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GIVING WINGS TO THE GOSPEL
WELCOME ~ INVITE ~ NURTURE ~ GROW ~ SEND

Come Worship with us!

Sunday School
9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship Services
8:15 am & 10:45 am

Sunday Evening Informal Worship
7 pm

Impact 2009 ROOTED

POWERFUL and DYNAMIC praise and worship sessions led by Salt 'n Light band, Chosen, Andy Otto, Tracing Caleb, Juice, and Joshua & Caleb

AMBITIOUS athletic and outdoor adventures at the climbing wall, the Little Juniata River, the volleyball court, football, and more.

LIFE-CHANGING lessons from God's Word with main-stage speakers Samantha Bready, Spencer Sweeting, Ed Zeiders, and Stephen Gallaher.

CHALLENGING breakout seminar sessions twice a day for every age and interest. Real talk for real life!

July 29— August 2

From the Pastor

I HAVE A SMALL BOOK NEAR MY DESK in my church study. I put it together about twelve years ago for a Sunday School class I was teaching. The title is **THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS**, and in it I put statements, stores, quotations, prayers, and the like, that have been helpful and instructive to me. There is even a song or two among "my favorite things." Here are a couple of the things you'll find in my book:

- In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.
— *Agnesë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu (Mother Theresa)*
- One hundred years from now It will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child.
— *Author unknown*

Just this week I received this story and placed it in my "favorites" book. It is particularly pertinent to some of the issues I have been struggling with lately. *Seed* teaches us a familiar lesson, one which Jesus represented and taught long ago.

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business. Instead of choosing one of his Directors or his children, he decided to do something different. He called all the young execu-

tives in his company together. He said, "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO. I have decided to choose one of you." The young executives were shocked, but the boss continued. "I am going to give each one of you a SEED today — one very special SEED. I want you to plant the seed, water it, and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO."

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil, and compost and he planted the seed. Every day he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow. Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew. Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing.



By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure. Six months went by — still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing. Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues,

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Dates to Remember

- JULY 5 Sabbath Sunday
- JULY 9 2nd Hand Sale Collection at Mission Central
- JULY 11-19 Youth Mission Trip to Red Lake, MN
- JULY 12 Brown Bag Mission Meal Summer Worship in the Park
- JULY 23 2nd Hand Sale Collection at Mission Central
- JULY 24 All Church Pool Party
- JULY 29-AUG. 2 IMPACT 2009

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From the Pastor

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however. He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil — he so wanted the seed to grow.

A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection. Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest about what happened. Jim felt sick to his stomach, it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room. When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful — in all shapes and sizes. Jim put his empty pot on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed, a few felt sorry for him!

When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives. Jim just tried to hide in the back. 'My, what great plants, trees, and flowers you have grown,' said the CEO. 'Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!' All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the Financial Director to bring him to the front. Jim was terrified. He thought, 'The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!' When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what had happened to his seed — Jim told him the story.

The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim. He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, 'Behold your next Chief Executive Officer! His name is Jim!' Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed. 'How could he be the new CEO?' the others said.

Then the CEO said, 'One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead — it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees and

plants and flowers. When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new Chief Executive Officer!'

- If you plant honesty, you will reap trust.
• If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.
• If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.
• If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment.
• If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective.
• If you plant hard work, you will reap satisfaction.
• If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation.
• If you plant faith in God, you will reap a harvest beyond imagination.

So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later.

Mike Minnix

Financial Report — Through May 31, 2009 (42 % of year)

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Rows include General Fund (Income \$396,230, Expenses \$372,374, Current surplus \$23,856), Building Fund (\$5,460), and Legacy Campaign (\$20,830).

July 5

USHERS: (8:15) Eric King, James Alderman, Thomas Helm, Ralph Harkins, Roy Miller, Harry Woods, Winslow Brown; (10:45) Rick Kauffman, Brian Vogl, Rodney Cook, Barry Dively, Ed Johnson, Chuck Kershner, Wayde Leister, Cephas Zimmerman
MEDIA: Bob Bittenbender & Ron Nichols
ACOLYTE: Morgan Brymesser (8:15), Philip Noss (10:45)
CHILDCARE GREETER: Mary Wagner (8:15) Tracy Holliday (10:45)
CRIB/TODDLERS: Patti Yeager, Shannon O'Leary, Hayley Holloway, Mary Eckrote (8:15), Jill Rahal, Patti Herring, Janet & Janelle Almond (10:45)
WEE WORSHIP: Rob & Gerri Nuss, Elisabeth Herring
KIDS WORSHIP: Liza Schneider, Norma Bingham

July 19

USHERS: (8:15) Gerry Sheely, Elvin Hess, Bill Seig, Bob Shannon, Roger Miller; (10:45) Larry Buddenbaum, Rick Kauffman, Bob Bittenbender, Barry Eaton, Chuck Kershner, Mike Ogden, Rose Rohlmeier, Mark Rutch
MEDIA: Chris Grant & Ken Rapp
ACOLYTE: TBD (8:15), Philip Noss (10:45)
CHILDCARE GREETER: Sharon Hayes (8:15), Angie Britcher (10:45)
CRIB/TODDLERS: Angie & Chuck Allgood, Colin Hayes (8:15), Amy Dively, Deb & Julie Lehmer, Dawn Merris (10:45)
WEE WORSHIP: Lynn Grant, Tracy McHale
KIDS WORSHIP: Liza Schneider, Dave & Norma Lockney

Holy Communion Schedule 2009

BIMONTHLY COMMUNION ----- August 2
Pew Service
WORLD COMMUNION ----- October 4
Loaves and Chalice

