



# First News First

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## First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg

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### From the Pastor

#### "A Prayer for Peace"

Every spring, at the end of another season in the children's choir of Grace Church, Carlisle, members of the choir would receive an award for participating. The first year we received a wooden cross with a black chord to wear with our choir robes the following season. Year two, we were given a red chord to add to the cross, followed by a silver cross at the end of the third year. I still have those crosses and treasure the memory of Mrs. Kauffman who presented them to me. She was our pastor's wife and choir director, Mrs. Kauffman, and her joyful enthusiasm and love for children instilled in me a love for the music of the church. If you see me rocking as we sing in church it's due, in large part, to her influence.

Today, as I write this, I am thinking of the gift we received after four years in the children's choir. It has hung on a wall wherever I've lived or worked ever since: a framed print of "A Prayer for Peace" by St. Francis of Assisi. At the time I received this gift, I had never heard of Francis or the prayer. I didn't know that, as a young man, Francis had turned away from his wealthy inheritance to serve the poor and witness for peace in a very tumultuous time in France.

I think of his prayer today in view of recent events. The deaths of young black males in encounters with white law enforcement officers, the loss of life within the Hispanic/Latino community and among brothers and sisters identifying with the LGBTQ community in Orlando, the death of police officers protecting the citizens of their communities, senseless acts of terrorism in Belgium and France, and local news reports all point to the destructive cycle of violence in our world. Francis' prayer is a call for followers of Jesus to end this cycle by turning the world's ways upside down. It boldly asks God to transform us so that we would not be given to despair, but to sow hope, light, and joy.



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# From the Pastor

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Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled  
as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Yearning for peace, with you and St. Francis, I am yours in Christ,  
Pastor Denny

# 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	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.

<i>FIRST NEWS FIRST</i>	The <b>deadline</b> for submitting articles for the <b>September</b> issue is <b>August 15</b>	<b>Early submissions <u>always</u> appreciated</b>
<b>Editor:</b> Kristin Brown		

## Finance

### Financial Report—through June 30, 2016

50% of year

#### General Fund

2016 budget	\$ 890,000	
Expected income	\$ 445,000	
Actual income	\$ 447,755	(50% of budget)
Surplus	\$ 2,755	
Actual expenses	\$ 417,892	

**Building Fund** \$ 12,204

**Legacy Campaign** \$ 2,035

Halfway through the fiscal year we are doing much better than we have for several years. Hopefully this trend will continue.

### New Rules Offer Advantage for Charitable Giving Through Retirement Accounts

If you are at least age 70 ½, have a tax deferred retirement account and are required to make minimum distributions from it, you may be able to enjoy substantial tax benefits.

New legislation allows for Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), through which you designate the distributions or a portion of them to a qualified non-profit or charitable organization such as First Church. This method provides for a direct transfer to the church without being counted as income to you. This action will likely result in tax savings as well as provide a convenient way to support your church.

Support can be designated to the General or Endowment Funds.

If you currently have a financial or tax advisor or work with a stock broker, be sure to ask about QCD and whether it would be an advantage for you. If you don't currently work with a professional, please contact the church office for assistance.

We know you have a commitment to support First Church. This may be another way to accomplish that.

Finance Committee

## Staff Parish

### NEW FACILITIES MANAGER SELECTED

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to advise the congregation that Tom Ziegler has been selected to fill the Facilities Manager vacancy created by Roger Walton's resignation. Tom has extensive experience in building management and with heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. In addition to his experience and expertise in building maintenance and systems, Tom brings a Christian spirit and a highly developed work ethic. He is a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church and has served on their Board of Trustees.

Since Tom will not be joining us until late fall, our own James Paris, supported by his colleagues on the Board of Trustees, has graciously offered to accept the Facilities Manager responsibilities in the interim.

Please join us in welcoming Tom when he arrives and in thanking James for responding to a critical call. Of course, we once again express our appreciation to Roger for a job done with excellence, good cheer and deep commitment to maintaining the appearance and structural integrity of one of God's challenging houses.

## Missions

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### Grocery Bagging for Bethesda Mission

On the third Wednesday evening of every month members of First United Methodist Church gather at Mission Central to bag groceries for Bethesda Mission. All are invited to join and be a part of this mission opportunity. Join us at Mission Central on August 17 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at 697-0933 or eeking@verizon.net for more information.

