



THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 E Third Street
Lewistown, PA 17044
717-248-4618

www.fumclewistown.org

Rev. Randy S. Hughes

Rev. Karen McCachren, Deacon of Caring Ministries

Crystal Ferencz, Director of Christian Education

Rob Hagenberger, Office Manager

July 7, 2020

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Dear faithful member of First Church,
Thank you for your continued patience and love during the unfolding season
of covid-19 and its effect on our world and specifically our church.**

We are now four weeks into our 'return to gathering' worship plan and so far we have had a positive response from those attending in-house services. Although our green status means we have more latitude to operate, it still requires stringent attention to keeping each other safe.

Our covid-19 response team continues to carefully cover our church with proper cleaning and sanitization. The flow of traffic into worship seems to be working well and proper spacing in the sanctuary allows for safe distances between worshipers. Ample supplies of hand sanitizer are readily available and mask wearing among congregants is followed quite well.

We continue to respect those who are susceptible to any respiratory illness and your decision to remain at home. If possible, we encourage you to take advantage of our internet based worship options.

Online options:

1. First United Methodist Church of Lewistown Facebook Live
<https://www.facebook.com/LewistownFUMC/>
2. ZOOM feed (Contact Doug Lynch for details)
3. FUMC Hospitality YouTube channel accessed on our church website
www.fumclewistown.org
4. FM radio signal at 107.5 (Signal strength up to ½ mile from church)

Presently, we are going to maintain one worship service at 9:30 which lends itself to a streamlined approach to ministry and use of our staff and volunteers.

Future plans include reopening our small group ministry but doing so with caution and protective measures in place.

While our current church experience isn't anything we are used to engaging, God still is and will be our rock, hope, and our stay. Continue to be faithful to your baptismal vows, your membership vows, and your call to follow the Savior.

In the words of Jesus in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Warmest Regards,

Randy S. Hughes