



October 2018

# *First News First*

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

### **"Bright Spots"**

*For we are all co-workers in God's service... 1 Corinthians 3: 9*

As a staff, we celebrate the following "bright spots" – places where we have seen God at work through the ministry and missions of First Church these past few months:

- ☆ We had more consistent weekly attendance (between 50-80 people every week) at combined youth/adult summer Sunday school class than we have had in about 10 years! Each week participants were blessed by guest teachers who delivered lessons on effectively sharing Jesus. These teachers combined lessons (from an outstanding curriculum called "Gospel Shaped Outreach"), with their own personal experiences working in the mission field. Every week participants also had the opportunity to put the lessons into practice. Thank you to Jenna Mengle, Matt and LeeAnn Herring, Josh Herring, Graham Bowen, Tiffany Holland, Sarah Jones, Lori Hoffnagle and our youth mission trip team for sharing their hearts and wisdom with us!
- ☆ Our men's ministry is growing both in what is being offered, and in engaging new men. In addition to our men's retreat, men's Bible study and consistent opportunities for serving together, First Church has established a consistent monthly men's breakfast and men's small group which meets year-round, plus new fellowship outings are being offered. It is a joy to see new men engaging and growing in their discipleship! Thank you to our men's ministry leaders for their ongoing dedication to this ministry!
- ☆ In addition to the six adult Sunday School classes that began meeting this fall, we have eight adult groups meeting for the purposes of Bible study/prayer... this is estimated to engage more than 200 people in discipleship this fall! Thank you to all of our Sunday School class teachers and to our study leaders for sharing your gifts and knowledge with us!
- ☆ Access Ministry will continue the Day of Pampering, which continues to be an amazing, effective ministry.
- ☆ Access Ministry has identified areas of safety and accessibility related to the pew seating in the sanctuary.
- ☆ Covered in Love crafts a never-ending supply of wonderful prayer shawls that we share on a regular basis. They recently completed gifts which we will share with our members at home on the night of Christmas Caroling in December (a stocking stuffed with a dish cloth that will accompany hand soap), as well as dish cloths in the shape of a dress that will be given as a favor to the women attending the September Ladies Tea next week.
- ☆ Squares and Prayers is also amazingly productive. They recently donated about 25 quilts to Homeland Hospice, in addition to 'Sensory Blankets' they made for each of the Little Friends Preschool classrooms. Squares and Prayers also crafted quilt/button pins for the Ladies September Tea.
- ☆ 'Share the Harvest' was offered again this growing season as a place for gardeners to share from their harvest for anyone wishing to take home from the season's bounty! Many cucumbers, zucchini, tomatoes, and flowers were donated. This idea seems to be catching-on as there was more activity at the harvest table than ever before!
- ☆ Another bright spot was the launching of FUMC's 'Free Little Pantry' which has been established alongside the church parking lot on High Street. The pantry serves as a source of basic food and hygiene supplies to benefit those in the community who may be in need of some pantry items. Like 'Share the Harvest,' the Free Little Pantry is also interactive in that everyone is invited to participate in donating or receiving items from the pantry.
- ☆ Seeing several of our students participate in the Baptism and Re-affirmation services at Impact and make a physical acknowledgment of pursuing whole heartedly their relationship with God.
- ☆ Seeing the number of returning students who are currently participating full time or short term in missions and able to create me and share their experience and teach their church family during Sunday school.
- ☆ Watching as our high school Sunday school students desire and engage with the opportunity to take turns teaching lessons and sharing with others about what they have learned while reading God's Word.
- ☆ The Re-Creation Patriotic Concert held in June was a great success, with close to 700 in attendance between the Saturday night concert and Sunday morning worship services. We plan to host the group again in 2019.

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# BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



## Week 40: Theme ~ *Purity*

**October 1**     *Purity in Heart*  
Matthew 5:5; 1 Timothy 1:5;  
James 3:17; Psalm 24:1-5

**October 2**     *Pure Lives*  
Ephesians 4:17-5:16

**October 3**     *Refining Fire*  
Malachi 3:1-6; Psalm 51:7-10

**October 4**     *Pure Paths*  
Psalm 119:1-16

**October 5**     *Pure Motives*  
Galatians 5:16-26

**October 6**     Relax & Reflect

**October 7**     Worship

## Week 41: Theme ~ *God's Promises*

**October 8**     *All the Time, God Is Good*  
Psalms 145-146

**October 9**     *Precious and Wonderful Promises*  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22; 2 Peter 1:3-4

