



First News First

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

"Consecrated, Lord, to Thee"

This year, Consecration Sunday is Nov. 6! During our 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services, we will ask every member of our church family, whether worshipping in-person or online, to make a financial commitment to support the ministry and mission of First Church in 2023. In addition, we will have a Ministry and Mission Fair to celebrate the many ways God is working in and through our life together.

I want to take a moment to share with you two reasons why our annual Consecration Sunday is so important in the life of First Church. First, your annual estimate of giving is a valuable tool for the leaders of our church as they plan for our church budget for 2023. Returning your commitment card helps us to estimate how much fuel we will have in the tank to accomplish our ministry and mission in the coming year. Your giving is critically important to funding our many ministries, reaching out to our community, caring for our beautiful facilities and supporting our dedicated staff.

Second, Consecration Sunday reminds us of the important role that financial giving plays in our spiritual growth as disciples of Jesus. Every year, Betsy and I, like many of you, prayerfully consider the percentage of our income God calls us to commit as we joyfully participate in God's work. The biblical principle for determining how much to give is the tithe, or 10%. All that we have is a gift from God, and He asks us to return the first 10% as our way of saying "thank you" for all that the Lord has given us. If you are not already tithing, God may be calling you to that commitment, or to take a step toward tithing. If you already tithe, your next faithful step may be to give beyond 10%.

As we prepare for Consecration Sunday amid the challenges and opportunities of this season, I am once again reminded of the significance of the word, "consecrate." To consecrate means, "to make or declare something sacred" or "to dedicate somebody or something to God." Long ago, our mothers and fathers in the faith consecrated our church building as a sacred space. They declared that the sanctuary to be set apart to glorify God in worship. The classrooms and fellowship hall, the offices and multipurpose room, and even the parking lots were dedicated as sacred spaces where each generation could grow in faith, fellowship and service for Christ.

On World Communion Sunday (Oct. 2), we will gather at the Lord's Table and say a prayer to consecrate the elements. We will remember that Jesus consecrated the bread and the cup as outward and visible signs of the grace of God for us in Christ. As we partake of the consecrated elements, we experience the love of our crucified and risen Lord, who died and rose again for our salvation.

The apostle Paul reminds us that, as followers of Jesus, we, too, have been consecrated. He writes, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2). We are set apart. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, our lives are formed to resemble the life of Jesus.

First Church, on Consecration Sunday you are invited to "make or declare a portion of your income sacred," consecrated to the Lord for His great work in 2023. As you give regularly, sacrificially and joyfully, may this be your prayer and mine: "Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to thee."

Joyfully set apart with you for the work of ministry,

Pastor Denny

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Discipleship Opportunities

Whether you are just beginning to explore faith, growing as a disciple or becoming a fully devoted follower, there is always something new to learn on our journey with Jesus. First Church is here to help by providing a variety of offerings for your next faithful step:

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

God speaks to us through His Word, and our daily Bible reading plan is customized to go along with our weekly sermons! You can find the plan in our weekly worship bulletin, and on our church website, fumchurch.com.

Growth Groups -

We encourage everyone to build long-term, Christ-centered relationships with one another through small groups. While we have many different kinds of groups that meet, here are a few that meet for the purpose of learning and spiritual growth:

◇ Men's Bible Study – Ongoing, Mondays on Zoom, 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Currently studying the book of Mark, and newcomers are welcome to jump in anytime. If interested, contact Ken Guise at guiseken100@gmail.com.

◇ Wednesday Men's Group — Begins October 5, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

All men are invited to join this group to study "Know What You're FOR," by Jeff Henderson. Meet at the home of Barry Eaton on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Contact Barry at theaton5@verizon.net if interested.

