



First News First

July 2018

Monthly News of First United Methodist Church
of Mechanicsburg

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

"Demonstrate God's Love for *All* People"

At First Church we embrace as one of our Core Values that we are called to be ***Dedicated Missionaries***.

"I demonstrate God's love for all people as I actively seek and respond to the needs of others."

I've been reflecting upon some of the ways our First Church family demonstrates God's love and responds to the needs of others.

Recently, you demonstrated God's love at Vacation Bible School. Making crafts, teaching stories and songs, leading recreation, offering delicious snacks, and just being with the children, you sowed seeds into the lives of 188 kids!

You are demonstrating God's love this summer by serving as deans, counselors, and nurses for our Conference Camping Program, and by supporting scholarships for children and youth to enroll in this important, life-changing ministry. You not only support campers from our church, but also from the Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg.

You demonstrate God's love by extending hospitality to everyone. Whether it's on Sunday morning or during the week, whether it's during special events like the Re-Creation concert, or in the parking lot for the third Friday food trucks and Jubilee Day, you are there with a kind word, a warm smile, and helpful direction. People in the community take notice and often say, "I feel so welcomed here. Thank you."

You demonstrate God's love by committing time and resources to support our Youth Mission Trip to Brooklyn this summer as they serve Christ in a place of great need.

You demonstrate God's love with financial support for our sister church in Sierra Leone, our Cru Missionaries, Jenna Mengle, and Matt and Leanne Herring, our college students engaged in short-term mission this summer, and others from our congregation serving as Volunteers in Mission.

You demonstrate God's love by helping our neighbors through Backyard Missions, Mission Central, New Hope, Neighborhood Center, Isaiah 61, the U.M. Home for Children, Bethany Village, and numerous other ways you serve in our community.

You demonstrate God's love with your prayers, your visits, your meals, and countless other acts of care for those in our congregation that are in need.

You demonstrate God's love through your giving as part of the United Methodist Church. You support missionaries at home and abroad. You have reduced by half the number of deaths from malaria on the continent of Africa and prevented childhood diseases. You are rebuilding communities destroyed by natural disaster, feeding the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless, advocating for refugees, working for peace, caring for "the least of these," as Jesus commands us to do.

In many, many more ways you demonstrate God's love in your day to day lives. You make ***a huge footprint*** every day!

The words of Jesus to his disciples long ago are still so true for us today:

"The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

The harvest is great! We are called to be Dedicated Missionaries who give, who serve, who call others to join us, who make a footprint bigger than we can imagine, so that ***all*** people will know the God who loves them!

Joyfully seeking and responding to the needs of others with you,
Pastor Denny



BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



Week 27: Theme ~ *Work*

- July 2** *Witness in Work*
2 Thessalonians 3:6-15;
1 Thessalonians 2:6-12
- July 3** *Skills for Work*
Exodus 31:1-11, 36:1-7
- July 4** *Accountability in Work*
Matthew 25:14-30
- July 5** *Competent Work*
Proverbs 31:10-31
- July 6** *Work from the Heart*
1 Corinthians 3:10-15;
Colossians 3:23-24
- July 7** Relax & Reflect
- July 8** Worship

Week 28: Theme ~ *Contagious Life*

- July 9** *Contagious Love*
John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:11-24
- July 10** *Bearing Fruit*
Luke 6:27-49; Matthew 7:15-20
- July 11** *Witness in Trials*
2 Corinthians 1:3-2:2
- July 12** *Persuading Others to Faith*
2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2
- July 13** *Imitate Christ*
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
- July 14** Relax & Reflect
- July 15** Worship

Week 29: Theme ~ *God's Call*

- July 16** *God Calls the Unlikely*
Acts 9:1-31
- July 17** *Hearing God's Voice*
1 Kings 19:1-21
- July 18** *Good Enough to Be Used*
Exodus 3-4

- July 19** *God Calls and Equips*
Jeremiah 1:1-10; Samuel 3:1-21

- July 20** *The Call for Us All*
Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20,
Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-51

