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From the Pastor

"Radical Hospitality"

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

All my life I have been a church "insider." From the time I was carried into the church nursery as a small child through all of my adulthood, I have been no stranger in church. Whenever I was a new pastor somewhere, the congregation prepared for my arrival long before I got there. During the early months of my appointment as a district superintendent, when no one in a church knew who I was, I had the feel of being a "visitor." But usually, by the end of the service, someone said something, and the bubble burst!

Then, in the summer of 2014, during a renewal leave, Betsy and I intentionally attended churches where we were totally unknown. For three months of Sundays, in nearby churches of various traditions, and in United Methodist Churches far from home, we were total strangers. Of course, we are still "insiders." There was little that was unfamiliar to us in any of the services we attended. Still, being completely unknown made us more sensitive to what it must be like for those who enter a church for the first time.

In some places we visited, we experienced warm hospitality. People were at the doors to welcome us. All around us people smiled and introduced themselves. They didn't smother us, but even before we heard the music or the pastor's preaching, we felt at home. In other places, the people were certainly "friendly" *to each other*. There may have been greeters at the doors, but once inside we were on our own. In the hallways, people walked past us as if we were invisible. During the "passing of the peace" in worship, everyone seemed so anxious to catch up with their friends, ignoring us. The music might have been grand and the preaching inspiring, but we quietly came and left as strangers.

At First Church we are intentional about welcoming everyone. We have "Red Coats" at the entrances and in the hallways. We have a welcome center with a host and helpful information. We have signs and maps and greeters at the sanctuary doors. All of these things promote a positive, welcoming environment around our church.

However, showing hospitality to strangers is not just the job of a few who serve in particular roles on Sunday mornings. *All of us* are responsible to welcome others. Whether you are in the parking lot, the hallway, a classroom, or in the sanctuary, if you see someone who is new to you, smile, extend a hand, tell him or her your name, and listen for a response. Show the same hospitality to

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Dates to Remember

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- Apr 9UMW Baby Shower
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guests at church that you would show guests in your home. Warmly welcome them, just as you were once warmly welcomed here.

Joining you in welcoming *everyone*,

Pastor Denny

Finance

Financial Report

Through February 29, 2016

17% of year

Building Fund \$ 754

Legacy Campaign \$ 745

General Fund

2016 budget	\$ 890,000	
Expected income	\$ 151,300	
Actual income	\$ 138,053	(15% of budget)
Deficit	\$ -13,247	
Actual expenses	\$ 126,940	

Income so far this year has been low. That is a direct result of cancelling church services on the weekend of our huge snow storm. That is a good reason to sign up for electronic giving so that your pledge is always current.

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

Monthly Communion	April 3	Loaves and Chalice
Monthly Communion	May 1	Pew Service
Monthly Communion	June 5	Loaves and Chalice
Monthly Communion	July 3	Pew Service
Monthly Communion	August 7	Loaves and Chalice
Monthly Communion	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

The bell choirs have been busy preparing music for you to enjoy at worship and other venues. A group went to Lancaster to perform with 15 other bell choirs at a mini conference on March 12th. Another group is preparing for a mini conference in State College on April 2nd. Of course the Vancouver group continues to prepare their music for the International Symposium in July.

On **April 17th** at 7pm you can come to our own sanctuary to enjoy a concert by both of our bell choirs. The theme for the evening is **“Having Fun with Handbells”**. Handbells are used for more than sacred music and at a church it is a rare occasion that other than sacred music is heard. Come and hear other things handbells can play as well as some fun sacred music. We also have a surprise guest choir coming – you won’t want to miss them!

The bells are continuing their fundraising efforts with the annual **Spaghetti Dinner** being held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, **April 30th**. Come and join us between 4 and 6:30pm for dinner. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids and under 3 is free. You can get tickets from any bell choir member or at the door. Watch for other events happening later this year.

We want to thank you for all of your past support. Without you none of this would be possible.