◇ Wonderful Wednesday EXPANDED! – Begins October 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

First Church's popular Wonderful Wednesday program is returning, and *it's not just for kids!* Children, youth and adults are all invited to participate in this family fellowship and learning program. The fall session will run for six weeks from October 12 through November 16. The program begins with prayer and a family-style dinner in Fellowship Hall, followed by small-group learning for all ages from 6-7 p.m. This session's theme, "Faith Foundation," focuses on building a solid foundation of vibrant faith in Jesus. Register today on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.com/wonderfulwednesday. Groups include:

- Children's Group - For kindergarten-5th grade (Note: Childcare will also be offered for children under the age of 5). Contact Katie Knorr at kidscount@fumchurch.com for more details.
- Youth Group - Open to all youth, but specifically targeted to those seeking to be confirmed, those desiring to make a recommitment of faith, or those wishing to have a more solid understanding of faith and church. Contact Lisa Aronson at uth-rock@fumchurch.com for more details.
- Parent Group - "Intentional Parenting: 10 Ways to be an Exceptional Parent in a Quick Fix World" equips parents to intentionally raise children who display confidence, have Christian character, express compassion and grow into rooted and flourishing young adults. Participants receive a workbook, which provides readings, along with space for written reflection to help implement what is learned. Cost is \$10.00. Contact Tina Eaton for more details at adultministry@fumchurch.com.

◇ Adult Bible Study – Begins Wednesday, October 12, 6:45-8:00 p.m.

All adults are invited to "Companions in Christ." This series of five separate studies written by highly-respected spiritual leaders, such as United Methodist Bishop Reuben Job, is de-



signed to open participants to God's presence and guidance in deep and meaningful ways. Together, you will explore classic spiritual practices and develop new daily habits that deepen your relationship with God and with each other. The first five week study is this series, entitled "Embracing the Journey," is being offered this fall. Cost for workbook (which includes content for all five studies to be offered through the next year) is \$15.00. Contact Pastor Denny at pastordenny@fumchurch.com for more details or to register.

Children and Family Ministries News

MOPS

MOPS (formerly mother of preschoolers) connects moms to a community of women who meet to laugh, support and embrace the journey together. We meet monthly from 6 to 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the church September-May and have monthly outings for kids and parents. Every group meeting will include fellowship time over dinner, teachings/lesson time, small group discussion, encouragement and support from mentor moms and Christian devotions. The cost is \$32.00, which covers special guest speakers and dinner together. Contact Katie Knorr at kidscount@fumchurch.com for more details and to learn more or register today!

Cafe 21:12 "Come have breakfast" - Jesus (John 21:12)

Even Jesus saw the value of connecting in a casual setting with his disciples. He called them to the shore not necessarily for a structured lesson, but for a yummy meal. The breakfast on the seashore provided space for Jesus to connect with his disciples and encourage them for the mission that lay ahead. Students 1st-12th grade can come to the youth lounge during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.) to check in connect, and collaborate with other students. We will have yummy breakfast treats and a casual space to gather together during our morning. Children kindergarten and younger can go to the Wee Worship room for their own fun time together!



Mechanicsburg Annual Halloween Parade and Streets of Treats

Tuesday, Oct 11, in front of the church, as well as Streets of Treats on Saturday, Oct 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lots of fun goodies and a chance for Miss Katie to say hello to you and your family! Be sure to visit our FUMC Kids table at each event.

From the Library

I am writing this article just the day after Labor Day, and I am already missing summer. I know there will be more warm weather, but as soon as school starts, it seems like summer is over. And by the time you read this, it will be. So, get out your cozy throw, comfy pajamas and, of course, your pumpkin spice latte, as you are going to be up late reading in October.

I usually consider October to be mystery month in the library, but every once in a while I present something outside my own personal preference. Kim Vogel Sawyer is a perennial favorite in the library, so I know you will want to know about her latest book, **Still My Forever**. Ms. Sawyer does not follow the usual trilogy of books; instead presenting her books as stand-alone novels. This romance is inspired by a historical figure from her earlier book **Freedom's Song**. Gilbert Baty and Ava Flaming were once engaged, but it ended when Gil left for New York to seek his fame as a composer and conductor. Ava could not follow him as she was her ailing mother's caretaker, and it broke her heart to have him leave her behind. But now, Gil is back in Kansas, hiding his humiliating failures in New York and hoping Ava may give him another chance. His new inspiration is a youth band. Ava wants to avoid Gil, but seeing the youth band's success and how it affects the town's people, she is drawn back to the man she never stopped loving. Then, the band wins a statewide contest, and Gil thinks he can take them to New York and make a name for himself. But if he leaves again, Ava will never forgive him. Which is more important to him: his career or the love of his life? I won't spoil the ending.

