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From the Pastor

I was passing through the lobby of a local hospital last week. A man watching the television in the corner was repeating these words: “Not another one...not another one...” It only took a moment for me to see that the news report was of yet another school shooting somewhere in the United States. I instantly identified with the disbelief, the sadness and the helplessness I felt through the words of that man in the lobby.

As I left the hospital and drove on to my next stop, I found myself going over the words of Martin Luther King which have been burned into my memory since my days in school: *“The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate.... Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate:*

Only love can do that.”

We live in a time where the distance which separates hate and violence has diminished to a mere step. We live in a time where the distance which separates anger and violence has diminished to a mere glance. We live in a time where the distance which separates disappointment and violence has diminished to a mere thought.

We live in a time when it is much more urgent than it has ever been that we embrace the difficult and challenging teaching of our Savior and align our actions with his:

‘You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

Dates to Remember

- June 29-July 5.. Youth Mission Trip
- July 6..... Sabbath Sunday
- July 7..... Evangelism
Committee Meeting
- July 8..... SPRC Meeting
- July 14..... Board of Trustees
- July 15..... Prayer Team Meeting
Finance Committee
Meeting
Newsletter Deadline
- July 16..... Bagging for Bethesda
Mission
- July 27..... Rejoicing Spirits
Service
Senators Game
- July 30-Aug 3 ... Impact
- August 4-8..... Vacation Bible
School

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From the Pastor

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'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven...

(Matthew 5:38-45a)

Later as I learned more about that day's shooting, I realized that, like the man in the hospital lobby, I was disbelieving and sad. But I am not helpless. Resisting violence and showing our world a better way is as simple...and as difficult...as following Jesus. Perhaps in our time, this needs to be discipleship's first step.

Pastor Mike



Sunday School
9:30 am

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

Sunday Evening
Anchor Worship
7:00 pm

Financial Report

Through May 31, 2014
(42% of year)

General Fund

2014 budget	\$885,000
Expected income	\$371,700
Actual income	\$344,195
	(39 % of budget)
Deficit	\$ 27,505

Actual expenses	\$ 362,355
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Building Fund	\$ 3,957
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Legacy Campaign	\$ 2,232
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Income has not been keeping pace with what we need to meet our budget. We may have to consider ways we can curtail expenditures if the income trend continues.

It is important that normal levels of giving are maintained during the summer travel months. An easy way to do that is to sign up for electronic giving. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk or the church office. You can also contribute through our web site using a credit card.



The 4th Sunday at 4:00...

an interactive and inclusive ministry for those with developmental disabilities, their families, friends and care givers.

The next Rejoicing Spirits service will be on July 27 at 4:00 pm.

Mission Opportunity

FUMC grocery bagging for Bethesda Mission at Mission Central will be on Wednesday, July 16 at 6:00 pm. Contact Eric King at 697-0933 or eeking@verizon.net for more information.



Penny Report

FOR MANY YEARS, First Church has supported the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Project, a special mission project of the Susquehanna Conference. One of the avenues of support is with donations from the Penny Bucket which is located in the narthex. One hundred percent (100%) of your donations are used to provide training and dig wells that supply safe drinking water for schools and communities in Sierra Leone.

There were 2,582 pennies contributed since February for a total to date of \$12,057.70.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Project!

Our Missionaries

COORDINATOR OF THE AVIATION
RESOURCE DEPT. FOR GBGM:
Steve & Gail Quigg

2015 Dominican Republic Missions Trip

After a successful Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic in 2013, planning has begun for a return trip in July 2015. The purpose of the trip is to strengthen First Church's ties with the people of Cristobal and to further the ministry of the Church. This trip is intended to be a trip for those who are at least 18 years old, have graduated from high school, and are able to travel and serve independently.



An informational meeting is scheduled for July 8th, and an initial deposit is required by July 15th. If interested, please read the Dominican Republic 2015 Trip Information and Registration Form for more details, including important dates and the financial expectations for participants. This information and the form can be found in the narthex or on our website, fumchurch.com. Please complete and submit the Form by July 15th. Contact Tina Eaton at (717) 766-4611 or email adult-ministry@fumchurch.com with any questions.

