



First News First

February 2020

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

"My Dear Ones"

On Valentine's Day, many of us exchange cards and gifts to show love to our dear ones. This year, as the holiday approaches, I'm remembering a simple prayer, written centuries ago by Cuthbert, the prior of a monastic community on a remote island near Ireland.

*My dear ones, O God, bless Thou and keep,
in every place where they are.*

As I pray this prayer, I am reminded of who "my dear ones" are. "My dear ones" are, first of all, those closest to me. Betsy, our children and their spouses, our grandchildren, our parents, our siblings and their spouses and children, our extended families, both near and far away. Holding each of these "dear ones" before God in prayer, my heart is filled with gratitude for their lives and concern for their needs.

*My dear ones, O God, bless Thou and keep,
in every place where they are.*

"My dear ones" are also my church family. The Apostle Paul wrote, "In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other" (Romans 12:5 CEB). First Church, you belong to me, and I belong to you. I pray for you, holding your joys and sorrows before God in prayer, seeking God's blessing and keeping as we carry out Christ's ministry and mission together.

"My dear ones" include sisters and brothers in United Methodist churches, too, locally and all over the world. I pray for our church, its pastors and leaders, its people and ministries. "My dear ones" extend to other Christian communions, local churches throughout Mechanicsburg and to the ends of the earth. God's house is a big, big house, with lots and lots of rooms, and I pray for the health and vitality of every congregation, bringing the gospel to the world for whom Christ died.

*My dear ones, O God, bless Thou and keep,
in every place where they are.*

The circle of "my dear ones" continues to widen, when I consider that when Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself," by "neighbor" he meant everyone. He meant my neighbor across the street and my neighbor across the world. Holding "my dear ones" in prayer, I realize that I belong to them. They belong to me. "O God, teach me to love my neighbors, all of them!" The circle of "my dear ones" grows wider still as I consider my connection not just to all people, but to all of creation.

*My dear ones, O God, bless Thou and keep,
in every place where they are.*

Beloved, I invite you to pray this simple prayer. Those who bring "my dear ones" to God in prayer are rays of hope in a hurting world. To pray this prayer breaks down barriers and opens doors. If all of us were simply to hold our dear ones, all of them, before God each day, it would change the world.

I'm so grateful for you, "my dear ones,"

Pastor Denny



Bible Reading Plan

Looking for new ways to grow closer to Christ this year? Pick up your copy of our Bible reading plan today at the Welcome Center display and start reading on your own. To study with others, consider joining one of the new Bible studies being offered this winter. And if you are in need of a new Bible, simply pick one up at the display. Large-print versions are available.

Winter Studies

We have several new studies being offered this winter and all are invited to come for fellowship and learning!

- **Alpha** – The world is looking for real love, real hope, real friendship and the real message of Jesus. And this all starts with us... we must equip ourselves as leaders with the real truth in order to effectively reach outside of our church and offer ourselves as a welcoming community to those who need to know Jesus. Gear up for this by participating in Alpha this winter! Each week over the 10-week course we will look at the big questions of life and faith, talk about the real answers and prepare to share this truth with others. Classes started in late January, but you can drop in at any time! There is no cost for this study. Three class times are being offered:
 - ◇ **Sunday morning** 9:30-10:30 am in B004. Led by Tina Eaton
 - ◇ **Wednesday mid-day** 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Led by Pastor John Shellenberger (plus dutch-treat lunch to follow for those who are interested.)
 - ◇ **Wednesday evening** 6:45-8:00 pm. Led by Pastor Dennis Keller
- **The Savior of Sinners** - How did Jesus spend his final days? And just what happened when Jesus died and rose from the dead? Come to find the answers for yourself in this study of Luke, chapters 17-24. This 7-week study, led by Juanita Guise, will begin on March 5. Thursday morning and evening classes will be available. Workbook cost is \$15.75. See details and sign up at the Welcome Center display.

From the Library

With Valentine's Day in the middle of February, I would like to tell you about some of the romance books that you can find in the library. And with the weather so iffy you might want to stock up on extra books for when you are snowed in or it's just too cold to go out. "Never be without a book" is my motto.

Melissa Ferguson is a new author to the library. Her book **The Dating Charade** is billed as a romantic comedy, and if you believe the reviews, you will find yourself laughing out loud while reading. Cassie Everson has almost given up on dating after experiencing a string of horrible first dates. Firefighter Jett Bentley happens to see Cassie's online profile and remembers her from high school as the "unattainable girl of legend". On a whim he messages her, and they go on a date which is more fun than either of them can remember. After agreeing on a second date, they both go home to find each of them have had three children dropped into their laps. Holy Brady Bunch! But do they do what normal people would do? Oh no! They both decide to hide their all-of-a-sudden families from each other afraid that three children might scare the other off. The lengths they go to not only keep the secret but also cope with the situation will have you turning pages well after your bedtime.

