



# First News First

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## First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg

### From the Pastor

"Love *Anyway* and Love *Everyone*"

*"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear..."* (I John 4:18a)

The other day as I waited at a stop light in downtown Mechanicsburg, I saw a little girl with a backpack just like the one our 4-year-old granddaughter Chloe has. It's bright purple, with the characters Elsa and Anna on it, from the popular Disney animated movie, "Frozen." As she walked by my stopped car, holding her mother's hand, I noticed that her mom was carrying an infant, about the age of our new granddaughter, Lilah. Mom was wearing a long, ankle length dress. Her head was covered with a bright red hijab scarf, a sign of her Islamic faith. From under the scarf, she was smiling, obviously enjoying her little ones.

As the light changed, and I pulled away, I thought about how grateful I am to live in a country that values religious freedom. I said a prayer that this young mom and her children, like our own family, would enjoy health and happiness. Too many people these days react with fear and even hostility toward those who are different from them.

Following the recent terrorist attacks by Muslim extremists in Paris and San Bernardino, I heard a report on the radio about the bullying of Muslim women wearing hijabs. It's happening in cities around the country. One of the women said that a man pulled up alongside of her car at a traffic light. He rolled down his window and yelled, "Terrorist! Go home!" Another said that her husband doesn't want her to wear her hijab in public anymore. He is afraid for her safety. A life-long Muslim, she is heartbroken at the thought of denying her faith.

There are plenty of reasons to be afraid these days. ISIS and homegrown terrorism are among them. However, just because a few extreme members of a religious or ethnic group commit senseless acts of violence, it does not mean that we ought to be suspicious of everyone that is different from us. In this culture of fear and mistrust, we who represent Jesus in our community are called to bear witness to his way of love.

In his three New Testament letters, the apostle John calls us repeatedly to love one another. Then he explains, *"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear..."* (I John 4:18a) According to John, the opposite of love is not hate; it's fear. Fear puts up barriers. Love tears them down. Fear looks at others with suspicion. Love looks at others as God's children. Fear hides and keeps a distance. Love comes out in the open and builds relationships with others.

As we move into 2016, I am grateful to be part of a loving Christian community at First Church. My prayer is that love will be palpable in our life together and in the ways we reach out to all of our neighbors. Whatever the New

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#### Dates to Remember

- Jan 3 .....Communion
- Jan 11 .....Sierra Leone Mission Trip
- Jan 20 .....Grocery Bagging
- Jan 24 .....Rejoicing Spirits
- Jan 30 .....Soupy Saturday
- Feb 5-7 .....Women's Retreat
- Feb 10 .....Ash Wednesday
- Feb 16 .....Senior Fellowship
- Feb 17 .....Grocery Bagging
- Feb 27 .....Day of Pampering
- Feb 28 .....Rejoicing Spirits

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Year brings, we should love **anyway** and we should love **everyone**. We need not live in fear, for our God, whose name is Love, reigns!

I cannot thank God enough for you!

Pastor Denny

## Finance

<b>Through November 30, 2015</b>	
<b>92% of year</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
2015 budget	\$ 875,000
Expected income	\$ 805,000
Actual income	\$ 770,387 (88% of budget)
Deficit	\$ 34,613
Actual expenses	\$ 718,571
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 8,200</b>
<b>Legacy Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 3,775</b>

On December 15 the Administrative Board approved a 2016 budget of \$890,000. This is an increase over the current year and is possible because of the great success of the New Consecration Sunday program we undertook this year. We appreciate those who completed an estimate of giving card and who pledged increased amounts.

The complete 2016 budget will be included in the next newsletter.

## Endowment

### There's Still Time to Support the Endowment Fund in 2015

It's not too late to support the First Church Endowment Fund this year!

The Endowment Fund has experienced extraordinary growth in the past year, nearly tripling in value. Late last year, the fund topped \$100,000 for the first time. As of December 10, the balance was \$274,205.

Growth is due in large part to a gift from the estate of Harry Hamsher and his wife, Norma, as well as estate gifts from Janet Miller and Paul Cramer. The fund also grew from the generous cash donations of several First Church members throughout the year.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund last forever. That's because contributions to it are never spent. They are invested to generate income for future use.

