



First News First

January 2018

Monthly News of First United Methodist Church
of Mechanicsburg

*Opening Doors with Christ,
One Another and Our Neighbors*

"Shaped by the Word"

In last month's issue of "First News First" we invited our entire church family to participate in our **"Be One. Make One" Discipleship Challenge**. Throughout 2018, we will provide new spiritual growth opportunities and encourage everyone to engage in them.

Our first challenge begins January 1, 2018 with church-wide, daily Bible reading. Over the past few weeks copies of the Common English Bible have been available in the main lobby, along with copies of a Daily Reading Plan. The CEB relies on the most recent biblical scholarship, but is also an easy to read translation. More than 400 copies have been picked up so far! If you have not yet gotten your copy, or you would like to pick one up for a friend, please stop by the table.

Each Sunday our worship and preaching will focus on the theme from the Bible readings of the previous week. Small group Bible studies will also form for deeper study of each week's theme.

Uniting in this daily Bible reading challenge is so important because the Bible has always been at the heart of every great renewal movement. This past fall was the 500th Anniversary of the day Martin Luther sent his 95 theses to the Bishop of Milan. His courageous act started what we now know as the Protestant Reformation. One of the great pillars of the Reformation was "Sola Scriptura," "Scripture Alone." Luther translated the Bible into the common language of the masses, which inspired dramatic transformation in the Christian Church.

Nearly 200 years later, a priest in the Church of England named John Wesley had a spiritual awakening while attending a Moravian Bible study group. The group was studying the New Testament Letter of Paul to the Romans when Wesley felt his heart "strangely warmed." Young Wesley, filled with the Holy Spirit, led a movement to spread "Scriptural holiness" across England and, eventually, America. Wesley often referred to himself as, "a man of one Book." Wesley saw the Bible as the foundation for the life of every disciple and called every Christian to read and study it every day.

The Protestant Reformation and the Wesleyan Revival are just two of many spiritual renewal movements in the history of the Church that resulted from the rediscovery of Scripture. I wonder, what might God do at First Church in 2018 if 400 or 500 or 600 of us spend time each day in God's Word? What revival might we experience in our prayer life, our worship life, our community life? How might we be inspired to serve, to reach out, to give? How might sharing Bibles with our families and our friends make a difference in their lives?

The Apostle Paul encouraged a young Christian he mentored named Timothy to be "a man of one book." His words about the Bible are as relevant now as they were when he first wrote them:

¹⁶Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, ¹⁷so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Common English Bible)

I am excited to read and study the Scriptures with you as we make 2018 "The Year of the Bible" at First Church!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Denny

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2018 STRATEGIC MINISTRY PLAN



As United Methodists, our mission is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. Here at First Church, our vision is to live out this mission by *opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors*.

To open doors we must go first and lead the way... in terms of making disciples that means we must first **BE ONE** in order to **MAKE ONE**! We will do this in 2018 by focusing on one core value in each season of the church calendar. In January, all ministry teams will plan their objectives for the year based on these values so that we are in alignment with our mission. We will then prioritize, carry out and evaluate all of our activities based on this.

We have identified six core values that guide us in being disciples. We say, *as a disciple of Jesus Christ I am a...*

Lifelong Learner

I am continually growing as a disciple by studying God's word alone and with others.

Winter Season: January 1 – February 13

Main Activity Focus: Read the Bible using the daily reading plan, hear the accompanying sermons and invite a friend to join you.

Praying Follower

I faithfully listen in order to discern God's will and respond to God in prayer every day.

Lenten Season: February 14 – March 31

Main Activity Focus: Continue previous activities, plus use the Bible Study & Prayer Journal to write down your reflections and prayers. Give a journal to a friend to try.

Passionate Worshipper

I glorify God in my personal life every day and in corporate worship on a weekly basis.

Easter Season: April 1 – May 20

Main Activity Focus: Continue previous activities, plus attend Sunday worship weekly, invite at least one friend to worship with you and attend one other special worship service planned.

