



First News First

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

"Take Prayer to a New and Powerful Level"

In his book, The Post-Quarantine Church, Thom Rainer emphasizes the critical importance of prayer as churches prepare for ministry in the post-pandemic world. His research found that during the pandemic pastors and other church leaders began to seek God in prayer more fervently. Church members became more involved in prayer ministries. "The church was born from a movement of prayer after Christ's ascension," he writes. Reading the Book of Acts, Rainer observes,

"The church *devoted* themselves to prayer. Prayer was not a mere formality or a routine ministry. It was such a priority that it consumed the members of the first church. The power of the congregation would not be human centered; it would be God directed." (page 57)

This increased commitment to prayer that Rainer discovered in churches across the country, has certainly been evident in our life together at First Church. In addition to our prayer time during Sunday morning worship, you regularly pray for and with one another. Throughout the week you pray together in classes, small groups, committees, and other activities. Moms in Prayer meets regularly to pray for our students, their parents, and administrators, teachers, and staff in our schools. Many of you receive the weekly prayer letter from Janice Bowen, our Director of Congregational Care, and hold our church, its members and friends, and many others in prayer. This, in addition to your day to day devotional life, and the mealtime and bedtime and other time prayers you share together at home.

In April many of you participated in our prayer initiative, "One Thousand Prayers for Mechanicsburg." Organized by Tina Eaton, our Discipleship Director and Lori Hoffnagle, our Outreach Director, we partnered with four other churches in Mechanicsburg. Together we prayed for more than 1,100 places! In addition, churches in Newville, New Cumberland, and Sunbury heard about what we were doing, and requested prayer kits so that they could pray in their communities as well. The ripple effect of our efforts has reached beyond what we could have planned or imagined! It's been such a joy to hear stories from these prayers. Some of you have started forming friendships with those you've prayed for. God is so good!

In this newsletter, you'll find more information on our June "Ephesians Prayer Challenge." The four-part prayer in Ephesians 1 provides a powerful format for our own prayers, and challenges us to pray in new ways.

I'm grateful that First Church is a praying church. Thank you for your prayers for our church, for our pastors, staff, and leaders, and for the churches of our community. In this season of challenge and opportunity, we continue to discern God's direction for our next faithful steps. My prayer is that as a congregation, we will take prayer to a new and powerful level! What was true for the early church is true for First Church, Mechanicsburg today. *The power of the congregation would not be human centered; it would be God directed.*

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Denny

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Bible Reading Plan

Are you looking for a new way to grow closer to Christ this year? Check out our weekly Bible reading plan (on page 10), which coordinates with our worship sermon series, at fumchurch.com or consider joining one of the groups or Bible studies offered this spring/early summer (listed below). If you are in need of a new Bible, please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com. Large-print versions are available.

Groups and Studies

Looking for new ways to grow closer to Christ through Bible study? Why not consider joining one of the following groups/studies going on this spring/early summer. Newcomers are welcome to join any class at any time! If you are in need of a Bible, please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com. Large-print versions are available.