You can support the Endowment Fund with a cash contribution now, or a planned gift (e.g., bequest in a will) to be made in the future. All gifts are tax deductible.

If you would like more information on the Endowment Fund, please call or approach Katie Hammaker, Endowment Committee Chairperson, or either of First Church's pastors.

## Worship

Sunday Morning

Worship Services

8:15 am &

10:45 am

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

Covenant Communion	January 3	Pew Service
Ash Wednesday*	February 10	Loaves and Chalice
First Sunday in Lent	February 14	Pew Service
Maundy Thursday	March 24	Pew Service w/ Motzo and Grape Juice
	April 3	Loaves and Chalice
	May 1	Pew Service
	June 5	Loaves and Chalice
	July 3	Pew Service
	August 7	Loaves and Chalice
	September 4	Pew Service
World Communion	October 2	Loaves and Chalice
First Sunday in Advent	November 27	Pew Service
Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00	December 24	Loaves and Chalice

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

## Music

### Ringling In the News

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Bell Concert at the Fredrickson Library. We also appreciate your support for the past few months by eating at the various restaurants that have hosted us and buying sandwiches and pies. Without your help we would not be able to attend the conferences and festivals that we do, which not only help us improve our ringing techniques, but keep us enthusiastic as we continue ringing together. Kathie is starting her 25<sup>th</sup> year as our bell choir director!

In January, the choirs begin rehearsals for three different events. The Vancouver Choir begins rehearsals for the International Symposium to be held in July. In addition, two groups of ringers will be preparing music for one day Festival events; Lancaster in March and another in State College in April. Of course, our two choirs will continue to play in church each month.

We have some additional fundraisers for the New Year. Join us “eating out” Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at Friendlys in Camp Hill, and Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hosses in Mechanicsburg. You can eat anytime from 11am – 9 pm those days. Watch your bulletin for a voucher to take with you so that we receive credit for your visit. For those of you that enjoy our pies, we will be making them again (cherry and apple) on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be taken starting in January.

## 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 January 20 at 6 pm and/or February 17 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at 697-0933 or [eking@verizon.net](mailto:eking@verizon.net) for more information.



### Mission Trip to Sierra Leone

Please keep in prayer the Volunteers In Mission team traveling to Sierra Leone January 11-24. Included in that trip are four members of First Church, Tiffany Holland, Sarah Jones, Mike Myers and Kristin Brown. They will be visiting partner churches of the Sierra Leone Initiative, including Calvary, Taiama, and projects supported by Susquehanna Conference churches as part of the Initiative.

## Congregational Care

### Soupy Saturday Make 'n Take – Saturday, January 30, beginning at 9am

If you enjoy cooking, please join us in the church kitchen to fellowship while we cook-up some delicious soup and muffins to share with a friend, neighbor, or homebound church member.

Questions? Contact - Janice Bowen [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) - 766-4611 x112

### Senior Fellowship – Tuesday, February 16, 1-3 p.m.

All senior members are invited to come enjoy a casual time of fellowship, BINGO, and light refreshments in the Guyer class space just beyond the church library.

Please contact Janice Bowen (766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for more information.

### Bicycle Bonanza! – Saturday, May 7      Save the Date and Save Your Bikes

The Mary Circle is making plans for a fun morning to promote biking joyfully and safely!

- \*Learn more about LifeCycle in Carlisle.
- \*Donate unwanted bikes in any condition to LifeCycle.
- \*Bring your bike to decorate!
- \*Learn simple bike repairs, and bring your bike along if it needs minor repairs.
- \*Find information on local bike trails.
- \*And More to Come!