**October 10**    *Triumph Over Temptation*  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Hebrews 2:14-18

**October 11**    *Promise of Joy in the Morning*  
Psalms 30, 34:17-20

**October 12**    *Promise of Future Glory*  
1 Peter 5:6-11; Psalm 91:1-16

**October 13**    Relax & Reflect

**October 14**    Worship

## Week 42: Theme ~ *Moderation*

**October 15**    *Think First*  
Genesis 25:19-34; Hebrews 12:16-17

**October 16**    *Don't Hoard*  
Exodus 16:9-30; Psalm 78:15-32

**October 17**    *God Provides*  
Matthew 6:25-34; Proverbs 21:20

**October 18**    *Excess*  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Philippians 3:1-21

**October 19**    *Good Friends*  
Proverbs 23:19-21; 2 Peter 1:3-11

**October 20**    Relax & Reflect

**October 21**    Worship

## Week 43: Theme ~ *Purpose-Driven*

**October 22**    *Training with Purpose*  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 1 Timothy 4:7-16

**October 23**    *Purposeful Prayer*  
Luke 11:5-13, 18:1-8

**October 24**    *Purpose-Driven Work*  
Proverbs 10:4, 13:4, 14:23, 20:4;  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

**October 25**    *Purpose-Driven Living*  
Revelation 3:14-22

**October 26**    *Purpose and Focus*  
Philippians 3:12-4:1

**October 27**    Relax & Reflect

**October 28**    Worship

## Week 44: Theme ~ *Trust*

**October 29**    *Trust with All Your Heart*  
Proverbs 3:1-15

**October 30**    *Trust and Rick*  
Matthew 14:22-33

**October 31**    *Trust in the Future*  
Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 121

**November 1**    *Trust at All Times*  
Psalm 62; 1 John 2:15-17

**November 2**    *Trust that Grounds Us*  
Jeremiah 17:5-8

**November 3**    Relax & Reflect

**November 4**    Worship

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- ☆ Community Day in the Park, in collaboration with the Borough and several other community churches, was held on Saturday, August 11. The churches worked together to host the children's activities and sponsor the pool. The event continues to grow and we look forward to working together next year.
- ☆ The Third Friday Food Trucks continue to draw more and more people to our parking lot! They will be here for September and October and have already committed to being here for 2019!

### Take the Challenge!

It's never too late to accept the Be One, Make One Discipleship Challenge! If you haven't already, please join us on this adventure! Simply visit the Welcome Center display, pick up a Common English Bible with a reading plan and begin reading! Then come on Sundays to worship God and learn from the sermons, which dig deeper into the weekly readings.

### Fall Bible Studies

Looking for a new way to grow, learn and get into God's Word this fall? Then consider participating in any of the following classes/groups:

- **Regular Sunday School** classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Look in the bulletin for more details regarding the class choices.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** with Pastor Denny is open for anyone to drop in! Class meets from 6:45 - 8:00 pm in room B004 and runs through November 14. This study is based on our 2018 daily Bible reading plan, so visit the Welcome Center display to sign up, 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.
- **Wednesday Lunch & Learn** with Pastor John begins on October 3 and will run 7 weeks. Bible study starts at 11 am under the balcony in the sanctuary. Come to dive deeper into our 2018 daily Bible reading plan, followed by lunch out together at noon. Sign up at the Welcome Center display, pick up a Common English Bible with the companion daily reading plan and begin reading!

### New Member Class

Are you interested in becoming a First Church member? If so, you are invited to a new member orientation on Sunday, October 7 from 9:30 – 10:30 am in room 207. On that day you will get to know the pastors and each other better, plus receive materials for the 6-week new member study, A Disciple's Path. This class will run through November 18.

Visit the Welcome Center display to sign up or contact Tina Eaton at 766-4611, extension 104/email her at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).

### Library

Have I ever mentioned I love fall? Yes, you are right. I say this every year. Okay, the truth is that I like the change of season, at least for the first week or two. Since October is always mystery month in the library, I look forward to curling up with a hot latte and some heart-thumping mysteries. And it just so happens that the library has some excellent mysteries on the new book cart.

Dee Henderson, Lynette Eason, and Dani Pettrey are some of my favorite mystery writers. Last year they teamed up for a three-story novella, **Sins of the Past**, and this year they have written **The Cost of Betrayal**. Each of the three stories is centered around the main character who is betrayed and in jeopardy. And there is an element of romance in each story which adds to the tension. You know I will never give away the plot, but if you like these authors, you won't be disappointed. In fact, you may need the second latte to keep you going late into the night while reading this page turner.

