



# First News First

February 2018

Monthly News of First United Methodist Church  
of Mechanicsburg

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

## "Accountable Discipleship"

I am excited to report that our "Be One. Make One. Discipleship Challenge" is off to a great start! To date, we have given away 500+ copies of the Common English Bible and the Daily Bible Reading Plan. As a congregation, we are engaging in reading God's Word each day and focusing on the week's theme on Sunday mornings in worship. Thinking of the commitment we have made to Bible reading reminds me of an important, but oft neglected, aspect of our spiritual growth: accountability.

Most of us have experienced the value of being accountable to others. When I was serving Grace Church, Centre Hall, two friends from the church held me accountable for getting exercise. Every weekday at 4:00 p.m. they showed up at the door of the parsonage for our daily run. It didn't matter if it was a frigid January day with the wind chill at 10 below zero, or a hot August day with the temperature soaring in the 90's, they were at my door and ready to run. Sometimes we ran three miles; other days five or more. Always it was on hilly terrain around the small central PA town. My friends were committed to me and I was committed to them. We all benefited physically from our daily runs!

Being connected to others who hold us accountable is not just important for physical fitness. It is vital to strong marriages and families, good schools, successful organizations, and healthy communities. It is also vital to our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Members of the early church held each other to a high level of spiritual accountability. Acts 2:42 says: ***The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.*** Staying connected was critically important for these early believers. They faced many trials and temptations in a culture that did not understand their new life in Christ. They depended on each other for support, encouragement, and inspiration. Their care for one another was contagious. Acts 2:47 says, ***The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.***

Like those early believers, you and I face trials and temptations. Being connected and accountable is as important for us as it was for them. Being connected and accountable to you is making a big difference for me, in staying with my daily Bible reading, knowing you are reading along with me. It's making a big difference for me, when Sunday comes, knowing you will be in worship with me. It's making a big difference for me, having friends in Christ to support, encourage and inspire me.

At First Church we are committed to being ***Lifelong Learners. We continually grow as disciples as we study God's Word alone and with others.***

There is no such thing as solo Christianity. Growing as disciples is always something we do ***with others.*** Thanks for holding me accountable. I'm committed to holding you accountable, too! Let's keep growing together!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Denny

## Lifelong Learner

**BE ONE. DISCIPLE  
MAKE ONE.**



### Week 5: 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

### Week 6: Theme ~ *Love*

**February 5** *The Definition of Love*  
1 Corinthians 13:1-3;  
1 Thessalonians 4:3-9; 1 Peter 4:1-8

**February 6** *Strength to Love*  
1 John 4:7-21; John 13:34-35

**February 7** *Love in Action*  
Ruth; 1 John 3:11-24; John 15:12-13;  
Luke 7:36-50

**February 8** *God Loves Me?*  
Romans 8:31-36, 5:6-8; John 3:16-17;  
Psalm 136

**February 9** *Love in the Church*  
Romans 13:8-10, 12:9-13;  
Galatians 5:13-14

**February 10** Relax & Reflect

**February 11** Worship

### Week 7: Theme ~ *Hospitality*

**February 12** *Biblical Hospitality*  
Matthew 25:31-46; 1 Peter 4:7-11

**February 13** *Extending Invitations*  
Luke 14:1-24, 24:13-36; Hebrews 13:1-3

**February 14** *Hospitality in the Church*  
Acts 2:42-47, 21:1-6, 28:1-10; 3 John

**February 15** *Households Believed*  
Acts 16

**February 16** *Radical Hospitality*  
James 2:14-26; 1 John 3:16-24

**February 17** Relax & Reflect

**February 18** Worship

### Week 8: Theme ~ *Self-Discipline*

**February 19** *Training for a Life of Faith*  
1 Thessalonians 5:4-11;  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

**February 20** *Overcoming Sinful Desires*  
Romans 6:1-18, 13:11-14

**February 21** *Growing in God's Love*  
Titus 2:11-3:15; Psalm 34:1-22

**February 22** *Change Your Mind*  
Colossians 3:1-17

**February 23** *Proven Results*  
Daniel 1:1-21; Matthew 6:33

**February 24** Relax & Reflect

**February 25** Worship

### Week 9: Theme ~ *Testing*

**February 26** *This Is a Test*  
Job 23:1-12; 1 Peter 1:3-12

**February 27** *The Ultimate Test*  
Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:8-19

**February 28** *Bread from Heaven*  
Exodus 15:22-16:35

**March 1** *The Money Test*  
Luke 18:18-30

**March 2** *The Other Side*  
Psalm 66

**March 3** Relax & Reflect

**March 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** – You are welcome to drop in to Pastor Denny’s class any Wednesday through March 21 – it meets from 6:45 - 8:00 pm in room B004. This study is based on our 2018 daily Bible reading plan, so 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! Then come to class to discuss the readings in greater depth.