- **New Member Class** begins June 6. This four-week class will be held in-person Sunday mornings from 9:40 - 10:40 am in Room 123 (just inside the alley entrance of the church). Please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call the church office at 717-766-4611 if interested.
- **Wednesday Men's Group** – Currently studying *Shaken*, by Tim Tebow. Learn to stay grounded in the face of disappointment and criticism, building confidence in your identity in God, not the world. This moving study features practical wisdom from Scripture and insights gained from Tebow and others who have impacted him in life-changing ways. Meets on Zoom (but will soon transition to meeting outside as weather permits) at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com if interested.
- **Men's Bible Study** - Led by Ken Guise and David Mengle, this group meets Sunday evenings at 6:15 pm on Zoom. Contact Ken at guiseken100@gmail.com for more details and the Zoom link. Currently studying *1 & 2 Peter & Jude: Living with Discernment in the End Times*. Find out what you need to know for daily living from these three short books, which will encourage and enable you to live a life of discernment.
- **Sunday School**
 - **Faith in Everyday Life** –This small group meets at 10:00 am at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Park as weather permits (or on Zoom as a backup) and focuses on fellowship and friendship. Class members share in leading reflections/discussions based on Scripture. Contact Jenell Paris at jparis@messiah.edu for more details.
 - **Faithful Families** –This group, comprised of parents in the child-raising stage of life, is currently studying *All Things New (a study of 2 Corinthians)* by Kelly Minter. Meets on Zoom at 9:30 am. Contact Bob Wertz, Jr. at wertzfive@gmail.com for more details.
 - **Christian Fellowship** – Currently studying *Before Amen - The Power of a Simple Prayer* by Max Lucado. This class focuses on fruitful discussion for spiritual growth while also providing time for fellowship. For all ages/stages of faith. Meets at 9:30 am. Contact Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com for more details and the Zoom link.
 - **Growing in Christ** – Currently studying *Ephesians* by J.D. Greear. All are welcome to join us for this 9-week study as we dig into this “survival guide”, which teaches us how to live the Gospel in this world. For all ages, including older youth/young adults. Meets at 9:30 am. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details and the Zoom link.
 - **Helping Hands** -Meets on Zoom at 10:00 am. A group of active seniors who focus on studies which provide encouragement and instruction on faithful living. Contact Bob Wertz, Sr. at robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com for more details.
 - **Guyer Class** –A group of elders in the church who use the United Methodist quarterly adult Bible lessons for daily independent study at home. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to receive study materials.



Connect Using The Bible App

Check out the YouVersion Bible app, available for both android and iOS smartphones/tablets, or on your laptop at bible.com. There are many wonderful devotional studies, plus you can create groups to study, chat with friends and share prayer requests!

From the Library

I usually start these newsletters with a brief topic like coming holidays, the weather, my obsession with coffee, or my favorite genre of books—but by this time you could probably write the intro yourselves—so let's just skip the trivial part and get to the books! Glad you agree with me.

Becky Wade is one of the library's favorite romance writers. Not only are her books swoon worthy, but my favorite part is also her comedic touch. Her latest series, *Misty River*, is based on five adults who are bound together by a childhood tragedy that they all miraculously survived. In the first book, **Stay with Me**, Ms. Wade introduces famous author and motivational speaker Genevieve, who ran from her life of fame to regroup. Sebastian Grant is introduced to us in book two, **Let Me be the One**. Sebastian is a pediatric heart surgeon who grew up as a foster child with problems most of us can only imagine. He craves a family of his own with a soul mate he can rely on. The problem is he is in love with his best friend's girlfriend. (I'm humming Jessie's Girl—you know what I mean). Fortunately, he has been able to hide his feelings from her, school teacher Leah Montgomery, not to mention his best friend. Leah is a math prodigy who has set aside her dream to raise her younger brother. Now that her brother is grown, Leah can pursue her dream of earning a PhD in math, and she is not letting romance get in her way. After submitting a DNA sample to a genealogy website, she gets some surprising results, and she asks Sebastian to help her track down her history. The more sparks fly while they work together, the more Sebastian must resist her—that is until Leah realizes her own feelings. Read this witty book to follow the path to the outcome.

I have been reading Terri Blackstock even before the church had a fiction library, and she never fails to deliver a good mystery with timely topics. Her newest book **Aftermath** is no exception. What are the topics other than romantic suspense? Friendship, betrayal, mental illness, PTSD, and survivors' guilt will get you started on what this book is about. It begins with three friends who go to a club to listen to their favorite band when there is an explosion. Only one friend makes it out alive. Dustin Webb, former military and owner of a security firm, is found with a trunk load of explosives—someone is setting him up. How can he prove he is being framed? Though he hasn't seen his childhood friend, Jamie Powell since he left for basic training, Dustin hopes she will defend him and help him find the people that are really responsible. She will be putting her career on the line to defend the man people are calling a terrorist. This is a five star stand alone mystery. Reviewers have said you won't be able to put this book down—so get ready.