### Time for Cookies!

“A Big THANK YOU to all the wonderful Cookie Bakers who contributed delicious cookies for our special events in December!!” ~ Janice Bowen, Congregational Care

## Adult Ministry

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### Reflections for Lent—2016

If you have been studying “A Disciple’s Path” with your Sunday School class or small group you have encountered the SOAP (also called SOAPY) method of scripture study and prayer. In 2016 we are going to apply this method to our annual “Reflections for Lent” devotional booklet. SOAP stands for Scripture, Observation, Application and Prayer (in which you Yield to God’s will). Here’s how it works:

- **Scripture:** Write down the scripture you have chosen to reflect on for the day.
- **Observation:** Write down what you believe the scripture says to you. What has the Lord impressed on you as a lesson?
- **Application:** Reflect on your observation and write what God has revealed to you personally about how this lesson applies to your life.
- **Prayer:** Write a prayer to God concerning this lesson and your life. Also write what you must yield in your life for this lesson to take hold in your life.

Here is an example (taken from “A Disciple’s Path” workbook):

- **Scripture:** Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Luke 11:34
- **Observation:** What I read determines the kind of light or darkness which will fill my mind and my body. I become what I think.
- **Application:** As I read this I became more aware that starting each day with scripture is important for me. If I begin my day with reading God’s Word then my life will be changed to become more like Jesus as the readings shape my heart. If I miss a morning I feel a loss and a small amount of darkness comes into my life. The Word of God brings light into my life and makes me more useful to God.
- **Prayer:** Father, thank you for the gift of your Word. Thank you also for the light it brings into my mind and body as you teach and encourage me each day. I will not skip a day of this discipline because I need your light in my heart, mind and body. Amen.

We welcome your participation with gratitude! Your reflection will strengthen your faith and the faith of others, plus it will bring glory to God! Please contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call her at 766-4611 to sign up. You can also write your name on the sign-up sheet located in the main lobby on the Adult Ministries table.

The format of your personal devotional should be:

1. Brief Title
2. Scripture – Just a short passage
3. Observation – 2 or 3 sentences
4. Application – about 5 sentences
5. Prayer – 2 or 3 sentences
6. Your Name

Reflections are due by Sunday, January 10, 2016. Please email your document to [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com). If you do not have access to email, please place a hard copy of your reflection in an envelope marked “Reflection for Lent” and place it in Tina Eaton’s mailbox.

## Adult Ministry

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### Bible Studies

We have several Bible studies that you are welcome to join this winter. If you are interested in any of the following please contact the person listed below:

#### Men's Inductive Bible Study - Book of Leviticus

Do you long to immerse yourself in God's Word, but need a study that matches your busy lifestyle? This class is for you! Class begins meeting in January ~ Sunday evenings 6:00 – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Contact Ken Guise for more details at [kguise@knouse.com](mailto:kguise@knouse.com)

#### Bible Study with Pastor Denny – Book of Daniel

Come to learn from our Senior Pastor and enjoy group discussions. Class begins meeting in January ~ Wednesday evenings 7:00 – 8:00 pm in room 207. Contact Pastor Denny for more details at [pastordenny@fumchurch.com](mailto:pastordenny@fumchurch.com) or call 766-4611

#### Women's/Men's Inductive Bible Study - Winter/Spring, Topic to be Determined

Are you ready for an in-depth study using an easy-to-follow format that helps you to discover God's truth for yourself? Then you are ready for this class! Classes will begin meeting mid to late February ~ Thursday mornings 9:00 – 11:00 am OR Thursday evenings 6:45 – 8:45 pm in Fellowship Hall Contact Juanita Guise for more details at [kguise@comcast.net](mailto:kguise@comcast.net)

### All-Church Small Group Studies

During Lent we will be offering an all-church small group study, which will be based on our upcoming sermon series on the **Lord's Prayer**. Keep your eyes open for a display in the main lobby in January, where you will find more details and small group sign-up sheets. This study will begin with the first sermon on February 14.

## Youth

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### What's happening in the youth department?

Well the holidays are over, the tree is away and we have started a new year. The youth department would like to thank you for all the support you have given us this year. December was a busy month and we want to thank you for support at the 4th Annual Cookie Walk as well as supporting us by visiting The Starlight Diner at Night in Bethlehem. These events would not be a success without you. All monies raised at those events will go to our summer mission trip.

The youth year starts out with our weekend trip to Altoona to attend Zeteo. Zeteo is a three day event put on by Salt n Light Youth Ministry. Zeteo is Greek for “to seek in order to find”. During the weekend students and adults participate in workshops, watch dramas and worship. If you'd like more information ask a youth who's been there. It has become a favorite of youth and adults alike.