Members on a Mission this summer

Jenna Mengle
Chicago, IL
5/30 - 8/9

Janelle Almond
Aliquippa
5/31 - 8/10

Youth

Somers Point, NJ
6/29 - 7/5

Brian Almond

Josh Eaton

Ellie Farber

Jimmy Losh

Kylie Peters

Kyle Wickenheiser

Nick LaPointe

Lauren LaPointe

Graham Bowen

Kyle Eaton

Josh Herring

Philip Noss

Preston Peters

Matt Canonizado

Alex Clark

Ryan Eaton

Caryn Knott

Alexia Ometz

Shawn Rapp

Lisa Aronson

Lynn Rapp

John Bowen

George Canonizado

Tim Losh

Brian Wickenheiser

Derrick Ometz

Chuck Kershner

Matt Herring
Botswana
7/2 - 8/9

Jordan Rouch
Belize
7/26 - 8/2



Youth Mission Trip Trading Cards



Stop by the adult ministry table in the main lobby and see the display featuring the 27 members of this year's 2014 Youth Mission Trip. Take a pack of cards and see who you get! Keep them. Trade them. Hang them on your fridge. Use these cards to pray for us while we are gone.

Try to collect all 27 or try to collect some of the fun combinations: all three Eaton Boys, the Rookies (first time mission trip participants), or the Throw



Backs (Mission trip participants from past trips).



There are three cards in each pack (unless you find a bonus Throw Back card). Feel free to

take as many packs as you like and pray for those you collect. A suggested donation per pack is \$5.00, but we are grateful for any financial support if you are able.



2014 Confirmation Class

Two additions to this year's Confirmation class:

Angelica Brill

Madlyn Campbell



Youth Mission Trip

June 29-July 5 many FUMC youth and adults will be partnering with Christian Endeavor Mid Atlantic Region and Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group to provide relief efforts in response to the destruction of Hurricane Sandy in October of 2012.

In October 2012 Hurricane Sandy made its calamitous landfall in New Jersey. The "Superstorm" impacted more than a dozen states, taking lives, destroying homes and racking up an enormous clean-up bill (an estimated \$65 billion in damage in the US). Our team plan is to get our hands dirty and get to work helping to rebuild in Somers Point, NJ. We hope to not just provide help in rebuilding and clean up but also in providing encouragement to the homeowners and locals in the area. We want to remind the people of what Jesus reminded his disciples of in the midst of a storm in Mark 6:50 "*Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid.*" We want to remind the people of our ever present Lord and Savior who will be with them in the midst of any type of storm. Please pray for our team! Pray we have energy to complete the work, courage in sharing the Gospel, joy showing on our faces at all time, integrity in our actions, and a great time working together as a team.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

CUMBERLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Cody Brymesser
David Nesmith
Olivia Rickards
Shawn Rapp

CYBER SCHOOL

Benjamin Snyder

MECHANICSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Brian Almond
Josh Eaton
Dan Gunsallus
Matthew Philp
Christian Yother

MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL

Brihtric Prather

NORTHERN YORK

Austin Egolf

BELMONT UNIVERSITY

Dan Almond

CENTRAL PENN COLLEGE

Jenna Norris

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

Barry Eaton

HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Trace Morgan

HOUGHTON COLLEGE

Luke Ogden

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE

Alexander Philp
Taylor Saravia

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Jordan Heisey

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

Connor Filson
Paul Noss

July Library News

As I prepare to celebrate our nation’s birth, I have been thinking a lot about our beginnings. It must have been either desperation or a sense of adventure that brought settlers to the New World. I have been watching **Turn**, the AMC drama about Revolutionary spies and the depiction of everyday colony life. Life was difficult—yet we know they fought every day to make a better place for themselves and their children. The library’s new historical fiction trilogy, *The Daughters of Harwood House*, introduces three English sisters who come to the New World as indentured servants in order to keep their father out of debtors’ prison. Each is taken separately into a different part of the untamed American Colonies.

