



# First News First

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## First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg

### From the Pastor

Finally, after months of anticipation, our ministry together is about to begin! I am honored and excited to be your pastor! I can find no better way to express my thoughts at this moment than in the words of the apostle Paul:

*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.* (Philippians 1:3-6)

Like Paul, whenever I remember you in prayer, the first thing I do is give thanks to God! Ever since Betsy and I were introduced to your Staff Parish Relations Committee and your church staff, we have been blessed beyond words by the love and support you have shown us. We are grateful to so many people that have been eager to do whatever they can to help us in our transition. Pastor Mike has provided me with so much helpful information, preparing to hand off the leadership baton to me. He and Wendy have been so very supportive. Thank you!

As you may be aware, when Pastor Mike announced his retirement, the church was asked to plan for a parsonage for the new pastor. This whole process involved a tremendous amount of work on the part of many people. Betsy and I have been truly overwhelmed by the diligent efforts of volunteers locating and purchasing a home, then cleaning, painting, repairing, and landscaping. It's beautiful! We look forward to welcoming you for a visit after we get settled in. Thank you!

In prayer, I not only give thanks for you, I also pray with joy! Remembering the pastors that have gone before me in ministry here, I am humbled to be your pastor. Rev. Dr. Don Shover, Rev. Don Ciampa, and Rev. Mike Minnix are exceptional pastoral leaders. Over the years, each of them has helped me to grow in ministry. In addition, some of your ministerial sons, including Art and Paul Stambach and David and Keith Schmuck, have supported and encouraged me as a pastor. First Church has a rich heritage of strong lay leadership, too. Countless gifted, generous people have faithfully witnessed for Christ here. I pray with joy as I recount your rich past!

I also pray with joy in your ministry in the present. First Church is a vital, vibrant congregation. Over these months, I have caught glimpses of your good work: your gifted, unified staff, the great care you have for one another, the vitality of your worship, the enthusiasm of your leaders, your eagerness to grow in Christ, and your strong commitment to mission. I rejoice that I will have the opportunity to be part of what God is doing in and through you!

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#### Dates to Remember

- July 1-3 ..... Youth on Mission Trip
- July 5 ..... New Pastor Meet & Greet
- July 11-19 . DR Mission Trip
- July 15 ..... Bagging for Bethesda Mission
- July 20-24 . LFNS Summer Camp
- July 26 ..... Rejoicing Spirits
- July 29 ..... Impact starts

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I give thanks to God for you and I pray with joy for what God has done and is doing at First Church. Like Paul, I also have great hope for your future. Just as God has called us to serve together, so God will be faithful to complete the good work that has begun. Betsy and I are excited to worship with you, and to serve and grow with you. We both look forward to meeting all of you. We are eager to listen to your stories, your joys, and your concerns. We are also eager to get to know the community.

Friends, as we begin, I want to extend an invitation to all of you to join us in prayer daily. Please pray for Betsy and me. Pray for Pastor Dave, for our church staff, our leaders, our members and friends. Pray for those who live in the neighborhood around our church, and in the surrounding community.

I cannot overstate how critically important prayer is. The good work to which God calls us will not succeed by human efforts alone. We need the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Prayer connects us to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit unites us, equips us, inspires us, and empowers us. Let us begin our ministry together in prayer, trusting that God is faithful to accomplish the good work that has begun, and lives will be transformed by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Thankful, rejoicing, and eagerly anticipating the future with you, I look forward to our ministry together!

Pastor Denny

## Staff Parish Relations

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Most people experience some difficulty learning the names of the people they meet. Think of the challenge posed by the need to learn almost 1000 names. Drawing on the special powers granted the Staff/Parish Relations Committee in times of transition, the Appellation Protocol is hereby invoked. When one encounters Denny or Betsy Keller, one prefaces the conversation with one's name. This practice continues until Denny and Betsy begin the conversation with one's own name.

It wouldn't hurt to wear your name tag.

Thank you for your cooperation ~ SPRC

## Fellowship

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### WELCOME PASTOR DENN!

Join us for a "Meet & Greet" Reception

Sunday, July 5 from 9:30 -10:30 am

For our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Denny Keller  
and his wife Betsy.