The library has many books by these authors, so if you like these, there are more to choose from.

The library will revive its book sale in August in the multi-purpose room. We will be accepting donations of gently used adult and children's books, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles. You can drop them off in the green bin by the library or contact Donna or Pam to make arrangements to donate.

Hope to see you in the library!!

~ Pam and Donna

Praying Follower



Ephesians 1 Prayer Challenge

As Pastor Denny mentioned in his article this month, First Church's devotion to prayer has been very evident during the pandemic! And in response to this increased devotion to prayer, we have been engaging in monthly prayer challenges in order to deepen our collective commitment to prayer! In April we prayed, along with 4 other area churches, for over 1,100 places in Mechanicsburg! In May, we joined thousands of others across our nation in our National Day of Prayer by holding a 24-hour prayer vigil.

Next up is our "Ephesians 1 Prayer Challenge"! Paul's four-part prayer in Ephesians 1 provides a powerful format to personalize and pray for someone. So, in June, think of a person or persons you would like to pray for over 30 days, and use this paraphrased/condensed version from verses 17-21 (or put it into your own words) to pray for them each day:

- *I am asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give (name of person you are praying for) the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that (he/she) may know God better.*
- *I pray that the eyes of (name's) heart may be enlightened in order that (he/she) may know the hope to which (he/she) is called.*
- *I pray that (name) may know the riches of God's glorious inheritance in (him/her), and know God's incomparably great power for us who believe... the same power that raised Christ from the dead!*
- *And I pray that (name) will know Jesus, in whom God placed all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked under, not only now, but also in the time to come. Amen.*

Praying this prayer for someone over 30 days will have powerful results! Just imagine if everyone truly knew God in a way that brought deep hope, an understanding of God's power, a knowledge of their worth to God and an abiding relationship with Jesus?

Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com if you have questions or would like to share a story related to this, and happy praying!

Weekly Prayer Letter

If you have not already done so, sign up for our weekly prayer email so that you can receive a list of praises and requests from our church family. Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com to share requests and to sign up for this once-a-week list.

Passionate Worshipper



New Sermon Series — "From Here to Eternity"

Heaven is our hope as followers of Jesus, but what does the Bible really say about it? This four-week series looks carefully at the timeless truths of Scripture about eternity and its implications for our lives now! Jesus teaches us that "eternity" affects our "here and now."

"Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going." John 14:1-4 (CEB)

June 6: What's the Big Deal about Heaven

In every culture and in every time, humanity has been fascinated with eternity. God placed it there. Jesus' resurrection from the dead signals a new reality for Christ-followers called eternal life.

June 13: A Grown-up Vision of Heaven

People have a lot of confusion about heaven. It's often a mixture of the Bible, philosophy, popular literature, theatre, and movies. But the Bible gives us clear, consistent understandings of eternity.

June 20: The Best is Yet to Come!

Do you really believe this? Do you believe that the best is yet to come? The Bible teaches Christ-followers to live life not looking in the rearview mirror but with a hope for eternity.

June 27: What Am I Doing on Earth for Heaven's Sake?

Because of the reality of heaven, we are called to care for the earth, love all people, work for justice, and share the Good News.

Livestream Team — New Ministry

Livestream worship is underway! This new group forming has exciting potential to reach beyond the walls of our church. *Because of the higher demand for more volunteers to livestream, we are looking for more individuals to help grow our livestream team.* No prior experience is needed, and training is provided. If

you would like to meet the challenge of modern church and advance the kingdom into a digital era, please contact Sarah Pugh at worship@fumchurch.com.

