

The First Forecast of First United Methodist Church

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April 2017

Since college and professional football season is over and NCAA basketball March Madness is drawing to a close, what is there about which to get excited? Well, I'm glad you asked! FUMC is right in the thick of some good stuff happening in our church and town. ☺

Here are some calendar marking events you'll not want to miss.



- † April 1 – Spring Rally and pre-Rally Turkey Dinner
- † April 9 - Palm Sunday Worship (Children's Bell Choir)
- † April 13 - Maundy Thursday Seder Meal (FUMC) - 7 PM
- † April 14 - Stations of the Cross/Cross Walk – Sacred Heart 11 AM
- † April 14 - Good Friday Service (FUMC) - 7 PM
- † April 16 - Easter Sunrise Service at Lind Memorial – 6 AM
Easter Breakfast following Sunrise
- † April 16 - Easter Worship Services (FUMC)
- † April 22 - Italian Night! (FUMC)
- † May 4-6 – Annual Conference (Hershey)
- † May 13 – Mother's Day Tea (FUMC) – 11:30 AM
- † May 20 – Faith Festival at Mifflin County Library – 10-2 PM

*Hope to see you at some or all of these important spiritual formation events.
Peace, PR*

FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

64th Annual Spring Rally – Everyone Welcome!

Free Will Offering

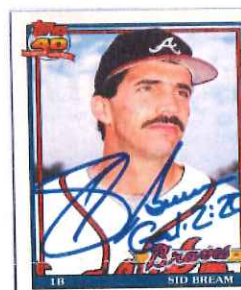
Saturday Evening April 1st @ 7 PM

First United Methodist Church

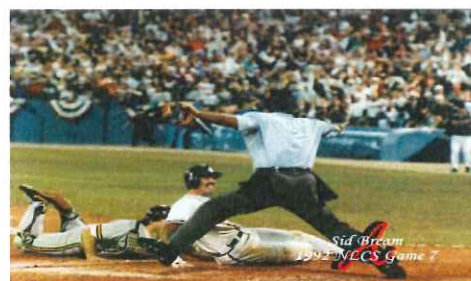
200 E 3rd St., Lewistown, PA



**This Year's Guest Speaker
is former Pittsburgh Pirate
and Atlanta Brave
Sid Bream**



**UNITED METHODIST
MEN**



**JOIN US FOR A HOT TURKEY
DINNER BEFORE THE RALLY
FROM 4:30 – 6:30 PM**

MEAL TICKETS:

ADULTS \$8 – CHILDREN \$4

TICKETS @ CHURCH OFFICE OR CALL 717-248-4618

RSVP PREFERRED – WALK IN WELCOME



A FAMILY EVENT – ALL ARE WELCOME

Singing begins @ 6:30 PM, Program gets underway @ 7 PM



First United Methodist Church

Turkey Dinner

Saturday, April 1st

4:30-6:30

Cost \$8 Adult—\$4 Children

Tickets available @ the church office, 200 E Third St
Lewistown or by calling 717-248-4618



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS



XP3 MS will be ending Strength in Numbers. And whether you have a huge group of friends or just one BFF, they can have a huge impact on who you are now and who you become later. Our group can sway us toward good decisions . . . or bad ones. There's a lot of influence in who we hang out with, including our friends and people we look to for guidance. And there can be a lot of pain when a friendship ends. Perhaps that's why the Bible has so much to say about these topics. As we look to the Bible for advice, we'll discover how we should choose our friends and mentors, and how we should handle those friendships that fade over time.



XP3 will then start All Access. Have you ever been to a concert? Maybe you had tickets for great seats. Maybe you were in the nosebleeds. Either way, you probably noticed that everyone had the same goal in mind, to get as close as possible. There's just something about being near the band or near the artist that makes a great concert even more fun. But there's a limit, right? No matter how good your tickets are, you can only get so close. There's a velvet rope you can't cross, a hall you can't walk down, or a security guard you can't stroll right past because those areas are reserved for certain people . . . special people— people with an all-access pass. Maybe you've felt the same way when it comes to God. Sure, you come to church and sing songs or listen, but there's a limit to how close you can get. It's almost like there's a velvet rope around certain parts

of our faith that tells us those parts are restricted to special people, to church-staff people, or to super-spiritual people. But what if that's never what God intended?