I rarely read Amish books because there is not much mystery in that genre. But Linda Byler has brought out a trilogy, **Lancaster Burning** that just might change my mind. Starting off the set is **Fire in the Night**. Barns are burning in Lancaster County, and there are few clues to lead to the arsonist. Sarah Beiler, the main character, is at odds with her parents over her interest in Matthew Stoltzfus and newcomer Lee. As

the second barn burns, the whole community seems to be on edge. I will warn you the answer won't be found in this book; you'll just have to read **Davey's Daughter**, the second book. Once again Sarah is the main character and as tension mounts, she herself is torn between her best friends' hints that she knows who the arsonist is and her two beaux. Plan to read book three, **The Witness**. When Sarah spots the flames starting at a neighbor's barn, she runs to save the horses. Just as the last horse exits the barn, a flaming beam falls on Sarah. Badly burned, Sara sees a bleak future with her disfigured face. She thinks she will not have the life she planned as a school teacher or a husband and family. Find out if you have solved the mystery before it is revealed.

See you in the library!

Pam & Donna

### "Readers" wanted!

Do you, your small group or Sunday School class want to know more about the disAbility community? If so, the group Joni & Friends has created The **IRRESISTIBLE CHURCH Series** just for you!

#### A Sample of just a few of the Booklet/Pamphlet Titles:

Start with *HELLO* - Introducing Your Church to *SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY*  
We've *GOT THIS!* Providing Respite for Families *AFFECTED BY disABILITIES*  
Pathways to *BELONGING* - Creating *INCLUSIVE MINISTRY ENVIRONMENTS*  
Shout for *JOY!* Engaging the *WHOLE CHURCH* In *ACCESSIBLE WORSHIP*  
Call Me *FRIEND* - Building Compelling Relationships Through *ONE-ON-ONE MINISTRY*

#### Interested in reading any of these titles?

Contact Steve Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com).

**Note:** A set will also be in the library.



## Praying Follower



### Love & sympathy...

to the family upon the death of Ken Rapp's father, Lenny, on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

to the family upon the death of Melissa Felty's husband, Dijbo Abdou, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

to the family upon the death of Mike Myers' father, Henry, on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

to the family upon the death of Richard Fleming, father to Jill Strumsky, Rhonda Neidig and Vignon Smeigh.

### Moms in Prayer

Did you know we have a Moms in Prayer group that meets here at First Church? This group, led by Deb Noss, meets every Monday (that Mechanicsburg schools are in session) in the evening from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Prayer Room (2nd floor elevator landing).

All mothers are invited and 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](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call 766-4611 if you have questions or would like to join this group.

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## 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

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

### Rejoicing Spirits 2018 - Fall Schedule

Rejoicing Spirits meets all year long. You, your family and friends are always welcome the fourth Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM. Come and enjoy a casual and joyful time with the Lord! Light refreshments follow each service.

Worship/Fellowship for persons of ALL ABILITIES. No "shushing" allowed!



Inclusive - Interactive - Fun



**Save the Dates!** (4th Sunday at 4:00 PM)

October 28, November 25 and December 23

### Administrative Board Approves Worship Arts Director Position

At its meeting on September 17, the Administrative Board gave approval for hiring a full-time Worship Arts Director for First Church. This position was developed in consultation with Dr. Douglas Curry, Director of Worship Arts at Messiah College, who met over a period of several months with representatives from our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, our church staff, and youth and adult leaders.

The Director of Worship Arts will provide direction and/or oversight of all music groups; will plan, prepare, and coordinate all aspects of worship in consultation with the Senior Pastor; will lead Worship Planning and Worship Design Teams; and will recruit and support musicians, artists, technicians and others within our congregation. As a congregation we are so very blessed with many gifted adults, children and youth who already participate in our worship services.

In giving strong affirmation and support for this position, the Administrative Board believes this new position will further enhance our Sunday morning worship at 8:15 and 10:45, our Rejoicing Spirits Service, and all other worship experiences at First Church.

Please remember our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and others who will join them in prayer, that God will direct us to the best person to serve as the Director.

## 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 **October 17 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 ~ they're the best!!*

There were **1,812** (\$18.12) pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of **\$13,142.34**. Thanks to all who are contributing for another great month! **Please keep the donations flowing and don't let the well run dry.**

### Missions in Sierra Leone

Roughly \$3,000 is still needed to fund the final phase of the Parsonage Rebuild Project. The Sierra Leone Mission team is participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friend fundraiser and we will receive the proceeds from specific gift cards purchased through the Scrip Program. Check out the *Generous Giver* section of this newsletter for more information. A portion of the money raised through these 2 efforts will go to the project. If you would like to make a donation specifically for this project, there are envelopes at the Sierra Leone display in the tower hallway.



### Serving the Homeless with Isaiah 61



On the third Wednesday of the month, members of First Church serve meals to approximately 100 people in Harrisburg. Everything is prepared, we just serve the food to those in need through Isaiah 61 Ministries in Halifax. Please consider joining us as we fulfill one of our Core Values to be a *Dedicated Missionary*. The next date to serve is **October 17 at 6:00 p.m.** For more information, contact Tiffany Holland at [tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com).

