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First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg

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From the Pastor

“A tree is best measured when it is down.” That’s the title of the last chapter of Carl Sandburg’s monumental biography of Abraham Lincoln. Sandburg says that upon his death, people no longer thought of Lincoln’s unpolished manner, his political attitudes, his simple faith, his all too human failings. As he lay in death, the people saw his great human virtues, and underneath all his virtues and behind all his political decisions ran a continuing thread of courage: he acted not out of political expediency, but out of a sense of what he truly believed to be right.

It has been said that of all the virtues we hold dear in western civilization, courage is the most basic. “Unless one has courage,” Samuel Johnson said, “there is no security for preserving any other virtue.” Of what use is wisdom, if one hasn’t courage to act wisely? Of what value is love, if one hasn’t courage to make oneself vulnerable? Of what result is truth, if one hasn’t courage to speak it? Of what consequence is faith, if one hasn’t courage to embrace it? No virtue can stand without the underpinning of courage.

Jesus was an immensely wise man: I often marvel at his insights. He was a loving man, never denying anyone access to him. He was honest and righteous and faithful, so much so that we still strive to imitate him. Providing the foundation to all of these, though, was courage...phenomenal courage. The longer I live and the more I learn, the more I am impressed with Jesus’ courage. So many things were stacked against him, yet he persevered, even thrived in communicating his message, doing his work and living a commendable life.

There are lots of folks who struggle with that every day...keeping going while the odds are stacked against them. If you are Christian the odds are stacked against you: there is no assumption of respect for the Church or for Christians as once there was, there is not as much value placed on our convictions and our work, and in the culture at large Christians are much more an object of ridicule than of respect. It takes some courage to go on.

If you are married the odds are stacked against you: there is no assumption of respect for the marriage covenant or for marriage partners as once there was. Whereas once it was assumed that spouses were faithful to one another physically and emotionally, now it is an act of courage to be so.

It’s an act of courage to express yourself. We communicate more than ever, but we don’t know how to talk to one another face to face. We are fearful of our jobs and positions, careful about what we say even to family members, uneasy expressing our convictions to people we don’t know. More and more it requires courage just to express your convictions and your values.

“A tree is best measured when it is down.” We can assess the courage of a life-

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From the Pastor

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time when a courageous person has died. But courage is a living thing. It says “no” when “no” needs to be said. It says “enough” when others are in pain. It says “help” when there is a need. It says “stop” and stands in the way when others are mistreated. Courage says “I” when “I” needs to be said, but denies itself prestige and comfort when others are speaking. Courage says “listen” when someone needs to be heard, but also remains quiet to do its own listening.

I live and work among courageous people, and I am grateful because doing so gives me more courage than I have within me.

Pastor Mike

Finance

Through August 31, 2014 (67% of year)		Building Fund	\$ 121,927
		Legacy Campaign	\$ 3,037
General Fund			
2014 budget	\$ 885,000	<p>The Building Fund includes the proceeds from the sale of the Keller Street rental properties. Those monies were paid on the church debt.</p>	
Expected income	\$ 592,950		
Actual income	\$ 586,793 (66% of budget)		
Deficit	\$ 6,157		
Actual expenses	\$ 564,616		

Church Conference

Mark your calendar now... Church Conference will be held November 23 at 3:00 pm. Check future newsletter and bulletins for the location information. All church members are encouraged to attend.

Fellowship

Senior Fellowship October 21, 1-3 p.m.

All senior members are invited to come for a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Guyer class space just beyond the church library. ‘Fool of Love’ will entertain us with a presentation on Christian Clowning.

Contact Janice Bowen at 766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com for more information.



FIRST NEWS FIRST

Editor: Kristin Brown

The **November** newsletter deadline is **October 15**.

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

Missions

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

It's time to start packing your shoe boxes for Samaritan Purses' Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box drive.

