



August 2018

# First News First

*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors*

## "Listening Well"

God made us to be relational people. True contentment is found not in wealth, not in travel, not in a 50 inch, high-definition television, but in loving relationships with God and others. The opposite is also true. Being out of sync with God, or being in a conflicted relationship brings discontent and heartache.

A vibrant spiritual life, a mutually fulfilling marriage, a healthy family life, and enriching friendships are all treasures. Yet, developing these relationships as imperfect people living in an imperfect world is not easy. How can we build healthy relationships with God and others?

The apostle James, in his New Testament letter, gives us wise instruction:

***Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry.*** (James 1:19)

James' words are so important because the human instinct to talk is stronger than the instinct to listen. The words of Proverbs 18:2, could well have been written today:

***Fools find no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing their opinion.***

In a world of people that are eager to get in the first word, to win the argument, to sway others to their side, we are called to follow the example of Jesus, the greatest listener that ever walked the earth.

Listening, for Jesus, started with listening to his heavenly Father. He found quiet places of prayer. Additionally, Jesus listened to people (and I imagine he was listening to the Father while he was listening to people). Jesus responded so uniquely to the people he encountered. It's so inspiring to see the individual way Jesus dealt with each person and the individual way he deals with us because he listens.

My challenge to myself and to you is to really listen. Really listen to God, both in your devotional time and in the midst of your daily activity. Really listen to your spouses, your children, your grandchildren. Really listen to your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers.

1. Listening shows you love. By listening you put aside your agenda and give your full attention to the one you are listening to.
2. Listening shows you care. By listening you convey your desire to understand what the one you are listening to is experiencing, feeling, and thinking.
3. Listening shows you value others. By listening you take the time to get to know people, their situations, their stories, the way Jesus did. It is a great honor to get to do this!

As I think about the example of Jesus, and reflect on the teaching of James, my prayer for our church family is that we would excel in listening! Listening builds loving relationships. Lord, teach us all to listen!

Joining you in building loving relationships, I am,

Pastor Denny

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## BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



### Week 31: Theme ~ *God's Will*

- July 30**     *The Starting Point*  
Psalm 119:97-112
- July 31**     *Submitting to God's Timing*  
Psalm 37:3-7; James 4:13-17
- August 1**     *Seeking God's Will through Prayer*  
Psalm 27; Matthew 6:7-15
- August 2**     *The Holy Spirit Shows Us God's Will*  
Acts 16:6-10; Colossians 1:9-14
- August 3**     *Seeking God's Will in Scripture*  
Psalm 19:7-14; Proverbs 2:1-11
- August 4**     Relax & Reflect
- August 5**     Worship

### Week 32: Theme ~ *Influence*

- August 6**     *Dare to Influence*  
Joshua 2:1-24, 6:15-25; James 2:24-26
- August 7**     *Talking Donkeys*  
Numbers 22:1-28, 24:1-14
- August 8**     *Positive and Negative Influence*  
Ezra 4:1-5, 4:24-5:17, 6:14-18
- August 9**     *Chain Reaction*  
Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-8:3, 9:1-22
- August 10**    *Influence with Our Lives*  
2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6;  
Matthew 5:14-16
- August 11**    Relax & Reflect
- August 12**    Worship

### Week 33: Theme ~ *Leadership*

- August 13**    *Servant Leadership*  
John 13:1-20
- August 14**    *Shepherding Leadership*  
1 Peter 5:1-10
- August 15**    *Leading by God's Direction*  
Exodus 33:7-23

- August 16**    *Delegating Leadership*  
Exodus 8:7-17; Deuteronomy 1:9-18
- August 17**    *Giving Encouragement*  
Deuteronomy 4:1-14; Hebrews 3:12-13
- August 18**    Relax & Reflect
- August 19**    Worship

### Week 34: Theme ~ *Priorities*

- August 20**    *God's Top Priorities*  
Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 6:25-34
- August 21**    *Justice Is God's Priority*  
Mark 12:28-34; Amos 5:11-15, 21-24
- August 22**    *True Devotion in Action*  
James 1:19-27
- August 23**    *Caring for the Least of These*  
Matthew 25:31-46
- August 24**    *Humble Priority*  
Luke 18:9-14; James 4:1-10
- August 25**    Relax & Reflect
- August 26**    Worship