Denise Hunter has always been a favorite of mine (and yes, it's true that every once in awhile I can read without the adrenaline rush of a mystery). Her newest series, **Bluebell Inn**, starts with **Lake Season**. When Molly Bennett's parents die in a tragic accident, she and her siblings agree to fulfill their parents' dream of turning their house into an inn. The kids think coming back to historic Bluebell, North Carolina and getting the inn running and ready for resale will only take about three years, and then they can all go back to chasing their dreams. While Molly is running the inn, Adam Bradford, aka Nathaniel Quinn a bestselling author, comes to North Carolina seeking an end to his writer's block. Molly and Adam hit it off right away and much to Adam's amusement, Molly mentions she is in love with his alter ego. During the renovation of the inn, love letters are found hidden in a wall and Molly shares them with her new friend Adam. The two decide to track down the authors of the letters to get the full story. As their friendship grows, Adam has held back his secret. But secrets have a way of coming to light, and then Molly has to

decide if she can trust a love born in deceit. If you enjoy this book, you'll have to wait till May for book two, **Carolina Breeze**—or check our library shelves for other series by Denise Hunter.

If neither of these books seems right for you—stop in, we have many genres. There are new series by favorites like Susan May Warren, Terri Blackstock, or Wanda Brunstetter, just to name a few. Someone is always available to help you locate just the right book for you.

See you in the library,

Donna and Pam

Little Friends Preschool Update

Registration for our next school year opened to families of FUMC on January 20th, and opens to the public on Monday, January 27th. Little Friends Preschool offers the children in our community a wonderful resource for quality early childhood education in a supportive, Christian environment. And we feel blessed to be a mission of First United Methodist Church!

Classes meet from 9am-11:30am, with one afternoon Pre-K class held from 12:30-3pm, September through May. Please tell your friends, families and neighbors about our wonderful little school that's here at FUMC! Our teachers are CPR & First Aid Certified, our students perform in 2 concerts each year, and we all just love teaching children!

Praying Follower



Moms in Prayer

Did you know that we have several First Church women engaged in praying with a **Moms in Prayer** group? What a blessing is it to join other mothers and grandmothers in lifting our children in prayer! If you are interested in joining them, here's what you need to know:

- Monday Night Group: Prays for children at any age/stage of life. Meets here at First Church from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Prayer Room (2nd floor elevator landing). Contact Deb Noss for information.
- Thursday Morning Group: Prays for students at the Kindergarten Academy, Northside Elementary, Elmwood Elementary and Mechanicsburg Middle School. In-home meeting in Shiremanstown from 8:00 – 9:00 am. Contact Anna Harris for more information.
- Tuesday Morning Group: Prays for College/Career children. In-home meeting in Mechanicsburg begins at 8:15 am. Contact Nadine Ogden for more information.
- Wednesday Morning Grandmothers Group: Prays for grandchildren. In-home meeting in Enola begins at 8:45 am. Contact Nadine Ogden for more information.

All mothers and grandmothers are invited and no prayer experience is required. What is prayed in the group stays in the group, so don't worry – your prayer requests will remain private within the group.

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

	February 2	Loaves and Chalice
Ash Wednesday	February 26	Loaves and Chalice
First Sunday in Lent	March 1	Pew Service
Palm Sunday	April 5	Loaves and Chalice
Maundy Thursday	April 9	At Tables
Easter Sunrise	April 12	Mechanicsburg Cemetery
	May 3	Pew Service
	June 7	Loaves and Chalice
	July 5	Pew Service
	August 2	Loaves and Chalice
	September 6	Pew Service
World Communion	October 4	Loaves and Chalice
	November 1	Loaves and Chalice
First Sunday of Advent	December 6	Pew Service
Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00	December 24	Loaves and Chalice

Current Sermon Series - The Beatitudes: Keys to a Blessed Life

We began 2020 with a series of messages on the vision of Jesus for living a life of joy and fulfillment entitled, "The Beatitudes: Keys to a Blessed Life." Each week we have been exploring one of the eight keys Jesus gave us in Matthew 5:3-12, and we are digging deeper into what many have called the greatest sermon ever preached. Here are the sermons remaining in this series – please join us in this adventure!

- February 2 "Why You Need to Stay Hungry" Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- February 9 "Your Ministry of Mercy" Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- February 16 "God Blesses A Heart of Integrity" Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- February 23 "How To Reconcile a Relationship" Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- March 1 "Handling Opposition to Your Faith" Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

A Thank You Note

As a member of both the Hospitality and ACCESS teams, I wanted to extend my personal thanks to our Trustee and Facilities teams for making changes to areas throughout the sanctuary. They have worked closely with the various groups within the church and have reached out to local craftsmen for design and implementation.