### Open Invitation

The Missions Committee invites you to join in mission work!

- VIM (Volunteers in Mission) – Visit their website at [susmb.org](http://susmb.org) for a list of upcoming trips.
- The third Wednesday of every month, you are invited to serve the homeless in Harrisburg or bag groceries at Mission Central for Bethesda Mission.
- If you are planning a short-term mission trip, we want to support you! Feel free to complete an application for financial support. The application can be found on our website [funchurch.com](http://funchurch.com), click on the Missions tab.
- The Ministry and Missions Fair will be held during the Sunday School hour on November 11th in the Multipurpose Room. Stop in to learn more about the ministry and missions of First Church and the missions we support!
- Next Missions Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm.

## Start Shopping for Your Shoebox Items Now!

You have an opportunity to purchase items for Operation Christmas Child at a local warehouse at discount rates! The warehouse purchases large quantities of items at discounted prices and sells them at cost to those who wish to fill shoeboxes. The location is 305 W. Commerce Street, Chambersburg (look for an orange sign). There are specific dates and times through November. You must bring cash or check.

Upcoming dates include: October 2 (9 am to noon), October 6 (9 am to noon), October 8 (9 am to noon), October 11 (4 to 7 pm), October 16 (9 am to noon), October 20 (9 am to noon), October 22 (9 am to noon), October 25 (4 to 7 pm), October 30 (9 am to noon), November 3 (9 am to noon), November 6 (9 am to noon), November 10 (9 am to noon) and November 13 (9 am to noon).

If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child or the warehouse, please contact David Mengle at [mengledm@verizon.net](mailto:mengledm@verizon.net). If you would like to purchase items to fill shoeboxes, but don't want to travel to Chambersburg, please contact David or Margie Mengle and they will pick up the items for you!

## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes - SAVE THE DATE!

### Friday, October 30 - All Day

Here is your chance to help send shoe boxes along the road to children around the world! We have scheduled an opportunity to take 10 people along with us on Friday, October 30, to the OCC processing center in Baltimore, Maryland. At the processing center, we will be trained and then assigned to a work station to "process" the boxes before they get shipped out. (Must be at least 13 years of age.) Transportation will be provided. Will leave from the church parking lot at approximately 7:30 a.m.; returning 7:30 p.m. Watch for more details and sign-up information in the church bulletin. Questions? Contact David or Margie at email: [mengledm@verizon.net](mailto:mengledm@verizon.net)

Now is a great time to start filling your shoe boxes for OCC. **Collection Sunday is November 18.**

David and Margie Mengle

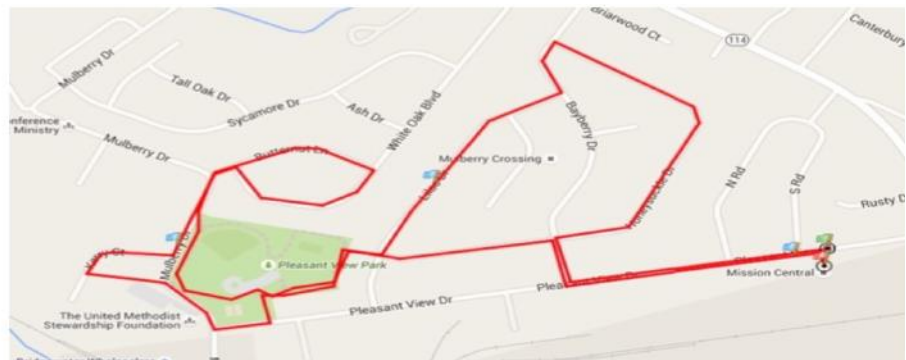


**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

This 5K Run/Walk is for everyone! It is professional timed for the serious runners and is a great way to spend a morning with friends and family who are just interested in getting some exercise and helping Mission Central. The proceeds from this race go towards their general operation expenses.

To learn more about Mission Central and to register for the race, go to [www.missioncentral.org](http://www.missioncentral.org).

Registration deadline (to guarantee a t-shirt) is October 8. Please contact Patti Herring at [familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net) with any questions.





## Relationship Builder

### MOPS Meets Here!

It's never too late to join our MOPS group! The meeting this month is scheduled for October 19, and fun outings are also being planned. MOPS provides a welcoming and open environment where every mom can grow through friendship, mentoring and leadership development. Here are the basic elements of every group meeting:

- Fellowship time over light breakfast
- Valuable teachings/lesson time
- Small group discussion time
- Christian devotions to take away and apply to everyday life
- And best of all ... quality childcare!