Steinway Piano 110th Birthday

Our Steinway piano turned 110 years old in February. According to Steinway company records our piano is a Model D concert grand in ebony finish. It was completed in the New York factory on February 15, 1906 and sold to Mrs. Joseph A. Stillman, 19 East 72nd Street, in New York City on December 20, 1906. This address still exists and is one block off Central Park in Manhattan. The piano was then sold to N. Stetson & Co., in Philadelphia, PA, on March 24, 1911. Somehow this 9 foot piano found its way to Mechanicsburg, owned by two maiden sisters. After their death it was put up for auction. A number of persons were interested in acquiring the piano. In talking with some long time members, someone from First Church won the bidding (some say for \$100, another thought it was \$125). In any event, the piano was then placed in the church. Bill Dietz provided the information about the two sisters and he recalls that his father (who was the organist at First Church) and Dave Coover’s father were instrumental (no pun intended) in getting the piano to the church. Ed Stansfield recalls the piano being in the church during the 1930s. Model D is the largest grand piano Steinway manufactures and is considered the “Cadillac” of pianos.

A new Steinway model D today would cost approximately \$150,000. I found one similar to ours (model D, 120 years old) for sale for \$175,000. We need to maintain an ongoing respect for this valuable treasure. We are fortunate to own such a prized instrument allowing us to praise our Lord and God in fine style.

Tom Mullikin

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 April 20 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at 697-0933 or eeeking@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 650 pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of \$12,579.13.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!

New Hope Ministries

Walk for Hope -A Benefit for New Hope Ministries will be held Sunday, April 17th. You are invited to join the First Church Team and walk with us at Hampden Park at 2:00 pm. Thank you for helping to fight hunger and poverty in our community. Your support for this event is so appreciated. God Bless You, Debbie and Don Karns

Sierra Leone Guest Speaker

Mark your calendars, tie a string around your finger & set your alarm...whatever it takes to make sure you don't miss the opportunity to meet and greet Phileas Jusu, our guest from Sierra Leone on Sunday May 1st. Phileas will be speaking in the multi purpose room during the Sunday school hour. The Missions Team of First Church is pleased to host a fellow Missioner for Christ!

Mr. Phileas Jusu, Communications Director for the Sierra Leone Conference joins us for Sunday morning worship on May 1. Information sharing during the Sunday school hour includes the Sierra Leone Initiative and how our partnership keeps UM pastors in full time ministry, an Ebola update, and recommitment to the Sierra Leone pastors and parishes.

Please plan to join us and show your support for the Sierra Leone Initiative and God's powerful work with our brothers and sisters from this amazing continent.

God Bless you all, The Missions Team

Mission Opportunity

Interested in going on a mission trip this summer helping others but not ready to travel to distant places or halfway around the globe to do so? The Volunteers in Mission arm of the Susquehanna Conference is headed back to Clearfield County, PA from Sunday, June 19th through Friday, June 24th to help the residents of the Allport-Bigler-Woodland area (about 2.5 hours from Mechanicsburg). Rev. Jeff Fisher of Calvary UMC in Harrisburg will be leading the group on this fifth annual workcamp where we will provide a faithful witness to Jesus Christ while serving the elderly, homebound and economically struggling members of these communities. This will be my fourth year as part of the group, and I am really looking forward to once again helping those in need. The cost for the week is \$50 per person with lodging (\$10 per day) at Lake Street UMC in Woodland. Please contact me at [717-790-9131](tel:717-790-9131) or via email at rogerw53@comcast.net if you have any questions or want to sign up to participate in this wonderful mission. Thank you. Roger Walton

Missions

Mission Central needs your all occasion cards! If you have greeting cards that you no longer have use for, give them to Mission Central, as they recycle them for the Candy Kit care packages. Cards can be new or used, and they prefer anything other than Christmas cards. There is a bin marked 'Cards for Mission Central' at the Donation Center outside the multipurpose room. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at 732-6430. Thank you!

Staff Parish

Our youth pastor, Lisa Aronson and her husband, John, are expecting a baby! As her delivery date draws near (it is April 22nd), the Staff Parish Relations Committee has approved a 12-week maternity leave for her. Lisa, the pastors and staff, and the Staff Parish Committee have implemented a plan so that the youth ministry will continue uninterrupted during her absence. While she's away, please contact Lynn Rapp with questions regarding the happenings of the youth department. Lynn will be standing in for Lisa and offering oversight and coordination for others helping with the already scheduled youth events for the spring and start of the summer. Questions and replies may still be directed to uthrock@fumchurch.com. Forms and payments for events may be given to Lynn Rapp or left in Lisa's mailbox for Lynn to collect. Any urgent or emergency youth-related communications may be directed to the Pastor Denny or Pastor Dave. Please pray for Lisa and John as they prepare to welcome a new member into their family!