Over the last few years there have been many changes to the sanctuary to allow all to come into His presence. Our friends of the Church of the Brethren denomination have a special initiative called "**Open Roof**" named after their desire to remove all barriers of those coming into the presence of our Lord and Savior. In **Mark 2: 1-5**, four men brought their friend who was crippled lying on a mat to see Jesus. However, there were so many around Jesus that they went up on a roof and literally made a hole in the roof to lower their friend into the presence of Jesus. Thankfully, we have not had to make that kind of drastic

modification to the church building!

The sanctuary now has a more open and welcoming altar area and a ramp that allows complete access to the pulpit. Some pews around the outer end of the sanctuary were also removed to promote an easier and safer traffic flow that encourages hospitality and the building of relationships. The most recent change has now created areas within the pews that invites our loved ones to be with us always - in service, and during special times of baptisms, wedding and funerals.

When I gaze upon the large stain glass window at the rear of the sanctuary - the one with Jesus surrounded by children, I can hear Him say, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." **Matthew 19: 14**

Lastly, I also want to thank the First Church congregation for your support of these changes but most especially to those who have literally had your regular seating areas modified or removed so that all His little children can come into His presence.

Your Brother in Christ,
Steve Noss

From the Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir is once again making pies for Presidents Day on February 15th. Order your baked or frozen, apple or cherry pies with a crumb or crust topping from a bell choir member or put in an order at the Welcome Desk book. Pick up on February 15th is from noon until 2:00pm. Thank you!

Dedicated Missionary



Monthly Mission Opportunities:

Mission Meeting ~ The Missions Committee invites you to join in mission work! Next Missions Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 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 funchurch.com, under the Missions tab. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@funchurch.com.

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, **February 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.

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

This past month 3,120 "pennies" (\$31.20) were contributed to the Well Drilling Fund for Sierra Leone. This is sort of a slow start, but 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!! Thank you everyone!***

VIM (Volunteers In Mission) Training

If you'd like to have a training at your church, please contact me! 2020 training events will be scheduled as needed. It prepares you to lead an UMVIM Team locally, nationally, or globally. Topics covered include: Best Practices, Cultural Awareness, Health & Safety, Team Orientations, Useful Forms, and Fundraising. Open to all: those who have lead teams, those who have never been on a team. We can all learn to become better missionaries and servants. Taking this training does not require you to lead a trip but equips you for service. We learn from the course materials and from one another. Learn more about the connectional system of United Methodist Volunteers In Mission. March 14, 2020 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Beach Lake UMC 7 Milanville Rd, Beach Lake, PA 18405 Light breakfast and materials provided. Please bring a bagged lunch. RSVP to **Michelle Schwartzman**, Director Volunteers in Mission 2 weeks prior to the training ~ vim@susumc.org or 717-766-7441 ext.3105. **Note:** Michelle attended our Ministry and Missions Fair in November.



Relationship Builder

Hospitality Tip

Hospitality flows out of a grateful and humble heart God calls us to practice both gratitude and humility. We have a very unique opportunity in February to show extravagant hospitality to our Day of Pampering guests. These mothers/wives are selfless caregivers to their children/husbands with special needs. Greet them warmly, engage them sincerely, say goodbye to them thoughtfully! God truly blesses this special day each year!

Veterans Honor Wall

First Church needs your help in honoring our Veterans! We are looking for information to complete our First Church Honor Wall (located at the Frederick Street entrance). During the next few months, we are asking for all past and present Veterans to visit the display outside the multipurpose room and enter the following information in our Ledger: Name, Dates of Service, and Branch of Military. Feel free to complete the information for a family member. Thank you for helping us to give our Veterans the honor they so deserve! If you have questions or have a Veteran picture to share, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4166, ext. 112.

Address Listing Available for Mailing Cards

If you would like to reach out to some of our church friends who are unable to venture far from home, we have updated a listing of names and addresses that will be available at the church's Welcome Desk, next to the greeting card display. Please help yourself to the greeting cards, too!

Clearance Updates Required

As per state law and our churches Safe Sanctuary requirements, clearances for those 18 years of age and older who serve alongside children and youth MUST be updated every 5 years. Because a bulk of First Church partners in ministry (those serving in any capacity within the children and youth departments) updated their clearances at the same time, most are approaching their 5 year renewal with the start of 2020. Therefore, it is very likely your clearances need to be updated. This includes Child Abuse Clearance, PA Police Background Check, FBI fingerprinting or notarized affidavit, and your Safe Sanctuary training. To begin the process please verify with Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris as to when your 5 year renewal must be completed. Watch your email for an invitation to participate in a Safe Sanctuary training. Training has moved to an online platform and links are issued per person (please do not share the link for the training). Complete the remaining clearances on-line by following the instructions located under the "Safe Sanctuary" tab of the Children's Ministry page at fumchurch.com

Link: <https://fumchurch.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/SafeSanctuaries2019.pdf>

Joy in the Morning, February 10th

If you live with ongoing health challenges, we invite you to a new, spiritually-grounded support group. The group meets at FUMC (room 105) on the second Monday of each month in the afternoon from 3:30 – 4:30. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen will co-facilitate and draw upon readings from the book, *With the Dawn Rejoicing*. For more information, contact Janice (717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com)

