors, therapists, researchers, social workers, and all those in the helping professions as they seek to overcome ignorance and injustice with care and compassion.

Sometimes, Divine Spirit, we feel discouraged and hopeless in the face of so many challenges. Help us to see ourselves as you see us...persons of value and worth...persons of creativity and potential. May we come to understand the interconnectedness of mind, body and spirit in bringing about health and wholeness. And may we go forward into our communities with a renewed sense of vision, hope and possibility for the future.

Amen.

- Reverend Susan Gregg-Schroeder



# Walk to Fight Suicide

Juniata Valley

## Out of the Darkness Walk

Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Register Today!

[afsp.org/Lewistown](http://afsp.org/Lewistown)



American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention





# Worship Schedule

## October 7

8:00/10:30 AM Worship  
9:10 Sunday School  
8:00 Liturgist: Karen  
10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## October 14

8:00/10:30 AM Worship  
9:10 Sunday School  
8:00 Liturgist: Sam Caldwell  
10:30 Liturgist: Chris Ferencz

## October 21

8:00/10:30 AM Worship  
9:10 Sunday School  
8:00 Liturgist: Sam Caldwell  
10:30 Liturgist: Chris Ferencz

## October 28

8:00/10:30 AM Worship  
9:10 Sunday School  
8:00 Liturgist: Karen  
10:30 Liturgist: Karen



## October S.S. Teachers

**Nursery – TBS**

**Pre-School – K Aleta Harpster**

**Grades 1-2 Rylie Ream**

**Grades 3-5 TBS**

**Grades 6-9 Heidi Bracken**

**Grades 10-12 Tracie Hughes**



# greeters

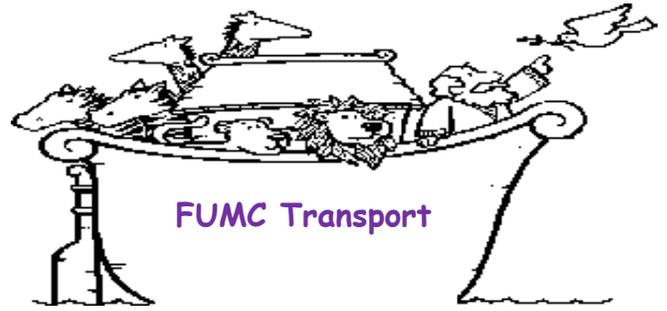
**8 Tom & Connie Walters**

**10:30 TBS**



*Nursery Attendants*

*Sierra & Kody Hassinger*



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Please call the church office to arrange transportation.



**Junior Church**

*Bonnie and Julie*



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

MATTHEW 19:14

**Children's Message**

- Oct 7 Bruce Buffington**
- Oct 14 Pastor Randy**
- Oct 21 Pastor Randy**
- Oct 28 Pastor Randy**



**Kangaroo Kids**

*Sierra & Kody Hassinger*

**Acolytes - TBS**



# FUMC Finance and Attendance

## Regular Offerings

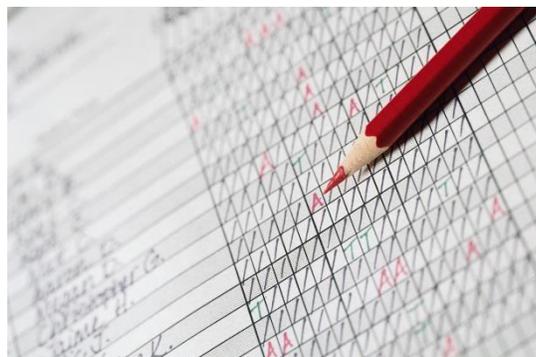
|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Sept 2  | \$4,444 |
| Sept 9  | \$ 711  |
| Sept 16 | \$8,767 |
| Sept 23 | \$4,604 |



Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

## Attendance

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Sept 2  | 144 |
| Sept 9  | 37  |
| Sept 16 | 137 |
| Sept 23 | 131 |



*Budget Worksheets are in all the committee mailboxes. Budgets are due back to Finance by noon on Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. The budget meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 7 PM and Finance requests that committee chairpersons or representatives attend the meeting to present your budget. Contact Laura with any questions @ 717-242-1655 or by e-mail, [lkbuff122@gmail.com](mailto:lkbuff122@gmail.com)*