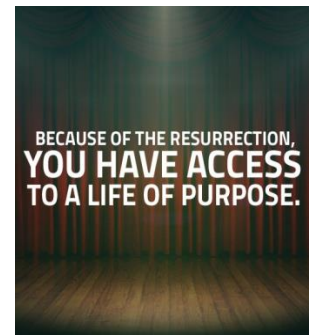
In this series we'll explore what the Resurrection of Jesus really meant—for real people like us. And, we'll discover that, because of Easter, we have an all-access pass to Him and to the life He has for us.

Adult classes available for Parents

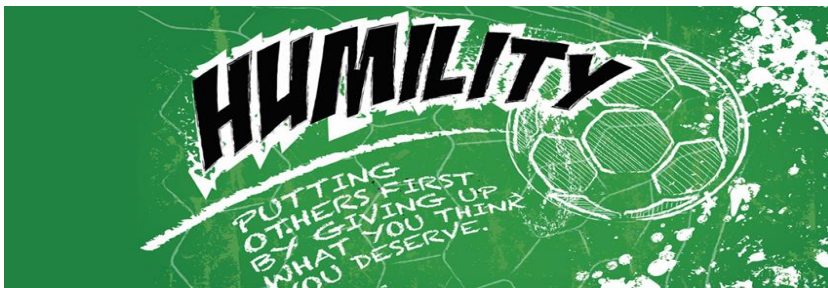
- Agape Class – “If Experience is such a good teacher why do I keep repeating the course”
- The Seekers Class – “He Chose the Nails”
- The Upper Room Class – “United Methodist Questions - United Methodist Answers”
- Young at Heart Class – Open discussion
- The M (Methodist) Squad –

(Agape Class, The Seekers, Young at Heart Class, and The M Squad are located on the second floor.)

(The Upper Room meets in the overflow area of the sanctuary.)



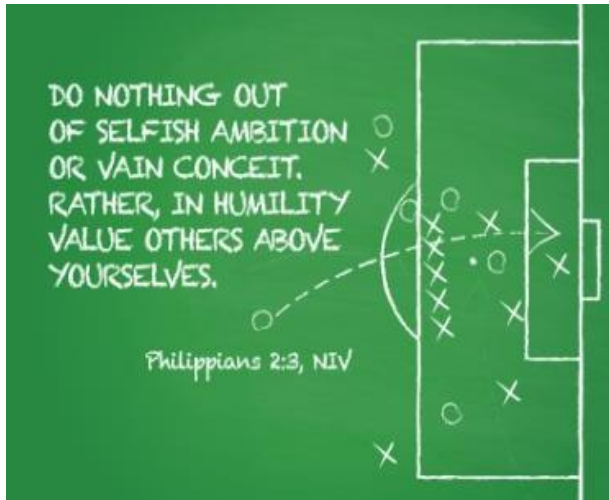
Humility is a response of the character of God.



God has no beginning and no end. God is the creator and sustainer of the universe. He deserves all of our worship and praise for what He has done and continues to do in our life.

On the other hand, we are humans, created by God. And while we are the crowns of God's creation, we are nothing without our Creator God.

Yet so often, we act like we are God. We allow our pride to take over and forget that any of our strengths or accomplishments would not exist without God. The only proper response in light of God's greatness is to respond with humility in our interactions with the people around us.

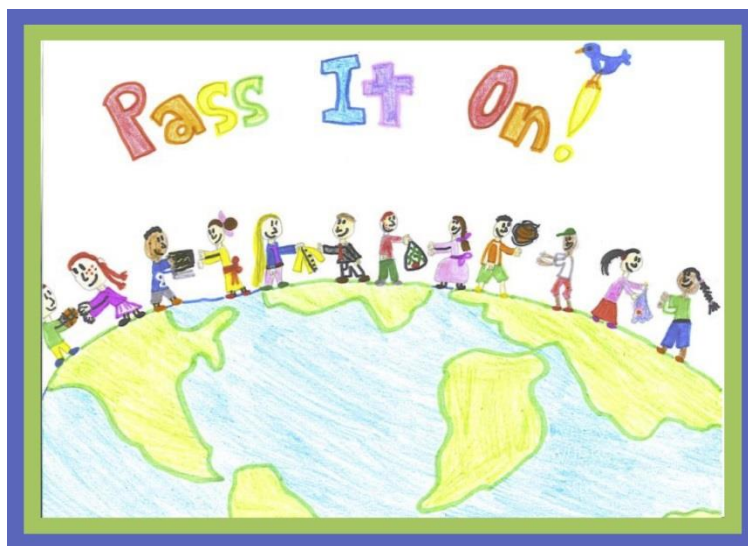


GOAL! PASS IT TO WIN IT

Soccer is a team sport. Eleven players on the field playing for one purpose: getting the ball in the net to score a goal. Many players will never get the glory. Their job is to pass the ball up the field until one person can score. Soccer is a sport full of people who need to put others first if they're going to win the game.