In the first book, **Rose’s Pledge**, Rose is sold to a grubby trader and taken into Indian territory. Nate Kinyon tags along because he is attracted to Rose and hopes to save her from being sold to the Indians or worse. But though Rose is also attracted to Nate, Rose’s deep Christian faith prevents her from falling in love with a Godless man. This book is filled not only with history, but romance and suspense that will keep you up past your bedtime and be glad that you checked out the next book of the trilogy at the same time.

Mariah’s Quest is set in Baltimore in 1753. She has been indentured into the Barclay


house where there is an eligible bachelor, Colin, and a domineering mother. As she works about the house, she thinks about all the ways she can become more of an eligible bride and less of a servant. While Colin may come to see her more as a person, his mother wants him to marry someone of his own social class. Find out if Mariah can let God lead her to the right path for her life.

Lily’s plight is set in Pennsylvania during the time of the French and Indian War. When her mistress’s husband, John returns home on a short furlough, Lily finds herself falling in love with him. But Lily is a good Christian lass and does not want to cross any boundaries. But times are harrowing and it would be nice to have a broad chest to lean on....


The library has many historical fiction books, but if you prefer to read books set in present day, come into the library, and we will help you find just the right book for you.

See you in the library,


Pam & Donna



The library is accepting donations for our August 16th book sale. Gently used books, CDs and DVDs for adults or children are greatly appreciated.



Then join us at the sale to restock for winter.



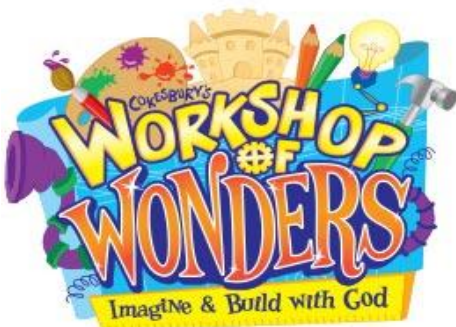


Holy Communion
2014 Schedule

- Bimonthly Communion
..... August 3
Pew Service
- World Communion..... October 5
Loaves & Chalice
- First Sunday in Advent
..... November 30
Pew Service
- Christmas Eve..... December 24
8 and 11 pm
Loaves & Chalice

Vacation Bible School

First Church will hold our annual Vacation Bible School later this summer. Mark your calendar for August 4-8, 2014. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon daily.



Enjoy the same great Bible adventures, games and fun – only the dates have changed. All children ages 3 through entering 6th grade are invited. Students in 7th to 12th grade can volunteer as helpers.

There is a \$5 registration fee per child. Need-based scholarships are available.

To register, go to the VBS Registration Link on our website, or call 766-4611.

Partner with the Children's Department for this awesome event that touches many neighborhood children. Much help is need. If you can help in any way contact Dawn Fisher or Sarah Jones.

Fellowship Event

The FUMC Fellowship Committee is hosting a Sunday afternoon gathering at a Harrisburg Senators game on July 27th vs. The New Hampshire Fisher Cats at Metro



Bank Park on City Island. The game starts at 2:00, so please plan to arrive at the stadium around 1:00 so you have plenty of time to park and buy tickets at the box office. We recommend getting tickets in sections 301, 302, 303, or 304 since this is in close proximity to the Giant Picnic Pavilion, which we will identify as the primary gathering area for FUMC.

You may purchase discounted game tickets in advance by calling the Senators Box Office at 717-231-4444. The Senators offer Pre-Game Catch On The Field, Post-Game Kids Run The Bases, and the first 1,000 fans 13 & older will receive a Senators Hat.

In the event of rain, this event will not be rescheduled by the Fellowship Committee. If you have any questions about this event, please call Jerry Smith at 717-691-8186.

Mental Health First Aid

Sometimes, first aid isn't a **bandage**, or **CPR**, or the **Heimlich**, or calling **911**.

Sometimes, first aid is **YOU!**

You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, or member of the community — in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental problem or crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid course — first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals, and caring citizens.

First Church will be hosting a Youth Mental Health First Aid Course, Thursday, September 25, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This is an 8-hour public course for adults living or working with youth ages 11-18 and for senior high school students.

To register contact the church office at office@fumchurch.com or 766-4611. The cost is \$40, including lunch. Members of a United Methodist church attend at no cost.