Dedicated Missionary

I demonstrate God's love for all people as I actively seek and respond to the needs of others.

Summer Season: May 21 – August 31

Main Activity Focus: Continue previous activities, plus commit to serve in at least one new way in our community and beyond. Invite a friend to join you in serving.

Relationship Builder

I strive to always express love and compassion for others in a way that helps to create Christian community.

Fall Season: September 1 – October 31

Main Activity Focus: Continue previous activities, plus attend the Ministry & Missions fair and participate in at least one new caring/community-building activity with others.

Generous Giver

In response to God's extravagant love for me, I cheerfully and consistently give.

Holiday Season: November 1 – December 31

Main Activity Focus: Continue previous activities, plus commit to "step up" in giving your spiritual gifts and financial resources to support God's mission, and encourage others to do the same.

Lifelong Learner

**BE ONE. DISCIPLE
MAKE ONE.**

**Weekly theme ~ *Reading the Bible***

- January 1** *The Bible Tells Me So*
Deuteronomy 8:1-11; Matthew 4:1-11;
John 5:36-47; 2 Timothy 2:15
- January 2** *Letting the Bible Read Us*
1 Corinthians 2:6-16; Psalm 119:1-16
- January 3** *Finding Your Way in the Bible*
2 Timothy 3:10-17; James 1:19-25;
Psalm 119:105
- January 4** *Getting the Most out of Bible Study*
2 Kings 22:1-23:25
- January 5** *Change Comes*
Mark 4:1-20; Deuteronomy 30:11-20;
Hebrews 4:12-13
- January 6** Relax & Reflect
- January 7** Worship

Weekly theme ~ *Prayer*

- January 8** *Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray*
Luke 11:1-11; Matthew 6:5-15
- January 9** *The Goal of Prayer*
Luke 18:1-8; Genesis 18:16-33;
John 17:1-16; Matthew 26:36-46
- January 10** *Where Two or Three Are Gathered*
Matthew 18:18-20; Acts 12:1-19
- January 11** *Confidence in Prayer*
Luke 5:12-16, 6:12-29, 9:18-36;
Mark 11:12-24; James 4:2-10
- January 12** *When We Don't Pray*
Daniel 4:19-37; 2 Chronicles 7:14
- January 13** Relax & Reflect
- January 14** Worship

Weekly theme ~ *Community*

- January 15** *We Were Made for Community*
1 John 1:1-10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-19
- January 16** *Growing in Community*
Acts 2:29-47; Hebrews 10:19-25, 3:12-13;
Galatians 6:1-2

- January 17** *But They Might Be Different...*
1 Corinthians 12:12-27; 1 John 4:7-21
- January 18** *The Work of the Community*
Philippians 1:3-11, 2:1-4
- January 19** *Mighty Works*
Ephesians 3:14-4:6; Acts 4:31-35
- January 20** Relax & Reflect
- January 21** Worship

Weekly theme ~ *Serving*

- January 22** *Getting Dirty*
John 13:1-17
- January 23** *Strength to Serve*
John 14:1-14
- January 24** *The Cost of Following Jesus*
Luke 9:51-10:42
- January 25** *Gifts of Service*
Romans 12; Colossians 3:17-4:6
- January 26** *Shine Like Stars*
Matthew 20:20-28; Philippians 2:1-18
- January 27** Relax & Reflect
- January 28** Worship

Weekly theme ~ *Stewardship*

- January 29** *What is Stewardship?*
Genesis 1-2; Luke 12:35-48;
1 Corinthians 3
- January 30** *Multiply Your Gifts*
Luke 19:1-28
- January 31** *Take Advantage*
Ephesians 4:11-5:21
- February 1** *Time Management*
Psalm 90; Hebrews 3
- February 2** *Simplicity and Stewardship*
Matthew 6:19-34; 11:25-30
- February 3** Relax & Reflect
- February 4** Worship

Winter Bible Studies

There are many ways to be engaged in Bible study at First Church. Some are ongoing and some are short-term. Here is a list of what is going on this winter:

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Pastor Denny will begin a study based on our 2018 daily Bible reading plan beginning January 10 from 6:45 - 8:00 pm in room B004. No sign up is required – simply visit the “Be One, Make One” display in the main lobby, pick up a Common English Bible with the companion daily reading plan and begin reading on January 1.