### Penny Report ~ Now Located at the Sierra Leone Display in the Tower Hallway

Help supported the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Project by dropping your pennies, or any loose change, into the Penny Bucket. One hundred percent (100%) of your donations are used to provide training and dig wells that supply safe drinking water for schools and communities in Sierra Leone. There were 7,214 pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of \$12,673.66.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!

## Music

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### Ringling in the News

By the time you are reading this the Vancouver 11 are busy at the international symposium. We are attending rehearsals led by conductors from various countries, workshops on bell techniques and topics, and mingling with the other bell ringers. Our days begin early and end late. Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> we will be performing a concert that we understand is sold out. How exciting is that. We also are having some time to tour the Vancouver area. Early August 7<sup>th</sup> we will return. Look for one of us when we return and we will tell you all about our experience.

We are very appreciative of all of your support for the past year as we raised the funds to go to this symposium. We've worked very hard to make you proud of us. We look forward to returning this fall to worship using the new things we learned.

### August Ministry of Music Sunday Morning Schedule

August 7—Seth Wickenheiser & Kylie Fisher (8:15 & 10:45); Sanctuary Choir (10:45)

August 14—Emily Hammaker, Madysen Small & Kendal Fisher (8:15 & 10:45)

August 21—Kathie Bittenbender (8:15); Invocation (10:45)

August 28—Stu Diehl (8:15 & 10:45)

### Attention 6th through 12th Graders

### Youth Choir Need You!

Join us for a "Make Your Own Sundae" party! Sunday, August 28, 5:15 PM, in the Music Room.

Come and try us out!

Get to know each other!

Do some singing!

For more information, contact Gail Leinhos at 761-3338.



**Guaranteed a good time!**

## Health & Wellness

### Why should I give blood?

The most important reason for becoming a regular blood donor is to meet the blood needs of our community. There is no substitute for human blood; donors are the only source. Every two seconds, someone needs blood, and an adequate blood supply is crucial to their survival. Remember, just one pint of your blood can save as many as four lives.

The demand for blood continues to increase, yet only 5% of the population donates.

### August Blood Drives

August 3	Century 21, 3315 Market St., Camp Hill	3pm to 7pm
August 5	Fox Center 120 S. Filbert St.	8am to 7pm
August 7	St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 410 E. Simpson St.	8:30am to 1pm
August 9	Denny's Carlisle Pike	3pm to 7pm
August 12	Williams Grove Speedway, Speedway Dr.	5pm to 9pm
August 13	Grace UMC, 216 S. Market St	9am to 12pm
August 18	Buffalo Wild Wings Carlisle Pike	3pm to 7pm
August 20	Zimmerman's Automotive, 2234 S. market St	8am to 4pm
August 21	Tall Cedars Forest Car Show @ Williams Grove Speedway	9am to 2:30pm
August 26	Lehman Volvo, Carlisle Pike	11am to 3pm
August 26	Rita's Italian Ice, 5204 Simpson Ferry Road	3pm to 7pm
August 28	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	7:30am to 12:30pm
August 30	One Sterling Place, 100 Sterling Parkway	10am to 2pm

As always, donors can also check our the Central PA Blood Bank's website, [ww.cpbb.org](http://ww.cpbb.org), for a listing of drives by county.

### **Front Porch Project – Free Training Program coming to FUMC!**

Thursday, October 6, 5 pm supper provided, training to follow 5:30-8:30 pm

Have you ever seen a child in a store or restaurant having a meltdown and a parent having a meltdown of their own? Are you noticing children playing unsupervised in your neighborhood? Do you ever wonder what to do when you are concerned about a child and aren't sure if it's "your business" or what to do?

If so, the **Front Porch Project** can help. This research-supported training provides you with real-life answers to questions like these. We talk about the issues facing today's families, brainstorm ideas and practice strategies for helping children and supporting families. The training is a fun mix of interactive discussions, video clips and activities designed for people of all ages who care about our community and the kids who live here.

FUMC is co-sponsoring a Front Porch Project session with PA Family Support Alliance on Thursday, October 6, beginning with a light supper at 5:00 PM. The program will begin at 5:30 PM. There is no charge to attend and everyone is welcome –pre-registration is necessary. Contact either the PA Family Support Alliance ([www.pa-fsa.org](http://www.pa-fsa.org) or 717-238-0937) or Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x 112) to register or for more information.



## Congregational Care Ministry

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### **Senior Fellowship – Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m.**

All senior members are invited to come for a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Guyer class space just beyond the church library. Dog trainer, Kelly Armstrong, will join us, along with some of her four-legged friends, to share information about Therapy Dogs!