Now I am back to my kind of books—suspense, with a little romance and enough twists and turns to cause whiplash. Susan May Warren writes those kinds of books and her latest series, *The Epic Story of RJ and York*, checks all the boxes for mystery readers. The three books, **Out of the Night**, **I Will Find You**, and **No Matter the Cost** feature girlfriend RJ Marshall and boyfriend York Newgate. York thought their days as spies had ended and just as his ultra-romantic proposal is starting, RJ spots Alan Martin, a terrorist they thought was securely behind bars. Unknown to them, he has escaped to plan his biggest attack yet. As they chase him across Europe and into Russia, the plot twists just keep coming. This series has received a five star rating with many reviewers mentioning lost sleep and "swoon-worthy

romance” that moved them from book to book without stopping. The vivid scenery was also mentioned frequently. If the character RJ seems familiar to you, the RJ stands for Ruby Jane. Ms. Warren’s five book series about the Marshall family ended on Ruby Jane, but I guess she just couldn’t let her go yet. It is not necessary to read the early series, but if you want more of RJ’s back story, you know where to go to find it –our library.

I can’t imagine that these books wouldn’t be just right for you, but, of course, we have a volunteer in the library every Sunday to help you find the perfect books.

See you in the library,

~Pam and Donna

Praying



October Prayer Focus – Pastors and Servant-Leaders

October is Pastor Appreciation month, so let’s focus for our prayers on Pastor Denny, Lisa Aronson and their families, along with other pastors and servant-leaders who guide us! Pray with an attitude of gratitude, and use these verses as a starting point for your prayers throughout this month. Hopefully this focus will help you to develop a lifelong pattern of lifting our pastors to the Lord!

- Numbers 6:24-26 - Pray for Blessings, Provision, Favor and Peace
- Joshua 1:9 - Pray for the Courage, Strength and Assurance
- Proverbs 3:5-6 – Pray for Increasing Trust in God’s Direction
- Galatians 6:9 – Pray for Renewed Energy and Faithful Endurance
- Matthew 6:33 – Pray for Focus on God’s priorities
- James 1:5-6 - Pray for the Blessing of Wisdom to Increase
- John 13: 34-35 - Pray that Love Will Surround and Encourage Them

Weekly Prayer Letter

If you have not already done so, we invite you to sign up for First Church’s FirstLink Prayer Letter to receive updated prayer requests and praises from our church family once a week. Contact Janice Bowen at

wecare@fumchurch.com to share joys and requests and to sign up for the Prayer Letter email.

Passionate Worshipper



Spotify Playlist

On the first Wednesday of each month, we release a new monthly playlist on Spotify. Search for First UMC of Mechanicsburg, and click on the playlist titled *Where Words Fail, Music Speaks*. For non-Spotify users, click this link to listen to the playlist: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5rbHEYefHei97cUI8rjwNJ?si=qzOB7cTVRg6iAU1L4BY2hA>



Dedicated Missionary



Operation Christmas Child Collection Begins Oct. 23

First Church invites everyone to support Operation Christmas Child by filling a shoebox with gifts for the upcoming holiday season! Simply pick up the instructions and a shoe box at the display under the

balcony at church (or use your own shoebox), then fill your box with items suggested on the list (available at the display or by clicking [HERE](#)). Remember to bring your filled shoeboxes back to the church display no later than Nov. 20, then we'll send them off for delivery to children all over the world! To watch special stories from children who have received these gifts, click [HERE](#). Thanks for your support of Operation Christmas Child!

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry, Oct. 19

Isaiah 61 Ministries serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County. This organization provides a variety of services, including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and life groups. First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions or want to carpool, please contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com. The next volunteer opportunity is Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Relationship Builder



October Hospitality Tip – One Another One Another!

Do you know how many times the phrase "one another" is in the New Testament? 59 times!! Wow!! It certainly seems that Jesus is trying to get a point across to His people, doesn't it? As Pastor Denny has mentioned in the current sermon series entitled "One Another One Another," each of those 59 "one another's" is a specific application of Jesus' command that WE love one another as HE has loved US. Our hospitality at First Church is apparent when we, as sisters and brothers in Christ, love one another, bear with one another, serve one another, and build one another up. Let us continue to build relationships with one another that reflect the love of Christ to the world around us!

United Women in Faith World Thank Offering Baked Good Giveaway!