Spotify Playlist

On the first Wednesday of each month, we will release a new monthly playlist on Spotify. Each song-- hand-picked by staff, musicians, and volunteers-- has been on our hearts, and prayed over for a holy and meaningful connection with our congregation. For Spotify users, search for the user First UMC of Mechanicsburg, and click on the playlist titled "*Where Words Fail, Music Speaks*". For non-Spotify users, click this link to listen to the playlist: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5rbHEYEfHei97cUI8rjwNJ?si=qzOB7cTVRg6iAU1L4BY2hA>

Dedicated Missionary



Missions Committee Study

The Missions Committee invites you to join us for a study based on the book, "When Helping Hurts." "Poverty is much more than simply a lack of material resources, and it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve it. *When Helping Hurts* shows how some alleviation efforts, failing to consider the complexities of poverty, have actually (and unintentionally) done more harm than good." Michelle Schwartzmann, VIM Coordinator, will be leading this study once a month for the next five months via Zoom conferencing. **All are welcome to join us!** The study is free, no book required, just join in for the lesson and discussion. To receive the zoom link or for more information, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. The next session is Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. Thanks for joining us!

VIM Trips

The Susquehanna Conference Volunteers invites you to join virtual mission trips! If you are interested, visit the National VIM website at <https://www.umvim.org/virtual-missions>. These are great ways to learn about all the mission trip opportunities and may inspire you to sign up for a trip in the future!

Isaiah 61 Returns in Harrisburg!

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 16 at 6:30 p.m. New safety protocols have been established, such as wearing a mask, gloves and physical distancing. If you would like to carpool or have any questions, please contact Tiffany Holland tholland1967@gmail.com.

UMW MissionU, July 15, 16 and 17

New for 2021, the annual UMW learning event will be virtual! The dates are July 15, July 16 and 17, 2021.

- July 15 Opening and zoom orientation.
- July 16 Study: Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom – Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship. **Study Leader:** Deaconess Barbara Drake from the Eastern PA Conference.
- July 17 Study: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools. **Study Leader:** Deaconess Jane Grays from the Baltimore/Washington Conference.

All are welcome to attend these important studies. Watch for more information about registration. If you have questions about United Methodist Women or attending the virtual MissionU, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com or 717-732-6430.

UMW Conference Annual Day, November 6, 2021 – Save the Date!

The Susquehanna Conference United Methodist Women will be holding their Annual Day at Fishing Creek

Salem, Goldsboro on Saturday, November 6 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At this time, they are planning for an in-person event, however, they plan to also offer Annual Day via livestream for those who cannot attend in person. The topic will be: *Championing Mental Wellness*, with keynote speaker, Sharon Engdahl, Executive Director of the Mental Wellness Awareness Association for Pennsylvania. All women are welcome to attend! Watch for more information on how to register. Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com with any questions.

Help Us Feed Those In Need

We are asking all who can to help us fill our Little Free Pantry – the food is going fast and your donations are needed. Go to our church website for information on what you can donate and contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com if you have questions.

Get Connected With Service Opportunities

If you have not already done so, sign up to receive our periodic “Service Opportunities” email. Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com to share opportunities and to sign up.

Relationship Builder



Extravagant Hospitality

Our extravagant hospitality can be beautifully expressed in our efforts to be a church FOR the community, not just a church IN the community! How can we do this? Pastor Danny Franks of The Summit Church offers several important thoughts on this. We can encourage ourselves **to live "sent" lives** ~ caring for our neighbors and providing for the most vulnerable. We can **connect with local ministries** (Mission Central, New Hope Ministries, Neighborhood Center ~ for example), coming alongside and serving with them. We can **pray that God will reveal the needs in our community to our listening ears** and that we will be obedient and courageous in meeting those needs. And we do all of this not to make much of our church or our resources, but to make much of the love of Jesus for the people around us!

Women's Retreat

Save the Date - Saturday, September 25, 2021 - Priscilla Shirer's "Going Beyond" simulcast (hosted by FUMC Women's Ministry). Stay tuned for registration information this summer!

Covered in Love Leader Stepping Down

First Church is blessed to have a Covered in Love group. This international ministry gathers church members to knit or crochet blankets and other items for those who need them. Church member Sandy Bennetch, who was instrumental in launching the group at First Church and has served as its unofficial leader, is stepping down this year after more than a decade.