July 12

USHERS: Youth
MEDIA: Fred Espenshade & Eric DeWalt
ACOLYTE: Ryan Eaton (8:15)
Josh Herring (10:45)
CHILDCARE GREETER: Sandy Walton (8:15)
Susanna Brill (10:45)
CRIB/TODDLERS: : Kathleen & Rodney Clark, Matt Ober (8:15), Sandy Downey, Amy Erno, Lauren Kenes, Alex Clouser (10:45)
WEE WORSHIP: Katie Hammaker, Rose Rohlmeier, Paige Snyder
KIDS WORSHIP: Liza Schneider, Christy Linkhauer

July 26

USHERS: (8:15) Tom Helm, Charles Glessner, Ben Miller, Ron Nichols, Jim Van Kirk; (10:45) Brian Vogl, Larry Buddenbaum, Stuart Diehl, Ken Guise, Mike Lehmer, Mike McHale, Rose Rohlmeier, Jake Sunday
MEDIA: Eric DeWalt & Steve Morgan
ACOLYTE: Kyle Eaton (8:15), Philip Noss (10:45)
CHILDCARE GREETER: Marilyn Knott (8:15), Sandy Leister (10:45)
CRIB/TODDLERS: Kelly King, Megan Koontz, Caryn Knott (8:15), Jill Yother, Deb Noss, Shelli Spencer, Phoebe Noss (10:45)
WEE WORSHIP: Brandi Zimmerman, Vicky Shambaugh, Megan Leister
KIDS WORSHIP: Liza Schneider, Janet & Greg Fennell

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT ----- November 29
Pew Service
CHRISTMAS EVE ----- December 24
8 & 11 pm Loaves and Chalice

Road Trip

Car trips provide great opportunities for family discussions. While you have a captive audience, ask your children questions like these:

What are some of your favorite summer memories and outings?

Why is it important to sometimes take a break from our work? What are some things you've learned while having fun?

What might happen if God took a vacation from us? How does it feel to know that God will never leave us?

Why is Jesus so important to you? What are some ways you can show how much you love him?

Travel Scavenger Hunt

- tall building
□ lake or pond
□ bike
□ bridge
□ green car
□ cow
□ truck
□ stop sign
□ store
□ person wearing a hat
□ motorcycle
□ tractor
□ bus
□ dog
□ gas station
□ person on a cell phone

FIRST NEWS FIRST

EDITORS:

April Prather
Michelle Strawser

The deadline for the August 2009 newsletter is

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.

All submissions should be received in the church office on or before this date.

office@fumchurch.com.



To our life-experienced
members with
birthdays in July!

Birth

Natalie Ann Walker

Born to Nichole & Ryan Walker
On June 9, 2009

Widows/Widowers Group

The Widows/Widowers Group will dine at the Fireside Restaurant in New Cumberland on Tuesday, July 14, at 6 pm. Please contact Bonnie Guyer, 766-0145, if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided from the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m.

Special Birthdays

Mildred Neagley	July 6
Glenn Heller	July 7
Russ Baker	July 14
Gladys Peck	July 14
Ruth Birbeck	July 19
Bettie Murray	July 25
Harry Woods	July 27
Betty Etter	July 30

Addresses of these members, who are 80-plus years of age, can be found in the Church Directory.

Thank You

As we dedicated the new chancel chairs and tables in memory of Lance on Sunday, May 31, it reminded us of how grateful we are to have such a loving and caring church, especially our pastors, who have supported us through the last year and a half. We know that Lance is looking down on all of us and would be happy that we could give something to help support the pastors for all they have done for us. We hope these pieces will be a part of this church for many years to come.

*Thank you to everyone,
from the Buddenbaum Family*



Jim and Joyce Parfet would like to thank everyone for the prayers and kindnesses shown following the death of Joyce's mother and Jim's hospitalization.

Love & Sympathy...

to the Tobin family upon the death of Tracy's father on May 27, 2009.

to the Clouser family upon the death of Ken's mother on May 31, 2009.

to the Snyder family upon the death of Kendra's grandmother on June 5, 2009.

to the Filson family upon the death of Denise's sister on June 9, 2009.

to the Fennell family upon the death of Evelyn's aunt on June 19, 2009.

to the Gerfin family upon the recent death of Marty's brother.

to the Ciampa family upon the recent death of Joanne's sister.

It was so nice of you all to bake and send desserts to my family for after the funeral. It is comforting to know friends care at a time like this.

*Sincerely,
Linda (Stoner)
(aunt of Ben Lyons)*



Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls from Lucretia, and lovely flowers from the Semper Fidelis Sunday School Class. These expressions of sympathy regarding my brother's death, were sources of comfort and encouragement for me. They all were greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Marty Gerfin*

Youth Collecting for Red Lake Mission Trip

THE YOUTH WILL BE TRAVELING TO RED LAKE, MINNESOTA, on July 11 to help with home repairs for residents of the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Each group is asked to bring canned goods to donate to the reservation. Since we have such a long trip (22 hours) and limited space, we plan on collecting money to take to the reservation so they can purchase the food and help the local economy.

The youth will be collecting money on Sunday, June 28, and Sunday, July 5, after each worship service. Please help us to support this cause by donating your loose change. If you would like to write a check, you can make it out to FUMC and write *Youth Mission Trip* in the memo line. Thanks for your support and your prayers!

Summer Missions

BACKYARD MISSIONS

This outreach pairs needs of people in the community with people of FUM who are willing to lend a helping hand. Examples include transporting a senior to an appointment or helping a senior with yard work. All ages are welcome — bring your kids to cheer up a senior or home-bound. Emails are sent as needs arise. Needs are through-out the summer! Contact: Deb Kenes.