### Week 35: Theme ~ *Revival*

- August 27**    *Wavering*  
1 Kings 18:16-40
- August 28**    *Being Overwhelmed*  
2 Chronicles 20:1-30
- August 29**    *Revive Us Again*  
Psalm 86
- August 30**    *Revived by the Spirit*  
Acts 19:1-11
- August 31**    *God-Breathed Life*  
Ezekiel 37:1-14
- September 1**   Relax & Reflect
- September 2**   Worship

## Take the Challenge!

Have you accepted the ***Be One, Make One Discipleship Challenge*** yet? If not, please join us on this adventure! Simply visit the display in the church lobby, pick up a Common English Bible with a reading plan and begin reading. Then come on Sundays to worship God and learn from the sermons, which dig deeper into the weekly readings.

Beyond the challenge to become a lifelong learner of God's word through study and worship, also look in this monthly newsletter or the weekly bulletins for ways to grow as a disciple of Jesus through opportunities to pray, build relationships, give generously and dedicate yourself in missions!

## Summer Studies

Looking for a new way to grow, learn and get into God's Word this summer? Then consider coming to Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 am while you are here for worship! We have two separate classes meeting this summer through September 2, and you can drop in any time:

1. Combined Sunday School class is studying ***Gospel Shaped Outreach***, a curriculum focused on equipping us to share our love for Jesus in a way that is contagious! Come to learn from dynamic guest teachers and grow in your understanding of who Jesus is and how to share His message. (For a schedule of guest teachers, please refer to the **Dedicated Missionary** section of the newsletter.)
2. The Guyer Class, a deeply rooted group of elders in the church, learn from highly regarded teachers and pastors. Lessons are based on the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Study. Class meets in room 123.

## Bible Studies Coming This Fall

Here's a "sneak peek" at what's coming this fall... keep an eye out for more details in the weekly bulletins later this month:

- Thursday Morning/Evening Bible Study (with Juanita Guise) – *Romans*
- Sunday Evening Men's Bible Study (with Ken Guise/David Mengle) – *Romans*
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study (with Pastor Denny) - *Based on Bible reading plan*

## Library

August. My fingers defiantly refused to type that because it means summer is racing by much too quickly. So even though I made myself identify this article for the August newsletter, my brain keeps chanting, "It's only July". Breathing a sigh of relief, I can now tell you about the newest and best of Christian fiction that you will be delighted to find in our church library next month!!!

Lynette Eason has long been one of my favorite mystery writers. **Oath of Honor** started her Blue Justice Series, and if you missed it, it is on the shelf. Her second book, **Called to Protect**, combines a mystery with the added interest of a K-9 partnered with Police Officer Chloe St. John. After Chloe was dumped by her fiancée, she has decided Hank, her German shepherd partner, is the only male she will ever trust. Her focus is now entirely on the human trafficking cases on her desk. When a task force is formed to find U.S. Marshall Blake Callum's missing daughter, Chloe and Hank are called to help. Traffickers have kidnapped Blake's daughter in order to force Blake to murder the judge he is protecting. Even though he is threatened to not tell anyone, Blake risks his daughter's life by refusing to obey the edict. While racing to find the girl, protect the judge, and track down the bad guys, Chloe feels drawn to this suffering, but honorable man. But can she really allow her heart to trust again? I won't spoil the plot, but I will tell you Ms. Eason always delivers a heart pounding, twisting and turning mystery.

