



# *First News First*

June 2019

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

**From Pastor Denny...**

## **"Rain "**

How many times have you looked out the window this year and said, "IT'S RAINING, AGAIN! We've had more rain so far this year than we've had since 1953!

Rain is something we need, but don't really want. As children we sang this song, "Rain, Rain, go away.

Come again another day." Most of us don't like rain. It disrupts the times of sunshine and happiness that we feel. When it's rainy outside, we say it's gloomy. We think of the gray clouds and associate them with depression. Rain messes up our plans for outdoor activities. We forget that rain is a necessary part of life. We forget all the good that it does.

I've got several friends who are experiencing rain in their lives. Some have had loved ones pass away unexpectedly. Some can't seem to find a job. I've got a few friends whose lives have been turned upside down because of choices their spouse made. For them, it seems like the rain just keeps coming. It feels like their lives are being flooded with only negative things. As I've thought about all their situations, Matthew 5:45 came to mind. It says, "It rains on the just and the unjust."

I've read or heard that scripture my whole life. I was always under the impression that it meant that bad things happen to Christians and non Christians alike because I associated rain with bad times. When I read it in context, and then in several versions of Scripture, the Message Bible stands out. It says, "This is what God does. He gives His best – the sun to warm and the rain to nourish – to everyone regardless." The times of rain in our lives are meant to nourish us. Just like our yards, lakes and crops need rain for nourishment, so do our lives.

When bad things happen, it usually pushes us closer to God. We spend more time in prayer. We take the time to talk to God and to read God's Word. We return to God in worship and appreciate the support of friends that pray for us. On sunny days when all seems bright, we are more likely to neglect time with God. When we go a long time without rain or without spending time with a God, we go through a drought and that isn't healthy.

If you look outside while you're reading this and it's raining again, give thanks to God! Rain is a gift that brings green grass, a robust harvest, and cool, refreshing water. If you're going through a rainy season in your life right now, don't fret. Look up. God is with you and will provide all that you need.

Praise God for the rain!

Keeping the umbrella handy!

Pastor Denny

## Welcome Sarah Pugh as Director of Worship Arts

Effective June 17, 2019 Sarah Pugh will begin serving as our new Director of Worship Arts!

Sarah is from the Philadelphia area and currently lives in Harrisburg. She has a degree in Music Performance from Lebanon Valley College and has performed in numerous choral groups and musicals.

For the past six years, Sarah has served part-time as music director at Middlesex United Methodist Church near Carlisle. Her full-time employment has been with the West Shore YMCA as a supervisor in their child care center.

The Search Committee, members of our choirs, praise team, pastors and staff met with Sarah on Saturday, April 7 for a half-day interview and audition. As she led us in a time of worship, which she had designed, we experienced her as a wonderfully gifted musician who loves the Lord and enjoys interacting with people. She has experience leading both traditional and modern forms of worship, and directing choirs and worship teams. I am excited for our future as Sarah joins our gifted music staff and others to lead us in worship.

As we have communicated in many ways over the past year, the Director of Worship Arts is a new, fulltime position in our church. It was designed by a committee that began meeting early in 2018. We were guided by Dr. Douglas Curry, who leads the Worship Arts Program at Messiah College. The job description and funding for the position were recommended by our Staff-Parish Relations Committee in November, 2018 and were approved in December, 2018 by the Administrative Board.

We advertised the position locally and nationally and received more than 40 resumes. Sarah was one of two excellent final candidates. Many of you participated with your prayers, your attendance at meetings, and your thoughtful input! Thank you!

As the Director of Worship Arts, Sarah will be under the supervision of Pastor Denny. She will work in consultation with the pastors, staff, and many volunteers to plan and prepare all aspects of worship, both Sunday morning and other services.

Sarah will provide direction and/or oversight of all music groups, including adult choirs, children's choirs, bell choirs, adult and youth praise teams, and ensembles. She will also provide staff support for teams involved in operating sound, media, and lighting, and those who have gifts in drama, dance, and other arts.