February brings us to our battleball tournament at Messiah college. In the fall we were able battle our way to second place. This year were going for first. If you'd like more information check out the church website.

## More Children/Youth

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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.

**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!

## Library

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As I write this library article, the Christmas rush is still in full swing. But by the time you read this, all the advertising headlines will begin with "new" and sometimes "new and improved". That could be said of our library as we are always adding new books. For some of you that would describe the library in a nutshell. I am constantly surprised by the number of people that don't know about the library or what a treasure it is in our church. Not only do we offer the latest and best in Christian fiction, but our library also offers a comfy room to read or browse the shelves. Someone is on duty to look things up in the computer or help you find the genre for which you are looking. We offer extended checkouts and grace periods if you are late returning your book. You can also turn your teenager loose in the library as quality romance, mystery and other genres are available without explicit language or settings.

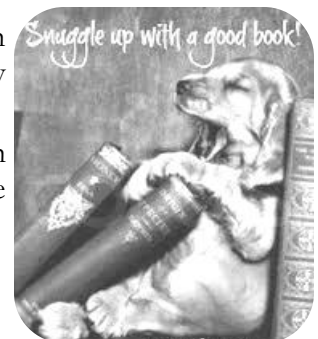
The new author in the library is Lis Wiehl whom you might recognize as a Fox News channel consultant. I have tried to read Ms. Wiehl's books for several years, but was put off by some of the super natural elements to her books. Her new *Mia Quinn Trilogy* mysteries have renewed my interest in her. Mia Quinn works in the prosecutors' office, is a single mother and a widow of a murder victim. Interwoven in the mysteries are situations that many families face every day. Just trying to hold down a high pressure job and keep the family as a priority will resound with most working parents. In the first book, **A Matter of Trust**, Mia is on the phone with a colleague when the woman is shot and dies while Mia listens in horror. Reluctantly Mia teams up with police detective Charlie Coulson to solve the murder. Second in the trilogy is **Deadly Business** which is packed from page one to the very end with action and suspense. If her work prosecuting violent criminals is not enough, Detective Coulson comes to Mia with evidence that her husband's recent death might not have been an accident. But will finding out the truth put her whole family in danger? **Lethal Beauty** concludes the series. The story is gritty with the death of a prostitute, the discovery of a Chinese human trafficking ring and the terrible discovery that Mia's own son is dabbling in steroid drugs. It will keep you reading well past your bed time. The extra plus is maybe Detective Coulson wants to move beyond friend status? Is Mia ready for all of this chaos? I will let you find out.

This is just one of the fine new series on the shelf. If you prefer Amish literature or romances or some other genre, come in and let us show you how to find your favorites.

Thanks to everyone that supported our mini book sale in November with either donations or purchases. Watch for new books purchased from the profits in 2016.

See you in the library.

Pam & Donna



## Women's Ministry

### 2016 Women's Retreat February 5-7

“Come to Our Senses: Fully Engaged  
in Our Pursuit of Christ”

Join us for a weekend filled  
with fellowship, fun, food and faith!  
Program starts on Friday evening and  
concludes on Sunday at noon.

Hotel-like accommodations and 4 meals included.

Facilitators include Juanita Guise and Lisa Aronson



Please make checks payable to **FUMC** with 'women's retreat' in the memo section. Registrations may be mailed to Patti Herring at 613 Lavina Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055 or can be placed in the **Scrip Box** near the coffee area. (Please do not place checks in her mailbox). Questions, call Patti Herring at 795-9721 or email at [familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net). Details will be sent closer to the retreat date.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or diet restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee is \$125. Fees include two-night stay (3 to 4 per room) and 4 meals. Handicapped accessible rooms. **All registrations are due by 1/17/2016.**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 registration enclosed (if paying after 12/31/15)

Is this your first retreat? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Special Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

A limited number of scholarships are available. Contact Patti Herring for more information

## Men's Ministry

### Save the Date

Men's Retreat for 2016 is scheduled for March 4-6th and we'd like for you to put it on your calendar. Consider joining us at Wesley Forest this year for what is always a valuable time away. The beautiful camp is the perfect place to seek rest and build relationships with the men you see in church each Sunday, but haven't really gotten to know. There is so much more to gain in our faith walk by getting away for these 2 nights and I encourage each man who's reading this to seek more than what you have right now.