Community Dinner, February 16

The next Community Dinner served to the downtown Mechanicsburg residents will be on Sunday, February 16 at 5:00 p.m. The location will be in the new Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 E. Main Street. The dinner is a collaborative event to bless the downtown community with a free meal. The concept comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. We will be serving baked ziti for this meal. If you would like to help in any way, such as providing food or serving on that Sunday, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

Senior Fellowship

All senior members are invited to enjoy a casual time of fellowship in the round table area of the sanctuary (Hardwood Café) on Tuesday, February 18th from 1-3 pm. Mr. Vincent Onomastico (from Beltone) will present information on hearing loss. Please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) for more information.

Annual Spring Craft and Vendor Show – Saturday, March 7, 2020 – 9am-1pm

We are happy to announce the date for our next Craft & Vendor Show to benefit Little Friends Preschool. Come out on Saturday, March 7th from 9am-1pm to shop for Easter gifts for friends and family, buy some crafts & artwork for your home, eat some sweet treats or just to get out of the house during the tail end of the winter! We are also looking for anyone who may be interested in having a booth at the show. Booths are 8'x8' and cost \$35, with electricity for \$40. We would love to have the FUMC family represented as vendors AND attendees at our show, so please contact Maria Petrilak at lfns@fumchurch.com for more information. Our registration form to become a vendor can be found online at www.littlefriendspreschool.org/forms. We hope that you will join us!

Broad Street Dinner, March 5

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 5, as we will be providing the hamburger BBQ for the spring community dinner at Broad Street Elementary. We will need close to 60 pounds of BBQ for the dinner. The recipe for BBQ is as follows:

- 5 lbs ground beef (80% lean or higher)
- ½ cup of white vinegar
- ½ cup of brown sugar
- 3 ¾ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup mustard

Cook beef and drain fat. Mix in other ingredients and heat thoroughly.

If you would like to make a batch for the families at Broad Street, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. Thanks for caring for your community!

Great Night Out

Mark your calendars... **Mark Cable** is returning to First Church for a **Great Night Out** on Friday evening, March 13! Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a café for the evening, and ALL adults (not just couples) are invited to come for 2 hours of fun as we relax and enjoy a time of fellowship filled with great stories and songs (and of course... those tasty desserts!) Keep your eye out for more details as the time gets closer.

Save the Date: Community Good Friday Prayer Walk, Friday, April 10

First Church, along with other local churches, will once again participate in the annual Good Friday Prayer Walk. The prayer walk starts at noon at several locations and ends at First Church of God on the square in Mechanicsburg. Join us as we lift up our community in prayer!

Third Friday Food Trucks Return in 2020!

The Food Trucks are back for another season starting April 17! This popular event includes gourmet food trucks, music and a block party atmosphere, all in our church parking lot! If you haven't attended the food truck event, be sure to put the dates on your calendar and invite your friends! New this year, more live music provided by local groups. The dates are April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18 and October 16. The time is 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. See you there!

Generous Giver



FINANCIAL REPORT

Through December 31, 2019

General Fund

2019 budget	\$ 970,000	
Actual income	\$ 935,987	(96.5 % of budget)
Variance	\$ (34,013)	
Actual expenses Before Final funding	\$ 914,551	
Income OVER Expenses	\$ 21,436	(excess used for debt, missions, building)

First Church had a successful financial year in 2019. We held our expenses in line with our contributions and still had funds left over. In accordance with our policy and direction from the Finance Committee, we used all unspent balances of individual line items fund \$5,700 for the building reserve, \$5,700 for Missions and another \$10,000 on the debt principal. Using General Fund and designated funds, we paid more than \$111,000 to a wide variety of missions; another great success.

The December 31, 2019, financial report and the 2020 approved budget are included in this newsletter.

Day of Pampering, Saturday, February 29, 2020

Did you know you can be a Day of Pampering volunteer by offering just a few hours of your time? You don't have to commit your entire Saturday to serve. Not all the needs take place on Saturday the 29th. Starting Wednesday evening, February 26th, there are many spots for volunteers that take only an hour or so of your time. And the more who help, the faster the job will go!

Wednesday evening, 2/26 - volunteers are needed to help move furniture. One to two hours of your time will help everyone get home earlier.

Thursday 2/27 – volunteers are needed to help transform our church into a spa. We also need a person, group or family to fill gift bags with items that will be available. You pick the time of day that works best for you.

Friday, 2/28 – The need for help is the same as Thursday, plus many last-minute items to be done. Can you slice lemons, limes and oranges? This job only takes about half an hour.

Saturday, 2/29 – We have many tasks to be filled throughout the day. Volunteer now before the spot you wanted is filled.