**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 and begin reading!

**Thursday Morning/Evening Bible Study** – An inductive study on Chapters 6, 7 and 8 in the book of Romans will begin in March and is being led by Juanita Guise. Class meets in Fellowship Hall on Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. or Thursday evenings from 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. The cost of the workbook is \$25.00. Please sign up in the main lobby at church or contact Juanita Guise at [kguise@comcast.net](mailto:kguise@comcast.net).

**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](mailto:kguise@knouse.com) if you would like to be contacted when the next study is offered.

## Library

It is a beautiful snowy winter day, and I am finished with the flurry of Christmas holiday preparations and celebrations. Now I am preparing for the next holiday: Valentine’s Day. If you haven’t flipped the calendar to look at February, I will warn you that Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day are both observed on the same Wednesday this year. So you might have to eat your Valentine chocolates and desserts on Fat Tuesday, the last day of feasting before Lent begins. Seems like a no-brainer to me. Or you could just stop in the library for some low-cal romance. And the library has a lot of those books to choose from.

Susan May Warren’s new book in the *Montana Rescue* series moves out of the mountains onto a Caribbean island. Billionaire Ian Shaw is trying to win back Sierra’s love by sponsoring a charity event on a yacht in the Caribbean, when a rogue wave sweeps them off the yacht and onto a deserted island. (When I read that description, all I could think of was Gilligan’s Island, but fortunately this is more of a romance than a comedy.) Sierra Rose loves Ian, but the secret she is sworn to keep prevents her from acting on her feelings. Meanwhile, their friends from Peak Rescue are frantically working to find the castaways. But being alone on an island might be the perfect time to sort out their feeling for each other and their relationship with God. You won’t want to stop reading till the last page!!

I know many of our readers love a good Amish romance, and I have a new one for you. It is aptly named **Amish Sweethearts** written by Amy Clipston. The book contains four novellas of young couples finding love only to almost lose it. This is a book to curl up with on a cold winter night. A cup of tea to warm your body and a romance to warm your heart!

We also have two new board books for Valentine’s Day in our children’s section. An **“I Love You” Prayer** is in the shape of a glossy red heart and **The Story of Valentine’s Day** will delight your little ones.

If none of these books is quite right for you, just stop in and someone will help you find the perfect book for you!

See you in the library!

Pam and Donna

## Praying Follower

### Love & sympathy...

to the family upon the death of Tammy Ingraham's brother-in-law, Donald Ingraham, on January 5.  
to the family upon the death of Leta Rohlmeier's sister, Ruth Pittman, on January 8.

## 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

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.

### Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday Service will take place for members and friends of the Mechanicsburg United Methodist Churches on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC, 203 S. Filbert Street, Mechanicsburg. Rev. George Barto, retired pastor and chaplain for our Mechanicsburg Cluster, will be preaching. The service will include the imposition of ashes and the celebration of Holy Communion.

### Lift Up Your Voice in Worship

SINGERS TAKE NOTE! The Sanctuary Choir is always looking for new members. Please consider joining us! We meet Wednesday evenings from 8 to 9 in the Sanctuary, and sing three times a month (yes, you get one Sunday off a month!). We are especially in need of sopranos. We have fun at rehearsal and love to Worship through song. Won't you please lend your voice to our ministry? If you have any questions, please contact Jody Brinley.

## *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 **February 21 at 6 pm**. Contact Eric King at [eking@verizon.net](mailto:eking@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 **2,650** (\$26.50) pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of **\$12,971.24**. 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.**

### **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 just need **5 more** 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](mailto: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*

### **Small Groups**

#### **Men of First Church**

Our Men of First Church small group will continue meeting in February. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (next meeting February 21) from 8-9:30pm. Locations will vary - keep your eye out for more details in the February bulletins. Contact John Bowen ([bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com)) or Barry Eaton ([theeaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theeaton5@verizon.net)) if you have questions or would like more information about this group.