Thursday Lunch & Learn – Pastor John will begin a study based on our 2018 daily Bible reading plan during Lent beginning February 15. Keep your eye out for more details in the bulletin regarding this study, and visit the “Be One, Make One” display in the main lobby to pick up a Common English Bible with the companion daily reading plan so that you can begin reading on January 1.

Thursday Morning/Evening Bible Study – An inductive study on the book of Romans is being led by Juanita Guise on Thursday mornings and evenings. This study began in the fall and will continue through the winter and spring. Please contact Juanita at kguise@comcast.net if you would like to be contacted when the next study is offered.

Sunday Evening Men’s Bible Study – An inductive study on the books of Daniel and Revelation is being led by Ken Guise on Sunday evenings. This study began in the fall and will continue through the winter and spring. Please contact Ken Guise at kguise@knouse.com if you would like to be contacted when the next study is offered.

Library

As I write this newsletter, it is a dark and rainy night—sounds like the beginning of a good mystery, doesn’t it? The only real mystery is why I don’t see more of you rushing into the library to borrow some of the really terrific books I have been telling you about. But like me, you are probably feeling like you are being blown in many directions—the “wind tunnel effect”. By the time you read this, it will be a new year, and I am trusting that you are all making a resolution to read more as well as to bring your children into the church library to get some really fun kid or tween books.

So what book should your new resolution point you to? I always head straight for the mystery books, and the library has all the latest. Dani Pettrey’s second book in the *Chesapeake Valor* series is **Still Life**. Crime scene photographer, Avery Tate, worked with crime scene analyst Parker Mitchell until her personal feelings for her boss overwhelmed her, and she left to sort out her feelings and get her life back in order. But out of the blue she calls him. Her friend is missing and she needs help. Parker brings in his friends from law enforcement when he realizes they are facing a deadly threat. Now that Parker and Avery are working together again, will Parker recognize how much he missed Avery and how much she means to him? Keep the hot chocolate coming—you’ll be up for a while.

In this world that values outward beauty over all else, Courtney Westlake has written her true story on raising a child born with a rare skin disease. **A Different Beautiful: Discovering and Celebrating Beauty in Places You Never Expected** chronicles the family’s journey since Brenna’s birth in 2011. It is an uplifting story of a family given daunting challenges in caring for their child and their day-to-day struggles to meet her physical needs while revealing her inner beauty to the world of often shocked onlookers. This book was suggested to us as a great and inspiring read. I found it makes my petty day-to-day challenges seem pretty insignificant.

If neither of these books appeals to you, stop in and someone will help you find all the great books you may have overlooked in 2017.

Happy New Year!!

Pam & Donna

Praying Follower

Moms in Prayer

All mothers are invited to join our Moms in Prayer group, which focuses on prayer for our children/grandchildren and their teachers/schools. This group, led by Deb Noss, will resume meeting for the 2017/18 school year on Monday evenings beginning January 8 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Prayer Room on the second floor (just outside the elevator).

No prayer experience is required. Your child can be any age/any stage of life. And what is prayed in the group stays in the group, so don't worry – your prayer requests will remain private within the group.

Please contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611, extension 104 if you have questions or would like to join this group. You can also check out momsin-prayer.org if you would like more information about this organization or would like to search for another group that fits your schedule.