CLEANING THE CHURCH'S RENTAL PROPERTY

Help is needed to clean and repair the church's rental property. Jobs include painting, basic household repairs, and washing walls and windows. Help whenever your schedule permits! All ages are welcome to help. This is a great family mission opportunity! Contact: Deb Kenes.



New Hope Ministries Info

THANK YOU to everyone who supported New Hope Ministries this spring by sponsoring a walker in the Walk for Hope, volunteering at Hoops for Hope, donating to the Postal Food Drive (did you know New Hope receives food from this?), singing in the Ecumenical Choir Concert or attending the concert (New Hope also receives the offering from this annual event). There are a whole lot of fundraisers squeezed into a short period of time but all are important in providing the funds that New Hope uses to meet the growing needs of the poor in the Mechanicsburg community. Thank you also to those who faithfully donate to the food pantry bin — that food is just as important as all the fundraising! Have a great summer!

Becky Bubb

BAGGING GROCERIES FOR BETHESDA MISSION

Every third Wednesday of the month at 6 pm, members of FUM help bag groceries at Mission Central for Bethesda Mission. In May we bagged 550 bags of groceries. All ages are welcome. This mission opportunity occurs **year round!** Contact: Eric King

LUNCHES FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

Volunteers are needed to make bagged lunches for 12 children in summer programs. A lunch include a sandwich, juice box, and dessert. Contact: Becky Bobb



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Youth and adults of First Church are off to Minnesota to serve at an Indian reservation from July 11-19. Remember our teens and adults in prayer while they travel and serve.

New Hope Grocery List

Fruit Juice
Canned Fruit
Saltines
Bisquick
Chicken Helpers
Tomato Paste
Condensed Milk
Beets
Carrots
Flour
Pancake Syrup
Cookies/Crackers/Snacks
Dish Detergent
Tissues
Deodorant



Penny Report



THERE WERE 2,591 PENNIES contributed this past month for a total to date of \$7,617.63. The church would like to thank all those who continue to support the African Well Project.

Our Missionaries:

COORDINATOR OF THE AVIATION RESOURCE DEPT. FOR GBGM:
Steve & Gail Quigg
McCURDY SCHOOL:
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Nichols
HOME FOR REASSIGNMENT:
Chris & Martha Stockwell-Goering

Circle Dates & Times

Deborah Circle
July 28, 6pm
Summer Picnic at Pat Sheely's home
Becky Bubb*
728-9343
becky.bubb@dataquestinc.com

Mary Circle
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796-0809
jjgbowen@yahoo.com

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Martha Circle
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697-2233

*Circle Leaders



LAST DATES FOR DONATING
ADULT CLOTHING FOR
SECOND-HAND SALE
ARE JULY 9 & 23
FROM 5 TO 7 PM
AT MISSION CENTRAL.

UMW Circle Co-Presidents:

Lori Hoffnagle 732-6430
Pat Sheely 766-3151

Secondhand Clothing Sale

SALE DATES:

Friday, August 21
8 am – 6 pm

Saturday, August 22
8 am – 12 noon

FINAL TWO COLLECTION DATES!

July 9 & July 23
5 - 7 pm at Mission Central

To better serve our clientele we will be accepting adult clothing only for the sale. These items will be displayed by size and season. (No children's clothing due to the new regulations). Adult clothing donations are still needed!



Note: Your donations are tax deductible. Tax-deductible receipts will be available at Mission Central. Please ask UMW representatives for more information at the time donations are made. We appreciate your support!

Household items and toys will no longer be collected. (The "New Digs" ministry does collect household items and furniture and can be contacted through Mission Central.)

If you have questions or for more information, call or email Lori Hoffnagle at 732-6430 or l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com.

Mission Meal



BROWN BAG LUNCH

SUNDAY, JULY 12
TO SUPPORT THE
SOLAR COOKER PROJECT

The Mary Circle is very excited about mission work, and for a mission project has decided to support the Solar Cooker Project (www.solarcookerproject.org). This initiative helps refugees from Sudan who are living across the border in Chad. The simple cooker costs about \$15 and is able to turn sunlight into heat which then cooks the food. It provides safety for these women because they no longer need to leave the camp to look for food and can remain close by their children as well as tend to other tasks. Women can even gain income by working to manufacture solar cookers and training other women. It is easy to manufacture from cardboard and aluminum foil. In addition, two solar cookers can save one ton of wood each year. Boiling water in the cookers also creates health benefits by killing water-borne disease-causing microbes.

The Brown Bag Lunch will be available at the church exits after early and late services. Lunch includes:

- choice of ham & cheese or PB&J,
- fruit,
- bottled water,
- crunchy snack,
- and sweet treat!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to grab a quick bite to take home, take on a picnic, or on a hike! All proceeds benefit the Solar Cooker Project.

UMW 2009 Calendar

JULY 16-19 ----- Schools of Christian Mission — Bucknell University

AUGUST 21-22 ----- Secondhand Clothing Sale

OCTOBER 4 ----- Annual Day — Shepherdstown UM — 2 - 6 pm

NOVEMBER 15----- World Thank Offering & Mission Meal

DECEMBER 5 ----- Advent Fellowship

Lessons from Living: Juniper Tree Pastoral Counseling Center

LOVE TO READ. Take a look at my house, my car, my office, my checkbook ledger ... you will find evidence of books everywhere. And now — the internet! Wow, reading material available at all times! In light of this, I do have several favorite spots on the internet to read. One is parent@biblicalparenting.org. I recently received a Parenting Tip from them which I have edited for this column. It made good sense to me. Summers are wonderful opportunities to spend more time with our children. They also bring more opportunities for emotional encounters! Hopefully, this article may be helpful for you. Happy summer and parenting!