**Don't miss out on this opportunity to welcome them both on their first Sunday here at First Church! We will eat, pray, share, talk and have fun together.**

**Widows/Widowers** July 14, 6 p.m.

The widows/widowers group will dine at Momma Spriggs restaurant in Carlisle on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m. Please call Bonnie Guyer at 766-0145 if you plan on attending and/or need transportation.



## Stewardship

As you read this article, we are already half way through 2015. I hope you are looking forward each week to the Stewardship Seconds, in order to hear about how our unified budget supports the various types of ministries that have become so important to FUMC's goals and objectives. I want to thank all of the church leaders who have presented the Stewardship Seconds each service, each week. As you will continue to hear each Sunday, FUMC has great plans (and needs) for our offerings, above and beyond the "normal" giving levels. Our total budgeted shortfall is estimated to be about \$50,000 (about 5-6%). If we can make-up this deficit during 2015, we can continue to provide (or expand) the church ministries and missions.



Whether it is a birthday, an anniversary, or Christmas, giving presents has become a special part of any celebration. And at some point in our lives, most of us recognize that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive. What a wonderful experience it is to provide a loved one with a special treat and see their joy and happiness. In 2 Corinthians (chapter 9), Paul discusses gift giving with the young church in Corinth. He wants the church members to give out of generosity, not out of obligation. In verse 7, he says, "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER". Whether it is our money, our time, our expertise, or our love, what a great joy it is to give. God doesn't need our money, but he does want our heart.

During July's "Stewardship Seconds", we will concentrate on the church facilities, and all that goes into providing us with the beautiful church building, where we worship each week. With all the various church ministries, outside organizations that use the facilities, the multi-purpose room, the kitchen, the Little Friends Nursery School, and the Juniper Tree Counseling services, our church is used just about every day of the year. A large portion of our annual budget goes towards support, maintenance and upkeep of the church building. The care of the church assets is under the control of the Trustees. Along with the Facilities Manager, they review, monitor and control the costs related to the church buildings. Utilities, maintenance, janitorial costs, service contracts, snow removal, security, and insurance are just a part of their day to day operational costs. When you consider long term costs, such as roof repairs, stain glass window maintenance, and upkeep of the organ and sound systems, it keeps the Facilities Manager and Trustees quite busy. During July, be sure to listen and watch as we water and nourish the "Facilities' Root". If we have roots "**Grounded in Faith**", we will be able to "**Grow to Serve**".

## Finance

Through May 31, 2015  
42% of year

### General Fund

2015 budget	\$ 875,000	
Expected income	\$ 367,500	
Actual income	\$ 359,630	(41% of budget)
Deficit	\$ 7,870	
Actual expenses	\$ 343,165	
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 3,660	
<b>Legacy Campaign</b>	\$ 1,790	

Through the "stewardship seconds" each worship service, we have been highlighting the various ministries carried out through First Church as part of our Grounded in Faith...Growing to Serve stewardship program. Please consider making extra gifts to the church in support of these ministries.

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.

## Worship

Sunday Morning  
Worship Services

8:15 am &

10:45 am

Sunday School

9:30 am

Anchor Worship  
Sunday Evenings @ 7:00 pm



**The 4th Sunday at 4:00...**

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

### Holy Communion

Bimonthly Communion

8/2/15

Pew Service

World Communion

10/4/15

Loaves and Chalice

First Sunday in Advent

11/29/15

Pew Service

Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00

12/24/15

Loaves and Chalice

Note: Gluten-free bread available in the center of the bread plates.

### Summer Sermon Series ~ “Building a Community in Christ”

As your new pastor, I am excited to begin building a community in Christ with you. Before beginning to build anything, whether it’s a swing set in the back yard, a house, or a high rise office center, it’s important to for the builders first to study the instructions provided by those who designed the project. The plans specify the materials and tools needed, as well as, how to put the whole thing together. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians gives us instructions for building a strong, healthy community where everyone can experience the powerful love of Jesus and be prepared to meet the challenges of living in a stormy world.

