



First News First

July 2019

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

From Pastor Denny...

WELCOME TO THE FIRST CHURCH STAFF...

Sarah Pugh began her ministry at Director of Worship Arts on June 17.

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.

In her new position, Sarah serves full-time with pastors, staff, and those involved in worship ministry to plan and prepare all aspects of worship. She provides direction and/or oversight of all music groups, including adult choirs, children's choirs, bell choirs, adult and youth praise teams, and ensembles. She also provides staff support for teams involved in operating sound, media, and lighting, and those who have gifts in drama, dance, and other arts.

We are excited to welcome Sarah to First Church! She is a gifted musician who loves the Lord and the church. She has experience leading a variety of worship styles, both traditional and modern. Sarah is a wonderful addition to our team as we offer our best to God in worship!

Ellen Hill began her ministry as Office Manager on June 20.

Ellen is from the Williamsport area and will graduate in December, 2019 from Messiah College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

In her new position, Ellen serves full-time managing the day-to-day operations of the church office. She supports the ministry efforts of staff, committees, ministry teams and church members. Ellen has a warm, welcoming presence. She has exceptional computer proficiency, and excellent interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills.

As a pastor's daughter, Ellen is a lifelong United Methodist. In addition to active involvement in her local church as a youth and young adult, and on campus at Messiah College, Ellen has served as a counselor with Senior High students at Camp YoliJwa. She has also been involved in high school drama and as a member of the dance ministry at Messiah.

Ellen is a warm, welcoming presence in the office. She looks forward to getting to know our congregation as she serves on the team with pastors, staff, and volunteers to support the many ministries that take place in our life together. It's a joy to welcome her to First Church!

Please extend a warm welcome to both Sarah and Ellen!

Joyfully serving with you!

Pastor Denny

From Pastor John:

Is it true that Jesus does not say “worship me” but rather “follow me”?

First of all thanks for the questions submitted so many Sundays ago in response to a sermon. This month we will address one question stated above. When I read this question, immediately, it helps me ponder the differences and nuances between the phrases “worship me and follow me”.

If we go to the scriptures we certainly see places where Jesus asked people to follow him. (Matthew 4:19, 9:9; John 12:26; Acts 4:13)

There are also places where it talks about the worship of Jesus (Matthew 14:33; 28:9 & 17, John 9:38)

As I think about it, why did Jesus not ask people to worship Him? When is there a sense that Jesus redirected people to worship God the Father? - (Luke 4:8, John 4:24) Does the call to follow Christ stop in heaven but the call to worship Christ continue in heaven? (Revelation 4:10)

Can a person follow Jesus and not worship Him? Can a person worship Jesus and not follow Him?

Others have pondered, that while Jesus asks people to follow him, he never asks them to worship him. However, his disciples and others who have experienced his loving presence and witnessed his power to transform lives, frequently respond with praise and adoration, falling to their knees in worship.

Often in the presence of a miraculous sign, worship precedes a decision to follow Jesus. At other times, the decision to follow Jesus comes first. Those who have decided to follow Jesus have profound experiences that others do not seem to have. Experiences that inspire them to express adoration for him. Worship is a powerful way to say thanks for the things I've experienced as a Christ follower.

In conclusion, I hope that you will both follow Jesus and also worship Jesus as we open doors to Christ, to One another and with our neighbors in this adventure we call life.



Sunday School Classes

On July 7 we will begin our combined summer Sunday School class in the multipurpose room from 9:30 to 10:30 am. All are invited to join us for "**Gospel Shaped Living**". Each Sunday we will focus on a specific lesson, and we will discuss some of the ways that First Church is living out the gospel every day. Come to hear from special speakers and guest teachers who are engaged in missions near and far. The intention is to help us discover how to most effectively engage in our world as the **light of Christ** so that new people will walk away from the darkness of sin and be drawn into the light of the gospel!