SLOWING DOWN THE EMOTION: When the emotion starts increasing in your interactions, it's time to slow down the process! This is very different than avoiding. It takes some awareness and discipline to practice slowing down when the emotions start furiously rolling!

As one mom recently said, "I feel a lot of intensity and tend to react without thinking. It's as if my emotions have the ability to bypass my brain! It takes work to understand what's actually going on. I'm learning to slow down and think more about what I'm feeling. I'm making progress and I'm gaining some insight into how I relate to my kids. They're seeing some changes in me too. I'm becoming less afraid of emotions and more eager to understand them and make the most of them in our family."

By stopping each time you get angry and evaluating the situation, you can use anger to point out problems and then choose another strategy for your response. Some people believe that the only way to deal with anger is to drain it by venting. In fact, common advice from some psychologists suggests that anger must somehow be released. They say that you have the right to yell, scream, kick, and throw a temper tantrum because anger is an energy sweltering deep inside you and you need a way to express it.

We don't believe that repressing emotions is good, but that doesn't mean that venting them is helpful either. When people feel the freedom to vent anger without management, they often end up hurting others and damaging relationships.

The Bible takes a different approach. Proverbs 29:11 says, "A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control." Control is better than venting. Control means managing anger rather than being managed by anger. Control allows us to use anger as a tool rather than a weapon. When parents and children recognize the complexity of emotions and how to wisely respond to them, they will feel anger less intensely and less often.

If you're struggling with anger in yourself or your children, then every time you see the intensity rising, slow things down, take a break, and resist the temptation to turn up the heat. That's the first step toward managing conflict in a healthy way. When you are more calm, look at your options of how to deal with the situation. That's the next step. We just don't get to this next step if we're not able to slow down to respond instead of react.

For more information about managing anger in a constructive way, read the book, *GOOD AND ANGRY, EXCHANGING FRUSTRATION FOR CHARACTER IN YOU AND YOUR KIDS* by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RN, BSN.

Lucretia

Summer Choir Rehearsal

The Summer Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, July 29, at 7 pm in the choir loft. We will rehearse all the music for August. You don't have to be a choir "member" to join us for the summer. We need all the voices we can gather for summer worship.

Beautiful Christian Sister

By Maya Angelou

*"A woman's heart should be
so hidden in Christ
That a man should have
to seek Him first to find her."*

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean living,"
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
and need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
and need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible,
but God believes I am worth it.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain...
I have my share of heartaches,
so I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner who received
God's good grace, somehow!

Softball Schedule

Wednesday, July 1, at 7 pm
at Mechanicsburg Memorial Park
vs. St. Theresa's

Thursday, July 2, at 7 pm
at Lowther vs. Harris St. UMC

Tuesday, July 7, at 7 pm
at Lowther
vs. Shiremanstown COG (makeup)

Wednesday, July 8, at 7 pm
at Mechanicsburg Memorial Park
vs. West Fairview UMC

Thursday, July 9, at 6 pm
at Lowther vs. New Covenant II

Tuesday, July 14, at 6 pm
at Lowther vs. New Life Baptist

Wednesday, July 15, at 6 pm
at Mechanicsburg Memorial Park
vs. St. Katherine Drexel

Wednesday, July 15, at 7 pm
at Mechanicsburg Memorial Park
vs. Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday, July 16, at 6 pm
at New Cumberland Boro Park #3
vs. St. Paul's Lutheran (makeup)

Thursday, July 16, at 7 pm
at New Cumberland Boro Park #3
vs. New Covenant I (makeup)

Monday, July 20, at 6 pm
at Our Lady of Lourdes
vs. St. John's Lutheran



July Library News

JULY IS THE MONTH of flag waving, parades, and remembering past and present heroes. So many Americans don't even remember there is a war going on until the headlines in the paper shows a local soldier's picture with the headline of his death. Remember, America is the home of the free because of the brave.

One of the brave would be Lt. Carey Cash, chaplain for the 5th Marine Regiment on the day the Iraq war began. Do you ever wonder what our soldiers are going through without the sensationalism of the press? In his book, **A TABLE IN THE PRESENCE**, Chaplain Carey's eyewitness account of the war will astound you. Chaplains go with the troops into battle unarmed, except for a bodyguard/assistant and hopefully many of God's guardian angels. Lt. Cash tells this astounding firsthand story not only of war, but also what God is doing in the midst of this war. With vivid detail and gripping emotion, Lt Cash gives an account of how the men of an entire battalion found God in the presence of their enemies. This is a book about truth, hope and encouragement with war as the setting. In Psalm 139 God promises He will be with us even when we descend to the depths of hell. Anyone who has ever been in a war will say war is hell and yet Lt. Cash tells us God is doing marvelous works in Iraq. Don't miss this inspiring, true story.

What's in a Name?

Do you like to be called by name? Do you wish you could remember the name of the person you met last Sunday? Do you find yourself having a momentarily lapse in memory and instead of giving a warm greeting like "How you doing, George?" or "Good morning, Winnie!" you simply say "Hi"?