Support the UWF World Thank Offering on Sunday, **Nov. 20** with your sweet tooth! Stop by the table outside the multipurpose room to pick up a tasty treat and make a donation to the World Thank Offering. "The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundant grace in the midst of change. When we share our gifts and they are combined with the gifts of others, our contributions make possible the support of national and international work to meet the physical and social needs of women, children, and youth in your neighborhood and around the world." Stop by between worship services for a sweet treat and a chance to help women, children and youth! If you can donate a baked good, please bring it to the display that morning. We'd love your support! If you have questions about UWF or the World Thank Offering, contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com.

Feminine Hygiene Sewing Day

In developing countries, many women and girls don't have access to feminine hygiene products. Sometimes they use rags, dirt, weeds or worse during their menstrual periods. Oftentimes, they must stay home from school or work, fueling the cycle of poverty. Mission Central works to alleviate this issue by providing much-needed reusable feminine hygiene kits to these women, and First Church helps sew the kits. Our next Sewing Day will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8, starting at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll sew until we run out of fabric, so feel free to pack a lunch or snacks. No sewing experience is needed (we will do lots of cutting and simple sewing), and fabric is provided (parameters for donations are listed on Mission Central's website). Some sewing tools will be available, but please bring a sewing machine, sharp scissors, a rotor cutter, a quilting ruler, a cutting mat, and/or dark thread if you have them. will be needed. Please contact Donna Nichols at djnichols43@hotmail.com to let her know you plan to help. This is a wonderful way to bless women and girls in need for years to come.

Joy in the Morning

Next meeting – Monday, October 24 at 1 pm. If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this spiritually-focused small group. We meet Monday afternoons once a month from 1 to 2 pm. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, drawing upon readings and devotionals. For more information, contact Janice Bowen at [717-766-4611 ext. 112](tel:717-766-4611) or wecare@fumchurch.com

First Saturday Men's Breakfast – Saturday, Oct. 1, 7:30 a.m.

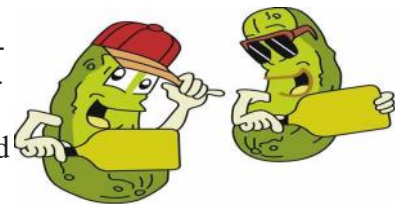
An open invitation is extended to all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday morning of each month at Brothers Restaurant (705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg). Please contact Barry Eaton at theaton5@verizon.net if you are interested in attending on Oct. 1.

Women's Retreat – Feb. 3-5, 2023, Mount Asbury Retreat Center

SAVE THE DATE for our 2023 FUMC Women's Retreat, "Anxious for Nothing." New this year is the option of a full weekend (Friday-Sunday) OR one-day (Saturday) experience. Stay tuned for more details next month!

FUMC Summer Pickleball Continues!

Every Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m. Mechanicsburg's Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park. Whether you're a single player or double, whether you play pickleball every week or have never played, we invite you to join us on the pickleball Court! Bring a friend and assume we will be there unless it's wet and rainy! Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com



Be Safe, Get Your Flu Shot!

Once again, flu shots (quadrivalent vaccine) will be offered by Sandy Leister, RN. in room 105 (end of main office hallway) on Sunday, Nov. 6th, from 9 to 11 am for anyone over 18 years of age. Pre-registration is not requested this year, simply come! Your friends and extended family members are welcome to come as well!

Insurances listed below are accepted. Without insurance coverage, the flu shot costs \$40 (cash or check please, made out to VNA of Central PA). If you have any questions, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112. Accepted insurances include: Medicare B; Medicare B and a secondary insurance; Medicare B and AARP; Medicare B and commercial (supplement); Railroad Medicare B; GHP; GHP Gold; Humana Gold; Humana Choice PPO

Front Row Seats for Annual Halloween Parade

First Church invites everyone to enjoy front-row seats for Mechanicsburg's Annual Halloween Parade! The parade, set for Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m., passes right by our Simpson Street building. All are welcome to set up seating along the sidewalk. Our Handbell Choir will offer food for purchase, and free parking will be available.

Streets of Treats, Saturday, Oct. 15, Downtown Mechanicsburg

Stop by First Church between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. during Streets of Treats (hosted by the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce) on Saturday, Oct. 15! Pick up a treat bag and map of participating businesses at the Square in Mechanicsburg, then enjoy daytime trick-or-treating, crafts, games and other activities. Be sure to look for our Children's Ministry table at this free, family-friendly event!