- July 21** Relax & Reflect

- July 22** Worship

Week 30: Theme ~ *Radical Faith*

- July 23** *In the Face of Persecution*
Acts 5:12-42

- July 24** *The Ultimate Display of Radical Faith*
Genesis 22:1-19

- July 25** *The Cost of Radical Faith*
Luke 9:51-62, 14:25-35

- July 26** *Grace When We Lack Faith*
Mark 9:14-29

- July 27** *Radical Giving*
Luke 21:1-4

- July 28** Relax & Reflect

- July 29** Worship

Week 31: Theme ~ *God's Will*

- July 30** *The Starting Point*
Psalm 119:97-112

- July 31** *Submitting to God's Timing*
Psalm 37:3-7; James 4:13-17

- August 1** *Seeking God's Will through Prayer*
Psalm 27; Matthew 6:7-15

- August 2** *The Holy Spirit Shows Us God's Will*
Acts 16:6-10; Colossians 1:9-14

- August 3** *Seeking God's Will in Scripture*
Psalm 19:7-14; Proverbs 2:1-11

- August 4** Relax & Reflect

- August 5** Worship

Summer Studies

Many of you look for new ways to grow, learn and get into God's Word during the summer months, but summer schedules can get a little crazy with vacation plans and kids home from school. That's why we are offering multiple and flexible options:

- Drop in! All are welcome to join *Pastor Denny's Bible study* class, which is based on our 2018 daily Bible reading plan, any Wednesday from June 20 – July 25. Class meets from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. in room B004. If you haven't already, simply visit the "Be One, Make One" display in the church lobby, pick up a Common English Bible with the companion daily reading plan and begin reading! Then come to class to discuss the readings in greater depth.
- Study on Sundays when you are already here to worship! There are two options:
 - Combined Adult Sunday School class is being offered in the Multipurpose Room from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. from July 1 – September 2. For more details on what this class will study see *Gospel Shaped Outreach* in the *Dedicated Missionary* section of this newsletter.
 - The Guyer Class, a well-established group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Study meets year-round from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in room 123.

Library

This is the day I have been waiting for—80 plus degrees, lots of sunshine, and the promise of more warm weather to come—whoopee! If I make errors in this newsletter (my proofreader will never let that get by her), it's because I am eager to take my book and my ice tea to the back porch.

Rain, rain, go away! I find myself saying that a lot this summer. I know I should see rain as a blessing, but rain every day is a little too much. So instead of worrying how many weeds are popping up in my flower beds, I'll read a book. (I would say guilt-free, but there is the dreaded dusting, always before me.) Better get to the best books for this month.

Rachel Hauck has played right into my hand by releasing her latest book, **The Love Letter**. If you have read Ms. Hauck's previous books, you know she likes to link her main character with a historical person and let their stories intertwine. Chloe Dashle's favorite acting job is not the romantic lead, but after reading the script from an epic love story set during the Revolutionary War, she decides she wants to expand her career and this would be the perfect movie to showcase her acting talents. Meanwhile, Jesse Gates isn't looking for anything beyond an actress to bring his script to life, but when he and Chloe begin to work together, chemistry and fireworks begin to crackle. The basis for the script is the love letter Hamilton Lightfoot writes to Esther Longfellow on the night of a major battle in South Carolina. Hamilton is a patriot and Esther's father is a staunch loyalist who vows his daughter will never marry a rebel. I won't spoil either plot, but read **The Love Letter** to see if romance can win for either of these two couples separated by a couple hundred years.

You know I can't pass up telling you about a good mystery, and the third book in the Memphis Cold Case series by Patricia Bradley has arrived. **Justice Betrayed** is dear to my heart because it is set in Memphis during Elvis week and filled with Elvis impersonators. What a delightful combo! Even if you are not as thrilled with Elvis as I am, I still think you'll enjoy this mystery! When Rachel Sloane, investigator of cold cases, is shown a photo of her mother (an unsolved murder) with four Elvis impersonators—two of which have also been murdered, she decides there are some new leads to be followed in this cold case. Lt. Boone Callahan offers to help, but their messy romantic history might be a stumbling block in the case. If you avoid the rain and read this by the pool, wear lots of sunscreen, because you won't be able to put this down.

Here's another reminder about our annual book sale in conjunction with the UMW yard sale on August 18th. We are accepting gently used adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles. Then join us at the sale to scoop up treasures to fill your shelves and keep you reading until next summer.

In the meantime stop in the library for the latest in Christian fiction or maybe even some soul inspiring non-fiction.