Please remember Sarah in your prayers. Opportunities will be provided this summer for you to extend a warm welcome to her, including a time to meet and greet her between services on her first Sunday, June 23rd. As Sarah begins her ministry, remember that we all worship an Audience of One! May the Lord Jesus be glorified as we offer our best to Him in worship.



## *Lifelong Learner*



### **2019 Daily Bible Reading Plan**

Join us on this adventure as we read through the Bible together using this plan, which has been specifically designed to go along with the sermon series schedule for 2019. Simply visit the Welcome Center display, pick up a reading plan and begin reading! Then come to worship to enjoy the sermons and participate in a Bible study using this plan to dig deeper and grow closer to God. Need a Bible? You can pick one up with the reading plan at the Welcome Center display.

### **Sunday School Classes**

Our regular Sunday School classes for adults will continue to meet through the end of June on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Look in the weekly bulletin for more details regarding all class choices, and keep your eye open for details on combined summer Sunday School, which will begin on July 7.

## Summer Book Club

A story is always better if you have someone to share it with, and who doesn't enjoy reading a good book in the summer? If you are a book lover, pick up a copy of "Life is Good" by Bert and John Jacobs, then come to relax and discuss at the Eaton home on Monday, July 15 at 7:00 pm. Life is not easy. Life is not perfect, but life is good. Find out why these brothers, who founded the "Life is Good" clothing company, have made it their mission to spread the power of optimism through values like simplicity, humor, compassion and gratitude.

## From the Library

According to U.S. statistics, more marriages occur in the summer starting in June than during the rest of the year. Since I was also married in June, I usually write about brides, weddings, and romance in June. Once a tradition always a tradition, and besides, I have some really great romances you are going to want to check out for summer reading on the porch!

The long wait for the third book in the *Bradford Sisters* trilogy is here, and I don't think author Becky Wade could have concluded this series any better. Britt Bradford is a chocolatier in her hometown, and her love interest, Zander Ford, is an author who has been traveling the world for the last eighteen months. Britt and Zander have been best friends since they were thirteen. Britt doesn't know that Zander's feelings have crossed over to love, but he is afraid to lose his best friend by declaring his love. When Zander's uncle dies under mysterious circumstances, Zander rushes home to try and untangle the details. Of course, Britt comes to his aid. While they work to solve this mystery, it becomes evident neither can hide their feelings, but will they take a chance on love? If you love chocolate, books, and mysteries as much as I do, **Sweet on You** will be the perfect book for you!

Denise Hunter has also produced the perfect summer read. **Summer by the Tides** is full of mystery, romance and the beach. I could almost hear the ocean as I read the synopsis of this book. Maddy and her two older sisters are called to their grandmother's beach house in Sea Haven, North Carolina by her neighbor Connor, because their grandmother has disappeared. The sisters have been estranged for almost twenty years but come together in this time of crisis. As they wait for news about their grandmother, they begin to go through family belongings in preparation for closing the beach house. Though there are sweet memories, there are also long buried family secrets that threaten to overwhelm the sisters. Amid the turmoil, Maddy is drawn to Connor. You'll have to have the porch light on to finish this great summer read.

If neither of these books seems right for you, stop in the library and let us help you find just the right summer read for you.

The library is now accepting donations of gently used books, dvds, cds, and puzzles for the annual book sale on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Items can be donated on Sunday morning or when we are not there by plainly marking them for the library book sale. And then in August plan to come to the UMW yard sale and the book sale to stock on great reads and other seller's gently used treasures. Thanks in advance for your support.

See you in the library,

Pam and Donna

## Summer Bible Study

The weather is warming up and kids are getting out of school, which means the summer season is upon us! And with all of the travel and inconsistent schedules this time of year, we need a Bible study that we can take with us anywhere we go. If this sounds great to you, consider this awesome online Bible study opportunity... Starting Tuesday, June 18, we'll be studying "No Other Gods" by Kelly Minter for eight weeks online.

In this study, we'll learn to identify the functional gods we unknowingly serve and the lies they tell. And as we dethrone our modern-day idols, we'll be set free for the deeper, more abundant life Jesus came to give—discovering that Jesus can do what no other god can.