CEUs for... UMC Pastors - .8; Teachers-Act 48; Human Resource Professionals, EMS personnel



FUM Circle Meetings

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Sandy Walton*
790-9131 or
swalton54@comcast.net

MARTHA CIRCLE

Marley Ann Schmick*
697-2233

MARY CIRCLE

Janice Bowen*
796-0809 or
jjgbowen@yahoo.com

RUTH CIRCLE

Beryl Morgan* 697-3554

*New Members are always
welcome!*

**Contact Circle Leader for dates & times*

UMW District Calendar

July 10-13 - 'Mission U' at Bucknell. Watch for more details.*

August 16 - UMW Yard Sale and Book Sale. Bring your stuff to sell or come to buy more stuff! Watch for details.

September 13 - Annual Day. Camp Hill UMC*

November - World Thank Offering and Mission Meal.

*All District events can be viewed on the conference website at susumc.org, Harrisburg District UMW

UMW Yard Sale

On Saturday, August 16, the United Methodist Women will once again be hosting a yard sale in the church parking lot. Each spacious spot is still the low price of \$10 and sign up is first come first serve. The sale will run from 8 am to 1 pm. The UMW will have delicious baked goods for sale and the Church Library will be offering great bargains on books. Contact Donna Nichols at 249-9477 or djnichols43@hotmail.com to reserve your spot.

As an outreach to the community, we will be giving away school supplies to visitors with children. We are asking the congregation to donate supplies for this project. The collection bin will be in place by July 1. Please bring the following items: small box of crayons, #10 pencils, erasers, blunt scissors and glue sticks.

Thanks in advance. Whether you are buying or selling, it will be a day of bargains and fun in the parking lot!

Don't forget to drop your unwanted clothing and shoes in the Community Aid bin. Money raised from your donations helps local schools, churches and other non profit charitable organizations.

Church Yard Sale, Bake Sale and Book Sale

Saturday, August 16, 2014

8:00 am to 1:00 pm, church parking lot

Rain or Shine!

Fill out and return to Donna Nichols 249-9477 or djnichols43@hotmail.com

Bring Your Own Table!

Name: _____ Date _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment of \$10 enclosed

Why Wear a Name Tag in Church?

When large groups of people get together where there are potential new faces, name tags help to break the ice. And with a Pastor Reed arriving this month, just imagine how overwhelming it will be for him to learn everyone's name! From personal experience I know that I learned some people's names quickly, but it took me years to learn who everyone was... in fact, after 10 years I am still learning!



Name tags invite people to greet one another and help newcomers to get to know people more easily.

Think about it: How many relationships are you missing out on because you don't know someone's name?

So let's get in the habit of wearing our name tags! Check your mailbox... If you don't have a name tag please call me at 766-4611 or email me at adultministry@fumchurch.com right away and I will make one for you.

Always be eager to practice hospitality! (Romans 12:13)

Tina Eaton

“Out & About: Responding to our Call to ministry”

Summer Sunday School 2014

Lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God... to one glorious hope for the future.

Ephesians 4:1-4

What are we called to? We are called to ministry. What does that mean? It means to be a servant... to be someone's hope, and to humbly and lovingly care for and do for others just as Jesus did!

This summer join us as we engage in inter-generational, activity-based missions and discussions focused on growing and serving together.

Come to celebrate, actively participate, gain new experiences, and discover or rediscover your calling to serve “**out & about**” in God's world.

Don't forget to join us for “Kick-off” Sunday on September 7!

Regular Sunday School classes will begin meeting that morning at 9:30 am (look in the September 7 bulletin for more information). The church picnic will be held at the Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion at 3:30 pm that afternoon and outdoor worship will be held at the picnic at 6 pm.

New Summer Bible Study

Does your summer schedule allow a little more time for Bible study? Great! Join us this summer to study “Chase the Goose: The Adventure of Living a Spirit-Led Life” by Mark Batterson. Celtic Christians called the Holy Spirit the “Wild Goose”, and living in step with the Holy Spirit can sometimes be a little like a wild goose chase.. unpredictable and adventuresome!

During our six sessions we will examine what can put the Wild Goose in a cage...our over-scheduled responsibilities and routines, our assumptions and guilt, our fears and failures.