Summer Bible Study

Did you miss the sign up for our summer Bible study, which started in June? No worries... keep your eye out for new studies beginning this fall! Meanwhile, stay focused on using the **daily Bible reading plan** – this plan has been specifically designed to go along with the sermons, so it will add depth to your knowledge and relationship with God. You can pick up the Bible reading plan brochure at the Welcome Center display – while you're at it, pick up a **study & prayer journal** at the display and try journaling your thoughts as you read this summer! Need a Bible? You can pick one up with the reading plan and journal at the display. Large-print Bibles are also available.

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, August 5 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

Happy Fourth of July!!! I hope between picnics, swimming, and fireworks you have time to read because, as always, the library has some great books! The two books I have chosen this month have been on the shelf for a couple months, but they are so good and have rated such outstanding reviews, I don't want you to miss them.

Having become a grandparent recently, (along with half the people in the church), I was drawn to Karen Kingsbury's latest saga about the Baxter family. Cole Blake is a senior in high school and headed to college in a few months, when he meets the new girl in the senior class, Elise. Elise has moved to this school for a fresh start. She is determined to restart her life and leave her wild ways in the past. Cole falls head over heels in love with her and they start dating, but it is not long before Elise discovers she is pregnant. At eighteen she is alone and scared, and she shares her secret with Cole. Cole is determined to be by Elise's side even if it means skipping college, marrying the girl of his dreams, and raising another man's baby. Elise decides she must give this baby up for adoption and chooses a family that has suffered infertility and the loss of an "almost" adopted child. But as the delivery day approaches, Elise wonders if she can let her child go. Having seen the pain on both sides of this equation in real life, I will tell you Ms. Kingsbury has captured the emotions eloquently and deeply—keep that tissue box handy. You won't want to miss this next book in the *Baxter Family series* called **Two Weeks**.

Lately when 4th of July is celebrated, first responders are included in the celebration. Nothing highlights that more than 9/11. **The Memory House** by Rachel Hauck brings to life the generation of children who have grown up without a parent due to that tragedy. Beck Holiday lost her father in the North Tower, and now she is a New York City police officer. Burdened with a past she can't get by, she gets in trouble at work and is suspended. At this low time, a mysterious letter arrives saying she has inherited a house on Florida's north shore. While in Florida, she runs into a handsome friend from her teenage years and her life becomes even more complicated. If you have read Ms. Hauck before, you know she weaves two separate generations into each novel. Everleigh Applegate has lived most of her life as a widow. She is burdened with a secret she can't come to terms with. Everleigh and Rachel lives intertwine in the house known to both of them as the Memory House. Find out if these two scarred women can find meaningful lives and-- maybe love and --just maybe in God's perfect time. Turn the porch light on—you'll be up late!!

If neither of these books is right for you, stop in the library and let us find just the right book for you!!

On August 17th, the library will be having their annual book sale in conjunction with the UMW yard and bake sale. Plan to clean out your gently used books, puzzles, DVDs and CDs and donate them to our sale. Then you can stock up on some new-to-you great treasures to refill your shelves for another year!!

See you in the library,

Pam and Donna

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 or Amy Ogden at 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?"

Pick up a Prayer Walking Guide at the Welcome Center or visit our website, fumchurch.com and search "prayer walk" to find the guide online. 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.

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

	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

Mid-Summer Sermon Series - "Hit the Road"

All are invited to join us this summer during worship to explore what it means to be a true follower of Jesus. Just before he ascended into heaven, Jesus gathered his disciples together one last time to give them his final instructions. He left them with the directive to "go and make disciples of all nations." Come to be challenged... are you ready to GO?

July 7 "Worth Stopping For" Acts 2:1-4

When taking a road trip, the journey matters as much as the arrival at your destination. Every road trip should include a "can't miss" stop along the route. In our faith journey, it is just as important not to miss the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

July 14 "U-Turn" Acts 9:1-6

Have you ever thought you were headed in the right direction, only to discover you were way off course? This week we will examine the story of the Apostle Paul's U-turn in life. Paul's life takes a radical turn when he hears Jesus. How does Jesus direct us to turn around?