During the months of July and August, I invite you to join Pastor Dave and me in worship as we immerse ourselves in the instructions found in Ephesians for building a community in Christ:

July 5	Pastor Denny	Ephesians 1:1-2	“What Are <b>We</b> Doing <i>Here</i> ?”
July 12	Pastor Denny	Ephesians 1:3-14	“It’s All about Jesus”
July 19	Pastor Denny	Ephesians 2:11-22	“All Are Welcome Here”
July 26	Pastor Dave	Ephesians 3:14-21	“Together On Our Knees”
August 2	Pastor Denny	Ephesians 4:1-16	“Many Gifts, One Spirit”
August 9	Pastor Denny	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	“Transformed in Christ”
August 16	Pastor Denny	Ephesians 5:15-20	“A Melody in Our Hearts”
August 23	Pastor Denny	Ephesians 6:10-20	“Equipped With God’s Armor”

See you in church!

Pastor Denny

### Why Wear a NameTag in Church?

When large groups of people get together where there are potential new faces, name tags help to break the ice and with Pastor Keller and his wife, Betsy, arriving in July, just imagine how overwhelming it will be for him to learn everyone’s name!

Name tags invite people to greet one another and help newcomers to get to know people more easily. Think about it: How many relationships are you missing out on because you don’t know someone’s name? So let’s get in the habit of wearing our name tags! Check your mailbox... If you don’t have a name tag please email [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call Tina Eaton at 766-4611, extension 104.



## Music

### Sunday School Orchestra Revival

Instrumentalists are needed to participate in an orchestra to accompany a hymn sing-a-long during the Sunday School hour on July 12th. All instruments, all ages are encouraged to participate.

First Church maintained a Sunday School orchestra from the 1890's until the opening exercises were discontinued about 10 years ago. While we don't expect some of the original members to participate, we do want many instrumentalists -- particularly the youth -- to participate.

Please contact Tom Mullikin at 766-4052, or [towenm@aol.com](mailto:towenm@aol.com) if you can participate, so that appropriate music can be made available.

## Missions

### 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 July 15 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at 697-0933 or [eeking@verizon.net](mailto:eeking@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 221 pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of \$12,529.70.



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

### Backyard Missions



Are you handy around the house, around the yard or around a car? Do you have a spirit of helping others? Than this is the place for you. Backyard Missions receives call from members of the community and congregation for all types of assistance and help is always needed. Below is a list of basic skill but the only required skill is a heart of service. Please consider joining this outreach mission. Check all skills that apply and list any other specific skills. Return this form to John Bowen.

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|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking    | <input type="checkbox"/> Planting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mowing            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weeding    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Gutters | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoveling         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive Repair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welding    | <input type="checkbox"/> Drywall          | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting          |

Specific skills? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

*"serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1 Peter*

## Adult Ministry

### “Go and Make Disciples” ~ Summer Sunday School 2015

This summer join us as we focus on Matthew 28:19, which tells us that, as followers of Jesus, we are each called to go and make disciples... and not just here, but in all nations! How are the people of First Church doing this? The ways are endless!

Combined Adult Summer Sunday School, held from 9:30 – 10:30 am, will begin on July 12 and will run through September 6. It is held in the Multi-Purpose room. Children and youth are also invited to attend. Come to actively participate, gain new experiences and discover or rediscover your calling to teach and show others the love of Christ.

Date	Ministry/Mission Topic	Associated Activity	Brought to You By:
July 12	Sunday School “Sing-a-Long” for All Ages <i>(Note: This event is being held in the Adult Sunday School Classroom)</i>	In Colossians 3:16-17 Paul instructs, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God”, so come to raise your voice in song to glorify God!	The Music Department
July 19	To Be Determined		
July 26	To Be Determined		
Aug. 2	Neighborhood Outreach	What is First Church doing to reach out to the neighbors that live right around us? Come to find out and make school kits for Mechanicsburg children.	United Methodist Women
Aug. 9	Adult Mission Trip: Dominican Republic	Come to hear all about the people served through ministry with children, a building project and our medical clinic provided in Cristobal, D.R.	Mission Trip Team
Aug. 16	Youth Mission Trip: Taylorsville, NC	Catch up on the adventures of our Youth and their leaders as they share their stories of service and blessings in North Carolina.	Mission Trip Team
Aug. 23	Special Rejoicing Spirits Worship Opportunity	1 Corinthians 12:25 tells us that “there should be no division in the body... that its parts should have equal concern for each other”. Come to enrich your faith and the faith of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as you enjoy a Rejoicing Spirits worship experience together!	Rejoicing Spirits Worship Team
Aug. 30	Mission Central	Hear about how Mission Central is helping both in our neighborhood and around the world! Also participate if preparing a kit to be used by a family in need.	Children’s/Adult Departments, Guest Speaker from Mission Central
Sept. 6	Sticky Bun Sunday	Bring your favorite sticky buns to share and stay to enjoy fellowship and check out small group/Bible study resources that you may want to use with your group for the fall.	Adult Department