Come to break out of the cage and experience life as God intended! Sessions will be held on July 2, 9, 23, 30, August 6 and 13 from 7:15 – 8:30 pm in room 207. Tina Eaton will be facilitating and all materials will be provided. Sign up today at the display in the narthex. Contact Tina at 766-4611 or email adultministry@fumchurch.com if you have questions or would like more information.



Summer Sunday School Schedule

Date	Ministry/Mission Topic	Associated Activity	Brought to You By:
July 6	Vacation Bible School	Come to hear about this huge community outreach and help to prepare materials needed for VBS crafts. <i>Note: This is a "BYOS" (bring your own scissors) event!</i>	Children's Department
July 13	Cure International	Find out more about how Cure helps children and their families worldwide, and participate in various "experiential" learning stations.	Youth/Adult Departments, Guest speaker from Cure
July 20	Mission Jeopardy	Participate in a fun game of Jeopardy with a twist! Some of the questions in this game will help you to learn more about the wide variety of missions that First Church supports.	Youth/Adult Departments, Guest Host: Jeff Hoffnagle
July 27	Exploring Our Call to Pray	We are all called to pray... come to experience new ways to pray by visiting stations set up to teach us about patterns of prayer, prayer labyrinths, prayer beads/rocks, prayer art, etc.	Youth/Adult Departments and Prayer Team
Aug. 3	Coffee & Conversation: Discerning Your Call to Ministry	<i>Bring a breakfast treat to share</i> and enjoy conversation with others of all ages in small groups. Discussion questions will focus on exploring your personal calling to serve.	Evangelism Committee
Aug. 10	Youth Mission Trip: Hurricane Sandy Relief in New Jersey	Catch up on the adventures of our Youth and their leaders as they share their stories of service and blessings in New Jersey. Engage in an activity that will further aid this mission.	Youth Department
Aug. 17	Sierra Leone	Together we will hear about the upcoming mission trip planned for the fall and prepare felt-board materials to give as a gift to our sister church. <i>Note: This is a "BYOS" (bring your own scissors) event!</i>	Mission Committee Members Tiffany Holland and Sarah Jones
Aug. 24	Mission Central	Hear about how children and their families are affected through the gift of a school kit, see pictures of children helped and work together to prepare school kits. <i>Bring school kit items.</i>	Children's/Adult Departments, Guest Speaker from Mission Central
Aug. 31	Sticky Bun Sunday: Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts	<i>Bring your favorite sticky buns to share</i> and stay to learn more about spiritual gifts. Tools and information will be provided to assist everyone in identifying their personal spiritual gifts.	Evangelism Committee

Facilities Update

Pastor Lucretia's departure has set off a daisy chain of Facilities efforts at First Church. We are consolidating the Juniper Tree Pastoral Counseling Services offices in room 103, Pastor Lucretia's old office. Juniper Tree, staffed by Glenn Covert and Janet Hensel, will continue to provide counseling services out of our facility. I am moving into room 104, the other first floor office formerly used by Juniper Tree. Pastor David Reed's office will be in my former second floor location, room 204. This will enable all of our pastors and program staff (i.e., Adult Ministry, Congregational Care, Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry) to be in close proximity to each other on the second floor of the office wing, which we hope will improve the synergy of our ministry efforts. We are doing some much-needed room painting and carpet cleaning as we make these office moves, freshening things up for the new occupants. We will also be freshening up rooms 102 (Little Friend Nursery School office) and 105 (Helping Hands classroom) in the same color scheme we've been using in the other first floor offices; that effort will take place once we get everything in place from this initial flurry of activity. A special thanks to Judi Buddenbaum and George Canonizado for their efforts during these moves.

Settlement on the recently auctioned duplex residential properties the Church owned at 118 and 120 West Keller Street

(next to the church parking lot) should occur before the end of June. The Trustees met with Finance Chair Bob Bittenbender to discuss options for the disposition of the proceeds from these properties, weighing the benefits of building up our parsonage escrow account at Conference (Note: we had used proceeds from the sale of the former parsonage on Darla Road to pay off the debt on the Keller Street properties and, in accordance with the Book of Discipline, we need to set aside an equivalent amount of funds in the event we need to provide a parsonage to an assigned pastor) or paying down the existing church debt to reduce our ongoing interest payments. Final decision on that action will be determined by First Church's Administrative Board.