Like the tag line says, you've got to pass it to win it! Let's help our kids find value in humility this month.

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April 2

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8/10:30 Liturgist: Karen

April 9 Palm Sunday

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Barb Baker

10:30 Liturgist: Carol Booher

April 13 – Maundy Thursday

7 PM Seder Meal

April 14 – Good Friday

11 AM Stations of the Cross

@ Sacred Heart

7 PM Service @ FUMC

April 16 Easter

6 AM Sunrise Service @ Lind

followed by breakfast

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8/10:30 Liturgist: Karen

April 23

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Barb Baker

10:30 Liturgist: Carol Booher

April 30

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8/10:30 Liturgist: Karen



April S.S. Teachers

Nursery – Rose Baumgardner

Pre-School - K - Aleta Harpster

Grades 1-2 - Bonnie Zannino

Grades 3-5 - Tina Stoner

Grades 6-9 – Tracie Hughes

Grades 10-12 – Doug Lynch



8 AM Jeanne & Ben Horning

10:30 AM TBS

Outside Greeters

TBS





Nursery Attendants

April 2, 9, 16, 23

Sierra Hassinger

April 30

Sandy, Stacey



Junior Church

April 2 Lisa Heckman

April 9 Bonnie/Julie

April 16 Su Salvatore

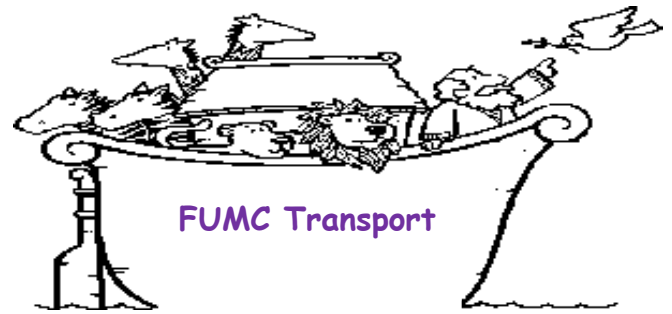
April 23 TBS

April 30 Su Salvatore



Kangaroo Kids

Leslie Goss



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



Children's Message

April 2 Bruce Buffington

April 9 Bonnie/Julie

April 16 Pastor Randy

April 23 Pastor Randy

April 30 TBS

Acolytes -

Justin Lynch

Tristan Hileman





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

Prayer Chain Line:

Call 248-8459 or 242-1655

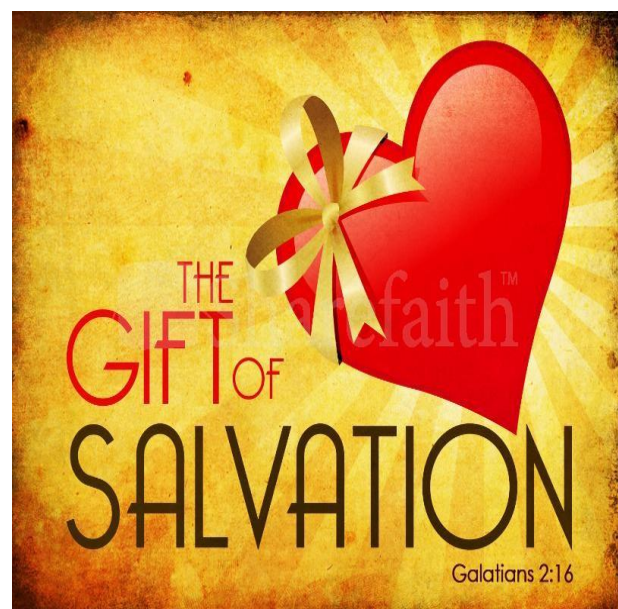
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

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:
Bill Baumgardner, Harvey Eckert, Lois Thompson, Dawn Mierley, Betty Baxter, Nancy Adair, Gary Mast, Billie Miller, Judy Peace, Nancy Rauch, Kathy Walls, Bob Goodwin, Vaughn Shipe, Pauline Teenie, Jane Wagner, and Nancy Hartley.