Contact Tina Eaton by June 10 if you would like to participate. You will have access to teaching videos online and will work through the workbook at your own pace, then come together for discussion and fellowship at the Eaton home on July 15 and August 26 at 7:00 pm.

## Summer Camps, Retreats and Events

**It is NOT too late!!**



Get your registrations in now to hold your place for some of the very best life-changing and relationship building experiences available. Registrations can be done on-line through the conference website: [<http://www.susumcamps.org>] or by picking up a brochure available in the main lobby area. Additional forms are also available in the lobby for you to share how you would like to support the camping ministries this year. First Church will pay for **half** camp fees upon request.

**NOTE:** Please provide registration confirmations to the camp coordinators so that everyone that goes to camp (regardless of age) receives a prayer partner and that financial payments (if needed) are addressed in a timely manner.

So, how can you help this to be the "best camping year" ever?

Attend a camp, retreat or event this year.

Be a prayer partner for a camper.

Provide financial assistance to support a camper or camp program.

Help with a work camp at one of the camp sites.

**Questions, contact:** Deb Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or Amy Ogden at [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com)

Participating and supporting camping and retreats helps 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. Please be in prayer 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.

## *Praying Follower*



### **Prayer Walking**

Summer is a great time to take a break from the busy-ness of life and catch your breath. Summer is also a great time to be outside and get to know your neighbors. This summer everyone is invited to try prayer walking as a way to focus on listening for the voice of God as you walk in order to discern His desires for you and for the neighborhood in which you have been placed.

Try walking in the neighborhood where you live AND try walking in the neighborhood surrounding First Church. You'll be surprised what you see and hear as you intentionally open your hearts, minds, eyes and ears to the needs around you. Once God places something on your heart, the next question will be, "how can I help to meet these needs?"

Visit our website, [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com) and search "prayer walk" or contact Tina Eaton to find an easy to use guide for your walk. Have questions or want to provide feedback after your walks? Please contact Tina Eaton at 717-766-4611 or email her at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).

## 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

	June 2	Loaves and Chalice
	July 7	Pew Service
	August 4	Loaves and Chalice
	September 1	Pew Service
World Communion	October 6	Loaves and Chalice
	November 3	Loaves and Chalice
First Sunday of Advent	December 1	Pew Service
Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00	December 24	Loaves and Chalice

## Dedicated Missionary



The Missions Committee invites you to join in mission work! Next Missions Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.

If you are planning to go on a short-term mission trip, please feel free to complete the application for financial assistance found on our website at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com), under the Missions tab. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

### Monthly Mission Opportunities:

**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 June 19 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at [eeking@verizon.net](mailto:eeking@verizon.net) for more information.

**Isaiah 61 Ministries** ~ First Church is pleased to support Isaiah 61 Ministries, a local organization that serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County. They provide a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and Life groups. Specifically, First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. The next volunteer opportunity is Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. A carpool leaves from First Church at 6:00 p.m. for those who are interested. To volunteer, contact Tiffany Holland at [tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com).

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

This past month 1,510 “pennies” (\$15.10) were contributed to the Well Drilling Fund for Sierra Leone. Thank you to everyone!! Every penny helps so keep dropping 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!!**

### **Homeland Hospice Casserole Program**

Since 2014, we have supported Homeland Hospice's casserole program by donating pre-made casseroles in the month of June as a gift to area families receiving hospice care. This is a wonderful way to connect with a need in our community for home-cooked comfort. Please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 766-4611 x 112) for more information. (Disposable pans and specific directions will be available during June at the Information Desk.) Thank you!

### **Mission Opportunity for Young Adults**

The Global Mission Fellows Program is a 2-year mission opportunity for young adults ages 20-30. Young adults are invited to engage with the local communities, connect the church in mission, and grow in personal and social holiness. This program allows for transformation and leadership development to take place while addressing root causes of social injustices with other young people from around the world.

To learn more about the Global Mission Fellows program, visit their website at: <https://www.umcmision.org/Get-Involved/Generation-Transformation/GMF>.