Community Dinner on the Lawn, Sunday Oct. 16 at 5 p.m.

Community Dinners continue! Join us Sunday, Oct. 16 at 5 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (132 E. Main Street, Mechanicsburg) for homemade chili and chicken corn soup, along with fruit, salad and cornbread. The dinner takes place rain or shine. This dinner is a collaborative event with other local churches to bless the downtown community with a meal, music and games, free of charge. The concept comes from the book "Welcome to Dinner, Church," which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. First Church has volunteered to bring cornbread to the event. If you want to make a pan of cornbread or want to volunteer in any other way, contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com.

Covered in Love Knitting Group

The Covered in Love Knitting Group has returned to in-person meetings every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and gathers downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to join if you love to knit, crochet or do some other kind of crafty work. Questions? Contact Judi Buddenbaum at [717-697-2524](tel:717-697-2524) or ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net.

Widows and Widowers Fellowship

The widows/widowers fellowship will dine at Brothers Diner (705 Gettysburg Pike Mechanicsburg) on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 11:30 a.m. Please notify Bonnie Guyer [717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145), if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided upon request.

Third Friday Food Trucks and Green Space Ribbon Cutting, Oct 21!

The food trucks return for the last time this season to our parking lot on Friday, Oct. 21. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors in a fun and casual atmosphere. This month, we welcome the following trucks: Lucky Penny, Audrey's Cup of Sunshine, 717 Tacos, Wich Way, Mad Dash and WoW (Whistlestop on Wheels). The food trucks serve 4:30-8 p.m. Come a little early at 3:30 p.m. for the Ribbon Cutting of our Community Green Space with the



Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce! Join First Church, the Chamber and other local leaders in celebrating this beautiful new space. Contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com for more details.

Camp Fancy Fundraising Gala, Saturday, Oct 22, 2022

If you've seen Camp and Retreat Ministry change lives, this event is for you! Join us for an evening of inspiration, fun, and generosity. Camp Fancy means you can choose your attire, from prom night outfits to outdoor gear. Just be sure to have one part of your outfit that is "fancy" as part of the celebration. This inaugural event will take place at Wesley Forest Camp and Retreat Center (58 Wesley Forest Lane, Weikert, PA) on Saturday, Oct. 22, 4-8 p.m. We will honor long-time volunteer and Camp Dean, David Poole, along with enjoying special music, auction items, great food and much more! See all the details here: <https://susumcamps.org/gala>. To learn more about Camp Fancy or how to volunteer, make a donation or contribute an auction item, contact Camp and Retreat Ministries Board Members, Steve Noss (sdppp@msn.com) or Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

Squares and Prayers

The quilters continue to sew and complete quilts at home. These quilts go to local hospices, fire and police departments and members of our church who are at need. Fidget mats are also being made and are available. Anyone who desires to sew kits together can find kits located near the Alley Entrance.

Generous Giver

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through Aug. 31, 2022 **67 % of year**

General Fund

2022 budget	\$ 925,985	
Expected income-YTD	\$ 617,323	(67% of budget)
Actual income -YTD	\$ 598,420	(64% of budget)
Actual expenses-YTD	\$ 599,373	(65% of budget)

Receipts year-to-date thru the end of August are a bit down from our expectation. Keep in mind that the summer season is usually our slowest time of year. Expenses year-to-date are favorable to the budget, but a bit above our year to date income. The staff at first church and its volunteers continue mindful stewardship of the gifts on our congregation and are working to open doors to others for the glory of God.

We are grateful to all our congregation and guests who continue to support the work of First Church, as we serve the Lord by opening doors for all to know salvation through Jesus. We continue to ask for your prayers, your presence and your support through service and gifts to the mission of our First Church family. As we move into the fall time of year, we look forward to cooler weather and getting back to regular Sunday School.

Change for Water!

Water is the foundation of our very lives. Yet, according to CDC estimates, only 2% of the population in Sierra Leone has access to clean, readily available drinking water! Help us to support the **Well Drilling Fund for Sierra Leone** by dropping your loose change (or even paper bills) into the blue Change for Water bucket located on the Sierra Leone mission table in the Main Entrance hallway. Donations from August totaled **\$53.11**. 100% of your donations will be used to provide training and dig wells for schools and communities in need.