If you know me or have been reading this newsletter for the past twenty years, you know not only do I love a good mystery, but I also love reading historical books. When my Sunday school class was studying Moses this year, it was mentioned that the midwives were instructed by Pharaoh to kill all male children born to Jewish women. So many times history repeats itself, like when Helene Hannemann is given instructions to kill the newborns in Auschwitz concentration camp. **Auschwitz Lullaby** written by Mario Escobar is the fictional account of her story. Though Helene is a purebred German, her husband is not, which "taints" the children. Refusing to be separated from her family, she boards the cattle cars with them and ends up in

Auschwitz. When she reveals she is a trained nurse, she is forced to work in the camp hospital which is overseen by the notorious Dr. Joseph Mengele. Helene sees what is truly happening and does everything in her power to protect the children and newborns, even if it may cost her life. For some, she is a strand of light that they cling to in this evil place. If you want to see how one person can make a difference even against overwhelming odds—this is the book for you. It will be on the new cart mid-August.

Don't forget our book sale August 18th. A great place to stock up for the year!

See you in the library!

Pam & Donna

## Praying Follower



### Love & sympathy...

to the family upon the death of Bob & Cheryl Erikson's son-in-law, Rev. John Wade, on June 24.

to the family upon the death of Harry Wood's sister, Ginny, on June 26.

to the family upon the death of Nancy Eddy's mother, Gladys Squires on July 2nd.

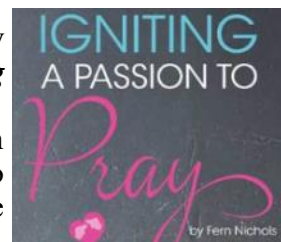
to the family upon the death of Ron Nichols' mother, Marion Nichols on July 4th.

### Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 19

School aged children are invited to bring their backpacks to either the 8:15 or 10:45 worship service for a special blessing to be prayed over their backpacks. We will pray for a safe and wonderful school year and for all our students, teachers, school administrators and school support staff. New this year, several local churches will offer a special prayer time at local schools from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. that afternoon. Details can be found in the bulletin closer to the date.

### Igniting a Passion to Pray

Women tend to worry – it's just a part of our human nature, but prayer has the ability to change everything! This fall First Church will be offering a study called **Igniting a Passion to Pray**. This study will guide women through the Four Steps of Prayer; praise, confession, thanksgiving and intercession. Come to grow, gain confidence in your prayer life and discover the important role you have in releasing God's power to accomplish His work on earth! Make a note now to look for more details in the weekly bulletins later this month.



### Moms in Prayer

Did you know that through Moms in Prayer International, thousands of mothers around the world gather together in groups to passionately pray for the lives of their children in more than 140 countries? The impact on children, their teachers and their schools is profound, and it is life-changing for the mothers who pray as well!

In addition to groups meeting in homes to pray for specific schools, and the children and teachers who attend those schools, there is an "open group" that meets here at First Church. This group, led by Deb Noss, will resume meeting for the 2018/19 school year on Monday evenings beginning August 27 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Prayer Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor elevator landing).

All mothers are invited and no prayer experience is required. Your child can be any age/any stage of life. And what is prayed in the group stays in the group, so don't worry – your prayer requests will remain private within the group.

Please contact Deb Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call 766-

4611 if you have questions or would like to join this group. You can also check out [momsinprayer.org](http://momsinprayer.org) if you would like more information about this organization or would like to search for another group that fits your schedule.

## Passionate Worshipper



### Worship

Sunday Morning Worship Services  
 8:15 am Foundation Service  
 10:45 am Convergent Service  
  
 Sunday School 9:30 am



**The 4th Sunday at 4:00...** an interactive and inclusive ministry for those with developmental disAbilities, their families, friends and care givers.

### Holy Communion

	August 5	Loaves and Chalice
	September 2	Pew Service
World Communion	October 7	Loaves and Chalice
	November 4	Pew Service
First Sunday of Advent	December 2	Loaves and Chalice
Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00	December 24	Loaves and Chalice

### Rejoicing Spirits 2018—Summer Schedule

Summer schedules can be hectic at times. However, remember that Rejoicing Spirits meets all year long. You, your family and friends are always welcome the fourth Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM. Come and enjoy a casual and joyful time with the Lord!

Worship/Fellowship for persons of **ALL ABILITIES**.

#### Save the Dates!

Sunday, August 26, 2018 4:00 PM



Inclusive - Interactive - Fun

### Music

*We need you!* Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, Basses..... for Sounds of Worship Choir! We sing at the 8:15 am service 4 Sundays a month and rehearse on Thursday evening in the "Music Room" in the basement at 7 pm for an hour. Please come and join us! We are one prayerful family, we have fun together while we learn to sing God's praises.

