

**Strengthening Families Program** - begins September 30, at Grace United Methodist Church. More information in the August and September newsletters or contact the church office.

**StrongWomen/Growing Stronger Strength Training** a 12-week program geared for middle-aged to older women and men begins September 8 at 7pm in Room B-003. There is a fee and mandatory paperwork must be completed before beginning. Past participants must pre-register. For information or to register contact Nancy Rouch at 240-6500 or 258-8954.

**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.

**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 9 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.

**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 TODAY! 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@knouse.com.

**Wanted: Handbell Ringers!** All 3 of our handbell choirs at FUM are in need of a ringer or two! If you've ever rung – and feel like it's time to return, it is! If you've never rung and would love to try – we'd love to have you! Give Kathie (697-6257) or Jon (329-7058) a call today!

**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**. More information on Mission Central's website at [www.missioncentral.org](http://www.missioncentral.org).

**Thank you to all who supported the collegiate organized "Anchor" Worship and all who worshiped alongside us this summer** – What will happen with Anchor now that the summer is over? Watch your bulletin for information about the future of the Anchor worship service.

#### **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please help! First Service Crib/Toddler Room** – We still need Partners in Ministry for most Sunday mornings! Please check for openings at the Children's Display area or contact Dawn Fisher or Sarah Jones.

**Backpack Blessing Sunday August 31** - All children are welcome to bring their backpacks with them to the Children's Message at either service where we will pray for a safe and wonderful school year for all our youth.

**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<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure to be around at 4:00pm when we will gather as a youth group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 in painting nails at Manor Care. We paint nails every third Saturday at Manor Care in Camp Hill. Sign up in the Sign-Up Binder or at [www.timetosignup.com/kidscount](http://www.timetosignup.com/kidscount) to help in this service project.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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! Come meet your fellow youth at the church picnic!

**Confirmation Students** – A meeting for all current and new confirmands and their parents is today 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 Edna Mae Neumyer, placed by Bill Neumyer & family.

**Love & sympathy** to the family upon the death of Louis Barth on August 15, 2014.

**Love & sympathy** to the family upon the death of Katie Hammaker's father, Herman Paxson, on August 18, 2014.

**Love & sympathy** to the family upon the death of Judy Strayer's mother, Phyliss Strayer, on August 21, 2014.

**Hospitalized:** Elmer Ritter is in West Shore Hospital

**Special Circumstances:** Betty Etter is at Messiah Village—Wagner Building.

**Recovering at home:** Barb Shover, Skip Hutter, Brandy Zimmerman

**Children's Department Help** – There are still opportunities to become Partners in Ministry for our children one Sunday per month: **8:00am** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays crib/toddler adult, **9:15am** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday greeter **9:15am** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday crib/toddler adult and **10:30am** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday crib/toddler adult **10:30am** 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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.

**Next Sunday at Summer Sunday School:** Come to learn more about spiritual gifts, what yours are and ways to use your gifts!

**A big thank you** to everyone who donated or purchased books at the annual book sale. Your generosity enables us to keep up to date Christian books on our shelves. If you missed this year we will have a small sale in November during the Fall Festival and we are already planning for next year!!!

**The FUMC Library** is in need of two Windows 7 based computers. If you have recently upgraded your Windows 7 computer and are looking for a way to dispose of your old system, the library would appreciate your donation. Call Donna Nichols at 249-9477.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Course** - September 25, 8am-5pm in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church. More information in the August and September newsletters or contact the church office.