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

### **Sharing Garden Goodies – Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.**

Calling all gardeners and bakers! The Care Team invites you to the church kitchen on August 27<sup>th</sup> to bake some summer treats! We will arrange goodie-baskets and flowers to share with some of our homebound members. If you have any extra goodies from your garden to share (flowers, tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, squash, etc.), please place them in the church kitchen or collection basket located in the tower entrance. Thank you! Questions? Contact - Janice Bowen (766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com))

## Adult Ministry

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### **Special Summer Learning opportunities**

In addition to our four adult Sunday School classes that are meeting this summer (listed in the bulletin), we have two special opportunities in August to focus on some very important First Church missions. You won't want to miss these opportunities to experience how the Spirit is moving and become part of it!

August 7 – Presentation by our youth mission team. Come to hear from our youth and their adult leaders about what they experienced on their mission trip to Harrisburg. Find out how their eyes were opened to the need right in our backyard and how they shared the love of Jesus with those that they met.

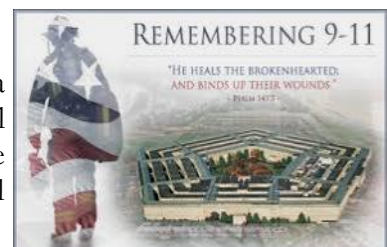
August 28 – A special Rejoicing Spirits worship service will be held at 9:30 am (instead of its regular 4:00 pm time). Rejoicing Spirits is an innovative ministry that enriches the faith lives of people with intellectual/developmental disAbilities as it also enriches the faith lives of their families, their friends and all of us. Come – the body of Christ is only complete if we all join together!

### **Annual Fall Church Picnic**

Our annual fall church picnic is coming up on September 11! It is being held again this year at the Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion at 4:00 pm. A pot-luck supper will be held at 5 pm and outdoor worship will be held at 6 pm. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Also bring your own place settings and lawn chairs to sit, relax and enjoy each other's company!

### **Remembering 9/11**

Mark your calendars for September 11 – on that day we will have a special sermon to mark the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. All Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults will resume and our choirs will be singing. Please invite a friend to worship with us on this very special day.



## Adult Ministry

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### Fall Christian Education Opportunities

Beginning September 11 we will start a “Disciple Fast Track” study and everyone is encouraged to participate! Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has offered a full, grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now, “Disciple Fast Track” has been modified to better meet the needs of a hectic world. You will still benefit from the integrity and principles of the full Disciple Bible Study, but classes will meet for only 12 weeks in the fall and 12 weeks in the winter for just over an hour a week. Groups are forming now – please keep your eye out for more details in the bulletin and at the display in the main lobby or contact Tina Eaton for more information.

## College Ministry

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### For College Students

All college students (and graduated high school seniors) are invited to connect and have fun with your fellow FUMC college friends this summer! Use our Facebook group page, “FUMC College Connections” to plan your own gatherings AND mark your calendars now with the dates for the following events:

- August 4, 7-9 pm: Ice Cream social at the home of Christina and Troy Morgan
- August 11, 7-9 pm: Pool party at the home of the Herrings. Drinks provided—bring a drink to share!

## Youth Ministry

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### Youth on a Mission

### Serving Close to home

The week of July 3rd thru the 8th 15 youth and 3 adults did the unthinkable. Yes that's right we crossed the river and served in Harrisburg this year for our mission trip. It was nice being close to home and to break down the stereotypes of Harrisburg by serving them this week. Although we weren't all in downtown Harrisburg many of us had the opportunity to visit and work in Allison Hill. Other groups served in various locations in the Harrisburg Area.

As the leader of this group I must tell you how very impressed I am the more time I spend with these youth. Parents you should all be very proud of them. This team turned out to be the oldest group this week but they were very inclusive with the other groups and bonded pretty well.

Come to Sunday school on August 7<sup>th</sup> to hear more about our trip and experience Harrisburg through our eyes.





## FUM Circles

*New Members are always welcome!*

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

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

### RUTH CIRCLE

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

### MARTHA CIRCLE

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

### COVERED IN LOVE

Sandy Bennetch  
dsebennetch@comcast.net  
meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30  
to 11:30 in Fellowship Hall

### MARY CIRCLE

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

### PRAYERS AND SQUARES

Tammy Snyder  
439-0355  
meets Tuesday mornings, 9:00 in  
Fellowship Hall

### 2016 Events:

- August 20** Bake Sale and Yard Sale
- November 20** World Thank Offering
- December 17** Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk

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

### Annual UMW Yard, Bake and Book Sale

On Saturday, **August 20**, 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, some priced at just \$.25! Contact Donna Nichols at 249-9477 or [djnichols43@hotmail.com](mailto:djnichols43@hotmail.com) to reserve your spot. The UMW is seeking items to sell at their table, if you have yard sale items to donate, please contact Donna.

