

# *The First Forecast*

of  
*First United Methodist Church*

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'Hip'

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## Not Young and Definitely Not Hip!

The other day, I was at a local assisted living facility visiting a parishioner and the care giver found out I was a pastor. They immediately mentioned how young I was and then an additional “You must be one of those “hip” pastors.”



In all fairness, the person who said this looked to be about my age – I think. Apparently, there is a stereotype of how pastors should look. In some minds, that would be a man about 70 years of age, graying and or balding head, and one who always wears a black suit with white shirt and black tie. This stereotype requires the pastor to wear this outfit even on their day off too! A woman pastor would never even be considered.

Frankly, I am who I am. I am not “young” by my definition nor am I “hip” by the world’s definition. I am me. I am no one spectacular but I am an ordinary person called by God to do extraordinary things for God. You are too! What prevents you from reaching the potential that God has placed within you? Is it your age? Is it your self-diagnosed lack of gifts or skill? Is it some other nebulous factor?

Peter instructs us to remember that God has supplied our needs to do Kingdom work. Read it! Claim it! Own it. Use it! Thanks! Being “hip” and “young” are not prerequisites for being faithful.

*2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. <sup>8</sup> For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:3-8, NIV)*

Working for Christ,

PR





## **We are for Lewistown!**

The Faith Festival held on May 20<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Yes, it was chilly and rain did dampen the day, but overall, it was a rousing witness of faith. The faith community shared space with the Penn State Garden club's plant sale. We thank the club for their cooperative spirit.

We believe a community is better when three important areas of society are addressed.

Healthy communities have basic physical needs met and the emotional health of a community provides a strong basis for positive growth. The third strand of a strong community is the spiritual health of the people who reside there.

Our position as the faith community of Lewistown and the surrounding communities is that we are for our neighbors. We are especially grateful to Molly Kinney at Mifflin County Library who graciously allowed the churches of this area the opportunity to present ministries and vacation Bible schools that will add to the positive growth of our community. We strive to be a godly influence for parents and children, and yes, we are for Lewistown!

These are churches and individuals who want to raise Lewistown to a healthier community in which to strengthen families and raise healthy kids.

Evangel Baptist, Grace Covenant, Sacred Heart, St. Mark's Episcopal, St. John's Lutheran, Grove Memorial UMC, First UMC, Lewistown Presbyterian, Bethel AME, Salvation Army, Grace UMC, and Thrivent Financial. Special thanks to Sue Miriello for the topflight hospitality, Sean Moon who ran sound, Tim Plank and his staff in the streets department of Lewistown Borough, George Miller and Michael Frank of Zampelli Electronics, Daria Wray and her horses, and Deb Everly with Bounce N Blast House along with Julie Stringfellow and Colleen James working at Bounce N Blast, Bob Lepley Electric, the Community Band, Dry Bones Gospel, and the Praise team of Evangel Baptist. Heartfelt thanks to our guests who braved the weather to come and enjoyed all the church displays. We love you and hope Faith Festival blessed you as much as it blessed us. We here in the faith community are for Lewistown! - PR



**June 4**

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

**June 11**

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

**June 18**

8:00/10:30 AM Worship  
9:10 Sunday School  
8:00 Liturgist: June Taylor  
10:30 Liturgist: Al Hughes

**June 25**

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

**June 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 Gyke & Marge McCardle**

**10:30 TBS**





### Nursery Attendants

Wendy Barton

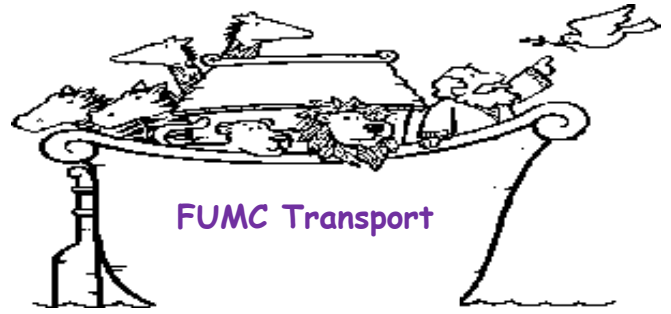


### Junior Church

- June 4 Lisa Heckman
- June 11 Kelly Rutherford
- June 18 Kelly Rutherford
- June 25 Kelly Rutherford



Kangaroo Kids  
 No Kangaroo Kids  
 during the summer



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



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

MATTHEW 19:14

### Children's Message

- June 4 Bruce Buffington
- June 11 Pastor Randy
- June 18 Karen
- June 25 Pastor Randy

Acolytes -  
 Justin Lynch,  
 Chloe Stoner





**In accordance with privacy policy @ Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital you need to inform Karen (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