First rehearsals: August 30th, and September 6th.

First time we sing: September 9th

Again PLEASE JOIN US! WE NEED TO FILL THE CHOIR LOFT!

Blessings: Flossie Ryder, Director of SOW

## Dedicated Missionary



### Grocery Bagging for Bethesda Mission

On the third Wednesday evening of every month members 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 **August 15 at 6 pm**. Contact Eric King at [eking@verizon.net](mailto:eking@verizon.net) for more information.

### Change for Water ~ Located at the Sierra Leone Display in the Tower Hallway

Help support the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Project! Drop your loose change into the *Change for Water* Bucket. 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. *You can even throw in "paper" change!*

There were **2,184** (\$21.84) pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of **\$13,105.62**. Thanks to all who are contributing for another great month! **Please keep the donations flowing and don't let the well run dry.**

### Missions in Sierra Leone

**Thank you** to everyone for your support of the Baked Good Giveaway on July 22. We were so blessed by many donations and ever more blessed by the opportunity to share with everyone about the parsonage rebuild project and our 2019 trip to Sierra Leone.

Parsonage Rebuild Project: During a trip to Taiama, Sierra Leone in 2016 and spending time with the pastor and others at Calvary United Methodist Church in Taiama, the many needs of the church and community were shared. This information was provided to the Mission Committee of First Church. After much discussion and communication with Sierra Leone's bishop, John Yambasu, it was decided that First Church would fund the Parsonage Rebuild Project. The much needed repairs and updates to the parsonage are necessary to allow a safe and healthy home for the pastor and to allow his wife to live with him in Taiama.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$31,688. The project is divided into 4 phases. First Church has been able to provide the funds for phases 1 through 3, a total of \$28,100. As the work on completing the repairs continues in Taiama, First Church is still working on raising the funds for the final phase. So far, we have \$205, leaving us with \$3,382 to raise.

If you would like to help finish this project, you can make a donation through the church by designating the donation for "Parsonage Rebuild Project". There are envelopes at the Sierra Leone display in the tower hallway for your convenience. Also, check out the display for updates on the progress of the project.

2019 Mission Trip to Sierra Leone: The next trip to Sierra Leone is planned for January 19 through February 2, 2019. During this time, the team will be attending the Sierra Leone Partners Conference, Sierra Leone's Annual Conference, and visiting Taiama, where our partner church, Calvary United Methodist Church is located.

Stop by the Sierra Leone display in the tower hallway and pick up an information pamphlet for more details.



## Serving the Homeless with Isaiah 61

On the third Wednesday of the month, members of First Church serve meals to approximately 100 people in Harrisburg. Everything is prepared, we just serve the food to those in need through Isaiah 61 Ministries in Halifax. Please consider joining us as we fulfill one of our Core Values to be a *Dedicated Missionary*. The next date to serve is August 15 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Tiffany Holland at [tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com).



## Open Invitation

The Missions Committee invites you to join in mission work this summer! See below for several ways to get involved:

- VIM (Volunteers in Mission) – there are several opportunities to serve with VIM. Visit their website at [susmb.org](http://susmb.org) for a list of trips and more information.
- Bagging groceries at Mission Central for Bethesda Mission, third Wednesday of each month.
- Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry in Harrisburg, third Wednesday of each month.
- Hear from our homegrown missionaries during the summer! Join us for the “Gospel Shaped Outreach” in the multipurpose room every week to hear from the missionaries we support as we learn firsthand about their faith sharing and how we can better communicate the message of Jesus.
- If you are going on a short term mission trip, the Missions Committee wants to support you! Feel free to complete an application for financial support. The application can be found on our website at [funchurch.com](http://funchurch.com), click on the Missions tab.
- Save the Date: **Ministry and Missions Fair** in the Multipurpose Room during the Sunday School hour

## Gospel Shaped Outreach

God’s mission of salvation in the world is everyone’s mission! We are ALL missionaries who God calls to proclaim the good news to our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors around the world in a way that brings hope, invites commitment, and makes disciples who follow Jesus.