Once again, as an outreach to the community, we will be giving away school supplies to children. We are asking the congregation to donate supplies for this project. The collection bin is located outside the Multi-Purpose room. Please bring the following items: **small box of crayons, pencils, erasers, blunt scissors and glue sticks** (we need enough to make 100 bags!).

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



### Prayers and Squares

The new Prayers and Squares Circle needs 100% cotton fabric to make pencil pouches that will be given to the children at the yard sale. If you have fabric to donate, please drop it off in the marked box in the Narthex or contact Tammy Snyder at 439-0355.



**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.



## Library

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As I sit at the computer on this blistering hot July day, I am torn between ordering fantastic Christmas books for your reading pleasure or writing about great books you can read by the pool in August. Thinking of Christmas almost sent me into a tailspin, so I decided you should hear about the great books that are on the shelf now.

This summer has been so hectic for me that I really enjoyed the **Sins of the Past: A Romantic Suspense Novella Collection** by some of my favorite romantic suspense writers: Dee Henderson, Lynette Eason, and Dani Pettrey. Each of the three mysteries is long enough to let the plot develop, but not so long it made me ignore my family. (Sorry to say that has happened during very intense books.) Ms. Henderson starts the trilogy about a sheriff whose mother is missing from her retirement home in *Missing*. As the hours pass local authorities work with him to find her before it's too late. In *Shadowed* Dani Pettrey writes about a professional swimmer and a competition swim in the frigid waters of Alaska. When Libby Jennings takes an afternoon off training to go on a whale watching tour with professional fisherman Ben McKenna, the last thing she expects to see in the water is the body of her main competitor. Lynette Eason really keeps you on the edge of your seat in *Blackout*. Macy Adams is terrified by a past event that she cannot totally remember. And someone wants to make sure she never remembers. Two people have died either trying to help her or demanding she remember the armed robbery she witnessed six years ago. When her neighbor Chad Latham, a homicide detective, wants to help and also get to know Macy, she is sure harm will come to him and warns him off. But Chad doesn't take no for an answer and the suspense builds as the two of them edge closer and closer to the truth.

On the little lighter side, Becky Wade has written a fourth book in the **Porter Family series**. Though each book has some mystery, I would class these books as more in the romance genre. NFL superstar Grayer Fowler has a stalker and has begun receiving death threats. His team has hired Dru Porter, a bodyguard who is half his size and beautiful to boot. Dru is a former Marine, expert marksman, and a black belt, but she is rebounding off a disaster on her last job. Determined to earn back her pride and protect her client, Dru throws herself into protecting Gray and finding his stalker. In order to be successful she and Gray must trust each other completely. They also must fight their growing attraction and focus on the danger closing in on them. Don't miss this page turner as well as the first three books in the series.

Just a reminder about our August 20<sup>th</sup> book sale in conjunction with the UMW sale on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 1:00. We really have some wonderful donations and are looking forward to stocking the library with the profits. See you there.

See you in the library.

Donna and Pam

## Access Ministry

**AC-CESS** /'ak,sɛs/ a means of approaching or entering; a way in.

As sinners, our “*means of approaching*,” our “*way in*” or our **ACCESS** to God, the Father, is through Jesus Christ alone. John 14:6 tells us, “*Jesus answered, I am the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.*” Praise God for meeting our eternal need through the gift of Jesus, our Savior.

The need for a Savior is all-inclusive; we're all in need, regardless of gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic position, age or *ability*. And being part of a faith community is vital to our spiritual growth as we accept and learn to follow Jesus. The author of *A Disciple's Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church* states, “...we cannot be growing [as] disciples of Jesus Christ without the encouragement, guidance, wisdom, and accountability of other disciples.” Even so, people with disAbilities often find it difficult to attain full inclusion in the church. There are structural, attitudinal, informational, and procedural barriers which stand between people with disAbilities and their need to gain **ACCESS** to being fully engaged in ministry.

Did you know that....

...people with disAbilities are necessary and valuable members of the Body of Christ.

...we are called to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation: people with disAbilities are part of the whole creation.

...the latest United States census says about 20% of Americans have a disAbility.