July 21 "Road Less Traveled" Luke 10:25-37

When Jesus sends us out, sometimes the road is difficult - even dangerous. We can avoid the Jericho roads of life, or we can take them in order to serve Jesus. We are invited to travel the Jericho Roads in our communities with eyes open, and offer our service to another in need.

July 28 "Headed Home" Luke 15:11-32

Sometimes we leave home with great expectations and hopes. But somewhere along the road we get off track, and the best decision is to head home. Many important lessons are found on the road home.

Dedicated Missionary



The Missions Committee invites you to join in mission work! Next Missions Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10 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.co, under the Missions tab. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at 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 July 17 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at 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, July 17 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.

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

This past month 5,980 “pennies” (\$59.80) 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.umcmmission.org/Get-Involved/Generation-Transformation/GMF>.

Relationship Builder



First Connections Gathering

The next First Connections time for fellowship will be held on Thursday, July 18th in the Tower Meeting Room (2nd floor children’s Sunday School wing). Please join us between 1-3 pm to simply relax and visit

with some First Church friends! Questions or need a ride? Ask - Janice Bowen at WeCare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112

Take Me Out To The Ballgame - Sunday August 25!

The Fellowship Committee invites you to FNB Field to see the Harrisburg Senators! Buffet-style picnic starts at noon. Game starts at 1:00 pm. Discounted tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 4-12. Sign up in the notebook at the Welcome Desk or contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com.

Must register and pay by August 4!

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. Again in July, FUMC will host the Food Trucks on 7/19. This will be another opportunity to welcome our guests. Ask those who are new, what is going on in their lives and then invite them to join one of our many groups. It has been 45 years since our family joined FUMC and the hospitality we have felt has been invaluable. This church has become part of our family and we hope that many others will join that family. Talk to someone new today. Show them the hospitality that God has given us!

July Food Trucks Announced

The Third Friday Food Trucks are here again on Friday, July 19 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. The trucks scheduled for June are: Shredderz, It's All Greek, 717 Tacos, Lucky Penny Burger Co., Sugar Whipped and Kona Ice. 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.

Free Movie at Mt. Olivet UM Church, July 26

Join us at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, 5000 Simpson Ferry Road, on Friday, **July 26** for a Free Movie Night! Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7:00 p.m. Movie will be announced later this month. Tables and chairs will be provided, but you can bring your own blankets and pillows for additional comfort. Snacks will also be provided.

Community Dinner on the Lawn on July 14 RB

First Church, along with other Mechanicsburg area churches is hosting a free Community Dinner on the Lawn on Sunday, July 14 at 5:00 p.m. at First Church of God on the square in Mechanicsburg. The dinner is a collaborative event to bless the downtown community with a meal, music and games, free of charge. The concept comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. *"Community Dinners are called to lift broken people, just as our Master did when he was on earth. It serves us well to be aware of how frustrating life is for broken people. Community dinners wrap themselves in grace, favor and courage and embrace people that 'sanitized' America would rather ignore."* Taken from 'Welcome to Dinner, Church' by Verlon Fosner. If you would like to be a part of this event in any way, please contact Lori Hoffnagle, director of outreach at outreach@fumchurch.com.

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 or visit the Mechanicsburg Borough website at mechanicsburgborough.org.

Generous Giver



FINANCIAL REPORT Through May 31, 2019 41 % of year

General Fund 2019 budget	\$ 970,000
Actual income	\$ 384,890
Projected income	\$ 397,700
Actual expenses	\$ 368,708

SUMMER IS HERE! Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the Lord's work here at First Church during these Summer months!!!