See you in the library, Pam & Donna

Graduation

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



CEDAR CLIFF HIGH SCHOOL

- Maddie Campbell
- Jimmy Losh

CUMBERLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

- Alex Clark
- Kendyl Swank

HOME SCHOOL

- Seth Wickenheiser

MECHANICSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

- Angelica Brill
- Avery Clukey
- Abigail Hoover
- Elizabeth Hoover
- Lauren LaPointe
- Annabelle Tosh
- David Wilson

HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Noah Mariano

IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY

- Kim Guyer

KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

- Brian Almond

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE

- Josh Eaton

MESSIAH COLLEGE

- Christina Morgan
- Brihtric Prather

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 1
	August 5
	September 2
World Communion	October 7
	November 4
First Sunday of Advent	December 2
Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00	December 24

Pew Service
 Loaves and Chalice
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Rejoicing Spirits 2018—Summer Schedule

Summer schedules can be hectic at times. However, remember that Rejoicing Spirits meets all year long. You, your family and friends are always welcome the fourth Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM. Come and enjoy a casual and joyful time with the Lord!

Worship/Fellowship for persons of **ALL ABILITIES**.



Inclusive - Interactive - Fun

Save the Dates!

Sunday, July 22, 2018 4:00 PM

Sunday, August 26, 2018 4:00 PM



Dedicated Missionary

Grocery Bagging for Bethesda Mission

On the third Wednesday evening of every month members of First United Methodist Church gather at Mission Central to bag groceries for Bethesda Mission. All are invited to join and be a part of this mission opportunity. Join us at Mission Central on **July 18 at 6 pm**. Contact Eric King at eeking@verizon.net for more information.

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

Help support the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Project! Drop your loose change into the *Change for Water* Bucket. One hundred percent (100%) of your donations are used to provide training and dig wells that supply safe drinking water for schools and communities in Sierra Leone. **You can even throw in “paper” change!**

There were **2,395** (\$23.95) pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of **\$13,083.78**. Thanks to all who are contributing for another great month! **Please keep the donations flowing and don't let the well run dry.**

Serving the Homeless with Isaiah 61

On the third Wednesday of the month, members of First Church serve meals to approximately 100 people in Harrisburg. Everything is prepared, we just serve the food to those in need through Isaiah 61 Ministries in Halifax. Please consider joining us as we fulfill one of our Core Values to be a *Dedicated Missionary*. The next date to serve is July 18 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com.

Open Invitation

The Missions Committee invites you to join in mission work this summer! See below for several ways to get involved:

- VIM (Volunteers in Mission) – there are several opportunities to serve with VIM. Visit their website at susmb.org for a list of trips and more information.
- Bagging groceries at Mission Central for Bethesda Mission, third Wednesday of each month.
- Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry in Harrisburg, third Wednesday of each month.
- Hear from our homegrown missionaries during the summer! Join us for the “Gospel Shaped Outreach” in the multipurpose room starting on July 1 to hear from the missionaries we support as we learn firsthand about their faith sharing and how we can better communicate the message of Jesus.
- If you are going on a short term mission trip, the Missions Committee wants to support you! Feel free to complete an application for financial support. The application can be found on our website at fumchurch.com, click on the Missions tab.

Be One, Make On Discipleship Challenge

This year we began our “Be One, Make One” challenge by focusing on being Lifelong Learners who continually grow by studying God’s word. During that time we started our daily Bible reading plan together, and each week we continue to enjoy sermons that are focused on that reading plan.

During this summer season, we will focus on being Dedicated Missionaries who demonstrate God’s love for all people as we actively seek and respond to the needs of others. Here are some faithful steps you can take on the pathway toward living this lifestyle:

- Prayer - Pray beyond the boundaries of your home and your life. Try prayer walking this summer in your neighborhood, the Mechanicsburg community or around your place of work. Praying for others as you walk will alert you to the ways that you might be able to demonstrate God’s love in practical, tangible ways!
- Care - As you demonstrate His love, you’ll discover a growing sense of compassion and mission with God. You may simply be called to random acts of kindness, you may be called to work as a

part of a mission organization or team, or you may read about a First Church “service opportunity” that aligns with what you have been feeling in your heart and be motivated to fulfill a specific need. Any and every way that you reach out to care for another counts!

- Share – As you build relationships through prayer and care, be attentive to doors that open for you to communicate the Gospel. You’ll find that God often gives you creative opportunities to share your faith and lead others to follow Jesus. Instead of dreading this, you’ll find yourself following God’s lead in a way that is authentic and sincere!

Gospel Shaped Outreach

Since sharing the Gospel is a critical step in the path we walk as *dedicated missionaries*, First Church is offering a study this summer that will equip you for faith-sharing. Many Christians don’t like the word “evangelism” and prefer to leave this to pastors and church leaders, but ALL believers are called to make disciples!