Dave Florey, SPRC Chairperson

Health & Wellness

Health Lecture

The next Health and Wellness health lecture will be on Sunday, April 24, 9:30 am in the multiple purpose room. The topic will be *Growing Healthy Foods in Small Spaces*.

You can grow healthy foods, whether herbs for flavoring, lettuce for a green salad, a luscious strawberry, or a juicy red tomato for a summer sandwich, even in small spaces. Learn tips on growing edibles in containers, including a demonstration of how to plant a container for success all season long.

The speaker will be Annette MaCoy who is the Consumer Horticulture Educator and Master Gardener Coordinator for Penn State Extension in Cumberland County. She has held this position since 2001 and has been a Master Gardener volunteer since 1992.

CRP/AED Training

Are you interested in learning CPR and how to use an AED? The Health & Wellness committee will be offering CPR training on **Sunday, May 15, 12:15 – 4:15 pm** in Room 216 of the church. This 4-hour training will prepare participants to recognize life-threatening emergencies and how to relieve choking for persons of all ages (adult, child, infant). You will learn the links in the Chain of Survival, learn the common life-threatening emergencies in adult, children and infants and be able to describe and demonstrate the skills of CPR, AED use and relief of choking.

Cost will be \$10 to reserve your spot for this important training. Contact Janice Bowen at 766-4611 X112 to register. Mail the \$10 fee to the church, Attention: Janice Bowen, place in her church narthex mailbox or place in an envelope in the church offering plate. For more information, contact Carol Erno at cernom@aol.com or call 379-0937. Space is limited so don't wait to call to sign up.

Deadline to sign up is April 24.

Adult Ministry

New Member Class

Are you interested in becoming a First Church member? A 6-week new member class begins on April 3 and will be held on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour from 9:30 – 10:30 am in Pastor Denny's office (room 201). During those six weeks you will learn much more about our United Methodist beliefs and First Church, plus you will grow in your relationship with Jesus and one another.

Please immediately contact Tina Eaton at 766-4611, extension 104 or email her at adultministry@fumchurch.com if you would like join this class.

Spring All-Church Sermon Series and Small Group Study

You won't want to miss being part of the upcoming 4-week sermon series and companion study, "Just Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels.

How did you become a committed Christ-follower? Most likely, your story involves someone, somewhere who took a risk to approach you and point you toward faith. Maybe they extended a hand of friendship or engaged you in conversation?

This sermon series and study will equip and inspire you to follow Jesus' lead to simply walk across the room and extend care, compassion and inclusiveness to people who might need a touch of God's love.

There are many ways to participate in this spiritual growth opportunity:

- Commit to participating in worship, listening to the sermons and reflecting on the questions in the weekly bulletin insert on your own.
- Commit to participating in worship, listening to the sermons and **joining a small group**, which will enhance your experience and allow you to grow not only in your relationship with Jesus, but also with one another.

There are groups meeting during the Sunday School hour on Sunday mornings, a lunch group meeting with Pastor Dave on Thursday afternoons and youth are also encouraged to participate through 4G. You can also start a new group by gathering a few friends together!

Groups will begin meeting after the first sermon on April 3. See the sign-up sheets in the main lobby to register so you can receive materials prior to the start of the study. Participant guides are just \$8.50. Please contact Tina Eaton at 766-4611, extension 104 or email her at adultministry@fumchurch.com if you would like more information or have questions.

Spring All-Church Pot-Luck Dinner & Celebration

As a culminating activity to celebrate our "Just Walk Across the Room" sermon series/study, we will have an all-church pot-luck dinner on April 24 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. In order to ensure a variety of food, you are encouraged to sign up for a main dish or side dish at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount. Following dinner we will move to the sanctuary for a Psalm 150-style time of praise and testimony. The evening will wrap up at about 7:30 pm.

All are invited to this special time of sharing a meal, sharing our stories and praising God! Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611, extension 104,

Youth Ministry

Salt n' Light

Curious about Salt n' Light and the many events like Impact, Battle Ball, and Zeteo that our youth participate in? Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry invites you to join them on Saturday, May 7th for their 3rd annual Five to Thrive Fundraising Picnic! The picnic will be held at Camp Hill UMC from 2pm-6pm followed by an encore performance of the "About Love" Zeteo Drama from 6-9:30pm. We would love to see you there and for you to learn more about Salt 'n Light with an afternoon filled with live music, lawn games, and some food fresh off the grill! For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit their website at snlym.com

Graduating?

