Special
Admin Board Meeting

There will be a special Administration Board Meeting on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 pm in the Adult Sunday School room. The entire congregation is invited to attend. The Ad Hoc committee will be presenting their special report, which includes the findings from the "lost member" and congregational surveys, and the resulting recommendations. The report will also include recommendations for potential revenue enhancement and cost savings, to enable First Church to better manage/match its resources (both human resources and financial resources) with its desired ministry goals and objectives.

Hard copies of the report will be available in the church office beginning in January. There will also be extra copies available at the meeting on January 16. We will "Open the Doors." Please come with an "Open Heart" and an "Open Mind."

Volunteers in Mission

You are invited to join us on Sunday, January 15 in the Multipurpose room at 9:30 am to hear about the special opportunities we have to both participate in and support several United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trips in 2012.

Our guest speaker will be Ron Hoover, VIM Coordinator for the Altoona District. Volunteers in Mission is an outreach of our Susquehanna District Missional Board. They are currently organizing 3 trips in 2012.

We are blessed to have Ron Hoover join us on this Sunday, so please come to hear his presentation and support our missional efforts.

For more information, please contact Rev. Buddy Miller at 512-8387 or Jeanne Eakin-Miller at 512-6556.

Young Adults: If you are looking for an opportunity to serve and are seeking to fellowship with other young adults in our community then come help us bag groceries at Mission Central on Wednesday, **January 11**, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Children's Department Announcements

Wonderful Wednesday begins on Wednesday, January 25! Please register by January 15. Registration forms can be found at the Children's Display area.

BLT Fellowship on **January 22**, 5-6:30 pm, in the multipurpose room for all 4th-6th graders. Don't forget we voted to wear green shirts, and we will sit together during Worship!

BLT Activity — Swimming at the YMCA on **February 5**! Meet in the lobby at 1:15 pm, and we will return by 4 pm for handchimes. Anyone not in handchimes can be picked up at 4:30. Please return permission slips by **January 29**, which can be found at the Children's Display area.

Youth Announcements

3G this week: We begin our regular 3G Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30. I can't wait to see you all again during our youth group time! Remember choir meets beforehand from 5:30-6:30

3G next week: 6:30-8:30.

Monday Night Football is continuing to meet from 8-10 pm at the Rapp's or Ogden's house. We will call our time of devotion, gathering, and sports watching *Monday Night Lights* (since it's not just football anymore). We will meet at the Rapp's tomorrow.

The deadline for Snow Tubing permission forms is being extended until next week. Please turn in your forms by Sunday **January 15**. (Snow Tubing will be the following Sunday on **January 22**.)

Wednesday Night Service Opportunities:

- **January 18** – 6:00-7:45 – Bagging at Mission Central
- **January 25** – 6:00-8:00 – First Church in-house Project

Registration forms are now available for the summer mission trip and is currently open to high school students. Space is limited! Spaces will be filled in order that registrations are received.

Any others interested in Zeteo? Contact Lisa directly if you are.

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Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of E. Chester (Chet) Heim, placed by Sadie and family.

Hospitalized or special circumstances: Charlie Ryder is at LifeCare. Maye Carmany and Nancy Biggs are at HealthSouth. Dick Biggs is at Country Meadows

Blood pressure checks TODAY in the library between worship services.

All check requests to be included in the 2011 budget are due in the church office **TODAY**.

The Martha Circle will meet on **January 10** at 7 pm at the home of Fran Davis. New members welcome. Call Marley Ann at 697-2233.

Deborah Circle will meet on **January 10** at 7 pm in the café area outside of the music room. Anyone wishing to join us please contact Sandy Walton 790-9131.

Deadline for submitting articles for the February newsletter is Friday, **January 13**. Early submissions are always welcome! Send to office@fumchurch.com.

Only 7 movie passes left! Sign up at the info desk or call Kathie Bittenbender today (697-6257)!

Passion Play — April 4 — if you are interested in playing a part or working behind the scenes, please contact Norma Lockney!

Help needed during Sunday School - only 1 slot left! Please check the Children's Display area, or contact Norma Lockney.

Offering Envelopes—if your name and address have been printed on your envelope you may cross them out or cover with a label which can be obtained from the church office, if you wish.

Thank you to all those who helped in reading scripture during this past week! It was a true blessing to hear God's Word read from beginning to end.