#### **Men's Breakfast:**

An open invitation is extended to any and all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday morning of each month. Please come join us at Brother's Restaurant, located at 705 Gettysburg Pike in Mechanicsburg. Our next gathering will be on Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 am. Hope to see you there!

### **Senior Fellowship – Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 1-3 p.m.**

All senior members are invited to enjoy a casual time of fellowship in the Sanctuary Gathering area just beyond the church library. Pre-school friends from Little Friends Nursery School will join us for a visit.....come join us for cookies, milk and stories!

Please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for more information.

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### **He shoots... He SCORES!!!**

Save the Date! The Fellowship Team invites you to a Hershey Bears Hockey game on Sunday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. We have 25 seats reserved. Watch for details in the bulletin. If you have questions or want to reserve your ticket, contact Jeff Hoffnagle at [717-732-6430](tel:717-732-6430).

### **The Food Trucks are Returning!**

The dates have been confirmed for the Third Friday Food Truck Feast. Mark your calendars for the following: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21 and October 19, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in our parking lot. Looking forward to another year of great food and fellowship!

### **Camping... It's not just for kids**

This year, as members of FUMC, we are being called to "Be One, Make One." During the month of March, there will be two very special Sunday School events that highlight our many Church Camp and Retreat opportunities through the conference. Participating and supporting these ministries help us individually and collectively to grow our roots deeper into the word so as to better branch out and connect with others within our fellowship and our community.

The first Sunday School promotion will simulate the fun activities that one experiences during a "day of Church Camp." The following week offers a chance to participate in an interactive panel discussion, presentation and question/answer session to better explore how we all can share in the life-changing and relationship building experiences of Camp and Retreat ministries.

More to come! Please be in prayer for these events and ask how you can participate in the Camping and Retreat ministries this year - whether by your attendance, your financial gifts, your prayer support or other unique gifts. *"Be One, Make One."*

### **HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!!**

Day of Pampering is just weeks away. Did you sign up to help? Many hands make for light work and there is so much to do!!!

Is day of Pampering important??? I think so! The women who come think so!!!. I asked a participant from last year to share some of her thoughts on attending her first DOP event. This was her response:

*"The pampering made me feel like a queen for the day. I felt appreciated. It was wonderful to connect with women in similar situations. I made a friend with someone who has a son younger than mine. The best part of the day, was telling her, "Don't worry, it gets better." Thank you to everyone who helps made this such a special day for so many women."*

Not only did this woman have an opportunity to be blessed, but she became a blessing to her new friend, providing insight and hope. This was the "BEST PART" of her day. I love how God works!

Have you ever wanted to be a blessing to someone else? This is your chance! And you don't even need to leave town. Day of Pampering is God's work, blessing and loving the women who care for their loved one. While DOP may take place at First Church, it involves the whole community coming together. Friends from Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church helping, local service providers sharing their talents, community business donations and support, and YOU working together makes DOP happen.

If you are already signed up to be a part of this exciting event, thank you for saying yes. If you receive a contact asking for your help, please say yes. Better yet, contact me, Karin McHale, [karinmch@comcast.net](mailto:karinmch@comcast.net) and say, "Here I am".

### **Middle-Aged Singles**

"Middle-Aged" Ugh! I know, not a very welcoming label. I went looking on the internet for a better one but really didn't find anything. So until we can come up with something better this will have to do.

And just what is middle-aged? One website uses the age range 36 – 55 while another uses the age range 45 – 64. Another vague definition. Well, for the purpose of this ministry we will say ages 36 – 70, give or take.

Now, you may be thinking what is the purpose of this article. I am glad you asked. As First Church continues to grow we want to provide discipleship opportunities for everyone, and identify areas that may need

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more focus. One of the areas identified is middle-aged singles (never married, divorced or widowed). If you fall into this category and are looking for ways to connect with others of similar age, life-stage or life experience join us in the multipurpose room on February 11 at 9:30 am. We want to get your input on how to best serve you: spirit, emotion, and physical well-being. We need you in order to build a successful ministry.

## Generous Giver

### Financial Report—through December 31, 2017

<b>General Fund</b>		
2017 budget	\$ 935,000	
Expected income	\$ 935,000	
Actual income	\$ 925,821	(99% of budget)
Deficit	\$ 9,179	
Actual expenses	\$ 925,741	

Although we didn't receive as much income as anticipated, First Church had a successful financial year. Our policy of using all unspent balances of individual line items allowed us to fund \$25,000 for a capital reserve and to pay \$5,200 extra on the principal. The debt summary is included below.