*Don’t forget to join us for “Kick-off” Sunday on September 13! Regular Sunday School classes will begin meeting that morning at 9:30 am (look in the September 13 bulletin for more information). The church picnic will be held at the Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion at 3:30 pm that afternoon and outdoor worship will be held at the picnic at 6 pm.*

## Children's Department

**Children's Department Newsletter-** Are you receiving the Children's Department Newsletter by email? If not, contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado to provide your email address so you can receive this information packed Newsletter!

## Youth

**Impact 2015**

**July 29 – August 2**

**Sign up Today!**

Registration forms are now available for this summer camping experience. While this is an event aimed primarily at youth aged students, it is also very family friendly. We have had families attending since before their kids were youth and helped instill in them a lifelong love for Impact being a staple to their summer routine. Many college students return year after year to be a part of the Impact experience. The best part: you can come for part or all of Impact! Check out the promo video on [www.snylm.com](http://www.snylm.com) to learn more about this spiritually rich camping adventure and considering being a part of this faith filled event. Registration forms are online at [www.fumchurch.com](http://www.fumchurch.com) under the "youth" tab labeled "events and activities" and by the camping display in the main lobby.

Looking for information about the happenings of the youth department? Don't miss out on all that is going on. Make sure to send an email to [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com) to be included on our email distribution list. Also, check the weekly bulletin announcements for the most up-to-date information.

## Camping

### July & August Campers & Staff



July 12-17  
Kinsey Coomes

July 19-24  
Julianne LaPointe  
Lauren LaPointe

July 26-31  
Antonio DeJesus  
Heriberto Soto  
Yashira Soto

August 2-7  
Adam Moyer



July 5-10  
Chantal Coulson

July 8-10  
Kevin Knott  
Trent Yatsky

July 16-18  
Caden Warner  
Deborah Karns  
Donald Karns  
Evan Warner

July 19-23  
Anne Luley  
Becky Gongloff  
Philip Reed  
Shelley Peterman



July 5-10  
Alexa Deckert  
Emma Cornelius  
Lonni Cornelius



July 5-11  
Cate Farber



July 19-24  
Jenna Bohrer  
Nathan Hurley  
Noah Delong  
Zack Schroeder  
Aiden Delong  
Heather Bohrer  
Jackson Stough

## Health & Wellness

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### Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood!

Here are the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank blood drive donations for July

July 7, 3-7pm	Denny's	5505 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
July 10, 8am-7pm	Fox Center	120 S. Filbert Street, Mechanicsburg
July 11, 9am-2pm	Bowmansdale Church of God	101 E. Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg
July 12, 9am-2pm	New Kingston Fire Dept.	277 N. Locust Point Road, Mechanicsburg
July 15, 12pm-4pm	West Shore Hospital	2015 Technology Center, Mechanicsburg
July 20, 3-6pm	Brenner Nissan	6271 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
July 27, 3pm-7pm	Park Inn	5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
July 29, 2pm-5:30pm	Pinnacle Health	1 Trinity Drive, Dillsburg
July 29, 10am-4pm	Bethany Village	5225 Wilson Lane, Mechanicsburg

## Library

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It's a beautiful summer day, and I enjoy sitting on my porch, preferably with a book. With Fourth of July right around the corner, I was thinking of the country's unique heritage. Many of the library's favorite writers use history as a backdrop and weave interesting historical facts into fictional plots. The "Old West" and frontier times fascinate not only Americans, but Western films and television shows have made it a popular genre all over the world. So in honor of our heritage, I want to spotlight some historical fiction.

