

Rejoicing Spirits is followed by a fellowship time. Donations of individual packs of unsweetened applesauce, goldfish crackers, raisins and pretzels would be greatly appreciated. Contact Lisa Wickenheiser at 975-0225 or the7wicks@verizon.net if you are able to help.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee invites interested members of the First Church community to attend our annual open meeting September 8 at 7 pm in the Adult Sunday School room. Attendees can observe a typical meeting and participate in a discussion related to FUMC staff issues and the operations of the Staff-Parish committee.

Interested in going on the 2015 **Adult Mission Trip** to the Dominican Republic? Pick up an information packet in the Main Lobby. Registration/Deposit due by September 1. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Pastor Mike will resume on September 17 at 7pm. Contact Pastor Mike if you have questions.

New Bible Study for Fall! An in-depth Bible study called “Covenant” begins September 2 on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. It will be facilitated by Anne Horton. See display in main lobby for more details. Sign up by August 24. Contact Tina Eaton if you have questions.

Fall Precept Bible Study - Genesis: Begins August 28 with orientation; first class September 4. Classes on Thursday mornings 9-11am and evenings 6:45-8:45pm. Sign up in the narthex or email Juanita Guise at Kguise@comcast.net.

Men’s Inductive Bible Study - the book of James. Begins September 14. Classes on Sunday evenings 6-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the narthex or email Ken Guise at Kguise@khouse.com.

Sharing Garden Goodies If you have any extra goodies from your garden to share (tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, squash, etc.), please place them in the marked collection basket in the tower entrance the week prior to August 23. Join the Care Team on August 23 to assemble baskets for homebound members.

Our congregation's **Firstlink Prayer Letter** goes out weekly via e-mail. Please notify Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 766-4611) if you have a prayer concern, a praise, a prayer update, or if you would like to be added to the e-mailing list.

Mission Central fundraising night with the Lancaster Barnstormers at Clipper Magazine Stadium August 28! Mission Central will get \$4 from every \$12 ticket sold with special promo code, **missioncentral**. Three ways to buy: Online at www.lancasterbarnstormers.com, by calling 717-509-HITS, or stop by the Barnstormers box office in person. Remember, you **MUST** use the promo code **missioncentral**,

for us to get the credit! The gates open at 6 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m.

CHILDREN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Needed For August – There are still dates open to sign up for August. Three year olds to 5th graders are learning about the Beatitudes. 3 ways to sign up—at the Children’s Display area, use timetosignup.com/kidscount or contact Dawn Fisher or Sarah Jones.

VBS- The Children’s Department would like to thank all the Partners in Ministry who pitched in to help make VBS a success! It was a fantastic week of growing with God and would not have been possible without everyone’s incredible help and dedication. ~ “*You are the God who works wonders.*” *Psalm 77:14a*

Fall Children’s Department Help – There are many opportunities available! Please have a look at the Children’s Display area or contact Dawn Fisher or Sarah Jones, even if you can help just one Sunday a month!

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will kick off the 3G school year at the Church Picnic on September 7. Make sure to be around at 4:00pm when we will gather as a youth group (6th-12th grade) to get to know each other and talk about the year ahead. Watch the church announcements for more information on the church picnic.

Graduates – Don’t forget to leave your senior pictures on the fridge in the youth lounge!

Nail Painting – We will continue this year painting nails at Manor Care. We paint nails every third Saturday at Manor Care in Camp Hill. Sign up in the Sign-Up Binder to help in this service project.

Periphery is in its final week. This will be our last time of meeting at Pleasant View park for the summer. Remember the time this week is from 7-8:30 (not 9:00).

Summer Sunday School: We will be combined with the adults in the MP room for the rest of August. As we near September, look at the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs to know where your classes will be meeting for the fall.

Welcome 6th graders! We are so glad to have you as part of the youth department! Make sure to fill out a Medical Authorization form and youth covenant and then get ready for the great year ahead of you!

Confirmation Students – A meeting for all current and new confirmands and their parents is on Sunday August 24 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend this meeting to stay aware of your role within the confirmation process.



The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. & Mrs. C. Richard Brandt, placed by the Brandt family.

Hospitalized: Barb Shover is in West Shore Hospital; Louis Barth is in Altoona Hospital.

Special Circumstances: Elmer Ritter is at Homeland.

Recovering at home: Jim Parfet, Brandy Zimmerman

Administrative Board Meeting—August 18, 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Please arrive at 6:45 pm to review reports

Children’s Department Help – There are still opportunities to become Partners in Ministry for our children one Sunday per month: **8:00am** 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays crib/toddler adult, **9:15am** 2nd Sunday greeter **9:15am** 3rd Sunday crib/toddler adult and **10:30am** 5th Sunday crib/toddler adult **10:30am** 5th Sunday Kid’s Worship Shepherd. Please sign up at the Children’s Display area or contact Sarah Jones or Dawn Fisher.

This Sunday at Summer Sunday School: Come to hear from Dr. Tom Asher, a physician who has been working in Sierra Leone. He will update us on the health crisis there, and we will work on activities to help the cause.

Next Sunday at Summer Sunday School: 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.

The **Library** is looking for the **VHS tape of the Passion play from 2000**. If anyone has it or knows where it is, please return it so we can keep it for future viewers. Thanks.

Help the Neighborhood Center - Hershey Park will pay the Center for your volunteer efforts and you receive a day pass for a later date! Anyone over 18 can volunteer. Dates are August 16-September 1. Shifts are 10-3, 4-9, 12-5 and 5-10 with variations on weekends. Contact Nadine Ogden (Ogdens6@verizon.net; 697-5045) or Bonnie Rhoads (rhoads3401@comcast.net; 236-0959)

Like to sing? Rejoicing Spirits is looking for youth/adults to share in the song leading at worship services. Services are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm. Contact Lisa Wickenheiser at 975-0225 or the7wicks@verizon.net, if interested.