The FUMC Endowment Fund

August 28, 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a speech "I have a dream" calling for civil and economic rights and an end to racism in the United States. In 2008 several individuals at FUMC had a dream as well and that was to establish a fund where the contributions would be held in a perpetual account, invested and the earnings would be used to support the Church's ministry to reach beyond the church walls in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ thru mission outreach. This was the creation of FUMC's Endowment Fund. As the Endowment Fund grows with contributions to the Fund, these base funds will provide an investment return and these earnings are the resources used in supporting FUMC Endowment Fund mission grants. In 2017 & 2018, eight mission grants were worthy of support from the Endowment Fund, totaling \$19,000 harvested from the earnings, while preserving the fund principle. Thank you for supporting of FUMC's Endowment Fund, as the fund grows, the Endowment Fund outreach ministry is only limited by our "dreams and imagination".

Thank you for considering supporting FUMC's Endowment Fund.

Bob Wertz

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.

Tax Advantaged Ways to Gift to First United Methodist Church

1. If you are over 70 1/2 and have to take a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA AND are gifting money from your checking account, you may be able to save money on federal income taxes using the Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) rule.
2. If you have stocks with big gains and plan to sell them to gift to the church, you may be able to save on federal income taxes by gifting the shares instead.

If you're not sure how to do this and have questions contact Ken Rapp at (717) 364-7840.

New Hope Ministries Feed-A-Friend Challenge Update!

Throughout the month of May, the Missions Team invited you to the Feed-A-Friend Challenge for New Hope Ministries. The response was wonderful! Thanks to everyone who brought in the requested food items. We collected the following: 19 jars of peanut butter; 55 cans of chicken; 172 cans of tuna and 142 boxes of macaroni and cheese for a total of 223 pounds of food! To express our thanks, Don and Debbie Karns will provide a special treat on Sunday, June 30. Stop by the coffee café outside the multipurpose room between worship services and enjoy a treat!

New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts towards stability. For more information about New Hope, visit their website at: <https://nhm-pa.org/>.

July Blood Drives

July 4	8am to 12pm	Citizen's Hose Company - 109 S. Baltimore St., Dillsburg
July 6	8am to 12pm	New Cumberland First Church of God- 323 Reno Ave, New Cumberland
July 10	12pm to 4pm	UPMC Pinnacle West Shore Hospital - 2015 Technology Center (parked at the Fredricksen Center entrance)
July 12	5pm to 9pm	Williams Grove Speedway– 1 Speedway Dr. Mechanicsburg (Both entrances to the speedway)
July 12	10am to 4pm	Bethany Village– 5225 Wilson Lane, Mechanicsburg (inside West Multi-purpose Room)
July 14	7:30am to 12:30pm	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton– 310 Hertzler Rd. Mechanicsburg
July 14	9am to 2pm	Blue Moon Cruisers– New Kingston Fire Hall, 227 N. Locust Point Rd.
July 18	3pm to 7pm	Buffalo Wild Wings– Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
July 19	8am to 7pm	Fox Center– 120 S. Filbert St. Mechanicsburg
July 21	10am to 1pm	Vibrant Church– 1775 Lambs Gap Rd., Mechanicsburg

Anyone interested in looking for drives that are convenient to them can visit 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 or 766-4611 x112.



Hope Blooms

What's new? *Hope Blooms!* Take a stroll on the Frederick Street side of First Church to see our 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 or 766-4611 x112.

“Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer.”
~Romans 12:12

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:

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.

August 17: Annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale, 8:00 am to noon. Proceeds benefit women and children and our Youth Mission Trips! The youth will be in charge of the indoor yard sale and are accepting gently used household items. For large items, please contact Lisa Aronson before bringing items. The library is also accepting gently used children and adult books, puzzles, cds, and dvds. Drop items in the bin outside the library or on Sunday morning inside the library. Contributions can be made starting Monday August 12 in Room 105. Your space will be reserved when your \$10 fee is received. Refunds can only be made until August 1st. Checks should be made out to FUMC with yard sale in the memo line. As always it is first come first serve. Call or email Donna Nichols (djnichols43@hotmail.com) for more information or to request a spot. The Bells will be keeping our energy up with breakfast baked goods and lunch hot off the

grill. While this is a fun day of buying and selling, in the end several church missions are funded on just this one day!! See you there and be sure to get a homemade goodie.

