

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

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

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*Celebrate Spring*

May 2016

## **Upcoming Highlights**

### **Mother's Day Tea sponsored by the Hospitality Committee**

here @ FUMC on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>,  
beginning @ 11:30 AM. Tickets are  
available between services @ the  
Welcome Center. Contact Marge  
McCardle for details and more  
information. Join our Tea Party!



### **Pentecost Sunday May 15th**

Come celebrate the birthday of  
the Church and rejoice as we  
receive five new confirmands  
into full membership of FUMC  
@ the 10:30 service.



### **More Upcoming Special Events**

**June 9-11 Annual Conference**

**June 12-19 Mission Trip Onondaga**

**June 18 Faith Festival 10-2 @ Library**

**June 26-30 Community VBS @**

**Lewistown Presbyterian Church**

**July 10 Spikes Baseball Trip**





## **Does this scripture sound familiar to you?**

*<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Well, this is the theme for Vacation Bible School this year! We will explore and learn this scripture and learn that The Lord Is Our Shepherd – NOW AND FOREVER. This year's VBS is centered around Psalm 23 – where Jesus Gathers Us Together. This psalm shares our trust that the Lord is with us now and forever, that He provides us with all we need and that He is always there to protect us.

Children and adults will learn that Jesus indeed does gather us together. At *Barnyard Roundup* we will look in the Bible to discover that Jesus is better than a BFF. And who doesn't want a BFF forever?!? Who does not want to be understood? Who doesn't want to belong? And who doesn't want to be valued?

At *Barnyard Roundup*, we will learn that Jesus knows all of us by name, and He rounds us up and always brings us home. No matter what He is with us always and forever.

WOW!! What a great week we will be having. This all happens Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at

the Presbyterian Church on Third St. BUT WAIT.... this year we start at 5:30 with a light supper every night of hot dogs and chips.

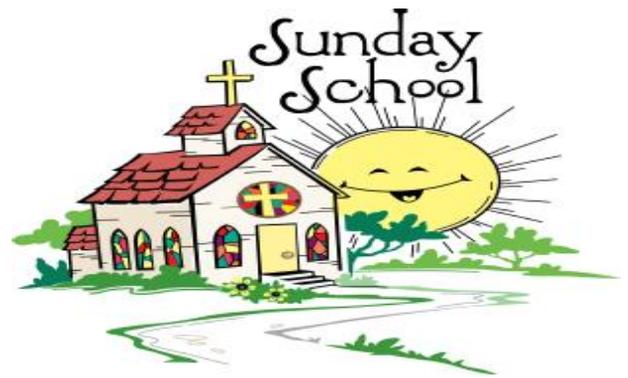
AND..... we are adding an adult Bible Study class, too! Sooo, now everyone can come and discover how really great this scripture – Psalm 23 – is.

As always, we need you to support our Community VBS by your presence. We will need to have several volunteers every night to help corral the kids from learning center to learning center. No lesson preparation required – just come and *share God's love with the kids*. We also will be preparing the snack on Wednesday as well as serving the light supper, and we will need to have volunteers for those times as well.

Please contact me, Elaine Baxter, at 248-7961 or 348-9999 or [killian11@verizon.net](mailto:killian11@verizon.net) or [rebaxter54@gmail.com](mailto:rebaxter54@gmail.com) with any questions or to volunteer!!

Registration forms will be available at the Welcome Center and there will be a container for you to leave your completed forms.