Will you try wearing your name tag each Sunday? It is SO wonderful to know the name of the person you are talking to. Your name is the blessed entry point to

relationship. God calls us by what? **BY NAME!**

On the lighter side one of the new authors in the library is Susan Page Davis. Her book, **INSIDE STORY**, is a romantic suspense novel set in the middle of a Philippine jungle. Claudia Gillette is a prize-winning journalist who has traveled the world landing the best stories. Now she is determined to interview the only woman in the Navy's special operations unit. The Navy sees this as great PR, but granting her permission and sending her to meet the team lands right in the middle of a top secret operation. The Navy unit is led by Lt. Bill White who has had a crush on Claudia for some time, though he's been trying to forget her since he's looking for a Christian wife. She's hard to ignore or forget when she is his responsibility and the bombs are exploding and men are dying. What started as adventure and a good story for Claudia is turning into a mission of survival. Will her ambition cost her life?

The library has many other military fiction books if you like this genre. We also have true stories of courage and heroism from ordinary people. If these books are not your genre, stop in the library we have many romances, mysteries or thrillers just to name a few. We would love to help you find just the right book for you!

See you in the library!

Fran, Pam, & Donna

relationship. God calls us by what? **BY NAME!**

When people have their name tags on, we know that they are members of the church or frequent attendees. That's helps us avoid the mistake of asking someone if they are visiting when in fact they are long time members. It also helps us recognize visitors so that we can make a point of greeting them. If you need a name tag, contact Tina Eaton or leave a note at the Welcome Desk.

Servant Spotlight: Fellowship Team

WHERE CAN YOU GO to attend a pool party, game night, a summer picnic, or dinner and a movie with your spouse? First United Methodist Church!

While these may not sound like traditional church activities, they are a valid part of the Fellowship Team's purpose and can be extremely helpful in building strong relationships within a church family.

The Fellowship Team's mission is to plan, coordinate and promote fellowship events, encouraging our members to grow closer together and closer to God.

"The church is your second family," said Tracy Wertz, Fellowship Team chairperson. "The more time you spend with them, the closer you grow."

Fellowship events are especially beneficial for a large congregation, like that of First Church. Each event allows members to get to know each other better, and make close friends.

The Fellowship Team is extremely busy! They have events planned for almost every month in 2009.

Recent events include a Valentine's Day dinner and special showing of the Christian-based movie *Fireproof*, starring Kirk Cameron. In March, the Fellowship Team sponsored a family game night.

Many more events are planned for this year:

- **SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE PARK**, July 12 — An evening of praise music and an informal service at Memorial Park.

"*Servant Spotlight*," a monthly column in *First News First*, highlights a committee or ministry group within First Church. Our goal is to recognize them, and help our congregation better understand how each committee/group enhances First Church. If you are interested in featuring your committee or ministry group in "*Servant Spotlight*," please call or e-mail Tina Eaton, Congregational Care Coordinator, at (717) 766-4611, extension 104, or wecare@fumchurch.com.

- **POOL PARTY**, July 24 — An evening at the Mechanicsburg Pool, just for First Church members.
- **MOVIE NIGHT**, Aug. 28 — Join us at Friendship Park to watch a family-friendly movie, TBA.
- **CHURCH PICNIC**, Sept. 13 — Our annual community picnic, followed by a worship service at a nearby park.
- **FALL DAY**, Oct. 3 — Celebrate autumn with hiking, camping and other outdoor activities.
- **PRE-ADVENT FELLOWSHIP**, Nov. 21 — Crafts for adults and children, stories and cookies.
- **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**, Dec. 13 — We will visit local residents to spread Christmas cheer, followed by hot chocolate and cookies.

Most events are free of charge, or have a minimal charge. All congregation members are invited and encouraged to attend events, and bring guests.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Volunteers are welcome! Committee members are needed. The team meets quarterly. You can help with all fellowship events, or volunteer to coordinate a specific event. Also, ideas for future fellowship events are always accepted. To help out, call Tracy Wertz at (717) 691-4158.

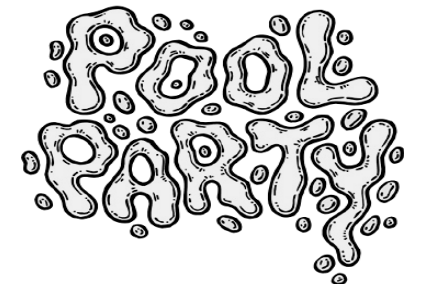
Family Fellowship Activities

Worship In The Park



JULY 12
SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE PARK

The Fellowship Committee invites you to come out and enjoy a fun evening of praise music and worship at Memorial Park on Sunday, July 12. Come at 6 pm and bring one of your favorite desserts to share with your church family and community. The worship service will begin at 7 pm. Invite your neighbors and friends and bring a chair or blanket to sit on.



JULY 24
ALL CHURCH POOL PARTY
MECHANICSBURG POOL

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join your church family for a night out at the Mechanicsburg Pool on Friday, July 24, from 8-10 pm. Everyone is invited! Bring a friend! Kindly, bring either a drink or treat to share. See you then!

Contact Tracy Wertz at 691-4158 if you have any questions.



**Youth & Chaperones
Going on Mission Trip to
Red Lake, Minnesota**

Janelle Almond	Kendra Parker-Pitts
Candise Everhart	Garth Rickards
Jenna Fleming	Jimmy Robinson
Kallie Heiges	Taylor Saraiva
Jordan Heisey	Sam Snyder
Franklin Helm	Aubrey Wickenheiser
Christina Herring	Brienne Wickenheiser
Elisabeth Herring	<u>ADULT CHAPERONES</u>
Matt Herring	Jeff Heiges
Amanda Hilbish	Lori Hoffnagle
Jennifer Hilbish	Sandy Leister
Megan Leister	Rob Montgomery
Dan Lyons	Amy Ogden
Zeke Montgomery	John Rickards
Paul Noss	Trudy Saraiva
Phoebe Noss	Roger Walton
Luke Ogden	Brian Wickenheiser

Summer Adult Sunday School 2009

JULY 5
**THE LEGACY OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Through music and Scripture Roxanne Morgan will proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever. We are called to pass on the truth of Jesus Christ.