The cost for MOPS International registration is just \$31.95 for the entire 2018/19 year (scholarships available as needed), and the local dues (to cover childcare and other expenses) is only \$20.00 per semester.

In addition to monthly meetings, fun outings/play-dates, creative projects and service opportunities will be organized for those who are interested.

If you are expecting a child/are the mother of a young child, you won't want to miss this special opportunity! If you know an expectant mother/mother of a young child, please invite them to come and check out a meeting for free!

Contact Krissy Marshall at [kjmarsh1126@gmail.com](mailto:kjmarsh1126@gmail.com) or Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call 766-4611 for more information.

### New Welcome Center

Have you been wondering why some of the furniture in our gathering spaces has been moved around and the coffee has been moved on Sunday mornings? If so, this article is for you, so read on!

First Church is blessed to be known as a friendly and welcoming church - we strive to show extravagant hospitality to our guests! Our Hospitality Committee members engage in "holy listening" as they seek feedback from our guests and our congregation, and continually discern ways to improve what we do.

As a result, the committee has been hard at work creating spaces that are more welcoming and friendly for our guests (did you know that we had more than 30 first-time guests come to visit just this summer?) The committee created more of a "Welcome Center" in the narthex which also spills over into the gathering area where the couches have been moved to. Guests can easily find a cup of coffee, a light snack and the information they are looking for in this area. They also have easy opportunities to run into us - the church members!

As we move into the fall and Advent seasons, let's focus on our value to build relationships by encouraging everyone to connect with newcomers who are here to worship and invite them to our classes, groups and fun activities. Together we can open doors with Christ by sharing our heart and God's home with our guests.

### October Food Trucks Announced!

The Food Trucks are here for the last time this year on Friday, October 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. The following trucks are confirmed for October: Mad Dash, Shredderz, Roost Uncommon Kitchen, Bountiful Feast, Lucky Penny Burger Company (new truck), and Sweet Spot. Come for great food, music and fantastic fellowship! They have confirmed to be here in 2019! We look forward to another great year of creating community with the Food Trucks!

For more information, contact Lori Hoffnagle at (717) 766-4611 or [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

### Medicare Options Seminar on October 4

Learn about Medicare with other people from your community! First Church is happy to partner with Highmark to present a Medicare Seminar on Thursday, October 4 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the round tables under the balcony in the sanctuary. This seminar is open to the public and will cover:



- Medicare basics
- Medicare enrollment guidelines
- Timeframes for enrolling
- Different options

There is no fee, but we would love to know if you are attending, so that we can plan for seating. Please contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 115 to sign up or with questions. Light snacks provided.

### **Annual Pet Blessing on October 14**

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church invites you to bring your pet (leashed or crated) to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park on Sunday, October 14 at 1:00 for a special service of blessing. Any and all pets (and their owners) are invited! Bring a lawn chair if you wish, for the service. Questions, contact Pastor Aaron at [pastoraaron@trindlespringlutheran.org](mailto:pastoraaron@trindlespringlutheran.org).

### **Little Free Pantry Has Been Placed!**

You may have noticed that we now have a Little Free Pantry on our church property! The pantry was built in response to the statistics that "In 2013, two out of five American families visited a food bank and American cities are reporting that 30% of their populations live beneath the poverty line." (Taken from The Dinner Church Handbook).

"The Little Free Pantry is a grassroots, crowdsourced solution to immediate and local need. Whether a need for food or a need to give, the Little Free Pantry facilitates neighbors helping neighbors, building community." (from the Little Free Pantry website).

We would love your help to get the Little Free Pantry started, to ensure consistent food options for neighbors in need. You can do this as an individual, family, class, small group or community group. We will start with taking one month at a time and see how it progresses. Please go to the Time to Sign up at: <https://www.timetosignup.com/kidscount/sheet/1269538> to choose your month. A list of suggested items can be found with the Time to Sign up Sheet. Visit the Little Free Pantry website at [littlefreepantry.org](http://littlefreepantry.org) for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hoffnagle, Director of Outreach at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 115. Thank you for helping us to serve our neighbors!

### **Senior Fellowship ~ October 16<sup>th</sup> 1 –3 pm**

All senior members are invited to come for a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Sanctuary Gathering area (Hardwood Café). We will be playing Jeopardy with our very own game show host, Jeff Hoffnagle!

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

### **Widows/Widowers**

The widows/widowers group will dine at Theo's Restaurant in Camp Hill on Tuesday, October 9th at NOON. Please call Bonnie Guyer if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided upon request.

### **ACCESS Ministries News**

The ACCESS Team would like to thank all who help with promoting greater accessibility to the church facility and within events/services - leading toward deepening relationship with others and our Lord.