### ***Relationship Builder***



### **Senior Fellowship – Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> -- 1-3 p.m.**

All senior members are invited to come for a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Sanctuary Gathering area under the balcony. Join us for -- 'Minister Mingle' -- as we visit with our beloved First Church ministers, past and present!! We also have some surprise musical entertainment planned! Please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) for more information.

### **Ring in the News**

For now, the regular bell choirs are taking a break for the summer.

However, **you are Invited to the Area 2 Festival Conference**

**Concert!** The Area 2 Festival is actually at the Lancaster

Conference Center this summer – so close! We hope you will make an effort to see what we do every other summer. There are 10 of us going from First Church, and we expect to be ringing with 300-400 other ringers! The concert is **Sunday, June 30 at 5 pm**. There is a concert earlier at 3 pm featuring the Young Ringers and two masterclass choirs (which we have several gals ringing in). The concerts are **free!** Please see Kathie Bittenbender if you are interested in more details. Why not make a day of visiting Lancaster!?



### **Extravagant hospitality ~ what is that?**

The Hospitality Committee will be providing hospitality "tips" each month, as together we explore and are reminded of the meaning of extravagant hospitality. In June, FUMC will host the Food Trucks on 6/21 and the Re-Creation concert on 6/22. Let's remind ourselves to focus on **servicing newcomers/guests**. Many confuse hospitality with "entertaining," while Christian hospitality is instead about **servicing and focusing on guests' needs**. **Wear your nametag, introduce yourself to someone you don't know, engage with them sincerely!** These events are wonderful opportunities for us to reach out to others in our midst!



## June Food Trucks Announced!

The Third Friday Food Trucks are here again on Friday, June 21 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. The trucks scheduled for June are: Mad Dash, Potato Coop, Marsico's Italian, Get Smok'd, The Chicken Truck, Soul Burrito, Smoothie King and Sugar Whipped.

The Food Trucks are a great outreach to the community. Please stop in to take this opportunity to get to know our neighbors and enjoy great food! We can always use help with setting up tables and chairs, clean up and parking lot attendants. If you would like to help in any way, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

## Re-Creation Returns in June!

First Church is excited to once again welcome Re-Creation, America's ambassadors to hospitalized veterans, for their high energy patriotic concert on Saturday, June 22 and for worship on June 23. The Saturday concert will feature "Classic" a new show featuring the best in American music with a grand Patriotic Finale! The Sunday worship is "a celebration of faith and confidence in God's Mighty Love." The concert is free and open to the public. Please feel free to invite your neighbors and friends and especially, Veterans to this concert. Visit the Patriotic display across from the Welcome Desk to pick up a flyer to hang up at a local business or take a handful of invitations to share with friends!

We will once again be looking for **host families** to provide overnight accommodations for the members of the group. If you are interested in hosting or have questions, please contact Rick Kauffman at [smkrak423@yahoo.com](mailto:smkrak423@yahoo.com) or Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com). Hope to see you there!

## Patriotic Quilts to be Presented to Veterans on June 23

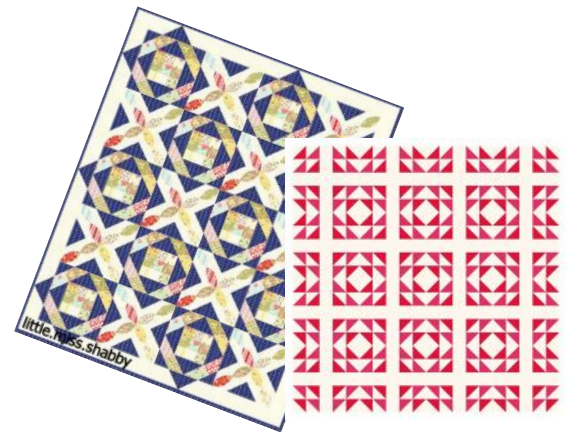
First Church will present patriotic-themed quilts, handmade by the Squares and Prayers group, to veterans during worship services led by Re-Creation on June 23.

