

**Little Friends Nursery School**—registration for next year began January 17. Classes open for children aged 18 months to pre-kindergarten. Forms available outside Charlie Ryder's office—return with a non-refundable \$25 registration fee. Acceptance on a first come basis. Direct questions to Don Karns, Flossie Ryder, or Judy Buddenbaum.

**Lost items found** in church and kitchen are located in box under coat rack in tower hallway. Please check today to find your lost items...those items not rescued by **February 14** will be donated to Mission Central!

**Reminder**—Lay Leadership Training is this Saturday, January 29 from 9 am to 11 am.

**Quarterly Leadership Planning** meeting has been rescheduled from January 31 to February 13. Meeting will start at 7pm. There will not be a potluck dinner prior to the meeting.

**Address**—We have received many requests for Marlin & Brenda Snider's address since it is not in the directory. Their address is 5265 Spruce Court, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

#### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wonderful Wednesday begins on January 25!** It is not too late to register! Registration forms can be found at the Children's Display area. Menu—hot dogs w/roll, chips, vegetables/dip, pears and pudding!

**BLT Fellowship** - Sunday, January 22, 5-6:30pm, in the multi-purpose room for all 4th-6th graders.

**BLT Activity**—Swimming at the YMCA on **February 12** (not the 5th)! Meet in the narthex at 1:15 pm—will return by 4 pm for handchimes. Tweens 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 are hitting the slopes! Snow Tubers be at the church parking lot at 5:45pm ready to leave for ski Round Top. Remember to dress warm and bring money if you want snacks. Parents, we will be returning to the church parking lot by 9:15pm

**3G next week:** We will continue in learning what it means to be true disciples of Christ during our fellowship time from 6:30-8:30.

**Zeteo Participants:** We will head out to our weekend in Gettysburg at 6:00pm on Friday. Please watch your email for details regarding our weekend together.

**Monday Night Lights** – Monday 01/23 at the Rapp's from 8:00-10:00pm.

**Wednesday Night Service Opportunities:** Wed Jan 25 – 6:00-8:00pm – First Church in-house Project – Meet in B004

**Today is the deadline** for this year's summer Mission Trip to Harrisburg. Please turn in your registration form and return to Lisa TODAY!

**Battleball forms** for the Messiah Battleball tournament on February 19 are now available and are due February 12.

**We need Soup** for our SouperBowl of Caring on February 5. Please sign up in the Main Lobby or email Lisa if you can donate Chicken Noodle or Chili and help us in our fight against hunger.

*\*all youth forms are located in the basement across from the elevators.*

#### STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE ADVISORY

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) must regretfully advise the congregation that the Rev. Dr. Marlin Snider has tendered his resignation from the position of Minister of Congregational Care. As most of you know, Marlin's wife, Brenda, was injured in a serious automobile accident last month. The extent of the physical consequences of that ordeal have only recently been discovered. Accordingly, supporting Brenda's physical and emotional recovery will require Marlin's full attention.

We highly value the work that Marlin did and will miss the continuation of his efforts, but fully understand and support his decision to devote his energies to Brenda's needs. Our prayers, thoughts and care are with the Sniders and their family.

SPRC invites expressions of interest from within the congregation from members who feel called to manage the congregational care efforts at First Church. For more information, including a job description, please contact:

- Dave Florey, SPRC chair  
(dflorey475@AOL.com or 691-7818)
- Matt Speicher, SPRC Congregational Care liaison  
(mspeicher@gmail.com or 713-5387)



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**Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones, placed by Bill and Betty Etter.

**Hospitalized or special circumstances:** Brenda Snider is at Hershey Medical Center.

**Recovering at home:** Marcia Espenshade, Charlie Ryder, and Nancy Biggs (at Country Meadows).

**New to First Church?** You and your family are invited to come to a "Meet & Greet" luncheon downstairs in Fellowship Hall after the 10:45 am service on January 29. Enjoy lunch and get to know the pastors better.

**Newsletter Assembly Team:** Join us on Thursday, January 26, at 8:30 am in Room B004 to assemble the February newsletter.

**Passion Play—April 4:** if you are interested in playing a part or working behind the scenes, please contact Norma Lockney! (the sooner you respond the more likely you will get the role you are hoping for!)

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

**FUM All-Church Family Roller Skating.** January 28 from 4:30-6:30 at Olympic Skating Center, 60 Shady Lane, Enola. Admission is FREE. Skate rental is available.

**Texas Roadhouse Community Night—January 24** from 4–9 pm. Proceeds benefit Women's Retreat (February 17–19). Please pick up the flyer (you will need to take it to the restaurant) in your church mailbox or at the Information Desk.

**Women's Retreat** (February 17 -19)—registration is still open! Registration forms are located in the narthex. \$100 registration fee due **January 31**—send to Patti Herring or place in the SCRIP box. Questions? Contact Patti at familyzeke@verizon.net or 795-9721.

**Make a New Year's Resolution** to use FUM's Scrip Program! If you normally shop or eat at the same places, buy gift cards to use instead of money. Program supports both the church and the handbell choirs. Order slips are in the gathering area.