In a perfect world, all God's children would worship together. There would be no division in the body of Christ. In the real world, we know that a disability or a special need can cause separations. According to some data from the Irresistible Church series, up to 90% of individuals with a significant disability are not connected to a church. And in most cases their family isn't connected either. Access Ministry has sponsored two regularly scheduled programs specifically aimed to intentionally connect with the disAbled community.

The ACCESS team hosts a monthly Rejoicing Spirits worship service on the 4th Sunday at 4 pm. This service is designed to be inclusive for all abilities! Everyone can use their abilities to participate, get involved

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and praise the Lord. The team also hosts a yearly event held each February called Day of Pampering (DOP). This special day offers a time of respite, worship, renewal, networking and luxurious spa services for 90 - 100 female caregivers who spend endless hours being the loving hands of Jesus daily as they care for their loved ones.

If you would like to know more about Day of Pampering (DOP) or Rejoicing Spirits and would like to know how you could be a blessing – simply contact Karin McHale at [karinmch@comcast.net](mailto:karinmch@comcast.net).



## Generous Giver

### Financial Report—through August 31, 2018

67% of year

General Fund	
2018 budget	\$ 945,000
Expected income	\$ 633,150
Actual income	\$ 598,654 (63% of budget)
Shortfall	\$ 34,496
Actual expenses	\$ 592,662

Income during the third quarter is behind expectations. Hopefully the shortfall can be reduced or eliminated by the end of the year. Expenditures are below expectations.

### Support Missions in Sierra Leone

To ways you can Support Missions in Sierra Leone

- ♥ Boscov's Friends Helping Friends For only \$5 you receive a 25% discount shopping pass to use on **October 16th**.
- ♥ Scrip Gift Cards - Now through November, proceeds from the purchase of the specific cards will support Missions in Sierra Leone. Green orders forms at the Sierra Leone display indicate which cards benefit Missions in Sierra Leone.



See the display in the Tower Hallway or one of the Missions in Sierra Leone team members for more information.

### Casserole Collection

Enjoy cooking? Looking for a service project you can do at home? Congregational Care is sponsoring a Casserole Collection this October to stock our church freezer with some ready-made casseroles to share with families from church who could benefit from a 'heat and eat' meal prepared with love! Pans will be available for pick-up as needed from the information desk during the month of October. Casseroles can be returned at your convenience to the area marked in the church freezer. (Please include any necessary heating instructions.) Thank you!

Questions? [Janice Bowen \(WeCare@fumchurch.com\)](mailto:JaniceBowen@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611x112)

### Mission Central Missions in Motion 5K Run/Walk - October 27

Mission Central is the mission warehouse of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. The 5K Run/Walk is being held to help with Mission Central's daily expenses. Mission Central moved nearly \$8 million in resources through the warehouse in 2017. They reached over 4.1 million people and 63% of the warehouse output remained in Pennsylvania!

Support Mission Central by walking or running in the upcoming 5K on Saturday, October 27th with a 9:00 a.m. start. Registration information can be found here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mechanicsburg/MissionCentralsMissionsinMotion5K>.

### Keep Saving Your Dried-Out Markers!

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That's why they launched Crayola ColorCycle. Little Friends Pre-

school is an official Crayola ColorCycle participant and collection site! Anyone can bring in their used, dried-out markers, ANY name brand and they will be collected and sent back to Crayola to be recycled to make clean energy! Look for the sign and bin at the Collection Center outside the multipurpose room to place your dried-out markers. Thanks for helping us to protect the environment! Questions, contact Maria Petrillak, Little Friends Preschool Director at [lfns@fumchurch.com](mailto:lfns@fumchurch.com).

### **Ring in the News**

The 17th annual Chicken BBQ will be October 6! Get your tickets from a bell choir member or reserve yours today at the Info Desk book. We serve from 11-4 as long as there is chicken!

If you come to the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade, our soup, hotdogs, and mac 'n cheese stand is in the corner of our parking lot.

And don't forget our annual thanksgiving pies! Orders will be taken beginning in October.