**In accordance with privacy policy @ Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital you need to inform Rev. Karen McCachren (717-248-1011 or 717-437-6023) or the church office if you are hospitalized and desire a visit.**

*Our prayers for health and wholeness are shared with:  
Scott Wagner, Kiera Shuttlesworth, Kathy Martofel, Judy Pennepacker, and Jeanne Horning.*

**Prayer Chain Line:**

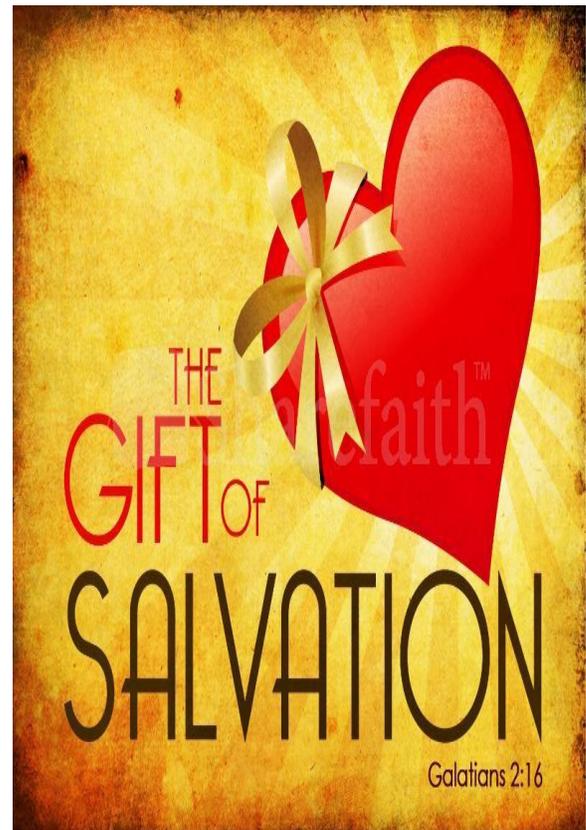
Call 717-248-8459 or  
717-242-1655

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  
717-248-8459,  
([kmccachren@comcast.net](mailto:kmccachren@comcast.net)) or  
Laura or Bruce Buffington @  
([lkbuff122@gmail.com](mailto:lkbuff122@gmail.com))



## **Other News and Notes**

***Koinonia will be making apple dumplings Tuesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, @ 6 PM for sale at our Homespun Bazaar. All women are invited to attend. If you have an apple corer/slicer machine bring it along. Contact Lisa Heckman for details, 717-242-0001.***



***Homebound Christmas Cards and Visitation – Let's remember our homebound members at this special time of the year. Names will be provided for you to make contact with these special members. Lists of names will be available Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, @ the Welcome Center. Individualized gift bags will be available Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Visitation is planned for Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Carol Herbertson for details, 717-667-6932.***



***Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during Jack's illness and passing, for the beautiful service, and the delicious meal.***

***- Beverly Knox & family***





**Homespun is coming!** Our Homespun Bazaar is slated for Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4-8 PM. We need lots of helpers. Kitchen helpers, servers, pie and cake bakers. We appreciate each and every one that helps make Homespun a success. Here are some of the items we will need for our booths.

***Christmas Shop*** – homemade Christmas decorations, candles, Christmas items, and wreaths

***Sweets & Treats*** – All that good stuff – candy, fudge, coated pretzels, hard candies, molded chocolate, lollipops

***Fresh from the Oven*** – Homemade bread, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, jellies, peaches, pies

***Homespun Quilters*** – Anything you can sew – aprons, cloth dolls, cross stitch items, and quilts

***Woodcrafters Shop*** – Bird houses, benches, shelves, painted items



*Our legendary Turkey Dinner takes place during Homespun – Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4-7 PM. Tickets are available now at the church office or from Homespun members. Adults \$8, Children 6-11 \$3.50. We will have a sign-up sheet for helpers. Join us for this great, traditional meal.*

*- The Homespun Committee*



## **The Altar Flowers**

### **October 7**

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### **October 14**

The flowers are presented in honor of Pastor Randy and Pastor Karen from a grateful congregation.