Reverend Ed Zeiders will be our facilitator and we are excited to welcome new men to this annual tradition that enjoys a rich history at FUMC. Be a part of it and you'll be glad you were. Contact John Bowen with any questions at 796-0809 or [bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com).





## FUM Circles

*New Members are always welcome!*

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

Sandy Walton  
790-9131 or  
swalton54@comcast.net  
meets the 2nd Tuesday  
of the month

### MARTHA CIRCLE

Marley Ann Schmick  
697-2233  
meets the 1st Tuesday  
of the month

### MARY CIRCLE

Janice Bowen  
796-0809 or  
jjgbowen@yahoo.com  
meets the 4th Monday  
of the month

### RUTH CIRCLE

Beryl Morgan  
697-3554  
meets the 1st  
Wednesday of the  
month

### 2016 Events:

- February 5 to 7** Women's Retreat, Mt. Asbury Retreat Center
- April 9** UMW Baby Shower
- May 7** Bike Extravaganza
- June** Lunch and Learn
- August 20** Bake Sale and Yard Sale
- November 20** World Thank Offering



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.

## Health & Wellness

### January Blood Drives

January is critical month for the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. Typically there is a greater need for blood but it is more difficult to get donors due to weather and the holidays. The Health and Wellness committee wants to spread the word by sharing the area January Blood Drive locations. Please consider being a donor! What a great gift to share with someone in need!

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|------------|---------------|--|
| January 5  | 3pm to 7pm    | Denny's Carlisle Pike Mechanicsburg                    |
| January 8  | 8am to 7pm    | Fox Center 120 S. Filbert St. Mechanicsburg            |
| January 11 | 12pm to 5pm   | Bob Ruth Ford Rt. 11/15 Dillsburg                      |
| January 13 | 12pm to 4pm   | Pinnacle Health Fredericksen (West Shore Hospital)     |
| January 15 | 8am to 12pm   | REMCO 195 Hempt Rd. Mechanicsburg                      |
| January 18 | 9am to 4pm    | Messiah College (Hostetter Chapel)                     |
| January 21 | 3pm to 7pm    | Buffalo Wild Wings Carlisle Pike Mechanicsburg         |
| January 24 | 8am to 11am   | Mechanicsburg VFW Pancake Breakfast 4907 Carilsle Pike |
| January 28 | 10am to 4pm   | Bethany Village West Mechanicsburg                     |
| January 28 | 2pm to 5:30pm | Pinnacle Health Dillsburg                              |

## Facilities

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A new year is upon us and that means new opportunities to create a warm, welcoming environment at First Church in Mechanicsburg. We did some great things around the facility in 2015, like completing our stair tread replacement project, restoring the lower level of the building after the sewage pump malfunction late in 2014, replacing the natural gas service line into the building, modernizing three restrooms in the Education wing, making major repairs to the dishwasher, replacing the reach-in refrigerator, painting and reorganizing all of the kitchen cabinets, relamping the sanctuary and the tower hallway, repairing four minor roof leaks, supporting two Eagle Scout service projects, and installing Nightlock Lockdowns on all of the classroom doors used by Little Friends Nursery School during the week. Plus, we purchased a home at 524 Colony Road in Camp Hill in the spring of 2015 to serve as our new church parsonage, and readied it for Pastor Keller and Betsy's arrival as they began their ministry with us on July 1<sup>st</sup>. God has been very good to us, and I thank you for the support you have provided in helping us meet these challenges.