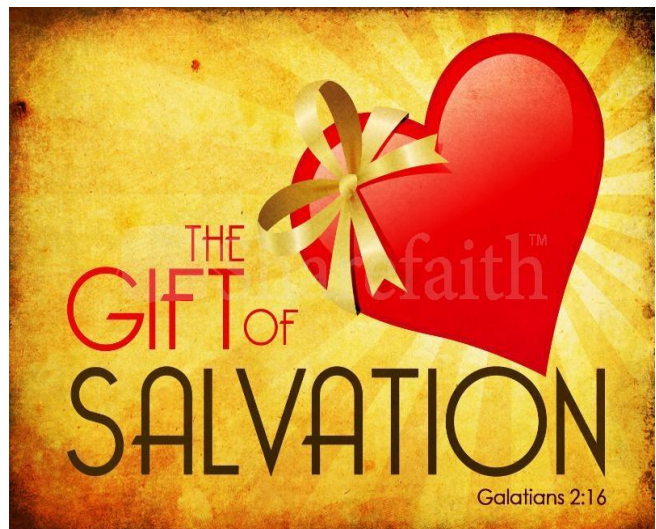
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

Purpose The prayer chain provides confidential intercessory prayer.

To request prayer or to become a praying member call:

Karen or Dave McCachren @ 248-8459,  
([kmccachren@comcast.net](mailto:kmccachren@comcast.net)) or  
Laura or Bruce Buffington @ 242-1655,  
([lkbuff122@gmail.com](mailto:lkbuff122@gmail.com))

*Our prayers for health and wholeness are shared with: Bill Baumgardner, Donna Hughes, Lois Thompson, Betty Baxter, Mark Kumpf, Nancy Rauch, Kathy Walls, Jane Wagner, Gene Metzgar, Kenny Boze, Harvey Eby, Nancy Sherman, Pauline Teenie, Judy Peace, Gary Mast, Marilyn Lohman, Nodie Stevens, Tom Kerstetter, and the families of Abe Soliman and Todd Metzgar.*



# FUMC Finance and Attendance

## Regular Offerings

May 7	\$6,018
May 14	\$4,738
May 21	\$5,103

Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**

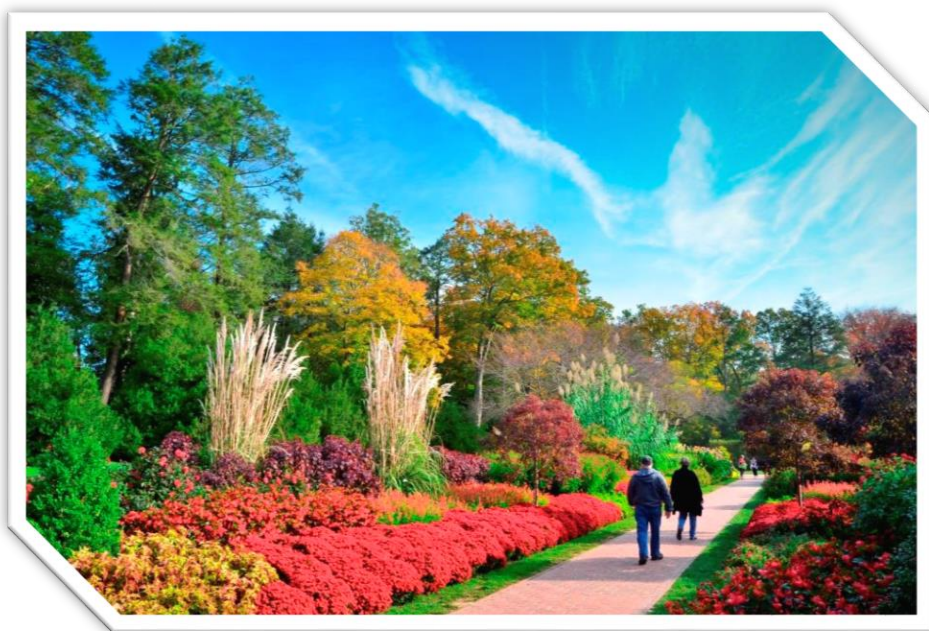
## Attendance

May 7	157
May 14	147
May 21	151



*Finance Notes – We are off to a great start in 2017. We are well ahead of our revenue projections and well under our expense budget. Thank you for your tremendous generosity and supporting all the ministries of FUMC!*

*Our next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM if needed. Laura will let the committee know if we are a go.*





Well, it's that time of the year again - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, which means time for everyone to prayerfully consider helping out to make our outreach to the children not only in our church but also to those children and their families in the community.