If you have not yet attended our summer Sunday School study, Gospel Shaped Outreach, please join us! Here is the schedule for August/September – you won’t want to miss these teachings, so mark your calendars now:

### **August 5 – How do we live it?**

How are the youth of First Church living God’s plan?

*Presenters: Brooklyn Mission Trip Team*

### **August 12 – How do we share it?**

We share the Gospel through our words and lifestyles, but also through our prayers

*Presenter: Josh Herring (DiscipleMakers)*

### **August 19 – What do we say?**

How do we share Jesus in ways that make sense to those we want to reach?

*Presenter: Graham Bowen (Cru)*

### **August 26 – How do we speak?**

Our proclamation needs to connect to real people’s lives, hopes and fears.

*Presenter: Jenna Mengle (Cru)*

### **September 2 – How do we keep going?**

We do not have a “missional season”!

*Presenter to be determined*

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## *Relationship Builder*

### **Family Movie Night**

Hi First Church Families!

On Friday, August 10th, First Church invites you to Family Movie Night in the sanctuary! This will be a super fun event - have your kiddos wear their pj's and bring a blanket and/or pillow to watch *Paddington 2* with their friends. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Movie start time is 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) and yummy snacks will be provided!

Please feel free to e-mail Lori McKenney ([hopemckenney@verizon.net](mailto:hopemckenney@verizon.net)) or Brandy Zimmerman ([Bflake20@gmail.com](mailto:Bflake20@gmail.com)) with any questions. Hope to see you there!

### **Annual Fall Picnic**

Mark your calendar! Our annual all-church fall picnic is coming up on Sunday, September 9. It is being held again this year at the Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion and begins at 3:30 pm. Come to play and stay for the pot-luck supper at 5 pm, followed by outdoor worship as the sun sets on a beautiful day! Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Also bring your own place settings and lawn chairs to sit, relax and enjoy each other's company!

### **MOPS Meets Here!**

Our MOPS group will begin meeting for the 2018/19 school year on Friday, September 28. MOPS provides a welcoming and open environment where every mom can grow through friendship, mentoring and leadership development. Here are the basic elements of every group meeting:

- Fellowship time over light breakfast
- Valuable teachings/lesson time
- Small group discussion time
- Christian devotions to take away and apply to everyday life
- And best of all ... quality childcare!



The cost for MOPS International registration is just \$31.95 for the entire 2018/19 year (scholarships available as needed), and the local dues (to cover childcare and other expenses) is only \$20.00 per semester.

In addition to monthly meetings, fun outings/play-dates, creative projects and service opportunities will be organized for those who are interested.

If you are expecting a child/are the mother of a young child, you won't want to miss this special opportunity! If you know an expectant mother/mother of a young child, please invite them to come and check out a meeting for free!

Contact Krissy Marshall at [kjmarsh1126@gmail.com](mailto:kjmarsh1126@gmail.com) or Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call 766-4611 for more information.

### **Join us for Community Day in the Park, August 11**

The Borough of Mechanicsburg will hold its third annual Community Day on Saturday, August 11 at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Park Drive, Mechanicsburg from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. First Church is excited to collaborate with several area churches to sponsor free admission to the pool, along with children's activities including fun inflatable rides!

The event features music from local bands, fire trucks, Washington Fire Company chicken barbeque, food trucks, activities for all ages, and much more! Visitors will also be able to experience a special exhibition of a baseball game from the 1860's presented by the Keystone Baseball Club, complete with vintage uniforms.

Local business vendors and organizations will also be present at the event.

New this year, a portion of the proceeds will benefit New Hope Ministries as the Charity of Choice.

We are excited to announce that we have three inflatable rides for all ages to enjoy! We will have the



Camelot Castle, Bouncin’ Barnyard Combo and a 30 foot Obstacle Course! We are looking for ride attendants to greet the guests and help them in and out of the rides. We have 1.5 hour shifts posted on the time to sign up sheet here: <https://www.timetosignup.com/mechcommunityday/sheet/1266048/>. Please wear your blue First UM tee shirt when you volunteer. See Lori Hoffnagle to get your shirt if you don’t have one. This is a great opportunity to be in the community and share the love of Christ! If you have questions or want to sign up, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com) or 766-4611, ext. 115.