"Veterans are a cause that is close to my heart," said Nancy Eddy, who helped craft the quilts. Her late husband, John Eddy, served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years. Nancy's stepson also served in the military.

Nearly 30 quilts will be presented to veterans or those who currently serve in the military. All of the quilts were made in fabrics of red, white and blue, but no two quilts are alike. The quilts each contain a unique design, handmade by the church's Squares and Prayers group. Additionally, the quilts were personalized with the embroidered name of the recipient.

Squares and Prayers, a group of just five members, began producing the quilts in January. Special thanks for their efforts, and to all who contributed toward the cost of producing the quilts.

The Patriotic Quilts will be on display in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 16 at both worship services.



## Community Day in the Park, August 10

First Church will once again partner with the Mechanicsburg Borough and community churches for the fourth annual Community Day in the Park, Saturday, August 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park. The event features children's activities, bounce houses, free admission to the pool, food trucks,

Washington Fire Company Chicken BBQ, vendors and much more! First Church is one of the sponsors of Community Day. Come out for a fun day in the park and meet our neighbors! Questions about Community Day or if you want to be a vendor, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com) or visit the Mechanicsburg Borough website at [mechanicsburgborough.org](http://mechanicsburgborough.org).

### Opening Doors on Jubilee Day, June 20

Did you know that our church parking lot is open to the public for free parking on Jubilee Day? As a service to the community, we provide parking for a free-will donation to benefit Youth Mission trips. If you would like to help direct traffic, put flyers on the parked cars or direct people inside to the restrooms, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com) for details. Thanks for helping us to open our doors to the community!

### Free Movie at Mt. Olivet UM Church, June 28

Join us at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, 5000 Simpson Ferry Road, on Friday, **June 28** for a Free Movie Night! Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7:00 p.m. This month's movie is Disney's Mary Poppins Returns! *Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.* Tables and chairs will be provided, but you can bring your own blankets and pillows for additional comfort. Snacks will also be provided. Watch for more free movies this summer at Mt. Olivet!

## Generous Giver



### FINANCIAL REPORT Through April 30, 2019 33 % of year

General Fund 2019 budget	\$ 970,000
Actual income	\$ 310,575
Projected income	\$ 320,100
Actual expenses	\$ 283,870

**A favor :::** You are very generous supporting the work of the Lord here at First Church. Thank you!!!! But, Please help out our finance team by indicating the “type” of contribution you are making (ie. General fund, building fund, endowment, etc.) on the front of the envelope. Our count teams have nearly 500 items to process each week and your small notation on the envelope makes the whole process more efficient. Thank you again for your stewardship !!!!

### The FUMC Endowment Fund

Erick and Kelly King share their thoughts on First United Methodist Church's Endowment Fund and what it means in their life:

“We are motivated to support the endowment fund because it aligns with our personal perspective on managing our financial resources. Endowment giving is the essence of asset stewardship. The endowment gift is timeless as it is the gift that grows over time. Preserving the principal gift while harvesting the gain and dividends provides a sustainable source of financial support for the ministries and mission of FUMC. The endowment gift is a commitment to the future of our church.”

Thank you Erick and Kelly.

Please feel free to Contact any member of the Endowment Committee if there are any questions on the outreach ministries of The Endowment Fund and questions on supporting this FUMC entity.

Endowment Committee Members: Katie Hammaker, Gerry Aumiller, Ken Rapp, Bob Wertz, Sr, Ed Trainer, Pastor Denny, Pastor John, Barry Eaton, Judi Buddenbaum, Rick Herring, and Mark Rouch.