### **October Blood Drives**

October 1 – 3pm to 7pm – Eureka/West Shore Masons Lodge – 910 S. Market St., Mechanicsburg, 17055

October 5 – 8am to 7pm – Fox Center – 120 S. Filbert St., Mechanicsburg, 17055

October 5 – 8am to 12pm – REMCO, Inc. – 195 Hempt Rd., Mechanicsburg, 17050

October 9 – 4pm to 8pm – Donostrom at Tonino's Pizza – 4500 Marketplace Way, Enola 17025  
(Giant Shopping Complex)

October 12 – 8am to 12pm – Warren & Reese Family Dentistry – 324 E. Main St., Mechanicsburg, 17055

October 13 – 10am to 2pm – Benny's Pet Depot – 5202 Simpson Ferry Rd., Mechanicsburg, 17055

October 16 – 3pm to 7pm – Denny's on the Carlisle Pike

October 17 – 2pm to 5:30pm – UPMC Pinnacle Dillsburg – 1 Trinity Dr. East, Dillsburg 17019

October 20 – 12pm to 5pm – Appalachian Harley Davidson – 6695 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, 17050

October 21 – 8:30am to 11:30am – Aldersgate UMC – 1480 Jerusalem Rd., Mechanicsburg, 17050

### **New Recycling Guidelines Announced**

In response to God calling us to be caretakers of the earth (Genesis 1:26-28), we are asking everyone to comply with the new Recycling Guidelines from Penn Waste. Due to new regulations, we will only be recycling the following items:

- Cans (aluminum and steel)
- Plastic (bottles and jugs without the caps)
- Newspaper (clean and dry, no food contact)
- Glass (bottles and jars without the lids)
- Cardboard (dry and flattened, no food contact)
- Cartons (milk)

Visit Penn Waste website at [pennwaste.com](http://pennwaste.com) to learn more about the new guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact George Canonizado at [maintenance@fumchurch.com](mailto:maintenance@fumchurch.com). Thank you!

### **Consecration Sunday ~ November 11, 2018**

Consecration Sunday is special time of celebration. In our worship services at 8:15 and 10:45, and during the Ministry and Mission Fair at 9:30, we will celebrate the many ways God is at work as we "Open Doors With Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors."

Consecration Sunday is a special time of commitment. It's an opportunity for us to remember God's abundant blessings and respond by Stepping Up in our financial commitment 2019.

Come and be part of the celebration! Come and renew your commitment!

*"Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

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# Calling all Bakers!!

## Who likes baking cookies? You do!



The youth are asking for assistance from the cookie bakers among us to help us keep the "Cookie Walk" an ongoing, memorable and effective fundraising tradition. We are so excited to continue in partnering with the Market Place of Miracles and offering this one stop Christmas shop available to our community happening on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018!

Please supply us with 4 batches of cookies (8-10 dozen) of the same variety, or more, of **homemade** cookies.

Have a family favorite? Great we'll take it. Want to try out a new recipe? That will do too. Fill in the bottom slip with your name and your top two cookie options you would be willing to make.

Because we want to have a large variety of types of cookies we will notify you of your cookie option that has been chosen upon reviewing your slip. Slips should be returned **no later than November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Any questions please contact the youth department at [minion.youth17@gmail.com](mailto:minion.youth17@gmail.com)

**Cookie walk benefits youth mission trips.**

**(All youth are requested to help in this fundraiser because of the ongoing nature of fundraising that benefits both current and future trips. Please help us in this endeavor and take a slip and make some cookies.)**

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### 2018 Cookie Walk Cookie Baker Sign Up:

**Baker's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Best Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cookie Option #1**

**Cookie Option #2**

Yes, I would like to provide 4 batches (8-10) dozen of each option listed above.

Please return this form to Lynn Rapp or place in the Cookie Jar  
(in Main Lobby) no later than November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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# Women's Ministry

Any and all women are invited to participate in upcoming events and activities. This page gives you an overview of all the ways to connect. More information can be conveniently found in other parts of the newsletter or feel free to contact the person involved with the event. The Women's Ministry Facebook page has been created! Look for it on our FB page titled "First Church Women's Ministry" and feel free to join!

## 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

### 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

Nancy Eddy ~ naeddy3@aol.com  
meets Mondays, 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall

### 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

### DAY OF PAMPERING

Karin McHale ~ karinmch@comcast.net  
February 23, 2019

### LADIES' OVER 80 TEA

Janice Bowen ~ wecare@fumchurch.com  
**September 18**

### MOMS IN PRAYER

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

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Next meeting October 18 at 9:15am  
Tina Eaton ~ adultministry@fumchurch.com

### WOMEN'S PRAYER STUDY

Starts September 10, 6:45-8:00 pm  
Tina Eaton ~ adultministry@fumchurch.com

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Patti Herring ~ familyzeke@verizon.net  
February 8 - 10, 2019, Mt. Asbury Retreat Center

### ZUMBA Gold (low impact dance/aerobic exercise)

#### Resumes the week of September 3

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:

### UMW Thank Offering and Mission Meal, **November 18**

On November 18, during the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services, you will have an opportunity to join United Methodist Woman around the world to participate in the World Thank Offering. The collection will take place alongside the regular offering during worship. Thanks for giving!