We will be collecting shoe boxes from October 26 through November 23. Information on what to pack, etc., will be in your church mailboxes and on the Missions Table in mid-October. Additional information on OCC and other mission areas for Samaritan's Purse can be found on their website: www.samaritanpurse.org

Packed shoe boxes are sent to children in over 100 countries – needy children who may never have received a gift before and who do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Your boxes let them know that you, and others like you, love them - you show Jesus's love to them through your gift-filled shoe box. The Samaritan's Purse organization includes the "Gospel Message" booklet - the true meaning of Christmas - in every shoe box!!! Over 100,000,000 million children have received shoe boxes since the program's inception; therefore, these same children have all been introduced to Jesus and his love for them. Please begin praying now for the children who will be receiving shoe boxes!

For those who are ready to shop now: fill your boxes with CHATS:

C - hard candy

H - hygiene items

A - apparel

T - toys

S - school supplies

Please remember: no liquids, no chocolate, no war toys, nothing breakable.

Last year, First Church filled so many boxes that our wall of shoe boxes almost covered Pastor Mike at the pulpit! He has vowed to buy a ladder this year to see over the wall! Let's make him purchase that ladder!!!!

If any group/family is interested in hosting a shoe box packing party, feel free to contact us for information.

GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.



Grocery Bagging for Bethesda Mission

On the third Wednesday evening of every month member of First United Methodist Church gather at Mission Central to bag groceries for Bethesda Mission. All are invited to join and be a part of this mission opportunity. Join us at Mission Central on October 15 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at 697-0933 or eking@verizon.net for more information.

Penny Report

Help supported the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Project by dropping your pennies, or any loose change, into the Penny Bucket 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 3,069 pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of \$12,126.21.

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

Missions



"Each Thanksgiving time, First Church collects canned sweet potatoes for New Hope Ministries. It is not too early to start bringing in your contribution.....please bring the potatoes to the tower entrance and we will start our wonderful donation pile for New Hope. In the past, New Hope helped 523 families and it is estimated that they will help 10% more this year."

Christmas Blessings Express is a ministry of helping those less fortunate than we are...New Hope is looking for donations of adult men and women's gifts; Christmas gift ideas will be on a Christmas tree in the Narthex later in October. But before that, if you see some great gift ideas for mothers and fathers, please gather them for later donations. For example, tool box, work gloves, wallet, shaving kit, slippers for men and purse, umbrella, watch and slippers for women. Look for more information to come.

Thanks for your ongoing donation of peanut butter and tuna fish, these items are always in great demand!!

Mission Trip to Dominican Republic

Come support the adults in our congregation going to the Dominican Republic next July by taking a night to dine and donate! All of our dinner fundraisers are on Thursdays, so you cannot forget! Proceeds from meals ordered will go towards supporting these adults in both medical & building ministries in the Dominican Republic. We hope to see YOU there! We will remind you closer to the event!

Fundraiser dates and restaurants (all Mechanicsburg locations) are:

October 9th- Hoss's Fundraiser (11am-9pm)

November 13th thru the 16th - Bob Evans Fundraiser (All day)

December 4th- Applebees Fundraiser (11am-9pm)

January 15th- Friendly's Fundraiser (details to follow)

We will also have a Chili/Cornbread Mission Meal at First Church on December 7 following the 10:45 am service

Thank you for your prayers and support! ~ The D.R. 2015 Missions Team

Crop Walk

We have plenty of reason to praise God every day that we can enjoy tasty and nutritious food from our cupboards and fridge. Unfortunately, as many as 1 in 6 people around the world suffers from hunger and have much less for which they are thankful. We have an opportunity to do something about this with the annual CROP Walk event coming up on October 19.

You can join us by

finding sponsors and walking around the east end of town

OR

donating to your favorite Tween who will walk on your behalf

For more information contact: John Bowen, 796-0809/ bowenhome720@gmail.com



Adult Ministry



Last year “Living Generously” introduced us to the Donovans, and over five weeks we journeyed with this family as they learned that true followers of Jesus are called to reject social divisions and invite the poor and rejected into their lives, their homes and their communities.

In “Loving Generously”, we will journey once again with the Donovans as they welcome a struggling young couple into their care and pay a price in worldly opposition. But they also find great joy and beauty in the community that forms as a result of their generous hospitality.