Passionate Worshipper

Worship

Sunday Morning
Worship Services
8:15 am Foundation Service
10:45 am Convergent Service

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 7, 2018	Loaves and Chalice
Ash Wednesday*	February 14	Loaves and Chalice
First Sunday in Lent	February 18	Pew Service
Palm Sunday	March 25	Loaves and Chalice
Maundy Thursday	March 29	At Tables
Easter Sunrise	April 1	Mechanicsburg Cemetery
	May 6	Pew Service
	June 3	Loaves and Chalice
	July 1	Pew Service
	August 5	Loaves and Chalice
	September 2	Pew Service
World Communion	October 7	Loaves and Chalice
	November 4	Pew Service
First Sunday of Advent	December 2	Loaves and Chalice
Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00	December 24	Loaves and Chalice

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

DisAbility Awareness Sunday

is scheduled for Sunday, April 22, 2018. Mark your calendar now to attend church and Sunday School for a special presentation. All are invited to attend our Rejoicing Spirits service that day as well.

Rejoicing Spirits

will return January 28th at 4:00 pm. Come and join us in this inclusive service as we truly worship the Lord as One Church, One Body!

FUMC Unveils Video System Upgrades

Sunday, December 10th marked the unveiling of First Church's video system upgrades in the sanctuary and the Sunday School auditorium (green chair section). Two new 8000 lumens laser projectors, two new widescreen projector screens, and new television monitors in the choir loft and Comfort Corner were installed as part of the project. In addition, a new television monitor was installed on the wall of the Sunday School auditorium near the Frederick Street vestibule so that the pastors or others on the chancel can readily view the same images that are being projected on the main screens. This marked the culmination of a two-year process of determining our current and forward-looking requirements, soliciting proposals from qualified companies, evaluating those proposals, and selecting a company to do the work. Jim Murdoch from our Board of Trustees and Roger Walton, head of our Sound/Media Team spearheaded our efforts to bring this project to fruition. We would like to thank the Administrative Board, the Finance Committee, the Board of Trustees and the Endowment Fund Committee for their financial support for this initiative. Thanks also to the entire congregation for your ongoing financial support of First Church's programs and ministries, and for being patient with us while we worked to find the best solution fitting our current and future needs. Finally, we would like to thank Hershey Solutions of Etters for their professionalism and courtesies extended during the installation process.

Dedicated Missionary

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 17 at 6 pm**. Contact Eric King at eeking@verizon.net for more information.

Change for Water ~ Located at the Sierra Leone Display in the Tower Hallway

Help support the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Project! Drop your loose change, into the *Change for Water* 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. ***You can even throw in "paper" change!***

There were **4,485** (\$44.85) pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of **\$12,944.74**. Thanks to all who are contributing for another great month, including "many green paper pennies". **Please keep the donations flowing and don't let the well run dry.**

Sierra Leone

Connection to Calvary Update

"Thank you for all the love, prayers and donations that helped us make our journey to Sierra Leone in November. We also want to thank all the ladies of First Church and beyond, including The Covered in Love group and Flossie Ryder, her sister and her group in New Jersey. The donations of material, yarn, time and love put into the knitted hats and T-shirt dresses were so appreciated by the mothers and children at Calvary in Taiama and by us. Your time, faith and love showed in the eyes of the children that received them."

Tiffany and Sarah

Please join Tiffany Holland and Sarah Jones on Sunday, January 14 during the Sunday School hour in the multipurpose room. They will share with us details about their recent trip to our sister church, Calvary, in Taiama, Sierra Leone. Learn how our support is making a difference in Sierra Leone!

Continuing our Connection to Calvary

If you are sending a letter to Calvary, whether it's your second time or your first, make sure to have your letter in the mailbox by 1/14/18! The Connections to Calvary mailbox can be found on the Sierra Leone table in the Main Entrance hallway. For everyone that sent a letter, you should have received one back. If you didn't get yours please see either Tiffany or Sarah. Thank you for continuing your Connection to Calvary!

Neighborhood Center Christmas Tree

Thank you to all who donated gifts for the children at Neighborhood Center! First Church supported 2 families with 12 children total. The total estimated amount of gifts purchased for the children was \$1,080 which averaged about \$100 per child. The gifts were very thoughtful and mindful of what the families needed and requested, which included clothing and educational toys. The staff at Neighborhood Center was very grateful for your generosity, thank you!