JULY 12
**THE LEGACY OF MISSION OUTREACH:
SIERRE LEONE**

Steve Trace and JeNeal Guise will share about their January mission trip to Sierre Leone, where we are connected through a "sister church." Their trip delivered over 200 Bibles and personal care boxes, as well as dolls, from the people of First Church.

JULY 19
THE LEGACY OF THE SHOFAR

Shofar player, Donald Heist, will return to First Church and demonstrate and teach us about the Biblical legacy of the "Voice of God: the Shofar" (ram's horn) and its use in worship today. Donald opened this year's Passion Play.

JULY 26
THE LEGACY OF OUR YOUTH IN MISSION
Our First Church youth will share about their recent summer mission trip to Minnesota. This is always a fascinating presentation as we hear testimony of our youth being the hands, feet and heart of Jesus Christ to a community in need.

AUGUST 2
THE LEGACY OF HYMNS OF THE FAITH
Tom Mullikin will lead us in singing and learning about the foundation and origin of some of our favorite hymns.

AUGUST 9
THE LEGACY OF FAITH IN SPORTS
Derek Potteiger, former Cumberland Valley High School, Penn State, and Harris-

burg City Islanders soccer player, will share his experience of witnessing for Christ in the world of sports. Derek is currently the Assistant Soccer Coach at the U.S. Navy Academy.

AUGUST 16
THE LEGACY OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Donna Nichols will present a dramatic portrayal on the life of Darlene Deibler Rose, a Christian missionary who was held in a prisoner of war camp in World War II.

AUGUST 23
**THE LEGACY OF MISSION OUTREACH:
THE SUDAN**

Jody Robinson of the Central Pennsylvania Conference will share about her life-changing journey to Sudan as a Mission Ambassador with the Global Board of Ministry.

AUGUST 30
THE LEGACY OF CARING HANDS

Lisa Wickenheiser will share about the personal blessing she received while attending a Day of Pampering. She will introduce her vision for First Church in 2010 to reach out and honor women who tirelessly care for family members with disabilities. Sib Charles, from Joni & Friends, will join Lisa.

SEPTEMBER 6
**THE LEGACY OF OUR FAITH
THROUGH ART**

Join the children in the multipurpose room to see the beautiful artistic expression of artist Elva Hurst as she illustrates the Biblical teaching of Seed Time and Harvest through chalk drawings.



Camp EDGE

CAMP EDGE (Experience and Discover God Everywhere), our 2009 Vacation Bible School program, began on June 22, with over 320 children, aged 3 through 8th grade. Over 120 adults and youth volunteered in various capacities, with a significant number of these coming from outside of First Church. Vacation Bible School is one of the largest, and most effective, avenues that First Church has to reach out to the surrounding community.

Prayer Tips For Summer

IT IS SUMMER — not exactly my favorite season! Hot weather means my ankles swell, air conditioning bills will arrive soon, there is never enough iced sweet tea to keep me cool on those really hot days, sunscreen ... must I continue? Still, many wonderful things emerge at this time of year as well — vacations, gardens full of bounty, imaginative play from scattered objects in the garage, bike rides, swimming, walks, watermelon! Ok — so summer is not always so bad. But do not fool yourself into believing summer is lazy. The schedule may change but the busyness remains. This hectic pace is no excuse to neglect your personal prayer life! More than ever this is a season to be mindful of your time with God Almighty. Here are a few simple suggestions — for actually any time of year:

1. Talk with someone you know who regularly prays — see what works for them.
2. Get up earlier than anyone else in your house — He does not mind if you bring your mug of coffee or have not had your shower yet.
3. Call God by your own name for Him — I frequently change that name depending on my need for the day
4. Find or keep that special place where you are able to close the door behind you and just be with God — you choose the amount of time.

The children's offerings for the week went to CURE International.

It is our hope that some of the families who connected with us for Vacation Bible School will find that connection valuable and will join with us here at First Church on an ongoing basis.

5. Always keep your prayer "tools" available — Bible, notepads, books, pens, journal — also any religious objects that mean much to you in your faith journey — crosses, etc
6. Start with really listening for what He might want to bring to your mind — randomly open your Bible to see what He might have in store for you
7. Try not to have too many expectations other than God will surprise you in His own way. He really just wants to love on you!!

Prayer is a wide open avenue, a way to communicate with the Lord. Many of us miss out on special opportunities because we compare ourselves to others or feel inadequate in this area. Actually we were all made to need Jesus — He fills a hole no one else can or should. As uniquely created individuals, we of course have our needs fulfilled differently. He is ready for that — He knows you. He is so aware of my aversion to the heat of summer.

But that does not mean He won't allow me to experience it anyway — it just means he makes sure I do not wake up on any hot summer morning without Him. It is **MY** choice to seek Him out, **MY** choice to find Him through prayer. Go ahead — make it yours as well!

Deb Noss

Pray for our Troops

This Psalm is printed on military handkerchiefs that soldiers carry with them as they enter into battle or dangerous situations.

PSALM 91

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.

Surely He shall deliver me from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.

He shall cover me with His feathers, and under His wings I shall take refuge; His truth shall be my shield and buckler.

I shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste and noonday.