Unfortunately, there isn't any time to sit back and rest on our laurels because keeping this awesome place operational has us scurrying around here every single day. We are still in the process of completing wall repairs on the Frederick Street side of the balcony of the Sunday School auditorium, and then that area will receive a fresh coat of paint. We are exploring options for making the small restroom next to the Guyer Sunday School Class area more "senior friendly", and then that room will also be painted. I'm still looking for a safe way to change out the two spotlights above the choir loft. I need to get busy in finalizing a requirements statement that will lead to the replacement of the control system for our rooftop HVAC units, with the potential also for replacing the pneumatic controls for our boiler system. We are hoping to undertake a paving, resealing, and restriping project in our parking lots once we are confident that we have seen the last of the ground settling in the east lot. We are looking to replace our video surveillance system to improve our security measures around the building. We are also looking to make some video upgrades in the sanctuary and Sunday School auditorium to enhance our worship services. Our winter has been mild so far, but I imagine we'll be seeing some typical winter weather soon that will present its own set of challenges, particularly with regard to our roof. Hopefully we're in good shape facility-wise at the parsonage, but that could quickly change as well.

We really appreciate your ongoing prayers and support. We strive to be faithful stewards of God's great resource here in Mechanicsburg as we continue to spread God's good news to those around us. Thank you.

Roger Walton  
Facilities Manager

## Building Use

As activities within the church start to pick up it becomes even more important to submit building use forms in a timely manner. This will ensure you have the space needed for your activity and allow for adjustments if space is already booked. Building use forms can be found at the end of the first floor office hallway before entering the narthex. Submit forms to the church office.

Also, if your activity is offsite but you would like it to appear on the weekly calendar just submit a building use form. It's a great way to let everyone know about all of the wonderful activities.

## Church News and Notes

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### *Love & sympathy...*

to the family upon the death of Jim Parfet on November 27, 2015.

### *Thank you...*

*Dear Family of God,*

*The family of Bill Higgins would like to thank each and every one of you for your caring for us during the past three months since Bill went home to be with the Lord. Your prayers, thoughts, cards, meals, phone calls, flowers, memorial gifts and other kindnesses will long be remembered and appreciated. We are so blessed to be a part of the LOVE this church shares within and outside the walls of this building. How do you spell love? FUMC! Thank you and may God bless you mightily.*

*Love, Sue & Family*

*Thanks so much to everyone for the prayers, cards and visits we received during Jim's illness and his passing on to his heavenly home, The many kindnesses and caring you showed me and my family were very much appreciated.*

*Joyce Parfet*

### **Special Birthdays**

Bill Henschke.....	January 1	Joanne Ciampa.....	February 6
Winnie Prowell.....	January 7	Les Reed .....	February 8
Ruth Reed .....	January 15	Dottie Zimmerman....	February 26
Richard Reed .....	January 15	Mae Myers .....	February 28
David Coover .....	January 16		
Charles Glessner .....	January 16	Janet Fertenbaugh .....	March 6
Ida Bardell.....	January 21	Sara Meck .....	March 15
Leta Rohlmeier .....	January 23	Art Murray.....	March 16
Dot Souder.....	January 27	Mabel Strock .....	March 28
Margaret Baker.....	January 30	Dave Scholl .....	March 31

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

### **Special Anniversaries**

- ♥ Wesley & Irene Fetrow married 56 years on January 7
- ♥ Larry & Linda Hall married 55 years on February 4
- ♥ Denny & Sally Kauffman married 56 years on February 14
- ♥ Winslow & Caroline Brown married 61 years on February 19
- ♥ Jim & Gail Siemons married 52 years on March 21

## Church Staff

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## PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller

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Rev. Dr. David Reed

## YOUTH PASTOR

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Matthew Miller

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SANCTUARY CHOIR\*

Jody Brinley

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Nicholas Werner

ORGANIST/YOUTH CHOIR/  
SOUNDS OF WORSHIP CHOIR\*

Gail Leinhos

Gail Leinhos

## BELL CHOIRS\*

Kathie Bittenbender

## INVOCATION/JUNIOR CHOIR\*

Allison Ometz

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS\*

Lorette Cale

\*PART-TIME

*FIRST NEWS FIRST***Editor:** Kristin Brown

The **deadline** for submitting articles for the **March**  
issue is **February 15**

**Wanted:**

**Editor for the monthly edition of First News First.**  
**Only qualification is knowledge of or willingness**  
**to learn Microsoft Publisher. Contact Kristin**  
**Brown if interested.**