Please help us out by filling out this form and letting us know if you are graduating this year. Completed forms should be returned to the youth department by May 15 in order to have your information included in the Graduation Sunday bulletin.

Name: _____ **Date of Birth :** _____

Graduating from:

High school Undergrad Masters Other _____

Name of school: _____

Degree Earned: _____

Planning to attend: _____

Branch of service/employment: _____

Degree being pursued/future Plans: _____

Anticipated Graduation (Month/Year) _____

Fall Contact Information:

Address: _____

Email: _____

We plan to celebrate our graduates on June 5th, 2016 during our services. (8:15 and 10:45)

Will you be present for this celebration?

_____ Yes _____ No

After the 10:45 worship service on June 5th, all graduates are invited to a time of fellowship with the pastors at 12:15pm at JoJo's.

Will the graduate be attending the luncheon on June 5th?

_____ Yes _____ No

Thank you for your response!

Fellowship

Senior Fellowship ~ Tuesday, April 19, 1-3 p.m.

All senior members are invited to come enjoy a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Guyer class space just beyond the church library. Nancy Routch, RD will share tips on making delicious, nutritious smoothies!

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

FUMC visits Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre ~ Saturday, August 6th, 2016

Itinerary:

Leave FUMC parking lot at 10:30 AM (be at the church by 10:15 AM). Drive to Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see the 1:15 PM showing of *Mary Poppins*. Buffet lunch begins at 11:45 AM before the show, return to church after dinner.

Cost: \$49/person (includes transportation, show, and buffet style all-you-can-eat lunch at the theatre, tax and gratuity). Transportation will be via 2 church vans and personal mini-van.

Please contact Jeff Hoffnagle at 732-6430 to sign up or you may sign up at church on the sign-up sheet that will be passed around at Sunday School. Registration for Seniors-only open until May 9, at which time we'll open it to the whole church. Trip limited to the first 22 to sign up, so reserve early!

Please make checks payable to FUMC with "Dutch Apple" on the memo line or cash payment accepted. Please provide payment directly to Jeff Hoffnagle or place the payment in my mailbox at church.

Library

I don't know about you, but I am definitely having a bout of spring fever. I have mentally super glued myself to this chair in order to write this newsletter instead of bolting for the great outdoors. With the celebration of Easter in March and April showers often threatening, I am sure everyone will need a good book and the library has a lot of very good choices. Let me just highlight a few.

If you are a dedicated Karen Kingsbury fan, her latest book in the *Angels Walking* series is being released March 29th and will be in the library shortly thereafter. In **Brush of Wings**, third in the series, Mary Catherine heads to Uganda to work in an orphanage until her last breath, since her doctor has advised her that she needs a heart transplant that might be sooner rather than later. Major League baseball player, Marcus Dillinger knows there is something wrong with Mary Catherine especially since she left in such a hurry, but never does he dream it is as serious as it is. Through correspondence with Mary Catherine, Marcus discovers the truth and sets out to rescue her before it is too late. Romance and angel sightings abound in this highly anticipated book.

Many of you have seen the ads for the movie **War Room** and I know the church would like to show it on a movie night this summer, but if you can't wait and need relief from reruns on TV, you can borrow the library's copy. From the creators of **Fireproof** and **Courageous**, this family friendly, yet power-packed drama about the power of prayer will bolster your prayer life in so many ways. I don't want to spoil the plot, so I will let each of you explore this inspirational film as a family or during the church event and come to your own conclusions.

If you have not been in the library for a while, I can tell you we have all the latest Christian fiction. All genres—Amish, Contemporary, Suspense and oh so much more. Bestselling writers such as Beverly Lewis and Terri Blackstock appear on our shelves as soon as new titles are released. Don't miss this "buried treasure" right here in your church.

See you in the library.

Pam & Donna

Facilities

What a difference a day makes! I submitted my Facilities Update for the March newsletter on February 15th and stated that, for the most part, winter hadn't caused us any major facilities problems around First Church. The day after I submitted that report, we had a snow/ice/rain storm in Mechanicsburg that resulted in three roof leaks (the persistent one near the hatch access to the roof as well as two new leaks in the sanctuary; one near the Frederick Street entrance and one near the Simpson Street entrance).