Little Free Pantry Collection

Thanks for your support of the **Little Free Pantry** on our property. We have been able to keep up with the demand for food, but starting to run low. If you would like to donate items, there is a **collection basket** inside the Alley Door entrance at the church. **Most needed items include:** canned tuna/chicken, any type of boxed mac and cheese, small boxes of cereal, granola bars, individual snack items and small ready-to-eat meals. Please make sure they are non-perishable and not too far past the expiration dates. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com. Thanks for blessing our neighbors!

First Church Mission Moments...

The Bible reminds us over and over again to practice hospitality. But, welcoming people shouldn't be limited to our homes.

Little Friends Preschool started classes in September, and our staff spent the morning welcoming families to a new year with a photo booth, yummy breakfast treats, and Dunkin' Donuts coffee (for the grown-ups, of course).

We saw lots of familiar faces. Many kids attended day camps at Little Friends over the summer or join us at our VBS (they were very excited to see Chef Miss Katie and DJ Cupcake again!). Some of them join us regularly for church on Sundays or have older siblings who went to preschool here. Many other families were new to Little Friends. Some of them were new to the area, and it might have been the first time in a long time (or ever) that some of them were in a church. Several kids posed and made funny faces at the photo booth, while some others cried and clung tightly to their parents, not wanting to be without them.

That morning, we interacted with families with different religions, ethnic backgrounds, personalities, interests and stories. But, we tried our hardest to welcome them all with open arms. George made funny faces to make the shy kids smile. Katie introduced herself to parents and shared about some of the great opportunities First Church offers for families. Tina and Janice greeted everyone at the door, helping everyone to feel like they can have a place at First Church.

Those small acts of hospitality showed our Little Friends families that First Church sees and cares about them, and we hope that they expressed God's love for them too. We aren't really sure if any big revelations came from that morning, but our staff certainly felt fulfilled by being "hospitable to one another without complaining" (1 Peter 4:9). Who knows... "by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).

In every interaction, we had a chance to welcome families into our building like Jesus welcomes us into His kingdom. Truthfully, that's what we hope to do every week and every day as the family of God. It's such a blessing to share Christ's love and welcome others into His grace!

Praying for a great year,
First Church Staff



Daily Bible Readings October 2022

Saturday, October 1
Sunday, October 2

Rest and Reflect
Worship World Communion Sunday
"Be Kind to One Another"

Monday, October 3
Tuesday, October 4
Wednesday, October 5
Thursday, October 6
Friday, October 7
Saturday, October 8
Sunday, October 9

Jeremiah 29:1-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19
Galatians 6:1-5
Rest and Reflect
Worship

Monday, October 10
Tuesday, October 11
Wednesday, October 12
Thursday, October 13
Friday, October 14
Saturday, October 15
Sunday, October 16

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 19
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8
I Peter 4:7-11
Rest and Reflect
Worship

Monday, October 17
Tuesday, October 18
Wednesday, October 19
Thursday, October 20
Friday, October 21
Saturday, October 22
Sunday, October 23

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14
2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Rest and Reflect
Worship Rev. Barry Robison,
District Superintendent

Monday, October 24
Tuesday, October 25
Wednesday, October 26
Thursday, October 27
Friday, October 28
Saturday, October 29
Sunday, October 30

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10
Matthew 6:19-21
Rest and Reflect
Worship All Saints Sunday

Monday, October 31

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

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Church News and Notes

I wish to thank Janice and the ladies of the church who took turns bringing me food, groceries, and doing my laundry while I was recovering from a foot injury. I appreciate their caring and the visits. It is truly a wonderful church family. ~Leta Rohlmeier

I would like to thank our church family for the kindness shown to me during my illness. The prayers, the flowers and cards, the visits, the food and the phone calls were greatly appreciated. FUMC is truly one great Foundation. ~Yours in faith, Sara Meck



Special Birthdays



- Jane Bonser.....October 1
- Pam Weaver.....October 7
- Peg Hassinger.....October 8
- Kay Heiges.....October 18
- Jim Siemons.....October 20
- Carol Moomaw.....October 21
- Winslow Brown.....October 23
- Don Shover.....October 23
- Gail Leinhos.....October 28
- J Paul Strock.....October 31



Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Weaver married 60 years on October 7, 1962.
- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Harkins married 60 years on October 20, 1962.



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