This “Loving Generously” five week sermon series **begins October 19** and small groups will begin meeting during the week that follows. Please see the display in the main lobby to **sign up today for a small group!** You can choose an existing group, create a new group, or simply do the study on your own. Once you sign up, you will receive a Participant’s Guide to use throughout this study. If you have questions please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611.

Together lets work to break down the walls that separate us from people who may be different than us where we live, work and play.

Meet & Greet Luncheon

Have you seen any newcomers around at First Church? Invite them to a “Meet and Greet” luncheon! The next "Meet and Greet" will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 5 immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this luncheon is to provide newcomers with the opportunity to meet and get to know the Pastors, make connections, ask questions, receive information and enjoy a relaxing lunch. In addition, a tour of our building is offered for those who are interested.

Please email Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611 if you have questions or

New Member Classes

Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a First Church member? If so, invite them to attend new member classes, which begin on Sunday, November 2 and run for 4 weeks. Classes are held during the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall.

Please email Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611 if you have questions or would like more information.

Worship

Sunday Morning
Worship Services

8:15 am &
10:45 am

Sunday School
9:30 am

Sunday Evening
Anchor Worship
3rd Sunday at 6:00 pm



The 4th Sunday at 4:00...

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

College | Military | Youth | Children

College Student and Military Member (and their parents)

The College Ministry Committee is collecting names and addresses of First Church members attending college or serving in our military. First Church likes to stay in touch while they are away. Please submit information to the church office or notify Sandy Leister at sleister2@verizon.net or 717-319-6666.

Scholarships

Twelve members of First Church were recently awarded scholarships totaling \$2,700 for the 2014-2015 academic year by the Board of Trustees. Students receiving scholarships are attending Geneva College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Keystone Technical Institute, Kutztown University, Lebanon Valley College, Messiah College, Miami University of Ohio, University of Pittsburgh, and West Chester University. Thank you's received from scholarship recipients included the following comments:

- I will do my best to prove myself worthy of your support.
- It has been great to be part of an exceptional congregation where I have learned so much and grown in faith together.
- It will greatly help me start a new chapter of my life.
- Thank you so much for making the continuation of my education possible.
- I appreciate the support from my home church.

Congratulations to our scholarship awardees and best wishes for continued educational success. We are proud of all of you and will be praying for you throughout this school year.

Hey Kids in grades 3-6!

Have you ever wanted to light the altar candles; help with communion, baptisms and the offering; or sit in one of those big, comfy chairs with the Pastors during worship? If so, now is the time to sign-up to be an acolyte! A short training will be scheduled at your convenience during October.

Please contact Colin Knott at 691-1183 or wereknotthome@verizon.net to sign up and ***light your fire for the Lord!***

Little Friends Nursery School

Mark your calendar for our Annual Fall Festival/Silent Auction on Saturday, November 8 from 10-1. We will have a silent auction with the first tables closing at 11:00, a bake sale, a book sale, games for the kids and lunch to purchase. If you have any items that you would like to donate or know of a business that would like to donate, please let me know. Look in an upcoming church bulletin for specific items that will be in the auction. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps Little Friends help children by providing scholarships, classroom supplies, field trips and all of the "extra" things little children need.

Thank you for your support,

Chris Sims, Director

Choirs

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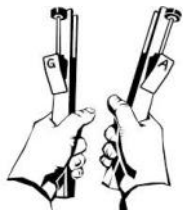
Our 14th annual Chicken BBQ is Saturday, **October 18th**. We're serving from 11 am to 5 pm, eat in or take-out. Sign up for tickets at the Information table, in Sunday School, or by seeing or calling a handbell choir member. Cost is \$8.50 for a half chicken, baked potato, roll and applesauce.



If you're coming to the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade on Tuesday, **October 7**, why not park in the church parking lot and have some soup, hotdogs, or hot chocolate while you watch. We set up our food stand in the front corner of the parking lot.

And, yes, we're making pies on **November 22!** Pumpkin, Apple and Mincemeat. Watch for the order sheets!

Questions? Feel free to call Kathie at 697-6257 or email RBittenben@verizon.net.



Handchimes will begin this month. Rehearsals are after 2nd service for 1st and 2nd graders, 4:00 for 5th and 6th graders, and 4:30 for 3rd and 4th graders. All rehearsals are in the music room. We'd love to have you even if you haven't signed up yet! Just come – we have lots of fun!