Additional flowers are presented in celebration of Bonnie Van Natta's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday from children Jack and Stephane.

**Happy Birthday Bonnie!**

### **October 21**

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Ray Matthews from Sandy.

### **October 28**

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

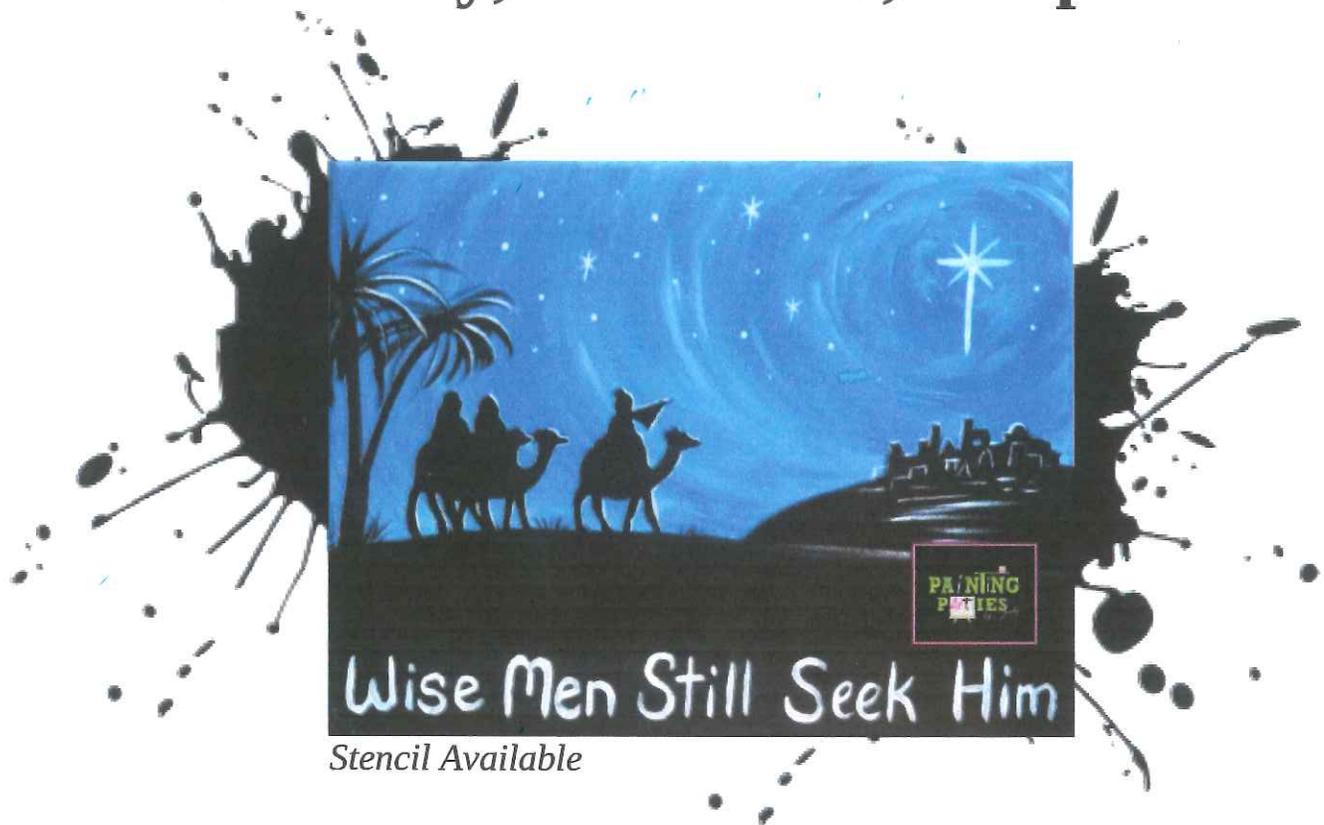
## **October**

1. Aaron Snook
7. Harvey Eckert
8. Rick Cook
12. Betty Baxter
13. Judy Caldwell
15. Wendy Barton
15. Karen Doberneck
16. Susan Kratzer
17. Nancy Lingle
17. Bonnie Van Natta
20. Sally Greenaway
22. Betty Benner
25. Kay Lewis
27. Lisa Heckman
28. Tammy Matthews
30. Katie Becker
31. Glenda Dillman