What is needed most of all??? YOUR PRAYERS. Please cover this event in prayer. Pray for clear weather, pray for the women who will attend, pray for the volunteers who will be a blessing and who will be blessed, pray for renewed spirits. And pray for Bethel Assembly of God in Chambersburg who will be hosting their very first Day of Pampering event because one of their members attended our event last year. Then watch the Spirit at work! Ready to help or have questions, call Karin McHale, 717-379-8329 or email karinmch@comcast.net.

From the Endowment Fund

A Dutch Catholic Priest, professor, writer and theologian Henri, Jozef Machiel Nouwen wrote “What makes us human is not our mind **but our heart**, not our ability to think but **our ability to love**”. Those two words, **heart** and **love** is what encourages people to support First Churches Endowment Fund. The title the Endowment Fund may lead you to believe gifts to this fund must be of a substantial amount, however that is far from the truth, each gift, regardless of the frequency and amount, goes to fund the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund principle is invested in a Vanguard Social Index fund and the earnings are available annually to support specific missions and programs of First Church where it will continue to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Thank you for your past and future support of our Endowment Fund. If you would like to discuss how you can help in this ministry, please contact Bob Wertz at bwertz@plantsitelogistics.com or 717-448-0752.

February Blood Drives

2/1/20 8am to 12pm	Cub Scouts at St. James Presbyterian Church, 1425 Orrs Bridge Rd., 17050
2/2/20 8:30am to 12pm	St. Johns Lutheran Church, 44 W. Main St., Shiremanstown, 17011
2/5/20 3pm to 7:30pm	Carlisle Church of Christ, 971 Walnut Bottom Rd., 17015
2/7/20 8am to 7pm	Fox Center, 120 S. Filbert St. 17055
2/8/20 8am to 12pm	Momentum Female Fitness, 5103 Carlisle Pike, 17050
2/11/20 3pm to 7pm	Denny's Restaurant, Carlisle Pike
2/19/20 8am to 12pm	Silver Spring Township, 8 Flowers Dr., 17050
2/19/20 8am to 12pm	UPMC Pinnacle – 1200 Camp Hill Bypass, 17011
2/23/20 8:30am to 1pm	St. Joseph's Catholic Church – 410 E. Simpson St., 17055

**First United Methodist Church
General Fund
Budget 2020**

Account Number	Account Name	2019 Budget	2019 Year End	2020 Approved Budget
100 Income				
101	Envelope Giving		749,816.39	
102	W/O Envelopes		171,234.27	
103	Loose Offering		13,057.47	
104	Building Use Rent		370.50	
105	Interest Income		683.91	
106	Other Receipts		824.91	
	Total Income	\$ 970,000.00	\$ 935,987.45	\$955,098.00
200 Salaries and Benefits				
201	Pastor's Salary	\$ 83,235.00	83,235.00	\$85,732.00
202	Soc. Sec. Offset - Pastor	\$ 6,367.00	6,367.00	\$6,558.00
203	Pension- Pastor	\$ 9,110.00	9,101.28	\$9,211.00
204	Health Care - Pastor	\$ 14,000.00	14,000.04	\$14,700.00
206	Account Reimbursable Plan- Pastor	\$ 2,000.00	1,488.87	\$2,000.00
207	Continuing Ed - Pastor	\$ 750.00	750.00	\$750.00
210	Assistant Pastor	\$ 36,081.00	36,081.00	\$37,163.00
211	Continuing Ed - Asst. Past	\$ 600.00	600.00	\$600.00
212	Soc. Sec. Offset - Asst Past	\$ 2,760.00	2,760.00	\$2,843.00
214	Account Reimbursable Plan- Assist Pastor	\$ 2,000.00	1,263.39	\$2,000.00
229	Director of Outreach	\$ 19,508.00	19,508.00	\$20,093.00
230	Office Manager	\$ 34,687.00	31,386.19	\$32,480.00
231	Admin Assistant	\$ -		\$0.00
232	Director of Child Ministries	\$ 37,147.00	37,147.00	\$38,262.00
233	Youth Pastor	\$ 39,435.00	39,435.00	\$40,618.00
234	Youth Pastor Benefits	\$ 5,714.00	5,714.00	\$5,914.00
235	Director of Adult Ministries	\$ 25,077.00	25,077.00	\$25,829.00
236	Facilities Coordinator	\$ 16,559.00	15,386.68	\$17,056.00
237	Custodians	\$ 30,389.00	29,611.58	\$31,000.00
238	Finance Director	\$ 8,927.00	8,927.00	\$9,195.00
239	Congregational Care Coord	\$ 20,015.00	20,015.00	\$20,615.00
255	Worship Arts Director	50000	20,583.29	\$38,570.00
256	Worship Arts Director - Benefits	\$ 5,000.00	3,095.04	\$5,914.00
240	Music Director	\$ -		\$0.00
241	Organist/Assistants	\$ 16,106.00	9,595.84	\$16,264.00
242	Sounds of Worship Choir Dir	\$ 3,413.00	3,413.00	\$3,515.00
243	Sanctuary Choir Director	\$ 3,380.00	1,430.00	\$0.00
244	Youth Choir Director/Youth Worship Arts	\$ -		\$0.00
246	Children's Choir Director	\$ -		\$0.00
247	Adult Bell Choir Director	\$ 6,922.00	6,922.00	\$7,129.00
248	Children's Bell Choir Director	\$ -	0.00	\$0.00
249	Worship Leaders	\$ 6,275.00	6,275.00	\$6,462.00
250	Additional Musicians (Wshp)	\$ 500.00	0.00	\$500.00
251	Travel - Lay Staff	\$ 500.00		\$500.00
252	Continuing Ed - Lay Staff	\$ 600.00	625.00	\$600.00
253	Soc. Sec. - Lay Staff	\$ 26,316.00	19,810.47	\$23,867.00
254	Office Manager Benefits	\$ 5,714.00	5,475.84	\$5,914.00
257	Unanticipated Savings			-\$10,000.00
	Total Salaries & Benefits	\$ 519,087.00	\$ 465,079.51	\$501,854.00
300 Conference Shares of Ministry				
301	Connectional Support	46,631.00	46,653.00	\$44,613.00
302	Clergy Support	51,001.00	51,025.00	\$48,715.00
	Total Shares of Ministry	\$ 97,632.00	\$ 97,678.00	\$93,328.00