Using General Fund and designated funds, we paid more than \$165,000 to a wide variety of missions; another great success.

The December 31, 2017, financial report and the 2018 approved budget are included in this newsletter.

### Debt Status

#### December 31, 2017

We started 2017 with a debt on the church parsonage of \$153,300.

During 2017, we paid \$29,215 on the principal, leaving a balance on December 31 of \$124,085. Of the principal payments, \$25,200 was paid from the General Fund and \$4,015 was paid from Building Fund donations. During 2017, we paid \$6,679 in interest on the debt.

### Ringin' in the News

The handbell choirs will be baking pies again Saturday, February 17. Orders are now being placed either with a bell choir member or at the Welcome Desk. We make cherry and apple (crumb or crust topping) in February in honor of Valentine's Day and President's Day. Order yours today!

And – back by popular demand!! We will be having a Hosses Community Day Thursday, February 22! Get a card to take with you to Hosses and enjoy your meal. If you would like a coupon emailed to you, let Kathie Bittenbender know. Her email address is [RBittenben@verizon.net](mailto:RBittenben@verizon.net). It's always fun to know at least half the people at Hosses that day!

### Little Friends

The Little Friends Nursery School will be holding their annual Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Over 25 vendors will be present along with food and door prizes. All proceeds benefit the nursery school, which is a ministry of First Church. Come out and support our Little Friends! If you have questions or would like to be a vendor at the fair, contact Chris Sims, Director of Little Friends, at [lfns@fumchurch.com](mailto:lfns@fumchurch.com).

**First United Methodist Church  
General Fund  
Budget 2018**

Account Number	Account Name	2017 Budget	November Actual	2018 Budget Requests	Adjustments	2018 Budget Proposal
<b>100 Income</b>						
101	Envelope Giving		649,775.75			
102	W/O Envelopes		167,895.95			
103	Loose Offering		10,363.86			
104	Building Use Rent		2,894.00			
105	Interest Income		160.87			
106	Other Receipts		-62.76			
	Total Income	935,000.00	831,027.67			945,000.00
<b>200 Salaries and Benefits</b>						
201	Pastor's Salary	79,226.00	72,623.76	80,811.00		80,811.00
202	Soc. Sec. Offset - Pastor	6,061.00	5,555.66	6,182.00		6,182.00
203	Pension- Pastor	8,949.00	8,202.81	9,012.00		9,012.00
204	Health Care - Pastor	14,000.00	12,833.37	14,000.00		14,000.00
205	Housing- Pastor	0.00				0.00
206	Travel _ Pastor	4,000.00	797.33	4,000.00		4,000.00
207	Continuing Ed - Pastor	750.00		750.00		750.00
210	Assistant Pastor	35,374.00	25,793.56	35,374.00		35,374.00
211	Continuing Ed - Asst. Past	600.00		600.00		600.00
212	Soc. Sec. Offset - Asst. Pastor	2,706.00	1,973.12	2,706.00		2,706.00
213	Health Care - Asst. Pastor	0.00				0.00
214	Travel - Asst Pastor	2,000.00	914.31	2,000.00		2,000.00
220	Assoc Pastor Visitation	0.00				0.00
221	Travel - Assoc Past Visit	0.00				0.00
229	Director of Outreach	18,750.00	14,062.50	19,125.00		19,125.00
230	Office Manager	33,340.00	30,561.74	34,007.00		34,007.00
231	Admin Assistant					0.00
232	Director of Child Ministries	35,706.00	32,730.50	36,420.00		36,420.00
233	Youth Pastor	37,904.00	34,745.26	38,662.00		38,662.00
234	Youth Pastor Benefits	5,492.00	5,034.26	5,602.00		5,602.00
235	Director of Adult Ministries	20,082.00	18,408.50	20,484.00		20,484.00
236	Facilities Coordinator	11,934.00	13,074.30	12,173.00		12,173.00
237	Custodians	36,000.00	26,001.70	39,366.00		39,366.00
238	Finance Director	8,580.00	7,865.00	8,752.00		8,752.00
239	Congregational Care Coord	19,238.00	17,634.76	19,623.00		19,623.00
240	Music Director	6,571.00	6,023.38	6,702.00		6,702.00
241	Organist/Assistants	15,480.00	11,459.98	15,480.00		15,480.00
242	Sounds of Worship Choir Dir	3,280.00	3,006.74	3,346.00		3,346.00
243	Sanctuary Choir Director	5,079.00	4,655.86	5,181.00		5,181.00
244	Youth Choir Director	2,709.00	1,505.00	2,763.00		2,763.00
245	Junior Choir Director	2,319.00		2,365.00		2,365.00
246	Children's Choir Director	2,709.00	2,408.00	2,763.00		2,763.00
247	Adult Bell Choir Director	2,661.00	2,682.28	6,786.00		6,786.00
248	Children's Bell Choir Director	3,992.00	2,461.36			0.00
249	Invocation Director	3,075.00	3,331.96	6,153.00		6,153.00
250	Additional Musicians (Wshp)	900.00	450.00	900.00		900.00
251	Travel - Lay Staff	500.00	595.00	500.00		500.00
252	Continuing Ed - Lay Staff	600.00	474.00	600.00		600.00
253	Soc. Sec. - Lay Staff	20,761.00	16,557.20	21,432.00		21,432.00
254	Office Manager Benefits	5,492.00	5,034.26	5,602.00		5,602.00
	Total Salaries & Benefits	456,820.00	389,457.46	470,222.00	0.00	470,222.00