**BENEFIT**  
*Christmas Painting Party*

**Saturday, October 13, 1:00pm**



*Stencil Available*

**Held at Lake Park United Methodist Church. Lewistown**  
*Benefiting Lake Park UMC Garden Fund*

**Food & Door Prizes. All supplies included for 11x14 wrapped canvas.**  
*No Art Skills Needed. Fun Step-by-Step Instructions.*

**Reserve Your Canvas & Prepay \$30**

**Text 717-437-4702 or Facebook Message: Sherry Zook**

**[www.PaintingPartiesByJudy.com](http://www.PaintingPartiesByJudy.com)**

# Do you know a child who needs a wish?

You can help make a wish come true for a child like Tyler, who was granted a wish for an English bulldog.

All it takes is a phone call, an email, or a click to bring joy to a child with a life-threatening medical condition. Be sure to tell the family that you are referring their child to the Make-A-Wish Foundation®.

## Three easy ways to refer a child:

1. Call our office at (570) 622-6962.
2. Email us at [email@wishworld.org](mailto:email@wishworld.org).
3. Visit us at [www.wishgreaterpa.org](http://www.wishgreaterpa.org) and click on "Refer A Child" at the top of the page.



A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

*NORM 717 543 5671*

## ***First U.M. Church Staff***

### ***Ministry Staff:***

Pastor: **Rev. Randy Hughes**

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

Deacon of Caring Ministries E-Mail: [kmccachren@comcast.net](mailto:kmccachren@comcast.net)

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

Education Director E-Mail: [heidi.bracken@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.bracken@gmail.com) 724-516-5527

Outreach Coordinator: **Jen Lynch** [responder1824@msn.com](mailto:responder1824@msn.com)



### ***Music Staff:***

**Choirs Director: Katie Becker**

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

### ***Support Staff:***

**Custodians: Joe Lingle, Cassie Shank**

**Office Manager: Rob Hagenberger**

Church Office Hours:

**Monday through Friday 7AM - Noon**

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

**Email: [fumc200@outlook.com](mailto: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**

### ***The Newsletter Deadline***

***is always the 15<sup>th</sup>***

***of each month!***



# October 2018



| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                               | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|--|--------|----------|
|  | 1<br>6 PM Men's Study<br>7 PM Ray of Hope      | 2<br>6 PM Koinonia<br>making apple<br>dumplings  | 3<br>10:30 AM/7 PM Bible<br>Study   | 4<br>6:30 Bells<br>7:30 Choir<br>8 AA  | 5      | 6        |
| 7<br>8/10:30 Worship<br>9:10 S.S.                          | 8<br>6 PM Men's Study<br>7 PM Ray of Hope      | 9<br>7 PM <b>Finance<br/>Budget Meeting</b><br> | 10<br>10:30 AM/7 PM Bible<br>Study  | 11<br>6:30 Bells<br>7:30 Choir<br>8 AA | 12     | 13       |
| 14<br>8:00/10:30 Worship<br>9:10 S.S.                      | 15<br>6 PM Men's Study<br>7 PM Ray of Hope     | 16<br>7 PM <b>Trustees</b>   | 17<br>10:30 AM/7 PM Bible<br>Study  | 18<br>6:30 Bells<br>7:30 Choir<br>8 AA | 19     | 20       |
| 21<br>8/10:30 Worship<br>9:10 S.S.                         | 22<br>6 PM Men's Study<br>7 PM Ray of Hope     | 23   | 24<br>10:30 AM/7 PM Bible<br>Study<br>Noon <b>'Banquet'</b>   | 25<br>6:30 Bells<br>7:30 Choir<br>8 AA | 26     | 27       |
| 28<br>8/10:30 Worship<br>9:10 S.S.<br><b>Homespun Prep</b> | 29<br>7 PM Ray of Hope<br><b>Homespun Prep</b> | 30<br><b>Homespun Prep</b>   | 31 <b>Halloween</b><br> |  |        |          |