Progress is being made on a number of other facilities issues around our building. Our network wiring expansion is almost complete, thanks to the hard work of James Paris. Wiring was recently run to room 216 (Kid's Worship area) and Fellowship Hall, in addition to the library, youth lounge, and conference room 207 that I reported on last month. We still need to make some connections at our central network controls to get everything operational, but we're close to finishing this initiative. Eric King has been hard at work removing the broken stair treads in the last stairwell we're repairing, coming down from the Frederick Street

entrance to Fellowship Hall. Then I need to get busy installing the new treads in that stairwell. We'll all be thrilled when that project is completed. Nail Construction is in the process of restoring two more of our old iron railings, this time along King Alley near Frederick Street. There will be some concrete repairs made to the steps where these railings were removed when they are ready to be reinstalled. Thank you again to Kristin Brown for her ongoing efforts in creating content for the tower hallway video system; it is really helping to keep everyone entering through the tower entrance informed on what is going on at First Church.

A lot is happening around the First Church facility. Keep your eyes alert to these improvements, and be sure to let me know how you can help make things even better for everyone who walks through our doors.

Roger Walton
Facilities Manager

Special Birthdays

- Bernadine Florey July 2
- Bill Kelly July 3
- Mildred Neagley July 6
- Veloice Washburn..... July 6
- Glenn Heller July 7
- Russ Baker July 14
- Gladys Peck July 14
- Ruth Birbeck July 19
- Jack Koser July 22
- Harry Woods July 27
- Jean Adams July 28
- Lincoln Washburn..... July 29
- Betty Etter July 30
- Grace Koser August 2
- Jane Heller August 3
- Helen Kelly August 10
- Doris Sweger August 11
- Pauline Trace August 12
- Lois Morland..... August 16
- Jo Barth August 27
- Victor Norris August 29

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



FIRST NEWS FIRST

EDITOR: Kristin Brown

The **August** newsletter deadline is **July 15.**

All submissions should be received in the church office on or before this date. Early submissions are always welcome!

Love & Sympathy ...

- ✧ to the family upon the death of Phyllis Mengle on May 30, 2014.
- ✧ to the family upon the death of Pat Gavlak's husband, Russ, on June 8, 2014.

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Ron & Jane Handwerk married 53 years on July 8
- ♥ George & Jayne Carpenter married 56 years on July 19
- ♥ Ben & Carol Miller married 56 years on July 20
- ♥ Louis & Jo Barth married 62 years on August 2
- ♥ Don & Barbara Shover married 56 years on August 2
- ♥ Art & Fran Davis married 56 years on August 9
- ♥ Paul & Marge Robinson married 53 years on August 12
- ♥ Ike & Nancy Bomboy married 72 years on August 15
- ♥ John & Dolores Shell married 60 years on August 15
- ♥ Jim & Joyce Parfet married 51 years on August 18
- ♥ Les & Ruth Reed married 70 years on August 23
- ♥ Harry & Joyce Woods married 61 years on August 23
- ♥ Gerald & Patricia Sheely married 56 years on August 24

Thank you ...

Thanks to my First Church family for your prayers, cards and phone calls when I needed them most upon the death of my daughter.

God Bless all.

Ada Lynn & family

The outpouring of love from our church family during Phyllis's illness and death has been unbelievable. From visitors of pastors, staff, and church members to prayers, cards, gifts, flowers, and a ramp built by the Bowen family, we have been truly blessed. Thanks also to Kristin Brown for doing the beautiful bulletin insert and the Hospitality Committee for a wonderful luncheon. You all helped to make an ugly disease more bearable for all of us.

The Mengle Family

Dear Members of First Church,

Thank you for your memorial contributions given in memory of Cephas, It's very comforting to know how much he was thought about. The church was a very important part of his life. Thanks also for the many cards and prayers, also for the words of sympathy. Thanks to the ministers for their visits and kind words.

Bless all of you for your expressions of sympathy. They brought much comfort to all of us.

*Love,
Dottie & Family*