For the leak near the Frederick Street entrance, a short downspout carrying rainwater from the Frederick tower roof to the main church roof froze up and split open along its seam, resulting in water spraying onto and through the masonry joints in the tower brickwork and down the inside of that wall into the sanctuary. Our roofing contractor performed some masonry repointing, fashioned a new downspout, and sprayed waterproofing solution over those bricks to resolve that issue. His efforts appear to have been successful because we haven't seen any water infiltration in that area from subsequent storms.

For the leak near the Simpson Street entrance, the ice and temperature extremes led to a small crack in the solder covering a seam in the metal flashing on the east side of the Simpson tower (just large enough for water to find its way through and down the inside of the tower wall and into the sanctuary; it doesn't take much but water finds its way). Our roofing contractor resoldered along that seam and resolved that issue for us. Again, we haven't seen any recurrence of water infiltration in that area from subsequent rainfalls.

The leak near the hatch access to the roof has been much more difficult to resolve. Once we had a couple nice days weather-wise, our roofing contractor replaced about 200 square feet of rubber roofing and some of the rigid foam insulation panels underneath the rubber roof in that area. We were confident that we had finally solved this persistent leak and were ready to replace some ceiling panels at the top of the center stairwell that had been damaged by this leak over a period of time. I was emotionally crushed when I received a call on Sunday evening, March 13th, advising that water was dripping again onto the center stairwell and the hallway at the top of that stairwell from Sunday's rain, even more so than before our latest repair efforts. Our roofer and I are totally frustrated by this development, but are hoping to find the source of the leak before the situation worsens.

I am pleased to report that the wall and ceiling plaster repairs in the Frederick Street balcony are complete, and we are working to get a fresh coat of paint on all of the impacted areas so that the area can be opened up for regular foot traffic and access to the Comfort Corner. This has been a big restoration effort, so we are thankful that it should soon be in our rearview mirror.

Dealing with the roof leaks, plaster repairs and painting efforts has occupied most of my time (and thoughts) during the past month, so I haven't made much progress on the items on my "to do" list. The choir loft spotlights still need to be replaced. The requirements statement for replacing the control system for our rooftop HVAC units still needs to be finalized. The recent theft of the subwoofer for the electronic drumkit emphasizes the need to replace our video security surveillance system. I've received one proposal for video upgrades in the sanctuary and Sunday School auditorium and am looking to get one or two more proposals before we move out on those upgrades. Each day brings new challenges to maintaining and improving our First Church facility. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and words of encouragement for our efforts to be faithful stewards of God's house in Mechanicsburg.

Roger Walton
Facilities Manager

Day of Pampering 2016

The Hospitality of Day of Pampering

On February 27, First Church opened its doors and warmly welcomed almost 90 primary care providers (mothers of children with disAbilities), a small group of teen/young adult sisters of siblings with disAbilities, and over 40 area service providers. Countless church members and friends served in a myriad of ways. The day was filled with lovely decorations, delicious foods, Spirit-led worship, heartfelt prayers, much-needed pampering, connections between old friends and new, laughter and tears, respite and renewal, love and support.....and genuine hospitality.

Henri Nouwen says that a strong and healthy community “creates space where strangers can enter and become friends. It is hospitable. When others enter in and feel warmly welcomed, they soon realize that the love among those within the community is what makes that welcome possible.” He goes on to say, *“Hospitality is more than an expression of love for the guest. It is also and foremost an expression of love between the hosts.”*

I saw Mr. Nouwen's words just days after Day of Pampering and was struck by his definition of “hospitality” and how applicable it was to what we had experienced on that very special day. So many of us working together.....serving when and where and how we could.....in order to answer God's call to bless families from the surrounding communities who are living with disAbility.

Our guests felt welcomed, safe and loved. The hospitality which was extended at Day of Pampering was tangible and real. Why? It was because of our expressions of genuine love for those who attended, but also and foremost, it was an expression of the love between the hosts.....the people of First Church and God, our Heavenly Father. God's love never fails. He was in every detail of the day. And, His love flowed so beautifully through us.....to our guests and to one another.

Thank you so much to everyone who was an instrument of God's love at/for this year's Day of Pampering. Thank you for your genuine and godly hospitality. Ultimately, He is the One we serve. It was a great honor to serve along with you this year.

