"Loving Generously" sermon series begins October 19. Small groups will meet the week following each sermon. See the display in the narthex for small groups, start your own group or do the study on your own. Don't forget to sign up today!

New Bible Study! Pastor Mike will begin a new study of the Prophets beginning Wednesday, October 29 at 10:00 am in room 207. See display in main lobby for more details and a sign up sheet.

Service Opportunities e-mails are sent out periodically. If you are aware of a service opportunity within the church or community and would like the congregation to know, contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or 766-4611.

New Member Classes begin November 2 at 9:30 am in Room 201. If you are interested in becoming a new member, or would like to learn more about First Church and membership, contact Tina Eaton at 766-4611 or adultministry@fumchurch.com.

The **FUMC Library** is in need of one Windows 7 based computer to replace the systems currently in use. If you have recently upgraded your computer and are looking for a way to dispose of your old system call Donna Nichols at 249-9477.

The library is accepting gently used books, cds and dvds for our mini books sale on November 8. Drop off donations anytime outside the library (please mark for sale) or in the library on Sunday mornings. Thank you!!

Homeland Hospice's **Fall Bereavement Support Group** begins October 13 at 6:15pm in Room 105. For further information or to register call Rev. Dann Caldwell at 221-7890.

Thanksgiving is a time to rejoice for our blessings from God; however, many do not have food for their Thanksgiving dinner. First Church collects sweet potatoes for **New Hope Ministries food baskets**. Please consider picking up a can or two!

Christmas is weeks away but now is the time to think about New Hope Ministries' "Christmas Blessings Express"! See the display in the Narthex and consider taking an ornament. Return unwrapped gifts to the Narthex. Thank you. The Karns'

Join us for our monthly **Anchor worship** service on October 19 at 6:00pm in the green chair section of the sanctuary. Come worship with us as we carry on the experiences had this summer at the summer Anchor worship.

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.

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

Wonderful Wednesday Meeting- TODAY immediately following 10:45 service in room 207. For all leaders who would like to hear about this year's curriculum, share suggestions and to pray for a fantastic 2014-15 Wonderful Wednesday!

BLT Fellowship – **TODAY**, 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 – 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! Join us from 6:15-8:15 in the youth lounge as we GATHER together to GAIN from each other and the Scriptures as we GROW into more committed followers of Jesus. We are here as early as 6:00 for any students coming directly from choir.

Explore the Bible: Join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Panera Bread on the Carlisle Pike from 7:00-8:30 as we explore the book of Hebrews. Next meeting: October 22

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

Monday Night Football: 8:00pm-10:00pm This week's location: Ometz's house. Sign up at timetosignup.com/kidscount to host an evening or to be a second adult.

The Battleball Tournament at Camp Hill UMC - October 26, 1-8pm. Sign up to play on the team, stay as sideline spectator, or join us for the praise rally at 6:15. Registration due October 19 and will be collected in the order they are received in case there is a need to form two teams.

Confirmation Students: Permission forms for our first retreat (November 14 & 15) are available now and due November 9.

Winter Retreat: Join us for a weekend away at Kenbrook Retreat Center December 5-7, co-led by Salt 'n Light. Registration forms are available now and due November 2.

Service Opportunities this week: Nail Painting at Manor Care - October 18, 2:00pm, Bagging at Mission Central - October 15, 6:00.





October 12, 2014

First United Methodist Chur of Mechanicsburg

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Loved Ones, placed by Gary & Devon Betz.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in memory of our son, Kenneth Mullikin, placed by Tom & Jeanne Mullikin & Family.

Love & sympathy to the family upon the death of June Keller on October 6, 2014. June was affectionately known by many at First Church as the Penny Lady.

Recovering at Home: Betty Etter, Naomi Kuntz, Helen Love.

ATTENTION CHURCH LEADERS: All budget requests are due into the office on October 13 (that's tomorrow). If you have any questions or problems, please contact Nancy Robinson.

The widows/widowers group will dine at Red Lobster in Mechanicsburg on October 14 at NOON. Please call Bonnie Guyer at 766-0145 if you plan on attending.

Children's Department Help – Become a Partner in Ministry for our children one Sunday per month. Sign up TODAY at the Children's Display area or contact Sarah Jones or Dawn Fisher.

Chicken BBQ tickets are now available. Sign up in Sunday school classes, at the Information Desk, or by seeing a Bell Choir member. See you October 18.

Flu shots will be offered TODAY, 9-11 am in the library. Cost is \$35 unless covered by insurance. See October newsletter for accepted insurances. Contact Sandy Leister at 319-6666 if you have questions.

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

Little Friends is hosting a Dining Out fundraiser at Hoss' in Mechanics-burg on October 21 - all day long. The form needed to present at the time of dining is on the Little Friends bulletin board. Please join us for a fun time for a great cause!

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

Just a reminder that mother's (Catherine Mader) 100th birthday is October 19. Let's shower her with cards. Her address is 6 Jasper Lane, Christiana, PA 17509-9542. Thanks ~ Fran Davis