## May 1

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## May 8

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Bruce Buffington

## May 15 **Pentecost Sunday**

*Receive Confirmands into  
Membership*

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Jeanne Horning

10:30 Liturgist: Bruce Buffington

## May 22 **Grad Recognition**

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Jeanne Horning

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## May 29

8:00/10:30 AM Worship

9:10 Sunday School

8:00 Liturgist: Karen

10:30 Liturgist: Karen

## May S.S. Teachers

**Nursery** – Rose Baumgardner

**Pre-School – K**

**Aleta Harpster**

**Grades 1-5**

*We need a Teacher – See Jen*

**Grades 6-12**

**Doug Lynch**



**8 Gyke & Marge McCardle**

**10:30 Bill & Paula Hoenstine**

*(May 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)*

**Sandy Matthews**

*(May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Outside Greeters**

**Bill & Carol Herbertson**



### Nursery Attendants

**Krystan Hassinger**

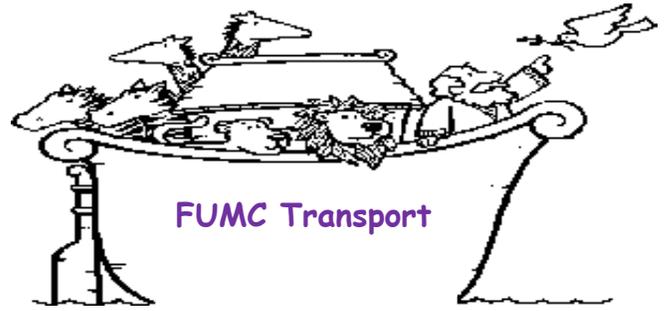


### Junior Church

- May 1 Bonnie/Julie
- May 8 Bonnie/Julie
- May 15 Lisa Heckman
- May 22 TBS
- May 29 TBS



**Kangaroo Kids  
Megan Berry**



Transportation is available to the Sunday Worship Service. Please call the church office and ask for Jen Lynch to arrange transportation.



*"Let the little children come to me...."*  
MATTHEW 19:14

### Children's Message

- May 1 Bruce Buffington
  - May 8 Pastor Randy
  - May 15 Karen
  - May 22 Pastor Randy
  - May 29 Bonnie/Julie
- Acolytes -  
Serenity Garman  
Samantha Garman**





**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

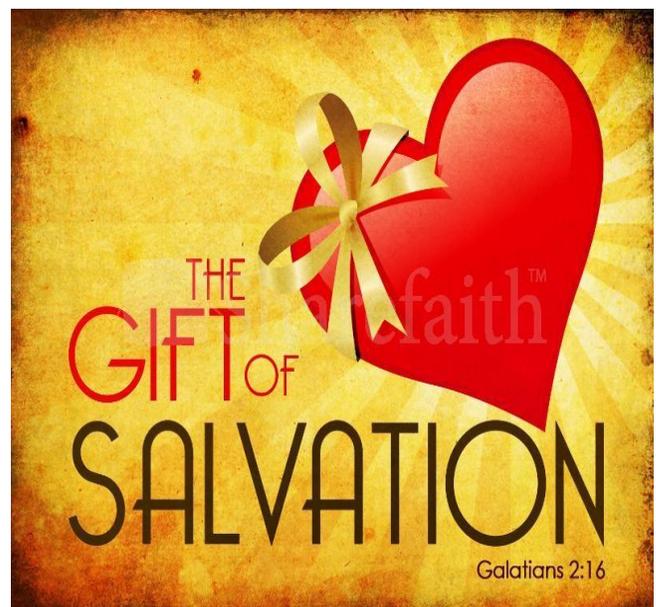
Open to anyone with a prayer request or anyone willing to pray for requests.

Purpose The prayer chain provides confidential intercessory prayer.