School Kit Collection

The United Methodist Women will once again be handing out **free school supplies** to children who attend the Annual Yard, Book and Bale Sale on Saturday, August 17. We will be collecting the following during the month of July: Crayons, Blunt Scissors, Pencils, Erasers and Glue Sticks. Watch for the collection bin to be placed on the ministry tables outside the multipurpose room. Questions or if you have school supplies now, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. Thank you!

November 24: World Thank Offering and Mission Meal

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

Congratulations to Our Graduates and Confirmands!

Graduates

MECHANICSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

- Kylie Fisher (Bloomsburg)
- Jonathan Kellenberger
- Tyler Johnson (Penn State)
- Abigail Wertz (Messiah College)
- Victoria Yother (Wilkes)

CUMBERLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

- Jordan Brymesser (East Stroudsburg)
- Alexa Deckert (Liberty)
- Kayleigh DeWalt (Millersville)
- Cate Farber (Penn State)
- Alison Miller (West Chester)
- Kalie Nuss (Liberty)

ALANA DAUM

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

BS IN VETERINARY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

FRANK HEBERLIG

MESSIAH COLLEGE

BS IN MUSIC EDUCATION

Confirmands

Ryan Clark

Sean O'Leary

Brayden Albright

CARYN KNOTT

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

BS IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

SHAWN RAPP

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

BA IN COMMUNICATIONS

PATRICK DAUM

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BECKY ORSINGER

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

DAVID NESMITH

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

DOCTORATE OF PHARMACY



Church News and Notes

Love & sympathy...

to Lincoln and Veloice Washburn upon the death of their grandson Joshua Holjes on June 3rd.
to Steve and Kathryn Solon upon the death of Steve's mom, Eleanor, on June 7th.
to the family upon the death of Roger Crowl, on June 11th.

Thank you...

Hi! A note to say thanks for your thoughtful gifts during my illness. Your cards, letters, visits, phone calls, meals and goodies and most of all your prayers will always be remembered in my heart.

~ In Christ's Love, Ivan Otstot

Thank you to everyone who contributed a home-cooked meal for the Homeland Hospice casserole program! What a wonderful way to extend the love of First Church out into our community.....I know the families receiving your casseroles will definitely be well-fed and blessed by you!

~ Janice Bowen

I am so grateful for the wonderful bounty of snacks that many of you donated for Vacation Bible School 2019! Thanks to your generosity, we had plenty to share each day with the 135 children who came to VBS!

~ Janice Bowen

Special Birthdays

Gladys Peck	July 4		
Charlotte Hess	July 5	Martin Coover.....	August 1
Veloice Washburn	July 6	Grace Koser.....	August 2
Richard Hayworth	July 6	Jane Heller.....	August 3
Millie Neagley	July 6	Helen Kelly.....	August 10
George Snoke	July 16	Pauline Trace.....	August 12
Jack Koser	July 22	Bonnie Jeona.....	August 17
Harry Woods	July 27	Gerald Sheely.....	August 18
Jean Adams	July 28	Kay Coldren.....	August 25
Lincoln Washburn	July 29	Joan Barth.....	August 27
Dave Leinhos	July 30		

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ 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
- ♥ Thomas and Jeanne Mullikin married 53 years on August 6
- ♥ Fred & Doris Junkins married 53 years on August 9
- ♥ John & Dolores Shell married 65 years on August 15
- ♥ Harry & Joyce Woods married 66 years on August 23
- ♥ Gerald & Patricia Sheely married on August 24

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