



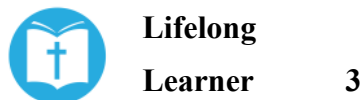
First News First

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

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When I think back to my childhood, many of my strong memories revolve around church, like hiding in a choir loft, singing a song about a wee little man named Zacchaeus, and spending a week with new and old friends for Vacation Bible School. I might not remember every craft, every song, or every face of the volunteers, but I can remember the Bible stories I learned and the feeling of happiness I felt each week. Growing up with a mom who was (and still is) a pastor, my sister and I would go to at least three Vacation Bible Schools a year, and the moment I aged out, I started volunteering. Getting to see how excited these children would get when they saw the teens or adults praising God made me truly treasure the opportunity to share God's love with the children of the community.

First Church has in-person Vacation Bible School back on the menu after a short hiatus and we are so excited to see what God has in store for us. Our theme for this year is "Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God." We will spend the week learning about different food stories in the Bible, tying it all back to Matthew 6:11 "Give us this day our daily bread". We will celebrate the ways God provides, loves, and cares for us and share our faith in God through providing for, loving, and caring for others.

Vacation Bible School also allows these children to come together and make a difference in our community, which we plan to do by collecting food and money for the Little Free Pantry, a service opportunity that supports countless families in our community.

We continue to welcome children ages 4 through completed 5 th grade to sign up to attend. For more information and to register, visit <https://fumcmechanicsburg.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or go to our website. If you are a teen or adult who would like to volunteer either for the entire week or for just a few days, we would love to have you join us! You can register to volunteer at ttsu.me/fumcvbs or email Katie at kidscount@fumchurch.com with any questions.

We ask for prayer not only during VBS week, but in the time leading up to it. Please pray for the volunteers to see the way God is using them, for the children to come with open hearts, and for the families who are bringing these children into our lives. Thank you for all you do to support this ministry.

Blessings,
Katie Knorr
Director of Children and Family Ministry



Welcome Jenn Myers!

On July 18 we will welcome Jennifer (Jenn) Myers to the staff of First Church as Director of Office Management and Communications. In May, Jenn graduated from Messiah University with a Bachelor of Science in Communications and a minor in Children and Youth Services. Jenn is from Millville, PA. She grew up in the Mill-Green United Methodist Church. She has been actively involved in the church throughout her life, serving as a youth leader and counseling for several summers at Greene Hills, one of our Conference Camps.

Among her experiences during college, Jenn served as an Annual Giving Intern with Messiah University Office of Development, a Marketing Writer for Cho-Yeh Camp and Conference Center, and a Fundraising Associate and Social Media Manager for a non-profit, Sync with God.

As a full-time member of our church staff, Jenn will work with Dawn Fisher, our part-time Administrative Assistant, and church staff and volunteers to plan and carry out day to day office operations. In addition, Jenn will have oversight of all church communications, both written and digital. She is enthusiastic about using her gifts and experience to build strong communication within the church and to extend the reach of our church in the community and beyond!



Join Us In-Person and Online for Worship in July

“Galatians: Gospel of Grace”

- ⇒ July 3 “Grace That Bears Fruit” Galatians 5:22-23 Holy Communion
- ⇒ July 10 “Grace That Sustains” Galatians 6:9

Coming up.....

“Story Time: Echoes of Faith”

Perhaps you have noticed, if you’ve ever read a book to a child, that often the stories contain valuable lessons for us all. In this four-week series, a follow-up to this year’s Vacation Bible School, we’re going to read four popular children’s books that echo biblical truths for our lives as disciples of Jesus. Join us for this fun summer series!

- ⇒ July 17 “Lost and Found” by Oliver Jeffers Luke 15:1-10
- ⇒ July 24 “Who You Were Made to Be” by Joanna Gaines Psalm 139:13-18
- ⇒ July 31 “Antlers Forever” by Frances Bloxam Luke 12:22-31
- ⇒ August 7 “Bear Came Along” by Richard T. Morris Romans 12:9-17



Adult Discipleship

How is your journey with Jesus going? Is your faith deepening? Are you growing into a more mature disciple? Are you becoming a fully devoted follower? No matter where you are in this journey, there is always something new to learn, and First Church is here to help by providing a variety of offerings for your next faithful step:

⇒ Daily Bible Reading Plan

God speaks to us through His Word, and our daily Bible reading plan is customized to go along with our weekly sermons! You can find the plan in our weekly worship bulletin, which is posted on our church website, fumchurch.com.