Lisa Wickenheiser

From the Day of Pampering decorator

I would just like to say thank you to all those who helped set up all week; actually decorate; or tear down in less than 2 hours, which I think was a record. Thank You!

I would also like to thank Roger and George for all their extra hours and help, because without them this or any church event would not happen. They give of their time, without too much complaining, and I just want them both to know how very much they are appreciated, especially by me. A great big Thank You to them. God has truly blessed all of us with their presence.

Support those who support Day of Pampering

The following service providers volunteered at Day of Pampering 2016. In many cases, these professionals are trained to offer services in addition to the ones listed below. Aside from being talented in their respective fields, they have servant hearts and have blessed us all with their willingness.

If you are looking for any of the services listed please consider contacting one of these talented volunteers... and while you are at it, please express your gratitude for their willingness to help make Day of Pampering a success!

Day of Pampering 2016

~HAIR CUTS/STYLES~

Mikee Bentz: Ashley Cuddy

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717-329-2990

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2435 North 2nd Street #1, Harrisburg
717-232-8889

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4500 Gettysburg Road, Mechanicsburg
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The Shoppes at Rossmoyne; 4922-4924

Louise Drive, Mechanicsburg;

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~RELAXATION TECHNIQUES~

Joe Glogowski, M.Ed., RPP, CYT

717-877-2357

Yoga Classes ~ Polarity ~ Lifecycle

Counseling

Just Plain Yoga

1845 Market Street, Camp Hill; 717-975-
-9642

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Dress for Success, Volunteer

Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc; 717-686-7755

~HEALTH SCREENINGS~

Dr. Christine Curran

doTerra Essential Oils ~

classes available

Cornerstone Chiropractic Family Wellness

Center

mydoterra.com/ChristineCurran; 717-
432-4336

~LOCAL BUSINESSES~

The Couture Cakery & Cupcake Bar

www.couturecakery.net

Pennsylvania Bakery

1713Market Street, Camp Hill;

717-763-7755

Arbonne products

Alece Nauck-Heisey;

alecenarbonne@hotmail.com

Paint & Create

1 Lemoyne Square, Lemoyne

717-350-1144

Giuseppe's Pizza Cantina

600 East Simpson Street, Mech.

717-795-4958

Red Lobster

4711 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg

717-763-1760



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

What is the United Methodist Women

We are women with Purpose! "United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

Women in the church are organized in small group settings called 'Circles' that pledge to missions giving, learn about missions through study, speakers, and programs and involve themselves in mission actions. Each Circle meets approximately once per month and has a different focus. All women are welcome to join at any time!

2016 Events:

April 9	UMW Baby Shower
April 17	Spiritual Enrichment Day, Mt. Olivet UM Church, Mechanicsburg - 2:00 pm
May 7	Bike Extravaganza
July 7-9	MissionU, Bucknell University
July 16	MissionU Sampler Day at Chambers Hill UM Church, Chambers Hill
August 20	Bake Sale and Yard Sale
November 20	World Thank Offering

Contact Lori Hoffnagle at 732-6430 with questions about any of these above UMW events

Spiritual Enrichment Day - April 17 - 2:00 p.m.

Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, 5000 Simpson Ferry Road, Mechanicsburg

All women are invited to attend, no need to RSVP. This year's speaker will be Ruth A. Daugherty. She is a Free-Lance Educator/Consultant and has served in various offices in United Methodist Women. The Spiritual Growth topic will be: "Created for Happiness." If you plan to attend, please bring any of the following items for Neighborhood Center:

- paper cups
- plastic 7 oz. cups
- paper/plastic bowls
- 100% fruit juice
- paper plates
- paper towels
- paper napkins
- dish soap
- tissues.

UMW (continued)

UMW Baby Shower – Saturday, April 9th – 10 am to noon

All women are invited to join us for a fun morning of snacks, games, prizes and a short program at the annual UMW Baby Shower. This year, we will be supporting the Capital Area Pregnancy Center, whose mission is to "provide a warm and safe environment to everyone, regardless of age, race, income nationality, religious affiliation or circumstance." The Executive Director, Rev. John Schaffer, will be our guest speaker. Once again, we will be collecting baby items, which will be blessed, and then donated to the Center. The following items are needed.