This study, *Gospel Shaped Outreach*, will be held during the Sunday School hour from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. from July 1 through September 2. Together we will study scripture, hear from guest teachers like Matt Herring, Jenna Mengle and others, discover comfortable ways to communicate the message of Jesus and become motivated to share our faith with those who are lost without him.

See the display in the church lobby or contact Tina Eaton at 717-766-4611 or email her at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details.

Relationship Builder



July Food Trucks Announced!

The Food Trucks are here again on Friday, July 20 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. The following trucks are confirmed for July: Mad Sandwiches, Munchie Monster, Shredderz, Soul Burrito, Roost Uncommon Kitchen, Sugar Whipped and Kona Ice. Come for great food, music and fantastic fellowship! First Church will offer face painting! We are always looking for help with set up, clean up and parking attendants. If you can help in any way, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

First Connections Gathering

The next First Connections time for fellowship will be held on Thursday, July 19th 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

Family Movie Night

Hi First Church Families!

On Friday, August 10th, First Church invites you to Family Movie Night in the sanctuary! This will be a super fun event - have your kiddos wear their pj's and bring a blanket and/or pillow to watch a fun family movie (movie title yet to be decided) with their friends. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Movie start time is 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) and yummy snacks will be provided!

Please feel free to e-mail Lori McKenney ([hopemckenney@verizon.net](mailto:hopenmckenney@verizon.net)) or Brandy Zimmerman (Bflake20@gmail.com) with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Generous Giver



Financial Report—through May 31, 2018

42% of year

General Fund

2018 budget	\$ 945,000	
Expected income	\$ 396,900	
Actual income	\$ 377,814	(40% of budget)
Shortfall	\$ 19,086	
Actual expenses	\$ 378,354	

It is important that normal levels of giving are maintained during the summer travel months. An easy way to do that is to sign up for electronic giving. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk or the church office. You can also contribute through our web site using a credit card.

June Blood Drives

July 1	8:30am to 12pm	St. John's Lutheran Church, 44 West Main St., Shiremanstown
July 4	9am to 12pm	Citizen's Hose Fire Company, 109 S. Baltimore St., Dillsburg
July 6	8am to 7pm	Fox Center, 120 S. Filbert St., Mechanicsburg
July 7	8:30am to 1pm	New Cumberland First Church of God, 323 Reno Ave, New Cumberland
July 8	9am to 2pm	New Kingston Fire Company, 277 N. Locust Point Rd., New Kingston
July 11	12pm to 4pm	West Shore Hospital, 2015 Technology Center, Mechanicsburg
July 12	3pm to 7pm	Buffalo Wild Wings, Carlisle Pike
July 13	8am to 12pm	REMCO, Inc., 195 Hempt Rd.
July 13	5pm to 9pm	Williams Grove Speedway (do not need to enter races to donate), 1 Speedway Dr., Mechanicsburg
July 15	7:30am to 12:30pm	Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton, 310 Hertzler Rd., Mechanicsburg
July 18	3pm to 7pm	Donostrong, held at Tonino's Pizza, 4500 Marketplace Way, Enola
July 22	10am to 1pm	Vibrant Church, 1775 Lambs Gap Rd, Mechanicsburg
July 24	3pm to 7pm	Applebee's Restaurant, Carlisle Pike
July 27	10am to 4pm	Bethany Village, 5225 Wilson Lane, Mechanicsburg

July is a critical time of year for us and we need all the support we can get. While the need for blood increases during the summer months donor participation tends to decrease putting us in a tough spot. We offer a lot of giveaways at different drives throughout the community to help incentivize donors. Please let people know they can look up drives in their local area by visiting our website at www.717giveblood.org or our Facebook page.

Women's Ministry

If you have any questions about Women's Ministry,
please contact Lori Hoffnagle at 717-766-4611, Ext. 115 or outreach@fumchurch.com

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

BOOK CLUB

Janice Bowen ~ wecare@fumchurch.com

DAY OF PAMPERING

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

LADIES' OVER 80 TEA

Janice Bowen ~ wecare@fumchurch.com
September 18

MOMS IN PRAYER

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

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Tina Eaton ~ adultministry@fumchurch.com

WOMEN'S RETREAT

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

ZUMBA Gold (low impact dance/aerobic exercise)

Taking a break for the summer

Margaret Paredes ~ 4paredesfam@gmail.com
Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room
Lisa Lynch ~ lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com
Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room

Spotlight: The women of Deborah Circle will be serving lunch to 95 children and 25 teachers on July 10 at Neighborhood Center of the United Methodist Church in Harrisburg for their Summer Adventure program. Thanks to everyone who donated items and will help to serve!