## June Blood Drives

June 3	3 - 7pm	Eureka/West Shore Lodge #302 – 910 S. Market St, 17055
June 3	9am - 2pm	Bob Ruth Ford - Rt.15 Dillsburg, 17019
June 6	10:30am - 3:30pm	Technology Park – 2020 Technology Parkway, 17050
June 7	11am - 2pm	Samtec - 5067 Ritter Rd., 17055
June 11	3 - 7pm	Denny's – 5505 Carlisle Pike, 17050
June 12	2 - 5:30pm	UPMC Pinnacle Dillsburg – One Trinity Drive East, Dillsburg 17019
June 14	8am - 7pm	Fox Subacute Center – 120 S. Filbert St, 17055
June 15	12 - 5pm	Appalachian Harley Davidson – 6695 Carlisle Pike, 17050
June 19	8am - noon	UPMC Pinnacle Camp Hill – 1200 Camp Hill Bypass, 17011
June 23	8:30am - noon	St. John's Lutheran Church – 44 West Main St., Shiremanstown, 17011
June 28	8am - noon	REMCO, Inc. – 195 Hempt Rd., 17050
June 29	8am - noon	Momentum Female Fitness Club – 5103 Carlisle Pike, 17050

Anyone interested in looking for drives that are convenient to them can visit [www.717giveblood.org](http://www.717giveblood.org).

## Share the Harvest

We once again invite you to *share the harvest* with others this summer! If you have extra flowers, fruits or vegetables to share, bring them to the coffee prep area (right hand turn at the end of the Main Entrance hallway) anytime this summer. If you don't have access to a garden, feel free to help yourself or share with a friend! Plastic bags are available for you to use. If you have questions, contact Janice Bowen at [WeCare@fumchurch.com](mailto:WeCare@fumchurch.com) or 766-4611 x112.



## Hope Blooms



What's new? *Hope Blooms!* Keep an eye on the Frederick Street side of First Church where we are planting a flower cutting garden! With God's sunshine and rain, we are growing flowers to share in small bunches with notes of encouragement as an outreach ministry! Questions or to be involved, please contact Janice Bowen at [WeCare@fumchurch.com](mailto:WeCare@fumchurch.com) or 766-4611 x112.

“Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together.” ~John 4:36 (CEB)

## Special Giving Sunday, June 16 – Peace With Justice Sunday

Gifts received on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally. At First Church, we participate in this Special Giving Sunday through our Missions Budget. We thank you for your support of Peace with Justice Sunday on June 16!

# 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

### 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)

Summer Outings: June 14 (Sarah Allison's Pool)  
June 21 (Food Truck Meet Up)  
June 28 (Adventure Park)  
July 12 (Lower Allen Park Fun Fort)  
July 19 (Food Truck Meet Up)  
July 26 (Patti Herring's Pool)  
August 16 (Splash Park & Food Truck Meet Up)  
Tina Eaton ~ adultministry@fumchurch.com

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Patti Herring ~ familyzeke@verizon.net

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

happening again in the Fall

## Upcoming Events:

### Mission U 2019, July 11 to 13

Join us as we take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, learn about Our Faith Response to our Money and hear the inspiring story of women organized for mission, July 11 to 13, Bucknell University. Express Days are on July 10 at Bucknell University and July 27 at Chambers Hill UM Church. New this year, WAR (Women at Risk) will be selling items during the breaks. Lori Hoffnagle will be attending the sampler day on July 10 at Bucknell through July 12 and Sampler Day at Chambers Hill on July 27.

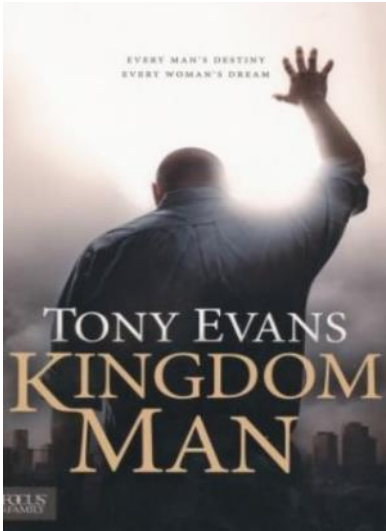
All women are invited to attend and any first-time attendee to Mission U can apply for a free scholarship! For details and scholarship information, contact Lori Hoffnagle, First Church UMW President at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

**August 17: Annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale, 8:00 am to noon.** Watch for the school kit collection to take place in early July. We will be collecting crayons, pencils, blunt scissors, erasers and glue sticks. If you have participated in the past or would like to participate this year, sign-ups will start July 1. Your space will be reserved by paying the \$10. fee (non-refundable) at the time of sign up. As always it is first come first serve. Call or email Donna Nichols ([djnichols43@hotmail.com](mailto:djnichols43@hotmail.com)) for more information or to request a spot. The youth are working with the UMW to further their own missions. Whether you are selling, buying, or just coming to enjoy atmosphere-its always a good time!

