

New to First Church? You and your family are invited to a "Meet & Greet" luncheon in Fellowship Hall on October 5 following the 10:45 am service. Meet the pastors, ask questions and enjoy a relaxing lunch. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611 for more information.

Chicken BBQ tickets are now available. Sign up in Sunday school classes, at the Information Desk, or by seeing a Bell Choir member.

First News First October edition is now available at the Information Desk and online at www.fumchurch.com.

Deadline for submitting articles for the November newsletter is October 15. Please submit your articles to office@fumchurch.com or to the church office.

Is your student away at school? Make sure to update the office with your student's school year mailing address.

Handchimes are starting next week on October 5. Come even if no form has been turned in. Questions: call Kathie Bittenbender 697-6257.

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.

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!

Wonderful Wednesday- Fall semester begins October 22nd. Children will be *Agents In Action* learning how to live as God's disciples! Registration forms are located in the Children's Department bulletin board area. Please register by October 10th. Any questions please see Dawn Fisher or Sarah Jones.

BLT Fellowship – Sunday, October 12, 4-5:30pm, in the multi-purpose room for all 4th and 5th graders. We will continue to learn about the Stars of Christmas!

BLT Activity – Sunday, October 19, CROP Hunger Walk. Permission slips can be found at the Children's Display area. Bring a packed lunch and meet right after second service in Fellowship Hall. We will then proceed to registration at 1pm.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday evening 3G youth fellowship time! Join us tonight as we partner with Anchor and share in a time of worship followed by small group conversation. Come as early as 6:00 to catch the start of the service. Our end time will remain the same: 8:15

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! We are excited to spend time with you and get to know you more.

Parents – the second parents meeting scheduled for September 28 will be moved to October 5. Sorry for this change, but thank you for your flexibility. Come early to pick up your students on October 5 and join Lisa for a meeting with the parents at 7:15 in the green chair section of the sanctuary.

Explore the Bible on your own and develop a habit of reading God's Word. Join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's at the Panera Bread on the Carlisle Pike from 7:00-8:30 as we explore the book of Hebrews. Study guides are located in the youth form area. Even if you aren't studying on your own, come join us for this time of fellowship and learning. Next meeting: September 24

Dates to keep in mind: October 26, Battleball; Nov 14 & 15, Confirmation Retreat; November 26-27, Sleep Out for the Homeless; December 5-7, Winter Retreat; December 13, Cookie Walk.

Monday Night Football – Don't watch the game alone! Come hang out, snack on food (bring a snack to share), and share in a time of devotion. Join us from 8:00pm-10:00pm (come for part or all). This week's location: The Herring's. Please sign up at timetosignup.com/kidscount to offer to host an evening or to be a second adult.

The youth form area is located across from the elevator in the basement. Look here for important forms and information for youth related activities.



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Ilgenfritz, Florence Rowe, and Mr. & Mrs. Philip Koser, placed by Beverly Bair.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Richard & Marley Ann Schmick, placed by the family.

Hospitalized: Al Robinson is in Holy Spirit Hospital.

Special Circumstances: Betty Etter is at VibraLife; Naomi Kuntz is at LifeCare.

Recovering at home: Shirley Russell

Ruth Circle will meet on October 1 at 11:15 am at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg for lunch. There will be a guest speaker. Please call Janet Baker at 766-5101 if you will not be attending.

All caregivers are invited to be a part of a new prayer group called "Care & Prayer". The group will begin meeting on October 1 at 9:30 am in the church library. Contact Lisa Wickenheiser at the7wicks@verizon.net or call 717-975-0225 for more information.

Calling all kids in grades 3-6 - If you're interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Colin Knott at 691-1183 or wereknothome@verizon.net. A training session will be held during October.

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. Please sign up at the Children's Display area or contact Sarah Jones or Dawn Fisher.

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.