A thousand may fall at my side, and ten thousand at my right hand; but it shall not come near me.

Only with my eyes shall I look and see the reward of the wicked. Because I have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, my dwelling place, no evil shall befall me, nor shall any plague come near my dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways.

In their hands they shall bear me up, lest I dash my foot against a stone.

I shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent I shall trample underfoot.

Because I have set my love upon Him, therefore He will deliver me: He will set me on high because I have known His name.

I shall call upon Him, and He will answer me.

He will be with me in trouble; He will deliver me and honor me.

With long life He will satisfy me and show me His salvation.

— Contributed by Tom Hayes

Created By God Schedule

Monday August 10

5:30 pm Dinner with Leaders/training
7 pm Parent session

Tuesday August 11

12:30-4 pm Student Session (with break & snack)

Wednesday August 12

12:30-4 pm Student Session (with break & snack)

Thursday August 13

12:30-3 pm Student Session (with break & snack)
3-4 pm Recreation
4-5:30 pm Student Session
5:30-6:30 pm Family Dinner
6:30-8:30 pm Parent/student session

Created By God Event Registration form with fields for Name, Address, Phone, Email, Age, and Grade.

One of the Best Things First Church Offers: Created by God

WE ARE BLESSED to again have Dr. Jim Ritchie coming to First Church to lead Created by God. Created by God brings together preteens (ages 10-13), their parents, and adult leaders for a faith-filled, comprehensive study of human sexuality — anatomy, growth and development, reproduction, and God’s call to intimacy and responsibility.

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF CREATED BY GOD

- 1. Faith-based and church-sponsored. Created by God begins with the assumption that our sexuality is God’s idea and is therefore, like the whole of God’s creation, very good.
2. Understands and is sensitive to preteens/young adolescents. It is active, engages all learning styles/intelligences, acknowledges that preteens are ready to deal with issues regarding their sexuality— even more willing to do so than teens, and recognizes that they need to be equipped with accurate, faithful information in order to process (and often counteract) what they are already getting elsewhere.
3. Incorporates parents into the experience. Parents are prepared for what their sons and daughters will experience in the course of the study, introduced to a common vocabulary and provided with common experiences to facilitate communication within the family, and given an opportunity to practice communication skills. Time after time, parents report how general lines of communication are opened in the home and conversation on any subject is facilitated.
4. Comprehensive. Created by God provides a solid foundation upon which young persons can develop a healthy and Godly understanding of their sexuality and prepare to respond in a responsible manner. It is a holistic approach, dealing with sexual anatomy and growth and development, relationships and the true meaning of intimacy, reproduction, attitudes, responsi-

ble behaviors, and all other crucial issues— those raised by the students and their parents as well as the study leaders.

5. Explores the meaning of intimacy and contrasts intimacy and sexual activity. Created by God starts with the assumption that God’s desire for us is intimacy with God and intimacy with one another. Intimacy is taught experientially—students and leaders sitting together on the floor, close together, without the barriers of tables and chairs, talking together openly about important, sometimes difficult subjects. Created by God clearly differentiates between intimacy as deep friendship and the common notion that intimacy represents sexual contact.

6. Responds to all questions. Participants (both parents and kids) are free to ask any question, either publicly or anonymously. Every question posed receives a response. When preteens are placed in a setting where they feel safe, comfortable, and respected—a setting like Created by God, they will ask absolutely anything.

7. Girls and boys remain together for the entire event. The barriers we have historically placed between males and females when doing sexuality education are both artificial and unnecessary. Boys and girls have no problem experiencing this together. Sensitivity toward, understanding of, and respect for the other gender has to begin somewhere, and at a time when these very attitudes are being shaped seems the appropriate “somewhere” to begin.

All sessions are held at First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg. The fee for the event is \$40 (scholarships available), which covers the cost of a book, meals, snacks, and supplies. If you plan to participate, please complete the enclosed form and return it with the registration fee, as soon as possible. Space is limited!

If you have questions, please contact Kim Vensel at 766-4611, ext. 102, or kidscount@fumchurch.com.

IMPACT 2009! July 29 – August 2

IMPACT is a not only a fun-filled, five day camping experience, it’s a great opportunity to spend time with God and get to know your friends even better!

Join us for a dynamic spiritual experience, life-changing lessons from God’s Word, challenging seminar sessions, ambitious athletic and outdoor adventures at the climbing wall, the Little Juanita River, the volleyball court, football and more! Oh, did we mention the delicious food that our “gourmet chefs” cook for us? It’s amazing!!

Families are encouraged to attend this event together with their youth but youth may attend alone. If your family enjoys camping, this is a great way to spend time with your teenage kids and their friends in a Christian atmosphere.

What to expect at IMPACT:

POWERFUL and DYNAMIC praise and worship sessions led by Salt ‘n Light band, Chosen, Andy Otto, Tracing Caleb, Juice, and Joshua & Caleb

CHALLENGING breakout seminar sessions twice a day for every age and interest. Real talk for real life!

AMBITIOUS athletic and outdoor adventures at the climbing wall, the Little Juniata River, the volleyball court, football, and more.

What’s Happenin’ This Month?

Table with 4 columns: Date, Event Name, Date, Event Name. Includes Youth/Parents Mission Trip Meeting, Volleyball & Ice Cream at Ogden’s 6-9 pm, Mission Trip to Red Lake, MN, Youth Teacher Meeting, Mandatory IMPACT Meeting, Packing Night for IMPACT, and IMPACT -AUG. 2.

LIFE-CHANGING lessons from God’s Word with main-stage speakers Samantha Breadly, Spencer Sweeting, Ed Zeiders, and Stephen Gallaher.