To request prayer or to become a praying member call:

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:  
Paul Lohman, Bob Goodwin, Alex Pierce, Kathy Walls, Ruth Miller, Vera Harpster, Bev Miller, Nancy Lewis, Peggy Laman, Pete Horning, and the friends and loved ones of Carl Baranyshin.*



# FUMC Finance and Attendance

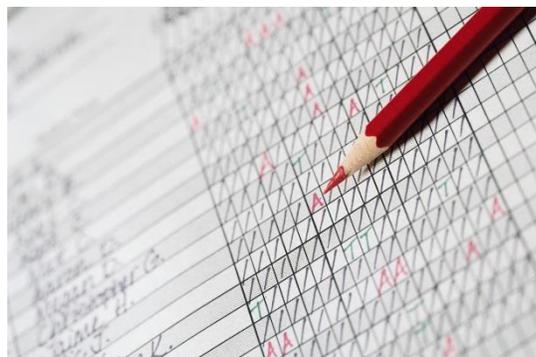
## Regular Offerings

April 3            \$4,678  
April 10           \$7,990  
April 17           \$5,054  
April 24           \$5,189  
Unpaid Bills - **\$0.00**



## Attendance

April 3            132  
April 10           168  
April 17           135  
April 24           175  
**2016 YTD Average Attendance: 162**  
**2015 YTD Average Attendance: 137**



*FUMC \$10,000 Challenge! First Church making a difference for 200+ years. Let's be the leaders in mission both near and far! Currently we are still searching for \$3,655.*

*Finance meets Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, @ 7 PM.*



## **Graduate Recognition May 22nd**

*We will recognize our graduates during the 10:30 service May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be sure to provide the information for any graduates (High School, Tech School, College, Military, Grad School) to Jen Lynch as soon as possible.*



## **Koinonia Women's Fellowship**

*Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, @ 7 PM*

***Bake Auction @ Carol Herbertsons'***

*Bring individually wrapped baked goods (whoopie pies, brownies, cookies, breads, jellies, etc.)*

*Devotions – Beth Knepp*

*Refreshments – Lynne*

*All women are invited to join us!*

*Contact Barb Baker (248-6649)*

*or Lynne Westlin (248-8229)*

*for more information or details.*



## **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!*





## May

1. Bill Baumgardner
2. Robert Raymond
5. Donna Hughes
8. Rocky Matthews
12. Lillian Houtz
13. Lois Thompson
14. Candy Zimmerman
18. Suzanne White
18. Jason Buffington
19. Tibby McClure
20. Chris Havice
24. Heidi Dalby
25. Rev. Ellen Evans
31. Deb Havice



## **The Altar Flowers**

### **May 1**

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### **May 8**

The altar flowers are presented in honor of Rich and Bev Tomlinson's Anniversary by Bev McClellan.

### **May 15**

Flowers are presented to the glory of God.

### **May 22**

The flowers are presented in honor of son David A. Hughes by Al and Donna Hughes.

### **May 29**

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God.



## ***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:***

**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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>  
of each month!***





***Join us for a fun night at the Ballpark on July 10<sup>th</sup>.***

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

***Tickets are \$10/person. We have a sign-up sheet @ the Welcome Center or you can call the church office and send in a check.***

***Join Pastor Randy, Tracie, and Joe for this great evening of fun, food, and baseball. We will meet @ the church and travel together or you can meet us there. Travel details will be announced soon.***



# May 2016



# MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	2 7 PM Ray of Hope	3 7 PM <b>Koinonia</b> (Bake Auction @ Herbertsons')	4	5 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	6	7 <b>Mother's Day Tea</b> Begins @ 11:30 
8 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	9 7 PM Ray of Hope	10 7 PM <b>Finance</b>	11 7 PM Pink Connection	12 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	13	14 <i>Vicki Shepherd</i>
15 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> <i>Confirmation Class @ 10:30 Service</i> 8:00/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	16 7 PM Ray of Hope	17 6 PM <b>Hospitality</b> 7 PM <b>Trustees</b>	18	19 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	20	21
22 <b>Graduate</b> <b>Recognition Sunday</b> 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	23 7 PM Ray of Hope	24 7 PM <b>Ministry</b> <b>Council</b> 1-3 PM Knitting	25 Noon <b>'Come to the</b> <b>Banquet'</b> 10:30-1:30 Clothing Bank	26 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir 8 PM AA	27	28
29 8/10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School	30 7 PM Ray of Hope	31				