Music Schedule for Worship

October 5	8:15	Sounds of Worship and Bells
	10:45	Invocation
October 12	8:15	Sounds of Worship and Women of Light
	10:45	Sanctuary Choir and combined Wee Singers & Junior Choir
October 19	8:15	Sanctuary Choir
	10:45	Invocation
October 26	8:15	Sounds of Worship and Bells
	10:45	Invocation and Youth Choir
November 2	8:15	Sounds of Worship and Bells
	10:45	Sanctuary Choir, Bells and Wee Singers
November 9	8:15	Sanctuary Choir
	10:45	Invocation
November 16	8:15	Sounds of Worship
	10:45	Invocation and Youth Choir
November 23	8:15	Sounds of Worship and Bells
	10:45	Sanctuary Choir, Bells and Junior Choir
November 30	8:15	Sounds of Worship
	10:45	Sanctuary Choir and Wee Singers

Mark your calendars now for the Music Department's Holiday Harmony on Sunday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Library

October in the library is mystery month. Actually, for me, every month is mystery month as that is my favorite genre. The library has many excellent mystery writers –Ronie Kendig, Terri Blackstock, Robin Carroll, and Dani Pettry just to name a few. Amish writers such as Vannetta Chapman have started writing mysteries. But this month, I want to feature Lynnette Eason.

Ms. Eason has several series on our shelf, all of them based around strong women who find themselves “in a pickle”. In her latest series, *Hidden Identity*, her first book **No One to Trust** is the same formula. The main character, Summer Abernathy wakes up one morning to find her husband Kyle missing and three men in her home intent on finding him. She had met the man she knows as Kyle in the line at the bank who at that time he said he was a computer programmer. While searching for her husband and the item the men are adamant about retrieving, Summer finds herself plunged into the world of organized crime. Uncovering lie after lie, Summer wonders if she can ever trust Kyle again or if their marriage can survive so much deceit. Meanwhile, Kyle is on the run trying to hide from the mob and trying to protect Summer. This book will keep you turning the pages till long after your bedtime.

Next in the series is **No Where to Turn**. Danielle Harding takes her son, Simon, and flees from her abusive husband, Kurt. Relieved that they are safe, Danielle learns later that Kurt is dead. He had stolen something important from someone willing to kill to reclaim his property. With Kurt dead the next person on the killer’s list is Danielle. Not knowing what to do or where to go, she hires Adam Buchanan of Operation Refuge. Adam has been waiting for a case to solve, and this seems like a case he can not only sink his teeth into, but also aid a family that desperately needs his help.

While waiting for the third book in the series, you might want to sample some of our other intriguing suspense novels.

If you missed our August book sale, you still have a chance to donate books and then stock up at our mini book sale during the Fall Festival November 8th from 10-1. The library is accepting gently used books, dvds, and cds. Drop off donations any time in the library bin. Thanks for you support.

See you in the library.

Donna & Pam

Prayer

New Prayer Group for Caregivers

All caregivers are invited to be a part of a new prayer group called “Care & Prayer”. The group will begin meeting on October 1 from 9:30 -10:30 am in the church library, and will regularly meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

This prayer group has been created for anyone who is a caregiver. Examples include, but are not limited to, parents caring for children with disAbilities, husbands or wives caring for spouses with disAbilities, adults caring for aging parents and those caring for loved ones with short-term, as well as, long-term disAbilities.

The prayer hour will include a time of praise, confession (silently), thanksgiving and intercession on behalf of our loved-ones. Attributes of God will be incorporated into the prayer and related Scripture will be shared. This format has been fashioned after the internationally-known Moms in Prayer groups.

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The opportunity to grow in our prayer lives is invaluable, but God will do so much more than just that! By praying together, we can provide hope & encouragement for one another, we can stand in the gap for our loved ones, we can be a positive support for those who work with our loved ones, and we can impact lives for Christ.

Please contact Lisa Wickenheiser for more information at the7wicks@verizon.net or call 717-975-0225.