**300 Conference Shares of Ministry**

**First United Methodist Church  
General Fund  
Budget 2018**

Account Number	Account Name	2017 Budget	November Actual	2018 Budget Requests	Adjustments	2018 Budget Proposal
301	Connectional Support	36,600.00	33,550.00	40,683.00		40,683.00
302	Clergy Support	45,471.00	41,679.00	46,911.00		46,911.00
	<b>Total Shares of Ministry</b>	<b>82,071.00</b>	<b>75,229.00</b>	<b>87,594.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>87,594.00</b>
<b>400 Missions</b>						
401	Africa University	0.00				0.00
402	Benevolences	26,638.00	24,420.00	30,498.00		30,498.00
403	Benevolent Homes	0.00				0.00
404	Bethany Village	0.00				0.00
405	Bethany Village Aux.	0.00	260.00			0.00
406	Bethesda Mission	0.00	1,000.00			0.00
407	Daron Shelter	0.00				0.00
408	Daystar	0.00	6,000.00			0.00
409	District Advance	0.00				0.00
410	FUMC Backyard Ministries	0.00				0.00
411	Habitat for Humanity	0.00				0.00
412	Mech Council of Churches	0.00	200.00			0.00
413	Mech Meals on Wheels	0.00				0.00
414	Mission Central	0.00	3,000.00			0.00
415	Mission Ed & Awareness	0.00				0.00
416	Mission Scholarships	0.00	500.00			0.00
417	Missionaries - Denominational	0.00				0.00
418	Neighborhood Center	0.00	6,000.00			0.00
419	New Hope Ministries	0.00	6,000.00			0.00
420	S. Central Food Bank	0.00				0.00
421	Salt & Light Ministry	0.00	1,500.00			0.00
422	Sierra Leone - Initiative	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00
423	UM Children's Home	0.00	1,000.00			0.00
424	UM Women	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
425	UMCOR	0.00				0.00
426	Undesignated Missions	50,000.00	500.00	45,540.00		45,540.00
427	Uptown Ministries	0.00				0.00
428	World Communion	0.00				0.00
429	Youth Mission Trip	0.00				0.00
430	Youth Service Fund	0.00				0.00
431	Human Relations Day	0.00	500.00			0.00
432	Youth/Children Offering	0.00	500.00			0.00
433	One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	500.00			0.00
434	Native American Awareness	0.00	500.00			0.00
435	Mental Health Sunday	0.00	500.00			0.00
436	Peace With Justice Sunday	0.00	500.00			0.00
437	Rural Life Sunday	0.00	500.00			0.00
438	Volunteer in Mission Sunday	0.00	500.00			0.00
439	Christian Education Sunday	0.00	500.00			0.00
440	World Communion Offering	0.00				0.00
441	World Hunger/Harvest Home	0.00				0.00
442	United Methodist Student Day	0.00				0.00
443	CRU - Jenna Mengle	7200.00	7,150.00	9,000.00		9,000.00
444	CRU - Bethany Robinson	7200.00	3,600.00			0.00
445	CRU - Matt & Leann Herring	10,800.00	11,600.00	16,800.00		16,800.00
446	Volunteers in Mission	0.00	1,000.00			0.00
	Calvary Church, Sierra Leone	10,000.00	3,700.00	10,000.00	-6300.00	3,700.00