Our **Rejoicing Spirits** team will be in attendance at the upcoming Community Day in the Park to be held August 11th at the Mechanicsburg park. We will have a table set up in the vendor area to share information with the community about our monthly Rejoicing Spirits service. Be sure to stop by and say hello. Better yet, if you know anyone who might benefit from this outreach, encourage them to look for us and learn more!

**August Food Trucks Announced!**

The **Food Trucks** are here again on Friday, August 17 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. The following trucks are confirmed for August: Mad Sandwiches, Bountiful Feast, Artisan Pizza, It’s All Greek, The Sweet Spot and Ice Cream Express. Come for great food, music and fantastic fellowship! First Church will offer face painting! This month, we welcome one of our ministry partners, CommunityAid. They will be collecting gently used clothing and shoes near our CommunityAid bin in the parking lot. If you would like to help with parking, set up or clean up, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

**Help us get to 1,000!**

If you haven’t ‘liked’ our Facebook page yet, please take the time to go to First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg, PA and ‘like’ it. The more people who see and share our posts, the more effective we are with getting the word out about First Church. This small action can have a big impact! We are currently at 476 likes, so only 524 to go!

**Senior Fellowship – Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> -- 1-3 p.m.**

All senior members are invited to come for a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Sanctuary Gathering space. We will be hearing from Rev. Buddy and Jeanne Eakin-Miller about their Mission Trip experiences, as well as an update on Sierra Leone from Kristin Brown! Please contact Janice Bowen (766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for more information.



**Generous Giver**

**Financial Report—through June 30, 2018**

**50% of year**

<b>General Fund</b>		
2018 budget	\$ 945,000	
Expected income	\$ 472,500	
Actual income	\$ 453,257	(48% of budget)
Shortfall	\$ 19,243	
Actual expenses	\$ 446,628	

It is important that normal levels of giving are maintained during the summer travel months. An easy way to do that is to sign up for electronic giving. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk or the church office. You can also contribute through our web site using a credit card.

**Support Missions in Sierra Leone**

Boscov’s *Friends Helping Friends* is an opportunity for local non-profit organizations to raise funds for their group by selling shopping passes to the **Friends Helping Friends Day** event on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The passes cost \$5 and everyone who purchases a pass receives a 25% discount shopping pass for purchases made on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Sierra Leone Mission team is selling passes to raise money for



Missions in Sierra Leone. See any team member to purchase you pass or contact the church office at 171-766-4611.

**Increase your support by purchasing Boscov's gift cards through the Scrip Program to use when you shop on October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

It is never too early to start thinking about Christmas shopping. Use gift cards from the Scrip Program to buy your gifts and support First Church ministries. From August through November, proceeds from the purchase of the following cards will support Missions in Sierra Leone.

*Bass Pro Shops*

*Boscov's*

*Harry and David*

*Marshall's/TJ Maxx/Home Goods*

*Ross Dress for Less*

*Stein Mart*

*Cracker Barrel*

*Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse/Papa John's*

*Panera Bread*

*Red Lobster*

*Texas Roadhouse*

*Giant Foods*

*Weis Markets*

Pick up a scrip order for at the Scrip box located in the gathering area by the stairwell or at the Sierra Leone Display in the tower hallway. Place your completed form and payment in the Scrip box in the gathering area.