"The World Thank Offering is one of United Methodist Women's five channels of undesignated Mission Giving. This channel of Mission Giving is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world. The World Thank Offering, giving freely and abundantly in response to God's goodness has been the way of life for United Methodist Women for almost 150 years!"

### Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk on **December 15**



### **Men of First Church**

Small group meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8-9:30 pm. The next meeting is October 17. All men are welcome and encouraged to join us. Currently the group is watching a video lesson with follow-up discussion. The October meeting will be held at the Eaton home in Mechanicsburg. Contact John Bowen (bowenhome720@gmail.com) or Barry Eaton (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, October 6 at 7:30 am. Hope to see you there!

### **Tool Pool**

A directory for any hand or power tools that you may need to borrow for one-time use.  
Contact: Don Karns at dekarms@comcast.net

### **FORE!! Golf Anyone??**

A men's golf outing has been scheduled for Friday afternoon, October 12. Four tee times have been reserved (16 golfers) beginning around 12:30 pm into the afternoon at the Armitage Golf Club on Orrs Bridge Rd. The format will be a "scramble" in which all players hit each of their shots from where the best previous shot of the foursome landed, ending with a team score instead of individual scores. Individual sign-up is preferred over foursomes, as we plan to randomly draw names



for the foursome pairings. This should make men of all golf skill levels comfortable participating in an afternoon of fun and fellowship. At the end of the round, men are invited to stay for dinner on the deck of the Caddy Shack restaurant on premises, and spouses/guests are invited to join us for a group dinner. The cost of golf is approximately \$33 (depending on the number of golfers we get signed up), with dinner at your own expense. Space is limited and spots are filling up quickly so please contact Barry Eaton to reserve your spot with payment as soon as - possible (theeaton5@verizon.net) or drop a note and check in his church mailbox.

### **Save The Date**

Men of First Church, you are invited to join us for the Annual Winter Retreat which will take place the weekend of January 25-27, 2019. We are excited to announce that we will be enjoying the facilities at Mt. Asbury this time around. More information will be coming in the month's ahead, but wanted you to pencil (stylus?) the dates on your calendar right away.

## Church News and Notes

### Special Birthdays

Peg Hassinger.....	October 8	Sadie Heim.....	November 1
Skip Hutter.....	October 13	Liz Nesmith.....	November 4
Carol Moomaw.....	October 21	Doris Zimmerman.....	November 7
Winslow Brown.....	October 23	Nancy Bomboy.....	November 12
Don Shover.....	October 23	Patricia Marr.....	November 23
Paul Strock.....	October 31	Marlin Lehmer.....	November 24

### Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Leroy & Pam Weaver married 56 years on October 7
- ♥ Skip & Pat Hutter married 63 years on October 8
- ♥ Ralph & Gwen Harkins married 56 years on October 20
- ♥ Paul & Vesta Rynard married 54 years on October 24
- ♥ Richard & Joanne Reed married 65 years on November 4
- ♥ Lincoln & Veloice Washburn married 67 years on November 9
- ♥ Leon & Pat Bricker married 58 years on November 19
- ♥ Dave & Dolly Scholl married 67 years on November 22
- ♥ Don & Kay Coldren married 56 years on November 24
- ♥ Robert & Sara Meck married 66 years in November 25

### Thank you...

*Our special thanks to each and everyone for your prayers, flowers, visits, calls and cards. Also to Pastor Denny & Betsy, Pastor John & Merri, and Janice for your visits and special prayers, and to the Guyer Class for all their prayers, concerns, call & cards. We are so blessed to have a church family that has carries us through this difficult time. We will never forget how loving and concerned you all have been.*

*Blessings to all,  
Harry & Joyce Woods.*

### Wellness Ministry Update

#### Wellness Ministry Presentation – Sunday, October 14th

The Wellness Ministry Team will offer a presentation during the Sunday School hour. Speaker, Gina Riordan, will address the topic of ‘Understanding Substance Abuse Disorder and the Opioid Epidemic’ in the multipurpose room from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Gina will share current information on the trends and issues at hand; addiction and recovery, including how to keep on loving in response to the unhealthy choices being made all around you.

### Need Your Flu Shot?

Flu Shots will be offered by the Visiting Nurse Association of PA in the multipurpose room during the Sunday School hour on November 11<sup>th</sup> for anyone over 18 years of age. Some, but not all, insurances are accepted – please bring your information.

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### A note from the Editor

Looking ahead... due to my being in Sierra Leone January 19 through February 2, 2019, we have decided to combine the January/February editions of First News First. The combined edition will be published in December 2018. Please keep this in mind as you plan events for January and February that would need to be communicated through the newsletter.

*FIRST NEWS FIRST*  
Editor: Kristin Brown

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

**Early submissions always  
appreciated!**

**October 15**