FUMC Finance and Attendance

Regular Offerings

March 5	\$4,008
March 12	\$4,000
March 19	\$6,505



Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

Attendance

March 5	153
March 12	116
March 19	145



We extend our sincere thanks to our auditors, Bill Herbertson and Kelly Rutherford, for their many hours of painstaking work auditing the church's financial records and ensuring the integrity of our recordkeeping. Thank you very much! Thanks also to our Finance chairperson, Laura Buffington, and treasurer, Barb Baker, for their leadership, skill, and commitment to keep our financial records in top form.



The Eggs will soon be gone!

Egg sales continue through April 7th, but there are not many left. Be sure to get your reserve cache before they are all gone. The Egg Hotline number is 242-1539. Sales hours are M,T,TH,F from 9-11:30 AM.



Koinonia Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, April 4th, 6-8 PM.

Painting Party

\$25 to paint, but all are welcome even if not painting.

*Devotions/Refreshments - Beth
Call Tiff @ 250-9596 and leave a message if you are planning on painting so we have supplies.*



Join Us In
Christian Fellowship
KOINONIA

Lenten Breakfasts 7:30 AM

April 1st – Lake Park UMC

April 8th – Granville UMC



Breakfast

Italian Night – 'A Taste of Old Italy'

We will hold our great traditional 'Taste of Old Italy' Italian Dinner with entertainment Saturday, April 22nd.

All the details will be coming soon. Mark your calendars for this great evening of food and fun! Tickets will be available @ the church office or contact Jim Havice.





April

3. Vicki Elmer
6. Randy Fluke
11. Nancy Rauch
11. Rev. Roz Mason
12. Madison Lauver
16. Isaac Matthews
18. Ruth Broome
19. Dr. Charles Everhart
20. Lantz Heckman
21. Aleta Harpster
21. Darl Miller
21. Carla Baumgardner
22. Bill Herbertson
23. Tandi Lauver
24. John Hasson
25. Barb Baker



The Altar Flowers

April 2

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

April 9

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

April 16

Lilies adorn the sanctuary in celebration of the risen Christ.

April 23

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

April 30

The flowers are presented to the glory of God.

Lots of dates are still open for 2017. Complete a Flower Order Form available @ the Welcome Center or call the office if you would like one mailed to you.





Join us for a fun night at the Ballpark on Aug. 13th.

We will take in a State College Spikes game @ Medlar Field in State College @ 6:05 PM.

Tickets are \$13/person. We have a sign-up sheet @ the Welcome Center. Contact Sam Caldwell to participate and pay for tickets. This year we will be in the Diamond Club seating area.

We had a great time at the ballpark last year. We will meet @ the church and travel together or you can meet us there.



FUMC Staff

Ministry Staff:

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Deacon of Caring Ministries E-Mail: kmccachren@comcast.net

Coordinator of Teaching Ministries: **Jen Lynch**



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Choirs Director: Katie Becker

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

Support Staff:

Custodian: Joe Lingle

Office Manager: Rob Hagenberger

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - Noon

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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!***



April 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:30 AM Lenten B-fast @ Lake Park Spring Rally 4:30-6:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Singing 7 PM Program 
2 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School 9:15 RENEWED	3 Noon Lenten Lunch @ Sunshine Connection 7 PM Ray of Hope	4 6 PM Koinonia Painting Party 6:30 Prayer Practice	5 10:30/7 Bible Study	6 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	7	8 7:30 AM Lenten Breakfast @ Granville UMC
9 Palm Sunday 8:00/10:30 Worship Children's Bell Choir 9:10 Sunday School	10 7 PM Ray of Hope	11	12 10:30/7 Bible Study 7 PM Pink Connection	13 Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7 PM Seder Meal 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	14 Good Friday 11 AM Stations of the Cross @ Sacred Heart 7 PM Good Friday Service @ FUMC	15
16 Easter 6 AM Sunrise Service @ Lind followed by Breakfast @ FUMC 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	17 7 PM Ray of Hope	18 6 PM Hospitality 7 PM Trustees	19 10:30/7 Bible Study	20 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	21	22 'Old Italy Night' 
23 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	24 7 PM Ray of Hope	25 1-3 PM Knitting	26 10:30/7 Bible Study Noon 'Come to the Banquet'	27 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	28	29
30 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School						