“I will be forever grateful you followed the call to begin the Covered in Love group,” said participant Marge Snyder. “Your leadership and commitment were unshakeable.” Marge particularly enjoyed the inspirational readings on knitting that Sandy shared at meetings.

Covered in Love normally meets weekly on Wednesday mornings. A second group called Knit @ Nite was formed for those who are unavailable during the day. This group meets once a month in the evening. The groups combined and began meeting virtually via Zoom when the COVID-19 pandemic started. Participants can create items of their choice, but more often they work together to produce items as requested by our church and the community.

“We have always worked as a team, focusing on projects or needs that are made known to us throughout the year,” Sandy said.

Their signature items are prayer shawls and lap blankets for members who are facing surgery or extended

medical care. In addition to providing physical warmth, recipients receive emotional comfort in knowing that the item was created in love and prayed over by our pastors.

The group has produced hundreds of items for multiple ministries. Just to name a few:

- Gifts for Day of Pampering
- Dishcloths and doilies for shut-ins
- Dolls for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes
- Hats and scarves for the Little Pantry
- Winter hats for New Hope Ministries and Neighborhood Center
- Baby blankets for the Shalom House in Harrisburg
- Scarves for Operation Gratitude (members of the military)

Group members donate the yarn as well as their time and talent. All items are distributed free of charge or donated for charitable purposes such as Little Friends Nursery School's annual auction.

Covered in Love and Knit @ Nite plan to resume meeting in-person when it is safe. New members are always welcome! For more information, contact Mary Helm at mthelm4@yahoo.com or Judi Buddenbaum at ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net.

Joy in the Morning - a small group invitation!

If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this spiritually-focused small group. We meet next on Monday, June 7th from 3:30-4:30. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, drawing upon readings from the book, With the Dawn Rejoicing. For more information, contact Janice Bowen at [717-766-4611 x112](tel:717-766-4611) or wecare@fumchurch.com.

Trinity's Closet on Main

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is holding a Clothing Closet on the 2nd Saturday of each month. They have a variety of gently used clothes (in all sizes) for men and women to choose from. Breakfast to go is provided for each person - including a cup of coffee! They are asking you to wear a mask, if you don't have one, they will provide one for you and they will be taking temperatures to provide an extra measure of safety. The Closet is open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. every 2nd Saturday. Trinity is located at 132 E. Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The next Clothing Closet will be held on Saturday, June 12. Questions, contact Vanessa Storlie at trinityburgoutreach@gmail.com.

Third Friday Food Trucks, Friday, June 18

We are excited to announce that with the recent lifting of restrictions, we will now be offering seating at the Food Trucks on June 18! The time is 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will be welcoming the following trucks on June 18: Mad Dash, Doughheads Waffles, Italian Job, Grappling Crab, Shredderz, Sugar Whipped and Sarah's Creamery. The upcoming dates are July 16, August 20, September 17 and October 15. Check our Facebook page and website closer to the next date, as the trucks may change. New for this year, we will be hosting the Harrisburg Singers at the August 20 date, watch for more details!

FUMC Garden Tour 2021

In celebration of all things lovely, green and growing, we are offering periodic Sunday evening (5-7 pm) 'Garden Tours' throughout the summer. Mark your calendar for Sunday evening, July 11th for a stroll through Steve Zimmerman's garden. Please stay tuned for more specific information regarding additional dates and gardens to tour! For more information, please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611 x 112](tel:717-766-4611))

Save the Date, Community Day, August 7, 2021

The Mechanicsburg Borough and Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership are excited to announce the date for Community Day in the Park, Saturday, August 7, 2021! The event features live music, old-fashioned baseball exhibition, inflatables and games, food trucks, chicken BBQ, and much more! The event will be held at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More details coming soon!

Growing the Glean Team!