Facilities

Have you been enjoying the beautiful fall weather as much as I have? There is just something special about warm, sunny days and cool, crisp nights! God is good! All of the time!

Activity has certainly picked up around the church lately. Committee meetings, music/choir rehearsals, 3G, Bible studies, a new school year for Little Friends, New Hope Ministries after school program, Al-Anon, Covered in Love, cub scouts, junior girl scouts, MixFit Fitness, Narcotics Anonymous, Strong Women, and Zumba Gold have this place hopping from morning to night. Thanks to our Office Manager, Kristin Brown, for keeping the schedule straight so we can accommodate as many groups as possible each week, and to custodians George Canonizado and Matt Miller for keeping the building clean and inviting to all.

I wish I could report completion of the ongoing stair tread replacement project. Unfortunately, I still have one tread to install at the bottom of the Frederick Street stairwell. Members of the Trustees gave me a lot of ideas on how to engineer the installation of that last tread, so I'm hoping that by the time you read this newsletter the project will be completed. We've been painting all of the woodwork in that stairwell, and will be painting the walls after we do some much-needed patch work.

Nail Construction is working on the last phase of our iron railing restoration project, the ground level railings protecting persons from falling into the exterior stairwells on the Frederick Street side of the facility. I hope you've taken notice of the quality workmanship of the railings that have already been restored around the church, and are as excited as I am about the impending completion of that initiative.

I addressed the sinking condition in the corner of the parking lot next to the property we recently sold at 120 West Keller Street in the September newsletter. Neidig, Inc. will be digging open the parking lot in that area in the near future so we can determine whether we have additional decaying and settling of fill in what was the foundation of properties that were formerly along West Keller Street or an actual sinkhole. Please continue to use extreme caution when you are in that corner of the church parking lot until we can rectify the problem. Thanks.

The weeping cherry tree near the corner of King Alley and Frederick Street, planted a number of years ago in memory of former First Church youth member Brian James, is diseased and needs to be cut down. There also are some problems with the holly bushes in the area between the tower and office entrances on the west side of the building, perhaps the aftermath of the extremely harsh 2013-14 winter we suffered through. We are formulating a plan for addressing these landscaping issues, and hope to tackle them soon since "fall is for planting".

One final item I want to address is noise. We have two noise issues we're working on: a bad fan motor on the reach-in refrigerator in the church kitchen and a persistent "hum" from our sound system in the sanctuary. Please be assured that we are working as quickly as possible to resolve both of these issues and restore things to normal operations.

Roger Walton, Facilities Manager



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

November 23- World Thank Offering and Mission Meal.

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

Don't forget to drop you unwanted clothing and shoes in the Community Aid bin.



Thank you to everyone who donated, baked, and shopped at the UMW Yard and Book Sale. It was a huge success! God blessed us with fantastic weather! We handed out over 100 bags of school supplies to children in the community. Thank you again for your support and prayers! Lori Hoffnagle, UMW president

Do you belong to a UMW Circle, if not, this is a great time to join! There's no fee and no commitment, but lots of fun, service and fellowship. Call Lori Hoffnagle at 732-6430 or l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com for more information.

World Thank Offering

"Spontaneous additional gifts can be given out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life." This describes the UMW World Thank Offering, which takes place every year around Thanksgiving. On Sunday, November 23, we will once again take up a collection to help women and children in this country and around the world. If you are thankful for God's abundance in your life, please remember those who are struggling and bring your extra change to help change a life.

The Story of 101 Dresses

Early fall of 2013, while visiting my sister in NJ, I found myself helping her to finish making "Tee-shirt dresses" to send to a mission called "Dress A Girl Around the World". This mission is a part of Hope 4 Women International, based In Tempe AZ. These dresses are sent all over the world, including the USA. The Martha Circle of First Church decided to take this wonderful project as a group mission and to offer a challenge to the women of First Church to help us reach a goal of 100 dresses. How creative these women have been, the colors, styles, the "pockets", "trim" etc.

Thank you, thank you everyone who took the time to participate to put a beautiful dress on a deserving little girl. We can only imagine the smiles (if only we COULD be THERE!...wherever they are sent, just to observe the joy of Christ in each child's eyes!)