**November 24:** World Thank Offering and Mission Meal

**December 14:** Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

# MEN'S MINISTRY



**NEW MEN'S GROUP VIDEO SERIES:** All men are welcome to join the men's monthly small group meetings as we begin a new video series. On Wednesday, June 5 (and again on June 19) the men will be watching and discussing the video series, "**Kingdom Man**" by Dr. Tony Evans. In this six-session group Bible study, pastor and author Tony Evans challenges men to recognize and claim the standard of greatness that God has set forth in His Word. You will learn what it means to be a kingdom man who accepts responsibility for his domain of influence. Step up and claim your destiny as God's Kingdom Man. The June meetings will be held at the Eaton home from 8-9:30pm, and the series will continue on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, with 6 videos in total. Contact Barry Eaton ([theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net)) or John Bowen ([bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com)) if you have questions or would like more information.

**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, June 1 at 7:30 am. Hope to see you there!

**Baseball Anyone?** Another baseball outing is being planned for this summer. This year the men will be headed to Philadelphia to watch the Fightin' Phillies take on the New York Mets. The date is **Thursday, June 27th**, with a game time of **1:05pm**. Limited tickets are available and can be reserved by contacting Barry at [theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net). Watch the bulletin board in the Narthex and the church bulletin for additional details.



**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)



**Calling All Men!**

## Church News and Notes

### Love & sympathy...

- to the family upon the death of Amber Lewis' grandmother, on May 8.
- to the family upon the death of Barb and Rick Klingensmith's daughter, Rebecca, on April 13.
- to the family upon the death of Dolly Dougherty, on May 14.
- to the family upon the death of Nancy Robinson's uncle, Theodore Woodward

### Thank you...

FUMC,

*Your \$750 special gift towards our trip to the Middle East truly helps bring the gospel to the nations.*

*Thank you for your continued commitment towards our ministry with Cru. We love you!*

*Matt & LeeAnn Herring*

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*I want to thank the First Church members (big and small) for the Bible Quotes, all the visits from the pastors, and all the wonderful "Get Well" and "Thinking of You" cards from our wonderful congregation.*  
*Polly Blum*

### Special Birthdays

Buddy Miller .....	June 4	Gladys Peck .....	July 4
Bill Morland .....	June 6	Charlotte Hess .....	July 5
Thomas Hartsock.....	June 14	Veloice Washburn .....	July 6
Joe Moomaw .....	June 14	Richard Hayworth .....	July 6
Dolly Scholl.....	June 16	Millie Neagley .....	July 6
Caroline Brown .....	June 21	George Snoke .....	July 16
Joanne Reed.....	June 23	Jack Koser .....	July 22
Beryl Morgan .....	June 30	Harry Woods .....	July 27
		Jean Adams .....	July 28
		Lincoln Washburn .....	July 29
		Dave Leinhos .....	July 30

### Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Bob & Cheryl Erikson married 52 years on June 2
- ♥ Marlin & Brenda Snider married 53 years on June 6
- ♥ Gerry & Darlis Aumiller married 61 years on June 7
- ♥ Bob & Donna D'Agostino married 50 years on June 7
- ♥ Paul & Liz Nesmith married 64 years on June 19
- ♥ Jack & Grace Koser married 66 years on June 20
- ♥ Larry & Judi Buddenbaum married 52 years on July 1
- ♥ Marlin & Kay Simmons married 53 years on July 2
- ♥ Tracy & Pat Rainelli married 51 years on July 6
- ♥ Gary & Bonnie Klinger married 54 years on July 27

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

**June 15**

**Early submissions always  
appreciated!**