This growing season, we are excited to offer the Biblical practice of gleaning in Mechanicsburg! You may already be familiar with the concept of ‘gleaning,’ perhaps from reading references to gleaning in the Books of Leviticus and Ruth or from taking part in Project Share’s opportunity to glean in Carlisle. As depicted in scripture, gleaning occurred when some of the fallen grain during harvest was intentionally left behind, including whole corners of the fields as required by Israelite law. The intention was to offer an unharvested portion of grain for others to collect in helping to feed the poor, the orphans, widows and foreigners, as a safety net and resource to provide for their needs.

We plan to glean some local crops (strawberries and corn for example) to share with our own community! If you would be interested in receiving additional information and notification when the fields are ready for gleaning (most likely in June), please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 to have your name/contact information added to the FUMC 2021 ‘Glean Team’! All are welcome and encouraged to participate, this is a great family project!

To read more about gleaning in Biblical times, turn to the book of Ruth where Ruth was able to glean the fields of Boaz to sustain herself and her mother-in-law, Naomi: “*And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, ‘Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor.’ Naomi said to her, ‘Go ahead, my daughter,’*” (Ruth 2:2).

Zumba Gold Offered via Zoom!

New year, new you! Since March 2020, the Zumba instructor, Lisa Lynch, has been offering the Zumba Gold classes via Zoom on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to join in one of her classes or have questions, you can email her at lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Through April 30, 2021 — 33% of year

General Fund

2021 budget	\$ 905,000	
Expected income	\$ 301,666	(33% of budget)
Actual giving	\$ 315,856	(35% of budget)
Actual expenses	\$ 294,046	(32% of budget)

Our ministry continues to be blessed by the faithfulness of our Lord through the gifts of our congregation and friends. Thank you again for keeping First Church in your prayers and thoughts as we go through this extraordinary time. Our expenses remain in good shape as we continue to offer online services, in addition to two in-person services each Sunday. Thank you for your continued support of the First Church ministry with your prayers and gifts.

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 Little Free Pantry side shelf anytime this summer. If you don’t have access to a garden, feel free to help yourself or share with a friend! If you have questions, contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 766-4611 x112.



UMW Yard Sale News

Yes, we are having a yard sale! Yes, we are having a book sale! Yes, the Youth are having a large part of the yard sale! Yes, there will be an irresistible bake sale! Yes, the Bell choir will be serving snacks and

lunch! Yes, even better, you can have a spot at the sale. The UMW yard sale will be August 21st from 8-12am. Individual spaces can be reserved starting July 1st. The cost is \$10.00 for each roomy space and your payment reserves your spot. Email Donna Nichols at djnichols43@hotmail.com to reserve your place and make arrangements for payment. Sign up is first come first serve. You may cancel until August 1st, and have your payment returned, but after that your deposit is non-refundable. But you won't want to do that because this is a great day of community, food and fun! Don't miss it!

Library Sale

The library will be back at the UMW Sale on August 21st from 8-12am. To have a good sale we need your gently used books, puzzles, DVDs and CDs. We are accepting adult or children's items on any subject, but please no textbooks or encyclopedias. You may leave your donations outside the library door with a note what they are or, if you have a large donation, call Pam Van Kirk or Donna Nichols to make arrangements for delivery. After you have donated your books and made room for more, plan to come to the sale for some new great reads. This sale allows the library to offer the most current and up to date Christian reading.