Margaret Brownley's most recent series is about the famed Pinkerton detectives and how counter to the culture of the time, women were working successfully in a man's world. First in the *Undercover Ladies* series is **Petticoat Detective**. Operative Jayne Lynn has been hoping for a high profile case, but when it involves going undercover as a lady companion, she finds herself at a disadvantage, knowing nothing about being a companion. Living in a boarding house and on the trail of the Gunnysack Bandit, Jayne is first on the scene when one of the other lady boarders is murdered. I don't want to give away too much of the plot, but I will tell you many of the reviewers mentioned not only was this a realistic view of the West, but was lightened up with good humor and memorable characters.

The second book, **Undercover Bride**, explores the mail order bride practice of the time (just a forerunner of Match.com). Maggie Cartwright is undercover to find out if widower Garrett Thomas is the Whistle-stop Bandit. Of course, she wonders if such a gentleman with two adorable children could be capable of any crime. With the wedding clock ticking, she has to clear his name or arrest him before she winds up marrying him. You'll still be reading this as the fireflies twinkle over the porch.

If this fun Western genre is not for you, stop in the library and check out our many new Amish, contemporary, or mystery books. The library has non-stop new books for every reader. This is a great library for teens, too!

On August 15<sup>th</sup> the library will be having their annual sale in conjunction with the UMW yard sale. We are accepting gently used adult or children's books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles. Just leave them in our green bin or stop in the library to arrange a drop off date. We will be accepting donations until August 10<sup>th</sup>. After you have cleaned your shelves, join us to refill them for the winter.

See you in the library!

*Pam and Donna*





**FUM Circles**

*New Members are always welcome!*

**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

**UMW 2015 Calendar**

All women are invited to join any of these events!

- July 9 Mission u Sampler Day
- July 10-12 Mission u at Bucknell University.  
Social Issue: the Church and People with Disabilities.  
Contact Lori Hoffnagle for brochure.
- August 15 Yard, Book and Bake Sale, church parking lot
- October 3 Harrisburg District Annual Day, Tower City
- October 17 Susquehanna Conference Annual Day, Kingston
- November 22 World Thank Offering and Mission Meal

Please contact Lori Hoffnagle with any questions about the above events.

**UMW YARD SALE, Bake Sale and Book Sale**

On Saturday, August 15, the United Methodist Women will once again be hosting a yard sale in the church parking lot. Each spacious spot is still the low price of \$10 and sign up is first come first serve. The sale will run from 8 am to 1 pm. The UMW will have delicious baked goods for sale and the Church Library will be offering great bargains on books. **Contact** Donna Nichols at 249-9477 or [djnichols43@hotmail.com](mailto:djnichols43@hotmail.com) to reserve your spot. Also, contact Donna if you want to donate items for the UMW to sell.

Once again, as an outreach to the community, we will be giving away school supplies to visitors with children. We are asking the congregation to donate supplies for this project. The collection bin will be in place by **July 5**. Please bring the following items: small box of crayons, pencils, erasers, blunt scissors and glue sticks.

Thanks in advance. Whether you are buying or selling, it will be a day of bargains and fun in the parking lot!



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

Money raised from your donations helps local schools, churches and other non profit charitable organizations, as well as FUMC's UMW.

## Facilities

The work on readying the new church parsonage at 524 Colony Road in Camp Hill was completed in time for Pastor Keller and his wife, Betsy, to move in the first week of June. The interior of the parsonage looks absolutely fabulous, thanks primarily to the painting duo of Judi Buddenbaum and Marcia Espenshade and the decorating eyes of Amy Erno and Becky Orsinger. Thank you to everyone who worked to get the parsonage ready for the Kellers, with a special thanks to Bob Taylor for mowing the yard from the time we purchased the home until the Kellers moved in. There are still some exterior landscaping issues on our punch list, and we hope to wrap them up in the near term.

At their June meeting, the Trustees approved the final design plan of Matthew Canonizado's Eagle Scout project for creating a prayer garden on the east side of the church near King Alley. Matthew has to present his plan before the Keystone Area Council Eagle Scout Review Board for final approval before the work can begin. His design includes replacement of the weeping cherry tree we had to recently remove, as well as benches, a cross, and some tasteful, low maintenance plantings. We are excited for Matthew's efforts and anxiously await the fruition of his vision.

By the time you read this, I am hopeful that the asbestos remediation efforts in the lower level will be completed and the drywall repairs, cove molding installation, and painting efforts to restore the areas affected by last fall's sewage pump malfunction will be well under way. The Trustees and I will be very glad when this initiative is in our rear view mirror.