**First United Methodist Church
General Fund
Budget 2020**

Account Number	Account Name	2019 Budaet	2019 Year End	2020 Approved Budaet
400	Missions			
401	Africa University	\$ -		\$0.00
402	Benevolences	34,884.00	34,900.00	\$34,870.00
403	Benevolent Homes	0.00		\$0.00
404	Bethany Village	0.00		\$0.00
405	Bethany Village Aux.	0.00	260.00	\$0.00
406	Bethesda Mission	0.00	1,000.00	\$0.00
407	Daron Shelter	0.00		\$0.00
408	Daystar	0.00	2,500.00	\$0.00
409	District Advance	0.00		\$0.00
410	FUMC Backyard Ministries	0.00		\$0.00
411	Habitat for Humanity	0.00		\$0.00
412	Mech Council of Churches	200.00	200.00	\$0.00
413	Mech Meals on Wheels	0.00		\$0.00
414	Mission Central	0.00	6,500.00	\$0.00
415	Mission Ed & Awareness	0.00		\$0.00
416	Mission Scholarships	0.00	3,250.00	\$0.00
417	Missionaries - Denominational	0.00		\$0.00
418	Neighborhood Center	0.00	6,535.00	\$0.00
419	New Hope Ministries	0.00	6,500.00	\$0.00
420	S. Central Food Bank	0.00		\$0.00
421	Salt & Light Ministry	0.00	6,500.00	\$0.00
422	Sierra Leone	1,345.00		\$0.00
423	UM Children's Home	0.00		\$0.00
424	UM Women	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$0.00
425	UMCOR	0.00	2,500.00	\$0.00
426	Undesignated Missions	40,000.00	500.00	\$60,630.00
427	Uptown Ministries	0.00		\$0.00
428	World Communion	0.00		\$0.00
429	Youth Mission Trip	0.00		\$0.00
430	Youth Service Fund	0.00		\$0.00
431	Human Relations Day	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
432	Youth/Children Offering	0.00		\$0.00
433	One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
434	Native American Awareness	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
435	Mental Health Sunday	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
436	Peace With Justice Sunday	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
437	Rural Life Sunday	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
438	Volunteer in Mission Sunday	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
439	Christian Education Sunday	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
440	World Communion Offering	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
441	World Hunger/Harvest Home	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
442	United Methodist Student Day	0.00	500.00	\$0.00
443	CRU - Jenna Mingle	900.00	913.00	\$0.00
444	CRU - Bethany Robinson	0.00		\$0.00
445	CRU - Matt & Leann Herring	1,640.00	1,627.00	\$0.00
446	Volunteers in Mission	0.00	2,000.00	\$0.00
447	Calvary Church, Sierra Leone	3,700.00	1,500.00	\$0.00
	Missionaries - Congregational	\$ -		\$0.00
	Total Missions and Projects	\$ 84,669.00	\$ 84,685.00	\$95,500.00