MOPS Outings:

July 13, Pool Party at Patti Herring's home.
July 27, Fun Fort Playground in Lower Allen Community Park

Upcoming Events:

Mission University, held at Bucknell University, **July 12 to 14**; MissionU Express, held at Bucknell on **July 11** (Lori will be attending this) and Chambers Hill UM Church, **July 28**. Scholarships available. Contact Lori Hoffnagle to register at outreach@fumchurch.com.

Save the Date: Community Backpack Blessing – **August 19**. More details will be coming soon.

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

Ready, Set, Sell!

It is time for the annual United Methodist Women and Church Library sale on August 18th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. As in the past few years, the UMW will be selling roomy spots in the parking lot for \$10 each. You can sign up for a spot starting on **July 1st** by emailing Donna Nichols at djnichols43@hotmail.com.

You can also donate gently used household items to the sale with the proceeds going to the Youth Mission Trip. Bring your items to room 105 the week of the sale, August 13 to 17. We're sorry, but we cannot accept furniture or large electronics. The library will be accepting gently used books, dvds, cds, and puzzles for both children and adults. The Bell Choir will be serving up sandwiches, drinks and snacks, while the UMW ladies will be tempting you with delicious baked goods. So mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this fun day and an opportunity to boost the UMW's ability to help women locally and around the world. If you have questions about the sale, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. See you there!

UMW Yard, Book and Bake Sale

We are now collecting school supplies for the UMW Yard, Book and Bake Sale! Please bring in the following and place them in the marked bin outside the multipurpose room in early July: **blunt scissors, small box of crayons, pencils, erasers and glue sticks**. These items will be placed in hand made school pouches and given away free to children who visit the yard sale. Thanks to the wonderful women of Squares and Prayers for making the pouches!

More information can be found on our website at fumchurch.com.



MEN'S MINISTRY

If you have any questions about Men's Ministry, please contact John Bowen at bowenhome720@gmail.com.

Men of First Church

Small group meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, **next meeting July 18**, from 8-9:30 pm. All men are welcome to join us. The June meeting will be held at the Eaton home in Mechanicsburg. Contact John Bowen (bowenhome720@gmail.com) or Barry Eaton (theaton5@verizon.net) if you have questions or would like more information about this group.

Men's Breakfast

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

Tool Pool

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

Church News and Notes

Special Birthdays

Gladys Peck July 4
Richard Hayworth July 6
Mildred Neagley July 6
Veloice Washburn July 6
George Snoke July 16
Jack Koser July 22
Harry Woods July 27
Jean Adams July 28
Lincoln Washburn July 29
Dave Leinhos July 30

Marty Coover August 1
Grace Koser August 2
Jane Heller August 3
Helen Kelly August 10
Pauline Trace August 12
Jo Barth August 27
Victor Norris August 29

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Larry & Judi Buddenbaum married 51 years on July 1
- ♥ Marlin & Kay Simmons married 52 years on July 2
- ♥ Pat & Tracy Rainelli married 50 years on July 6
- ♥ Gary & Bonnie Klinger married 53 years on July 24
- ♥ Tom & Jeanne Mullikin married 52 years on August 6
- ♥ Fred & Doris Junkins married 52 years on August 9
- ♥ John & Dolores Shell married 64 years on August 15
- ♥ Harry & Joyce Woods married 65 years on August 23
- ♥ Jerry & Pat Sheely married 60 years on August 24

Thank you...

Dear First Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the care you have shown to me since my recent stroke. The cards, notes, meals, and most of all, your prayers have meant so much.

I am doing pretty well, although there is still lots of room to improve, with God's help! Hopefully, it is just a matter of time and patience.

You never know how much the loving care of your church family means to you until your life is in crisis mode. But, believe me, your outpouring of love and kindness is so evident and so appreciated.

May God continue to bless our congregation for all your love and caring ways.

Most sincerely,

Caroline Brown

Congratulations to...



Michael and Caitlyn Eng on
the birth of
Annie
on May 21st



Alex and Amanda Eckman
on the birth of
Ezra Alexander
on June 2nd

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

Early submissions always
appreciated!

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