Areas that are in need of support are:

- Craft Center

- Snack helpers for Sunday night

- Registration table - Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

- Shepherds for groups of children

- Nightly helpers for the light suppers we will serve at 5:30

There is posted a sign up sheet for the above areas on the Bridge Builders board at the back of the sanctuary.

Also posted on the Bridge Builders board at the back of the sanctuary is a wish list for items needed for VBS. Please remember to mark your items with your names so that they can be returned to you after.

The Community VBS is June 25 - June 29, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Please pray for our VBS, that we may be able to reach out and share God's love with those around us.

Any questions, please contact Elaine Baxter at: 717-348-9999, 717-248-7961, [rebaxter54@gmail.com](mailto:rebaxter54@gmail.com).



## Vacation Bible School Registration

*(One form per child, please)*

**\*Student First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Student Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nick Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:** Male Female

**Grade Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Issues/Special Needs** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Emergency Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Pickup Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**General Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Release:** *I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of any injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.*

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*Parent Signature*

*Date*



## **Good Eggs 2017**

The 2017 Good Egg season was amazing!!!  
Thank you;  
thank you; thank you!!

In the course of the season 29,218 eggs were formed. And more importantly they were all sold! Fifty-one different people helped measure, mix, roll, melt, skewer, dip, bag, and sell eggs at the church. The fellowship of getting to know each other better as we worked together was fantastic. Not all of the folks are members of FUMC but enjoy the time together. A great ministry! Also, I have no idea how many church folks took orders, delivered, and sold eggs. It is an amazing process that works because of the dedication of wonderful people who enjoy all aspects of the process.

You can mark your calendar; production will begin January 22, 2018. There is always room for more people and each person is welcomed and appreciated.

The GOOD EGGS have the reputation of being the best.  
Thanks again.

Dave & Marge, EGG HEADS ;-)

**FUMC has a new e-mail address!**  
Our new address is [fumc200@outlook.com](mailto:fumc200@outlook.com)



**Koinonia Women's Fellowship**  
**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:30 PM**  
**End-of-Year Dinner @**  
**Bread of Life**

*We'll carpool from the church  
@ 5 PM (meet in Bon-Ton lot)  
or you can meet us at the  
restaurant @ 5:30 PM*



**Susquehanna Conference**  
**Camp & Retreat Ministry**  
*Check out all the great camps  
for kids and adults of all ages  
available through the Conference  
Camping Ministry. Go to their  
website, [www.susumcamps.org](http://www.susumcamps.org)  
for all the information, details, and  
application forms. FUMC pays half the  
registration fee. Check them out!*



**Our Mission Trip to the Onondaga**  
**Nation** is on tap for June 10-17.  
*Contact Doug or Jen Lynch if you  
have any questions or need more info.*





## June

2. Sean Fluke
3. Bob Broome
7. Olivia Goss
9. Kathy Stimely
11. Edna Snook
15. Richard Stump
15. Corey Baxter
16. Jen Lynch
17. Dick Smithers
18. Jon Zimmerman
22. Kris Ellis



## The Altar Flowers

### June 4

The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Richard Beightol by Jane, Eric, and Steven Beightol.

### June 11

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### June 18

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### June 25

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

*We still have lots of dates open for flowers this year.*





***Join us for a fun night at the Ballpark on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.***

***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. Come along!***



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

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

Pastor: **Rev. Randy Hughes**

Pastor E-Mail: [rhughes@susumc.org](mailto:rhughes@susumc.org)

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

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

**Custodian: Joe Lingle**

**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](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**

**Compliant**

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

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

***of each month!***



# June 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8 PM AA	2	3
4 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	5 7 PM Ray of Hope	6 5:30 PM <b>Koinonia Dinner @ Bread of Life Restaurant</b> 	7	8 8 PM AA	9	10 <b>Mission Team leaves for Onondaga</b> 
11 <b>Mission Trip</b> 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	12 <b>Mission Trip</b> 7 PM Ray of Hope	13 <b>Mission Trip</b>	14 <b>Mission Trip</b> 7 PM Pink Connection	15 <b>Mission Trip</b> 8 PM AA	16 <b>Mission Trip</b>	17 <b>Mission Team returns</b>
18 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S.	19 7 PM Ray of Hope	20 7 PM <b>Trustees</b>	21	22 8 PM AA	23	24
25 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 S.S. 6-8:30 PM <b>VBS @ FUMC</b> 	26 7 PM Ray of Hope 6-8:30 PM <b>VBS</b>	27 1-3 PM Knitting Circle 6-8:30 PM <b>VBS</b>	28 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Clothing Closet Noon <b>'Come to the Banquet'</b> 6-8:30 PM <b>VBS</b>	29 8 PM AA 6-8:30 PM <b>VBS</b>	30	