**First United Methodist Church
General Fund
Budget 2020**

Account Number	Account Name	2019 Budget	2019 Year End	2020 Approved Budget
500 Program				
501	Access Ministry	2,500.00	248.54	\$1,000.00
502	Adult Department	4,800.00	5,274.54	\$4,500.00
503	Bank Fees	2,400.00	2,476.27	\$2,496.00
504	Camping	9,500.00	10,300.00	\$10,500.00
505	Children's Department	11,000.00	11,113.20	\$10,000.00
506	Choir Music	3,000.00	2,120.71	\$2,500.00
507	Communications	2,850.00	3,148.41	\$2,878.00
508	Confirmation	0.00		\$0.00
509	Devotional Literature	905.00	753.00	\$905.00
510	Endowment Fund Comm	0.00		\$0.00
511	Evangelism	1,500.00	1,500.00	\$1,500.00
512	Fellowship Committee	2,000.00	1,411.92	\$2,000.00
513	FUMC Website	0.00		\$0.00
514	Hospitality Task Force	700.00	79.95	\$600.00
515	Health & Wellness	250.00	97.43	\$250.00
516	Library	200.00	200.00	\$200.00
517	MOPS	2,000.00	1,597.01	\$2,200.00
518	Offering Envelopes	1,500.00	1,132.92	\$1,500.00
519	Office Supplies	4,000.00	4,155.62	\$4,500.00
520	Paper & Printing	3,500.00	2,969.53	\$3,000.00
521	Postage	3,000.00	1,178.00	\$2,000.00
522	Small Group Babysitting	0.00	295.00	\$630.00
523	Staff Parish Rel Comm.	500.00	1,037.00	\$500.00
524	Stewardship Committee	0.00		\$0.00
525	Sunday School Curriculum	0.00		\$0.00
526	Vacation Bible School	0.00		\$0.00
527	Women's Retreat	500.00	500.00	\$700.00
528	Wonderful Wednesday	0.00		\$0.00
529	Worship Committee	1,000.00	1,197.16	\$1,000.00
530	Youth Department	18,000.00	21,428.03	\$18,000.00
532	Computer Support	6,937.00	8,307.81	\$7,237.00
531	Safe Sanctuary	450.00		\$450.00
534	Pastor Discretionary Account	0.00		\$0.00
533	History/Anniversary	0.00		\$0.00
535	Congregational Care Ministries	400.00	543.21	\$400.00
536	Coffee Supplies	600.00	614.70	\$600.00
538	Outreach	1,250.00	591.73	\$1,500.00
539	Men's Ministries	500.00		\$500.00
	Total Program	\$ 85,742.00	\$ 84,271.69	\$84,046.00
600 Facilities				
601	Building Use	\$ -		\$0.00
602	Van Ministry	2,300.00	2,989.95	\$2,300.00
603	Facility Reserve	40,000.00	40,000.00	\$40,000.00
604	Fuel	18,000.00	21,709.39	\$19,500.00
605	Janitorial Supplies	5,000.00	3,758.93	\$4,500.00
607	Maintenance	14,000.00	15,880.45	\$14,000.00

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608	Property Insurance	17,600.00	16,983.00	\$21,000.00
609	Property Tax	3,000.00	3,006.21	\$3,100.00
610	Service Contracts	17,450.00	13,431.76	\$17,450.00
615	Service Contracts - Office	5,520.00	4,755.00	\$5,520.00
611	Snow Removal	4,000.00	3,360.00	\$3,400.00
612	Telephone- Church	4,000.00	3,980.19	\$4,000.00
613	Utilities Church	31,000.00	33,132.66	\$31,000.00
614	Wireless Project	0.00		\$0.00
616	Utilities - Parsonage	5,000.00	4,685.22	\$4,700.00
617	Budget Reserve	0.00	11,400.00	\$0.00
618	Maintenance - Parsonage	1,000.00	884.94	\$900.00
				\$0.00
	Total Facilities	\$ 167,870.00	\$ 179,957.70	\$171,370.00
	700 Capital Expenses			
701	Debt Reduction - Interest	5,000.00	4,279.57	\$4,000.00
702	Debt Reduction - Principal	10,000.00	20,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Total Capital Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 24,279.57	\$9,000.00
	Total Expense	\$ 970,000.00	\$ 935,951.47	\$955,098.00
	Income Over Spending	\$ -	\$ 35.98	\$0.00

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	Other Opportunities to Connect
<p>DEBORAH CIRCLE Sandy Walton ~ swalton54@comcast.net Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month</p>	<p>DAY OF PAMPERING February 29, 2020 Karin McHale ~ karinmch@comcast.net</p>
<p>MARTHA CIRCLE Marley Ann Schmick ~ marleyannrichard@gmail.com Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month</p>	<p>LADIES' SEPTEMBER TEA Janice Bowen ~ wecare@fumchurch.com</p>
<p>RUTH CIRCLE Joan Mains ~ mains.joan@yahoo.com Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg</p>	<p>MOMS IN PRAYER Deb Noss ~ sdppp@msn.com Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Room</p>
<p>COVERED IN LOVE Sandy Bennetch ~ dsebennetch@comcast.net Meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) February 21, March 27, April 24, May 22 (9:15 a.m.) Tina Eaton ~ adultministry@fumchurch.com</p>
<p>SQUARES AND PRAYERS Nancy Eddy ~ naeddy3@aol.com Meets Mondays, 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>WOMEN'S RETREAT February 7 to 9, 2020: Mt. Asbury Retreat Center Patti Herring ~ familyzeke@verizon.net</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>ZUMBA Gold (low impact dance/aerobic exercise) Multipurpose Room Tuesday at 1:00p.m. ~ Mary Stine: freddlz@comcast.net Thursday at 1:00 p.m. ~ Lisa Lynch: lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com</p>