Sierra Leone 2019 Mission Team

Andy Irons, Kristin Brown, Tiffany Holland, and Sarah Jones

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# Women's Ministry

If you have any questions about Women's Ministry,  
please contact Lori Hoffnagle at 717-766-4611, Ext. 115 or [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com)

## United Methodist Women

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

Sandy Walton ~ [swalton54@comcast.net](mailto:swalton54@comcast.net)  
meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

### MARTHA CIRCLE

Marley Ann Schmick ~ [marleyannrichard@gmail.com](mailto:marleyannrichard@gmail.com)  
meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

### RUTH CIRCLE

Joan Mains ~ [mains.joan@yahoo.com](mailto:mains.joan@yahoo.com)  
meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at Hoss's in  
Mechanicsburg

### COVERED IN LOVE

Sandy Bennetch ~ [dsebennetch@comcast.net](mailto:dsebennetch@comcast.net)  
meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 in  
Fellowship Hall

### SQUARES AND PRAYERS

Nancy Eddy ~ [naeddy3@aol.com](mailto:naeddy3@aol.com)  
meets Mondays, 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall

### KNIT@NITE ~ ALL LEVELS OF KNITTERS WELCOME

Mary Helm ~ [mthelm4@yahoo.com](mailto:mthelm4@yahoo.com)  
meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Tower  
Meeting Room

## Other Opportunities to Connect

### BOOK CLUB

Janice Bowen ~ [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)

### DAY OF PAMPERING

Karin McHale ~ [karinmch@comcast.net](mailto:karinmch@comcast.net)  
February 23, 2019

### LADIES' OVER 80 TEA

Janice Bowen ~ [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)  
**September 18**

### MOMS IN PRAYER

Deb Noss ~ [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com)  
Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Room

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

First meeting September 28 at 9:15am  
Tina Eaton ~ [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)

### WOMEN'S PRAYER STUDY

Coming Soon! Watch for details this fall  
Tina Eaton ~ [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Patti Herring ~ [familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net)  
February 8 - 10, 2019, Mt. Asbury Retreat Center

### ZUMBA Gold (low impact dance/aerobic exercise)

#### Taking a break for the summer

Margaret Paredes ~ [4paredesfam@gmail.com](mailto:4paredesfam@gmail.com)  
Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room  
Lisa Lynch ~ [lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com](mailto:lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com)  
Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room

## MOPS Outings: (9:10 to 11:30 am)

July 27: Fun Fort Playground in Lower Allen Community Park,  
4075 Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg

August 10: Pool party at Sarah Allison's home, 103 Pimlico Drive, Dillsburg

August 24: Friendship Park in Upper Allen Township, 1901 Fisher Road, Mechanicsburg

Contact Jenny Bates at [pixiegirl1202@yahoo.com](mailto:pixiegirl1202@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Upcoming Events:

Annual UMW Yard, Book and Bake Sale, **August 18** from 8:00 am to noon

UMW Thank Offering and Mission Meal, **November 18**

Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk on **December 15**

### **UMW Yard, Book and Bake Sale**

We continue to collect school supplies for the UMW Yard, Book and Bake Sale! Please bring in the following and place them in the marked bin outside the multipurpose room: **blunt scissors, small box of crayons, pencils, erasers and glue sticks. We are very short on blunt scissors!** These items will be placed in hand made school pouches and given away free to children who visit the yard sale. Thanks to the wonderful women of Squares and Prayers for making the pouches!

You can also donate gently used household items to the sale with the proceeds going to the Youth Mission Trip. Bring your items to room 105 the week of the sale, August 13 to 17. We're sorry, but we cannot accept furniture or large electronics. The library will be accepting gently used books, dvds, cds, and puzzles for both children and adults. The Bell Choir will be serving up sandwiches, drinks and snacks, while the UMW ladies will be tempting you with delicious baked goods. So mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this fun day and an opportunity to boost the UMW's ability to help women locally and around the world. If you have questions about the sale, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com). See you there!

More information can be found on our website at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com).



# MEN'S MINISTRY

If you have any questions about Men's Ministry, please contact John Bowen at [bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com).

### **Men of First Church**

Small group meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, **next meeting August 15**, from 8-9:30 pm. All men are welcome to join us. The meeting will be held at the Eaton home in Mechanicsburg. Contact John Bowen ([bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com)) or Barry Eaton ([theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net)) if you have questions or would like more information about this group.

### **Men's Breakfast**

An open invitation is extended to any and all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday morning of each month. Please come join us at Brother's Restaurant, located at 705 Gettysburg Pike in Mechanicsburg. Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, August 4** at 7:30 am. Hope to see you there!