Broad Street Elementary Community Dinner

The next community dinner at Broad Street Elementary is Thursday, February 15. First Church, along with several other churches will be providing a meal for students and their families. We need your help to set up, serve and clean up. Also, we will be providing the barbeque for the meal this time. We are asking for 10 people to sign up to make the following recipe (the school has requested us to use this specific recipe):

5 lbs ground beef (80% lean or higher)

½ cup of white vinegar

½ cup of brown sugar

3 ¾ cup ketchup

¼ cup mustard

Cook beef and drain fat. Mix in other ingredients and heat thoroughly.

Please contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com to volunteer at Broad Street or to make the barbeque. Thanks for helping us to reach out to our local community!

Relationship Builder

Name Tags

If you didn't already pick up your new magnetic name tag, please look for it in your church mailbox. If you didn't get one, let us know and we'll make one for you. Share the gift of hospitality by wearing your name tag every Sunday!

Small Groups

Men of First Church

Our Men of First Church small group will resume meeting in January. Keep your eye out for more details in the January bulletins. Contact Barry Eaton at theeaton5@verizon.net or John Bowen at bowenhome720@gmail.com if you have questions or would like more information about this group.

MOPS

The winter/spring semester of MOPS will begin January 19 and all moms of young children are invited to come and connect with our community of women who meet to laugh, support and embrace the journey together.

Monthly meetings are held on Friday mornings from 9:15 – 11:15 am. MOPS provides a welcoming and open environment where every mom can grow through mentoring and leadership development. The local fee for this group is just \$20.00 per semester (to help cover childcare and other miscellaneous expenses) and the MOPS International registration fee is \$31.95. Scholarships are available.

Fun outings/play-dates, creative projects and/or service opportunities are also organized for those who are interested in connecting in between the monthly meetings.

Access Ministries wants to thank all who planned and participated in the preview session for A Night in Bethlehem. You helped provide a special experience to several of our special needs members and their families. What a beautiful example of the body of Christ working together!

As 2018 unfolds we are busy planning for Day of Pampering, DisAbility Awareness Sunday (see page 5 for more information), and so many other ways to serve all God's children.

Day of Pampering will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018. We are still in need of many hands to help with decorating, nail painting, hand waxing, luxurious footbaths, moving furniture and putting it all back in place. If you know of someone who might be able to provide haircuts, makeup, or massage services, please provide Karin McHale with the contact information and she will contact them. Please consider how you can help and keep this event covered in prayer.

If you or someone you know has any questions about any our programming or ways to be involved, please contact Karin McHale.

Wellness Ministry!

If you are interested in promoting healthy living and wellness, please plan on coming to the Wellness Ministry's vision and planning meeting @6:30 pm on January 9th (room B002).

For information: Janice Bowen (WeCare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112)

Soupy Saturday

Saturday, January 20th - 9 - 11 a.m. in the FUMC Kitchen

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

Questions? Contact - Janice Bowen WeCare@fumchurch.com - 717-766-4611 x112

Generous Giver

Financial Report—through November 30, 2017 92% of year

General Fund

2017 budget	\$ 935,000	
Expected income	\$ 860,200	
Actual income	\$ 831,028	(89% of budget)
Deficit	\$ 29,172	
Actual expenses	\$ 789,531	

The Finance Committee has recommended to the Administrative Board a 2018 budget of \$945,000. The Board approved that amount. 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 2018 budget will be included in the next newsletter.

Ring in the News

The Handbells want to remind you of our February Pie Sale. The date is February 17th. We will be making apple or cherry pies - crumb or double crust tops. Look for order sheets now with a bell choir member or at the Information Desk. Thank you!

We are also going to do our best to get a date for a Hosse Community Night in February, so listen for the date. We know, many of us have missed this!