**First United Methodist Church  
General Fund  
Budget 2018**

Account Number	Account Name	2017 Budget	November Actual	2018 Budget Requests	Adjustments	2018 Budget Proposal
	Total Missions and Projects	115,038.00	85,130.00	115,038.00	-6,300.00	108,738.00
<b>500 Program</b>						
501	Access Ministry	2,750.00	2,494.24	2,500.00		2,500.00
502	Adult Department	4,000.00	3,947.12	4,800.00		4,800.00
503	Bank Fees	1,300.00	1,740.90	2,000.00		2,000.00
504	Camping	8,000.00	7,103.50	7,000.00		7,000.00
505	Children's Department	12,000.00	7,264.96	11,000.00		11,000.00
506	Choir Music	3,000.00	2,308.23	3,000.00		3,000.00
507	Communications	2,700.00	1,429.59	2,700.00		2,700.00
508	Confirmation	0.00				0.00
509	Devotional Literature	1,250.00	1,132.50	1,250.00		1,250.00
510	Endowment Fund Comm	0.00				0.00
511	Evangelism	600.00	410.00	600.00		600.00
512	Fellowship Committee	1,800.00	885.77	2,500.00		2,500.00
513	FUMC Website	0.00				0.00
514	Hospitality Task Force	500.00	124.13	500.00		500.00
515	Health & Wellness	250.00	150.00	250.00		250.00
516	Library	200.00	370.97	200.00		200.00
517	MOPS	0.00		1,500.00		1,500.00
518	Offering Envelopes	1,500.00	841.07	1,500.00		1,500.00
519	Office Supplies	4,000.00	4,063.44	4,000.00		4,000.00
520	Paper & Printing	2,500.00	-891.60	2,500.00		2,500.00
521	Postage	4,500.00	2,497.69	4,500.00		4,500.00
522	Small Group Babysitting	0.00				0.00
523	Staff Parish Rel Comm.	500.00	556.30	500.00		500.00
524	Stewardship Committee	0.00				0.00
525	Sunday School Curriculum	0.00				0.00
526	Vacation Bible School	0.00				0.00
527	Women's Ministry	500.00		500.00		500.00
528	Wonderful Wednesday	0.00				0.00
529	Worship Committee	1,000.00	370.40	1,000.00		1,000.00
530	Youth Department	20,240.00	12,523.06	20,240.00		20,240.00
532	Computer Support	5,837.00	4,094.80	6,677.00		6,677.00
531	Safe Sanctuary	450.00	28.75	450.00		450.00
534	Pastor Discretionary Account	0.00				0.00
533	History/Anniversary	0.00				0.00
535	Congregational Care Ministries	350.00	377.34	400.00		400.00
	Coffee Supplies	450.00		450.00		450.00
	Outreach			1,550.00		1,550.00
	Men's Ministry			500.00		500.00
	Total Program	80,177.00	53,823.16	84,567.00	0.00	84,567.00
<b>600 Facilities</b>						
601	Building Use	0.00				0.00
602	Van Ministry	2,750.00	2,583.64	2,750.00		2,750.00
603	Facility Reserve	40,000.00	36,663.00	40,000.00		40,000.00
604	Fuel	22,000.00	15,462.90	22,000.00		22,000.00
605	Janitorial Supplies	4,400.00	3,551.17	4,400.00		4,400.00
607	Maintenance	14,000.00	18,245.54	15,500.00		15,500.00
608	Property Insurance	16,850.00	15,783.00	16,850.00		16,850.00
609	Property Tax	2,900.00	2,897.38	2,900.00		2,900.00
610	Service Contracts	17,450.00	18,132.83	17,450.00		17,450.00