### **FORE!! Golf Anyone??**

Golf outings are being organized for later in August and September (Friday afternoon or Saturday morning).

There is also an opportunity to support a good cause and fellowship while supporting Hope Within Ministries ([www.hopewithin.org](http://www.hopewithin.org)) on Friday, September 12 at Deer Valley Golf Course. Tee off at 1:30 pm - \$65 entry fee.

If you have interest in learning more about either of these events, please contact Barry Eaton ([theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net)) or drop a note in his church mailbox with your contact information. Watch the events board or the church bulletin for more details.



### **Tool Pool**

A directory for any hand or power tools that you may need to borrow for one-time use.  
Contact: Don Karns at [dekarns@comcast.net](mailto:dekarns@comcast.net)

## Church News and Notes

### Special Birthdays

Marty Coover ..... August 1  
Grace Koser ..... August 2  
Jane Heller ..... August 3  
Helen Kelly ..... August 10  
Pauline Trace ..... August 12  
Jo Barth ..... August 27  
Victor Norris ..... August 29

Emma Whitcomb ..... September 8  
Ken Nelson ..... September 13  
George Reh fuss ..... September 16  
Ralph Harkins ..... September 25  
Peggy Shenberger ..... September 28

### Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Tom & Jeanne Mullikin married 52 years on August 6
- ♥ Fred & Doris Junkins married 52 years on August 9
- ♥ John & Dolores Shell married 64 years on August 15
- ♥ Harry & Joyce Woods married 65 years on August 23
- ♥ Jerry & Pat Sheely married 60 years on August 24
- ♥ Bob & Judy Wertz married 55 years on September 1
- ♥ Richard & Alberta Knause married 68 years on September 2
- ♥ Ed & Gina Johnson married 54 years on September 3
- ♥ Darrell & Barbara Sill married 51 years on September 16
- ♥ Milt & Dolly Dougherty married 68 years on September 23
- ♥ George & Mary Beth Snoke married 52 years on September 24
- ♥ Richard & Marley Ann Schmick married 54 years on September 26
- ♥ Paul & Lorraine Strock married 65 years on September 27

### Thank you...

*Jeanne and Tom Mullikin thank our friends at First Church for their thoughts and prayers following Tom's open heart surgery. We are truly blessed to have this church family.*

*Ron and Donna Nichols wish to thank everyone for their cards and expressions of Condolence at the passing of Ron's Mother, Marion Nichols.*

### A note from the Editor

Looking ahead... due to my being in Sierra Leone January 19 through February 2, 2019, we have decided to combine the January/February editions of First News First. The combined edition will be published in December 2018. Please keep this in mind as you plan events for January and February that would be communicated through the newsletter.

### Children's Department News

Did you know the Children's Department has their own newsletter? Be in the know of all the Children's Department happenings and offerings.

Just let Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris know you would like to be added to the list to receive this exciting newsletter via email.



## FUMC Children's Department News



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- Summer Sunday School
- Kid's Worship
- Backpack Blessings
- Community Day

### Quick Links

[Summer Sunday School  
Teacher/Helper Sign Up](#)

### Dear Parents,

Hello amazing parents!!! Once again, summer is just flying by! Only 4 weeks left until school is back in. Enjoy the second of those four wonderful weeks!

**Fun Fact:** National Smile Week is the week of August 5-11th. Be sure to share your brightest smile with everyone you see! =)

If you know someone who is not receiving this e-mail, please let them know to contact us so we can have their e-mail added. Thank you! =)

Dawn and Anna

Sample newsletter

### NEW Kid's Fellowship Summer Outing at JoJo's!

(Formerly know as the BLT's)



Sunday, August 26th 12:00-2:00pm

All those entering 3rd through 5th grade are welcome! We will meet in the narthex after 2nd service and all walk over to JoJo's and enjoy a pizza lunch while we talk about this new and exciting kid's fellowship! Join us to learn all about this awesome group and what the new name will be! Permission slips will be located in front of the Children's Department bulletin board.

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articles for the **September** issue  
is

Early submissions always  
appreciated!

**August 15**