Again, *Thank you* to everyone who participated. **We did it, with ONE dress over our goal!! 101 DRESSES!**

Flossie Ryder, on behalf of the Martha Circle of First United Methodist Church

Health & Wellness

“What’s the Rush?”

Please join us in the Multi-purpose room on October 12 for our Health Lecture - "What's the Rush? Trends in Stroke Care". With the increase in children and youth having strokes Kathy Morrison, RN will share what we know about strokes: what puts us at risk, what the signs of stroke are, and what we can do about it.

Kathy is the Stroke Program Manager for the Penn State Hershey Medical Center, one of 70 Joint Commission Certified Comprehensive Stroke Centers in the United States. Kathy is a published author in the area of stroke care and she facilitates a regional stroke survivor support group.

2014/2015 Flu Vaccines Available

The Visiting Nurse Association of Central PA. will be administering flu shots on Sunday, October 12 in the church library and Sunday, November 9 in the multipurpose room from 9 am to 11 am.

The 2014/2015 flu shot is a Quadrivalent formula, meaning it contains 4 strains of influenza virus (California A, Texas A, Massachusetts B and Brisbane B) that the CDC has selected to be the worst during the upcoming flu season.

The cost of the shot will be \$35 (cash or check accepted).

Medicare will be billed for individuals who are Medicare Part B eligible.

Other medical insurances that will be accepted and billed include

- Aetna Medicare Advantage**
- FEP**
- Gateway Assured**
- Geisinger Gold**
- Geisinger Health Plan**
- Highmark Freedom Blue PPO(FER)**
- Humana Gold**
- Unison Advantage.**

All other HMO subscribers must go to their physician to received their flu shot.

Please bring all health insurance cards with you to assure proper billing to the insurance company can be completed.

Please call Sandy Leister at 319-6666 or email her at sleister2@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Stay Healthy This Winter
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Church News and Notes

Love & Sympathy ...

to the family upon the death of Betty Weaver on August 31, 2014.

to the family upon the death of Lisa Aronson's Aunt Barb.

Thank you...

Lou Braund wishes to express her appreciation to everyone at First Church for the prayers, the food, and all the kindness and support shown to her during her illness over the past several months. Lou gives thanks to God for being 'cancer-free,' and she looks forward to returning to church!

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Dear Church Family

*Thank you so much for your kindness and provisions of food and communion during our recent time of need due to June's hip fracture. She is healing well and is now in out-patient physical therapy. We appreciate the compassion extended to us. June loves the purple shawl. We miss our fellowship with all of you.*

*In Christ,*

*June and Bill Henschke*

### Special Request

Dear Church Family,

I would like to have your help in celebrating mother's (Catherine Mader) 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 19. Would you please shower her with cards? My hope is that we can get 100 cards mailed to her. I know she will not remember everyone but I will have my church directory handy so she can put a face with the card. Her address is Catherine Mader, 6 Jasper Lane, Christiana, PA 17509-9542. Thanks so much. I know I can count on you. ~ Fran (Davis)

### Special Birthdays

Betty Fribance .....October 4  
Peg Hassinger.....October 8  
Skip Hitter.....October 13  
Catherine Mader.....October 19  
Winslow Brown .....October 23  
Paul Strock.....October 31  
Sadie Heim.....November 1  
Doris Zimmerman...November 7  
Ruth Strock.....November 9  
Nancy Bomboy .....November 12  
Don Adams .....November 15  
Patricia Marr .....November 23

### Special Anniversaries

♥ Leroy & Pamela Weaver married 52 years on October 7  
♥ Skip & Pat Hutter married 59 years on October 8  
♥ Ralph & Gwendolyn Harkins married 52 years on October 20  
♥ Paul & Vesta Rynard married 50 years on October 24  
♥ Richard & Joanne Reed married 61 years on November 4  
♥ Lincoln & Veloice Washburn married 63 years on November 9  
♥ Russ & Janet Baker married 64 years on November 11  
♥ Dave & Dolly Scholl married 63 years on November 22  
♥ Robert & Sara Meck married 62 years on November 25

*Addresses of these members can be found in the Church Directory.*