Women's Ministry

We are excited to share about new growth and change happening within women's ministry at First Church! To communicate this effectively, a new Women's Ministry page has been designed to highlight all of our existing programs, along with new events and groups that will support and inspire women of all ages! Please take a moment to review these wonderful offerings and feel free to share this information with other women you would like to bless!

United Methodist Women

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Sandy Walton ~ swalton54@comcast.net
meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

MARTHA CIRCLE

Marley Ann Schmick ~ marleyannrichard@gmail.com
meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

MARY CIRCLE

Janice Bowen ~ jjgbowen@yahoo.com
meets the 4th Monday of the month

RUTH CIRCLE

Joan Mains ~ mains.joan@yahoo.com
meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at Hoss's in
Mechanicsburg

COVERED IN LOVE

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

SQUARES AND PRAYERS

Tammy Snyder ~ tamsnyde@gmail.com
meets Mondays, 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall starting
again on March 5th

KNIT@NITE ~ ALL LEVELS OF KNITTERS WELCOME

Mary Helm ~ mthelm4@yahoo.com
meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Tower
Meeting Room

Other Opportunities to Connect

BOOK CLUB

Janice Bowen ~ jjgbowen@yahoo.com

DAY OF PAMPERING

Karin McHale ~ karinmch@comcast.net
February 24, 2018

LADIES' OVER 80 TEA

Janice Bowen ~ wecare@fumchurch.com
Held in the spring

MOMS IN PRAYER

Deb Noss ~ sdppp@msn.com
Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Room

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Tina Eaton ~ adultministry@fumchurch.com
Next meeting January 19 at 9:15 am

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Patti Herring ~ familyzeke@verizon.net
February 2 to 4, 2018, Mt. Asbury Retreat Center

ZUMBA Gold (low impact dance/aerobic exercise)

Margaret Paredes ~ 4paredesfam@gmail.com
Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room
Lisa Lynch ~ lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com
Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room

Upcoming Events:

Women's Retreat

February 2 to 4, 2018, Mt. Asbury Retreat Center

More information can be found on our website at fumchurch.com.



God calls us to be in fellowship with one another and there is no better way to do that than in small groups. Here are just a few opportunities for all men to join. We will be offering more in the future, but we need to know what suits you best. Please complete a survey, located at the Ministry Table outside of the multi purpose room, to help guide us as we grow our Men's Ministry at FUMC.

Winter Retreat

Wesley Forest, **February 16 to 18**, 2018

Bible Study

Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, led by Ken Guise and David Mengle

Contact: David Mengle at mengledm@verizon.net or Ken Guise at kguise@knouse.com

Tool Pool

A directory for any hand or power tools that you may need to borrow for one-time use.

Contact: Don Karns at dekarns@comcast.net

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Church News and Notes

Love & sympathy...

- to the family upon the death of Winnie Prowell on November 10.
- to the family upon the death of Charlie Glessner on November 25.
- to the family upon the death of Roger Walton's mother, Virginia, on December 9.
- to the family upon the death of Barbara Shover, on December 20.

Special Birthdays

- Pat Hutter..... January 3
- Richard Reed January 15
- David Coover..... January 16
- Ida Bardell January 21
- Leta Rohlmeier January 23
- Dot Souder..... January 27
- Margaret Baker January 30
- Paul Rynard February 3
- Joanne Ciampa..... February 6
- Joyce Parfet February 12
- Dottie Zimmerman February 26
- Gerry Aumiller February 27

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Larry & Linda Hall married 57 years on February 4
- ♥ Denny & Sally Kauffman married 58 years on February 14
- ♥ Winslow & Caroline Brown married 63 years on February 19

Thank you...

Thank you to our First Church family for the cards, prayers, and words of encouragement following my hospitalization in mid-November, and the expressions of condolences following my Mother's death in early December. It has been a very difficult month, but knowing that others care helps strengthen me and keeps me moving forward on my road back to full health. - Roger Walton

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

Early submissions always
appreciated!

January 15