**First United Methodist Church  
General Fund  
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Account Number	Account Name	2017 Budget	November Actual	2018 Budget Requests	Adjustments	2018 Budget Proposal
615	Service Contracts - Office	5,194.00	5,739.25	5,325.00		5,325.00
611	Snow Removal	3,300.00	1,325.00	3,300.00		3,300.00
612	Telephone- Church	3,900.00	3,178.01	3,900.00		3,900.00
613	Utilities Church	31,000.00	31,487.92	31,000.00		31,000.00
614	Wireless Project	0.00				0.00
615	Utilities Parsonage	6,150.00	3,707.39	6,150.00		6,150.00
617	Sound System Reserve					0.00
618	Maintenance - Parsonage	1,000.00	421.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
	<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>170,894.00</b>	<b>159,178.03</b>	<b>172,525.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>172,525.00</b>
	<b>Capital Expenses</b>					
700	Debt Reduction - Interest	10,000.00	6,678.77	5,800.00		5,800.00
701	Debt Reduction - Principal	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-5000.00	15,000.00
702						
	<b>Total Capital Expenses</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>26,678.77</b>	<b>25,800.00</b>	<b>-5,000.00</b>	<b>20,800.00</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>935,000.00</b>	<b>789,496.42</b>	<b>955,746.00</b>	<b>-11,300.00</b>	<b>944,446.00</b>
	<b>Income Over Spending</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>41,531.25</b>	<b>-955,746.00</b>	<b>11,300.00</b>	<b>554.00</b>

# 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 ~ wecare@fumchurch.com

### **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 ~ wecare@fumchurch.com

### **DAY OF PAMPERING**

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

### **LADIES' OVER 80 TEA**

Janice Bowen ~ wecare@fumchurch.com  
Held in September

### **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 February 9 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

**Spotlight:** The Knit@Nite group invites all levels of knitters to join them! Their primary focus is to knit premie hats for babies at Pinnacle Hospital. These tiny hats are knitted with love using a simple pattern and then given to Christina Morgan, who works at the hospital. You may also knit the hats on your own, using the simple pattern that can be provided to you. Contact Mary Helm to learn more about Knit@Nite or to make premie hats.

Upcoming Events:

**MOPS** - February 9

**Day of Pampering** - February 24

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

# MEN'S MINISTRY

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.

## Men's Retreat Reminder

### **Last call for Men's Retreat Registration...**

This year we are blessed to have the Rev. Dr. Stephen Gallaher leading us as guest presenter at our Men's Retreat. Many of you may know Stephen from his wonderful leadership with youth at CHUM and Salt 'n Light. He continues to teach at Messiah College but has carved time out of his busy schedule to join us on retreat.



### **Rev. Dr. Stephen Gallaher**

- ◇ *Founder, Pastor in Residence of Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry*
- ◇ *Associate Pastor Camp Hill UMC*
- ◇ *Professor of Christian Ministries/Youth Ministry Messiah College*
- *D.Min., Perkins School of Theology*
- *M.Div., Lancaster Theological Seminary*
- *B.A., Messiah College*

The dates will be **February 16-18, 2018.** To register or get more information contact John Bowen ([bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com)) or Barry Eaton ([theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net)). **Registration: \$95**

## 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](mailto:mengledm@verizon.net) or Ken Guise at [kguise@knouse.com](mailto: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](mailto:dekarns@comcast.net)

## Men of First Church

Our Men of First Church small group will continue meeting in February. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (next meeting February 21) from 8-9:30pm. Locations will vary - keep your eye out for more details in the February bulletins. Contact John Bowen ([bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com)) or Barry Eaton ([theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net)) or if you have questions or would like more information about this group.

## *Church News and Notes*

### **Special Birthdays**

Paul Rynard ..... February 3  
Joanne Ciampa..... February 6  
Joyce Parfet..... February 12  
Dottie Zimmerman..... February 26  
Gerry Aumiller..... February 27  
Janet Fertenbaugh ..... March 6  
Ben Miller ..... March 12  
Sara Meck ..... March 15  
Marge Robinson..... March 15  
Art Murray ..... March 16  
Roy Kohr ..... March 21  
Mabel Strock..... March 28  
Dave Scholl..... March 31

### **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
- ♥ Jim & Gail Siemons married 54 years on March 21

### **Thank you...**

To our many friends in First Church:

Thank you for your many cards, visits, prayers and flowers during Barbara's lengthy illness and subsequent death. The visits and prayers of the pastors were appreciated. The kind and loving service of those who prepared and served the memorial day luncheon and the supportive consultation and service of the staff who assisted in the service was sincerely appreciated as we celebrated her life and ministry. We were truly blessed. Thank you!

The Shover Family

To our Church Family,

Marlin and I would like to thank the carolers who came to sing to my mother, Ida Bardell. Also, the cookies were delicious and her scarf was so nice. We are so grateful.

Love, Kay, Marlin & Ida

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Early submissions always  
appreciated!

**February 15**