...people with disAbilities are among the world's most marginalized and excluded people.

...families affected by disAbility often feel isolated.

Let's make church the place where people of *all* abilities belong, where we are *all* encouraged, and where we can *all* find hope and love. Let's join together to provide a “*way in*,” so that, if others have never accepted Christ, they would have the opportunity to do so and, therefore, have **ACCESS** to God, the Father. And, if they have already been following Jesus, providing a “*way in*” would, of course, allow **ACCESS** to many opportunities to deepening their relationship with the Savior and the church.

The **ACCESS MINISTRY** team has begun meeting again for the purpose of planning for a journey toward becoming fully engaged to and with the disAbility community. You are a very important part of the journey. **Join us now as we take the first step.** It's not difficult. Everyone can do it. And, it will have an extraordinary impact because God hears the prayers of His people.

Step 1: Asking ~ Asking God.

In this step, we pray....and pray.....and pray some more. We ask God.....

~to prepare the hearts of leadership, the congregation, and families in the community who are living with disAbility

~to send workers into this specific field of ministry

~for wisdom & discernment along the way

Thank you for your prayerful support. Let's see where God leads us on this very special journey!

**Please plan to join us at the next ACCESS MINISTRY meeting on Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 in Room 207.** Contact Lisa Wickenheiser at [the7wicks@verizon.net](mailto:the7wicks@verizon.net) or 717-649-0993 for more information.

## Sound/Media

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### Sound/Media

First Church's Sound/Media Team is looking for volunteers to join the Team. Specifically, we are looking for someone to replace long-time Team member Eric Dewalt to run the sound board when Invocation, our praise and worship musical ensemble, is scheduled during the 10:45 worship services, which is usually twice a month. Eric is stepping down at the end of August, and we will definitely miss him on the Team. An ear for music, especially in blending vocals, piano, drums, guitar, and saxophone into a harmonious sound, would be a huge plus. That's right, just like Eric has faithfully done for many years. If you hear God's voice calling you to get involved in First Church's ministry but aren't sure what He is calling you to do, consider joining the Sound/Media Team and put your talents to God's work. Please contact Roger Walton at 790-9131 if you are interested.

## Church News and Notes

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### *Love & sympathy...*

to the Coover, Murdoch and Strous families upon the death of Dave & Sandy Coover's granddaughter, Amanda Strous, on June 18, 2016.

to the family upon the death of Jeff Fugate's father, Howard Fugate, on July 8.

to the family upon the death of Ken Hammaker's father, Michael Hammaker, on July 15, 2016.

to the family upon the death of Ada Lynn's brother, Ronald Zimmerman, on July 20, 2016.

### *Thank you...*

*Pauline Trace would like to thank Rev. Reed for his visits to her in the hospital and the church for their prayers, flowers and cards.*

### Special Birthdays

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  
 Foster Creamer.....September 4  
 Bill Neumyer.....September 4  
 Emma Whitcomb .....September 8  
 Ken Nelson.....September 13  
 George Refhuss.....September 16  
 Lil Thomas .....September 22  
 Bill Seig.....September 27  
 Peggy Shenberger.....September 28

### Special Anniversaries

♥ Don & Barb Shover married 58 years on August 2  
 ♥ Tom & Jeanne Mullikin married 50 years on August 6  
 ♥ Fred & Doris Junkins married 50 years on August 9  
 ♥ John & Dolores Shell married 62 years on August 15  
 ♥ Les & Ruth Reed married 72 years on August 23  
 ♥ Harry & Joyce Woods married 63 years on August 23  
 ♥ Gerry & Pat Sheely married 58 years on August 24  
 ♥ Bob & Judy Wertz married 53 years on September 1  
 ♥ Richard & Alberta Knause married 66 years on September 2  
 ♥ Ed & Ginny Johnson married 52 years on September 3  
 ♥ Milt & Dolly Dougherty married 66 years on September 23  
 ♥ George & Mary Beth Snoke married 50 years on September 24  
 ♥ Richard & Marley Ann Schmick married 52 years on September 26  
 ♥ Paul & Lorraine Strock married 63 years on September 27

## Church Staff

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Jody Brinley

**ORGANIST\***

Nicholas Werner

**ORGANIST/YOUTH CHOIR/  
SOUNDS OF WORSHIP CHOIR\***

Gail Leinhos

**BELL CHOIRS\***

Kathie Bittenbender

**INVOCATION/JUNIOR CHOIR\***

Allison Ometz

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS\***

Lorette Cale

*\*PART-TIME*