Sleepers/clothing - Newborn - 12 month (fall and winter)

Infant gowns

Infant sacks

Snow suits - Newborn - 12 month

Long sleeved onesies with mittens - Newborn - 3 month

Regular onesies - Newborn - 12 month

Hooded towels

Crib Sheets

Baby wash

Baby lotion

Wipes (not bulk boxes)

Diapers - Newborn, size 1, 2, 3, & 4

Newborn toys

If you have questions, please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 766-4611 x112) or Dawn Fisher (kidscount@fumc.com or 766-4611 x102)

Bicycle Bonanza! – Saturday, May 7, 10 am to noon

The women of Mary Circle invite you to a fun morning of activities to promote biking joyfully and safely! Children are encouraged to bring their bikes to decorate. We also welcome used bikes (in any condition) for donation to Carlisle's LifeCycle program.

Activity Stations will include:

- Simple bike repairs – learn how and bring your bike along if in need of a simple repair.
- American Trauma Society will assist with correct helmet fitting and offer new helmets.
- Prudential's ID-A-KID
- Informational stations about Bike Trails, LifeCycle, PET Carlisle.



Questions? Contact Janice Bowen - wecare@fumchurch.com or 766-4611 x 112



We need your clothing. 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.

Church News and Notes

Love & sympathy...

to the family upon the death of Norma Bingham's aunt, June Evans, on February 25, 2016.
to the family upon the death of Jo Barth's son, Steven, on March 16, 2016.

Thank you...

Thank you so much for your kind words of sympathy, prayers, card and support on the recent passing of my dear sister, Jackie. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Judy & Bob Wertz, & family

Special Birthdays

Robert Meck.....April 2	Charles Cramer.....April 22
Marilyn SeigApril 2	Janet BakerApril 25
Dolores FarrApril 3	Grace Brandt.....April 25
Paul Fertenbaugh.....April 6	Bill EtterMay 2
Alberta Knause.....April 15	Jean McAfee.....May 5
Ron Handwerk.....April 18	Milt DoughertyMay 8
Lois CooverApril 21	Annabelle Elder.....May 10
Richard Knause.....April 21	Jane Gunder.....May 11
	Grace Gensler.....May 12

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Dick & Marge Scott married 50 years on April 2
- ♥ Elvin & Charlotte Hess married 56 years on April 10
- ♥ Bill & June Henschke married 74 years on April 21
- ♥ Dean & Marty Otto married 53 years on April 21
- ♥ Don & Kay Heiges married 58 years on April 26

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

Help Needed—Low (no) pay but great rewards

Newsletter Editor

Editor for the monthly edition of First News First. Only qualification is knowledge of or willingness to learn Microsoft Publisher. Contact the church office

Childcare Provider

Persons needed to hang out with the little ones during Sunday morning worship at 10:45 am. Openings on the third and fifth Sundays each month. Contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado at 717-766-4611 ext 102 or kidscout@fumchurch.com

Wee Worship Leader

Person needed to share in special worship with small children. Materials for lessons provided. Opening available on the second Sunday each month. Contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado at 717-766-4611 ext 102 or kidscout@fumchurch.com

Office Assistant

Persons needed to answer phones and greet visitors. May also assist with light administrative duties such as photocopying, paper cutting, folding and small mailings. Openings on Mondays and Thursdays, 9am to 12pm. Contact the church office.

Bicycle Bonanza Station Attendees

Several people needed for temporary positions on May 7 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Duties vary depending on station assignment. Contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 ext 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com

Childcare Provider

Persons needed to hang out with the little ones during Sunday morning worship at 8:15 am. Openings on the first, second, third and fifth Sundays each month. Contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado at 717-766-4611 ext 102 or kidscout@fumchurch.com

Childcare Greeter

Person needed to welcome the little ones and their parents before and during Sunday morning worship at 10:45 am. Opening available on the fourth Sunday each month. Contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado at 717-766-4611 ext 102 or kidscout@fumchurch.com

Wee Worship Helper

Persons needed to share in special worship with small children. Materials for lessons provided. Openings available on the first and fifth Sundays each month. Contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado at 717-766-4611 ext 102 or kidscout@fumchurch.com

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Roger Walton

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George Canonizado

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FIRST NEWS FIRST

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The **deadline** for submitting articles for the **May** issue is **April 15**

Early submissions always appreciated