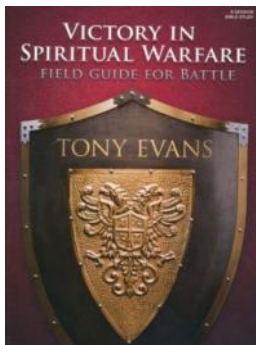
Upcoming Events:

The United Methodist Women will be serving a **Mission Meal** of chili, cornbread and dessert on **Sunday, March 15 after 10:45 a.m. worship** in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the meal will benefit local mission organizations that support women, children and youth. Takeout will be available after Sunday School. Thanks for your support!

Spiritual Enrichment Day, April 19

First Church is hosting the Harrisburg District Spiritual Enrichment Day on Sunday, **April 17 at 2:00 p.m.** Guest speakers include a representative from She's Somebody's Daughter, Neighborhood Center and Bethany Village. All women are invited to this free event. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Small Group Video Series

The Men's group will return to their usual schedule in February, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. February dates are 2/5 and 2/19, from 8-9:30pm. We are now watching and discussing "Victory in Spiritual Warfare" by Dr. Tony Evans - you don't need to have seen any videos so far to join us as each lesson stands on its own. Contact Barry Eaton (theeaton5@verizon.net) or John Bowen (bowenhome720@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like more information.

Men's Retreat

Think back on your life up to this point and remember how many men have played a role in teaching you something that has helped you become better at something. If you are as fortunate as we have been, there were many names you can recall. And how about those you have mentored along the way and taught something they appreciated, no matter how trivial or significant? The theme for this year's men's retreat will focus on the role each of us plays as leaders even when we don't consider ourselves to be one. With the guidance of Kevin Witt, presently the Director of Camp/Retreat and Discipleship Ministries for the Susquehanna Conference Camp Director, we will discover how we are already influencing those around us and how we can develop those skills by seeking others who may be just ahead of us on the journey. We are very pleased to offer this timely subject since it fits with whatever stage of life you may find yourself in this year. Join us at Wesley Forest the weekend of March 6-8, 2020 to enjoy good fellowship, food, and programming that will greatly enhance your overall social, spiritual, and emotional health. The small investment of registration fee will come back to you in great returns that will continue to serve you the rest of your days. If you have plans that make it difficult to join us for the entire weekend, don't let that deter you from coming - this year we are offering a Saturday-only option for a reduced rate. Look for information outside the multi-purpose room, and contact Barry Eaton or John Bowen (email addresses listed under the video announcement above) with any questions or a desire to be a part of this annual tradition.



Men's Breakfast

An open invitation is extended to any and all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday morning of each month. Please come join us at Brother's Restaurant, located at 705 Gettysburg Pike in Mechanicsburg. Our next gathering will be on Saturday, February 1 at 7:30 am. We usually sit over to the right and in the back. Hope to see you there!

Tool Pool

A directory for any hand or power tools that you may need to borrow for one-time use. Contact: Don Karns at dekarms0107@gmail.com.



Men's Winter Retreat

March 6-8, 2020

Complete the bottom portion of this form and put in the Bowen church mailbox with check for \$80 made payable to FUMC (for those staying the entire weekend), with "Men's Retreat" on memo line.* Indicate if interested in Saturday-only option and you will be contacted with payment info. More information regarding directions, carpooling, and what to bring will be sent to you soon. Contact John Bowen at bowenhome720@gmail.com with any questions.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

All Weekend: _____ Saturday only: _____

Church News and Notes

Love & sympathy...

to the Cain family in the death of Sherryl Cope, on December 28th.

to the Matolyak family in the death of Dr. John Matolyak, on December 31st.

Congratulations...

to John and Lisa Aronson and family on the birth of Caleb James Aronson, born January 12, 2020.



Special Birthdays

Paul Rynard.....February 3
Joanne Ciampa.....February 6
Joyce Parfet.....February 12
Dottie Zimmerman.....February 26
Gerald Aumiller.....February 27
Janet Fertenbaugh.....March 6
Ben Miller.....March 12

Sara Meck.....March 15
Marjorie Robinson.....March 15
Art Murray.....March 16
Mabel Strock.....March 28
Bob Erikson.....March 29
Buddy Miller.....March 29
Dave Scholl.....March 31

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Larry & Lina Hall married 59 years on February 4
- ♥ Denny & Sally Kauffman married 60 years on February 14
- ♥ Winslow & Caroline Brown married 65 years on February 19



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The **deadline** for submitting articles
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February 15

**Early submissions always
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