June Bible Reading Plan

Tuesday, June 1 Matthew 28:1-10
Wednesday, June 2 Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Thursday, June 3 John 11:17-27
Friday, June 4 I Corinthians 15:50-58
Saturday, June 5 Rest and Reflect

Sunday, June 6 ***"What's the Big Deal About Heaven?"***
Monday, June 7 I Corinthians 13
Tuesday, June 8 I Corinthians 15:20-28
Wednesday, June 9 I Corinthians 15:35-44
Thursday, June 10 Revelation 21:1-7
Friday, June 11 John 14:1-14
Saturday, June 12 Rest and Reflect

Sunday, June 13 ***"A Grown Up Vision of Heaven"***
Monday, June 14 Psalm 103:15-22
Tuesday, June 15 James 4:13-5:11
Wednesday, June 16 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Thursday, June 17 Luke 23:32-43
Friday, June 18 John 14:15-21, 27-28
Saturday, June 19 Rest and Reflect

Sunday, June 20 ***"The Best Is Yet to Come!"***
Monday, June 21 Romans 8:18-25
Tuesday, June 22 Matthew 25:34-40
Wednesday, June 23 Colossians 3:12-17
Thursday, June 24 John 3:1-17
Friday, June 25 2 Peter 3:1-13
Saturday, June 26 Rest and Reflect

Sunday, June 27 ***"What Am I Doing On Earth For Heaven's Sake?"***
Monday, June 28 Psalm 48
Tuesday, June 29 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Wednesday, June 30 Mark 6:1-13



It's Official!

Summer Church Camp is a GO!

The Camp and Retreat Ministry is excited to share details and registration information about summer camps!

Visit the camping website <http://www.susumcamps.org> to see all the offerings for camp this summer in the 2021 Camp Retreat Brochure along with related registration/medical forms. Please review the COVID-19 safety guidelines as part of your camp registration process. Then access the online link to complete your registration.

Praying for your camping experience is very important to us! If you register online, please send the confirmation email from the camping office to our Camp Coordinators (Deb Noss or Amy Ortiz), so that we can pair you with a prayer partner. If you mail in the registration, please contact our Camp Coordinators via phone or email. The Camp Coordinators can help you with financial assistance (First Church will pay for one half of the camping fees!).

Get your registrations in early! **NOTE:** There are **Sibling Discounts** as well as an **Invite-a-Friend Gift** if you invite a friend who has never been to a Conference camp. The brochure will explain how you can claim a custom logo hammock.

Pray and ask God how He would like you to use your gifts for Him this year! Will you:

- **Attend** a camp, retreat or event this year, or
- **Volunteer** as a Dean, Nurse, Counselor or Jr. Counselor, or
- **Pray** for a camper, or
- **Provide** financial assistance to support a camper or camp program, or
- **Help** with a one-day work camp at one of the camp sites?

If you have any questions about Summer Church Camp or are unable to access the website and need a brochure, feel free to contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or 717-697-5982 or Amy Ortiz at amy.ogden7@gmail.com. You may also contact the church office at office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611.

P.S. Who doesn't like to receive mail? See what our friends **Mike and Nadine** sent to us!

Be on the look-out for more 'mail' from camp supporters!



Church News and Notes

Our love & sympathy...

to the Morgan family in the death of Roxanne Morgan on April 2nd
 to Susan Broy and family in the death of David Broy on April 9th
 to Dick Reed and family in the death of Joanne Reed on April 10th
 to the Ryder and Mariano families in the death of Mark Ryder on May 9th

Notes of Thanks

Thank you to everyone at church for the expressions of sympathy regarding my mother's passing. They were greatly appreciated. *Gail and Jim Siemons*



Special Birthdays

Bill Morland.....	June 6th	Veloice Washburn	July 6th
Joe Moomaw	June 14th	George Snoke	July 16th
Dolly Scholl	June 16th	Mary Jo Skoglund.....	July 19th
Caroline Brown.....	June 21st	Jack Koser	July 22nd
Marty Gerfin	June 22nd	Harry Woods	July 27th
Beryl Morgan	June 30th	Jean Adams.....	July 28th
Charlotte Hess.....	July 5th	Lincoln Washburn	July 29th
Richard Hayworth.....	July 6th		

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Michael and Rhonda Neidig married 50 years on June 4th
- ♥ Gerry and Darlis Aumiller married 63 years on June 7th
- ♥ Jim and Sue Chilton married 51 years on June 20th
- ♥ Jack and Grace Koser married 68 years on June 20th



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