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us July 29 – August 2 for this powerful camping experience! Registration for the whole event is \$75. Partial event tickets are also available.

For more information, pick up a registration packet in the narthex or print one from our website. Get an extra registration packet and bring a friend! Registration forms with checks made payable to First United Methodist Church can be placed in Amy Ogden’s mailbox or in the mailbox outside the church office.

Also, mark your calendar for a mandatory IMPACT meeting on Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Each family should have a representative in attendance at this meeting where we will cover the rules, expectations, tent assignments, snack assignments, departure/ transportation information, etc. A brief chaperone meeting will follow the mandatory meeting.

For more information, please contact Amy Ogden, Interim Youth Director at 766-4611 x113 or uthrock@fumchurch.com.



Introducing our Interim Youth Director

Our First United Methodist Church family would like to introduce our newest staff member, Amy Ogden. Serving as our Interim Youth Director for at least the summer months, Amy will officially start on July 1, but is already working hard on planning for the upcoming Youth Mission Trip to Minnesota. Amy has recently completed her studies at the University of Pittsburgh working on her Master of Science degree in preparation to be a teacher. More importantly, Amy has been an involved and dedicated member of FUMC as a child, youth, and young adult and comes to us with not only a background in Youth Ministry but also a heart dedicated to serving God. The Staff Parish Committee is certain that our youth and youth programming are in very confident and caring hands during this time of transition.

The Staff Parish Committee would also like to extend our thanks to the FUMC staff members who unselfishly stepped forward and undertook additional duties to insure that the youth of FUMC have had continued programming in the weeks following Samantha Mariano’s resignation. There is no better testament to the importance that our youth hold in our church than the dedication of FUMC staff who have worked above and beyond to assure that every need has been met.

“Well done, good and faithful servant” Matthew 25:21.

**Club Can-Do:
Mission Kit Project**

During the Sunday school hour on August 16, you are invited to help assemble School Kits for Mission Central in the multipurpose room! In preparation for the kit-making, we will be collecting donations of supplies during July and August. Please look for the designated bins to donate any of the following:

- blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- pads (or loose leaf) 8½ x 11 ruled paper
- 30 cm. ruler
- hand-held pencil sharpener
- unsharpened pencils with erasers
- erasers, 2½ inch size
- box of 24 crayons



Worship At the Park

JULY 12
Dessert Fellowship 6 pm
Worship 7 pm

SEPTEMBER 13
All-Church Picnic 1:30 pm
Worship 6 pm

Services and picnic will be held at Memorial Park, Mechanicsburg.

Club Can-Do: Kids Called to Care — Summer 2009

"Children, you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it." 1 John 3:18, CEV

We are trying a new approach for summer Sunday school. This summer, during the Sunday School hour the children (three-years-old thru 6th grade) are invited with their family to join us each week in the multipurpose room for Club Can-Do; Kids Called to Care.

Experience different kid-focused, intergenerational, interactive programs each week at Club Can-do. All will help us grow in our understanding of how we can use who we are and what we have to impact others for God. This summer join Club-Can-Do and use your gifts and talents to serve God.

Childcare is available during the Sunday School hour for toddlers and pre-school age children in room 120. Parents of pre-school age children may choose childcare instead of joining in the family Sunday School option.

DATE	PROGRAM
July 5	"I'm in the Lord's Army" Day
July 12	Magic of God's Love Bob Bracilano, Magician/Ventriloquist 
July 19	Sierra Leone JeNeal Guise and Steve Trace share about our sister church
July 26	Access Ministries Allison Davis, Education Dept. United Cerebral Palsy
August 2	Make a Joyful Noise Hymn sing in the Adult Sunday School Room 
August 9	 Movie Morning
August 16	 Mission Kits Complete Mission Kits for Mission Central
August 23	Youth Mission Trip Be inspired by our youth and their experiences in Mission
August 30	What's Wonderful Wednesday? Learn about bells and choir too.
September 6	Seed Time and Harvest Elva Hurst Chalk artist 
September 13	Fall Sunday School Begins

July/August Campers

Camp Penn

7/12-7/14 Heather Bowen Ben Herbster
7/19-7/25 Amanda Hilbish Candise Everhart
8/9-8/15 Seth Wickenheiser

Wesley Forest

6/28-7/2 Taylor Saraiva Janelle Almond Kaitlyn Mariano
8/2-8/8 Graham Bowen Noah Hamilton
8/12-8/15 Garrett Conway

Greene Hills

7/12-7/18 Philip Noss Steve Noss Deb Noss
7/19-7/23 Shelley Peterman

Mount Asbury

7/18-7/19 Andy Murdough Drew Murdough

Krislund Camp

6/28-7/3 Dan Lyons

Camp Nawakawa

7/19-7/25 Josh Herring Dylan Snyder

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**Be A Prayer Partner
for a Camper**

Do not forget that praying for our campers is like going to camp without even packing your bags — please pick up a prayer partner card near the Info desk and fill out and follow the instructions — thank you in advance!

If you are still thinking of registering for camp, there may still be room — just check out the Conference's website at www.cpcumcamps.org. They can let you know what camps are still available. For more information, contact Deb Noss at 697-5982



**MISSION STATEMENT FOR
CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRY**

"The Spirit guides us to provide sacred places where all are welcomed and challenged to follow Jesus."

**VISION STATEMENT FOR CAMP
& RETREAT MINISTRY**

"Places where all may encounter the Living Christ."

<https://www.cpcumcamps.org>

Find our July Campers in this puzzle. Please remember them in prayer during the time they are at camp.