Thanks also this month to Helen Kane for her efforts in sprucing up the flower beds near the office entrance, and to Michael Garman for his ongoing efforts to beautify the flower beds along the Frederick Street side of the church. The flowers, especially the different varieties and colors of lilies, are breathtaking. Well done, good and faithful servants!

The list of "to do" projects around First Church hasn't gotten any shorter in the last month. We are trying to address them as quickly as possible, as well as repair or replace new items that keep getting added to our list. Please be sure to let me know if you see something broken or have an idea for improving our church facility. I greatly appreciate your help in identifying problems as they occur so they can be addressed before they become major issues. Thank you.

Roger Walton, Facilities Manager

## Communications



**Check out our redesigned website!**

**Go to [www.fumchurch.com](http://www.fumchurch.com)**

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**Editor:** Kristin Brown

The **August** newsletter deadline is **July 15**.

All submissions should be received in the church office on or **before** this date.

**Early submissions are always welcome!**

## Church News and Notes

*Thank you to the Backyard Missions Team for providing much needed yard work around our home.*

*Rev. Buddy Miller*

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*I want to sincerely thank members of First Church for your prayers, cards and gifts of flowers and food received during my recent surgery and ongoing recuperation. Special thanks to Dr. Reed for his visits and for giving me communion and to Pastor Mike for his concern and phone calls during this time. Thank you all so much. Love to all.*

*Pat Hutter*

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*I want to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during the last few months. We said goodbye to our Mom on June 6 after 3 stays in Holy Spirit Hospital and 2 stays at Vibralife. She can breathe easy with no broken bones now.*

*Sandy Walton*

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*I would like to thank First Church for their prayers, visitation, flowers, cards and meals during my recent illness. It was very much appreciated.*

*Janet Baker*

### **Love & sympathy...**

- to the family upon the death of Bob Buxton's wife, Betsy Williams/Buxton, on May 24, 2015.
- to the family upon the death of Paul Cramer on June 6, 2015.
- to the family upon the death of Sandy Walton's mother, Joann Stoner, on June 6, 2015.
- to the family upon the death of George Canonizado's grandmother on June 6, 2015.

### **Special Birthdays**

- Bernadine Florey .....July 2
- Bill Kelly .....July 3
- Mildred Neagley .....July 6
- Veloice Washburn.....July 6
- Glenn Heller .....July 7
- Gladys Peck .....July 14
- Ruth Birbeck.....July 19
- Jack Koser.....July 22
- Harry Woods .....July 27
- Jean Adams .....July 28
- Lincoln Washburn .....July 29
- Betty Etter.....July 30
- Grace Koser.....August 2
- Jane Heller.....August 3
- Helen Kelly .....August 10
- Doris Sweger .....August 11
- Pauline Trace .....August 12
- Lois Morland .....August 16
- Jo Barth .....August 27
- Victor Norris .....August 29

### **Special Anniversaries**

- ♥ Ron & Jane Handwerk married 54 years on July 8
- ♥ George & Jayne Carpenter married 57 years on July 19
- ♥ Ben & Carol Miller married 57 years on July 20
- ♥ Gary & Bonnie Klinger married 50 years on July 24
- ♥ Don & Barb Shover married 57 years on August 2
- ♥ Ike & Nancy Bomboy married 73 years on August 15
- ♥ John & Dolores Shell married 61 years on August 15
- ♥ Jim & Joyce Parfet married 52 years on August 18
- ♥ Les & Ruth Reed married 71 years on August 23
- ♥ Harry & Joyce Woods married 62 years on August 23
- ♥ Gerry & Pat Sheely married 57 years on August 24

### **Congratulations**

- to Ian & Christina (Kerr) Leister on their marriage on June 20, 2015
- to Dan & Amber (Swartley) Robinson on their marriage on June 20, 2015
- to Drew & Kristen Strumsky on the birth of their son, Grayson Gabriel Strumsky, on June 4. Proud first time grandparents are Stan & Jill Strumsky.

## Church Staff

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PASTOR

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR\*

Rev. Dr. David Reed

YOUTH PASTOR

Lisa Aronson

ADULT MINISTRIES\*

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