⇒ Next Step - New Member Class

If you are ready to take your next faithful step by exploring church membership, contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to be added to the contact list for a class to be scheduled later this year.

⇒ Steps Beyond - Summer Sunday School Enrichment

This summer, join us to dive deeper into what it means to make God's kingdom your priority. The lesson theme, "**Transform**", is focused on the work of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be the church and carry out God's mission. This combined adult summer class will offer a mix of lessons, along with scheduled presentations from our youth mission trip team, folks engaged in missions in Mechanicsburg, and more! All lessons will be held in room 123 (the Guyer classroom) and all special presentations will be held in the multipurpose room. Start time is 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, and all are invited to participate! The current summer schedule includes the following, but check our weekly announcements for updates on new presentations added to the schedule:

July 3	Lesson - Community of Believers
July 10	Lesson - Faith & Culture
July 17	Lesson - Inclusive Fellowship
July 24	Alaska Youth Mission Trip Presentation
July 31	Mechanicsburg Missions Presentation
August 7	Lesson - God's First Choice
August 14	Pastor Denny's 40th Year in Ministry Celebration!
August 21	US/Mexico Border Mission Presentation
August 28	Lesson - Betrayal & Victory
September 4	Lesson - Follow

Children and Family Ministries

This summer in the Children's Dept., we will continue to offer childcare up to 2nd grade for both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Children 2nd grade-5th grade will remain with their families during worship. If your child is interested in activity pages for during the service, please see Miss Katie before worship begins at the child check-in station.

In-Person Vacation Bible School is back

On the menu for this summer! Join us July 11-15th as we get on a roll with God for a weeklong Food Truck Party! Our VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

Information:

Dates: July 11-15th

Time: 9:00 AM- 12:00 NOON

Cost: \$5/child

Open to children 4 years old through completed 5th grade (entering 6th grade)

Registration is open: [Click here to complete your registration!](#)

From the Library

I hope you are enjoying summer and celebrating our country's birthday with family, picnics, and a perfect afternoon on the deck with a good book and an icy beverage. It doesn't get any better than that! In keeping with a patriotic theme I have two new books series to introduce to you that involve the military. Without more chitchat let me tell you about these great reads that will leave you ready for more in the series.

When I am reading a good book, half of me wants to get to the end to finish the plot and the other half of me never wants it to end. With that idea in mind, let me introduce you to the Metcalfe family of six siblings. Book one in *The Metcalfe series* is about **Stone Metcalfe**, eldest of the clan. A ruggedly handsome man with a background of military service, but with political ambitions. When a foolish lapse of judgement upends all his plans, and he retreats to a mountain lodge to hide and regroup. Tasked with guarding supermodel, Brighton Buchanan with whom he was once in love, Stone takes it on with much anger and trepidation. She is a woman that had it all until her mistake traps her in the world of human trafficking. Stone and Brighton have an ugly history, but Brighton needs and still loves Stone. Stone doesn't think he can forgive her nor even like her again. As danger surrounds them, Stone vows to protect her, but that is all he plans to do. I'll let you find out if that is true!

Author Ronie Kendig continues the Metcalfe series with **Willow**, an aftercare specialist for helping trafficked victims and who has joined Mission: Liberate Everyone, based in Nigeria. The compound is attacked, and Willow and all the other victims are taken hostage. She tries to organize an escape, but it fails. Chijioke Okorie has returned to his homeland to discover his sister is missing and Willow, the woman he vowed to marry years ago, is now a hostage. With Chiji and Willow fighting from the inside and outside of trafficking ring, can they find a way to break the circle? I will warn you—this is a page turner.

As you probably know I am drawn to military suspense, but I might also mention if a dog is an integral part of the story, it is a forgone conclusion, I will be reading it. Lynette Eason is always a winner in our library, and she is back with a new extension of her *Elite Guardians series* of several years ago (and on the shelf). The Elite Guardians are a group of female bodyguards. In this first book, **Driving Force**, Christina Sherman is task to guard Boss, a highly trained military dog. Christina thinks at first this is a job for a boarding kennel, but Boss' owner Special Forces Air Commando Grey Parker, brings her around, especially after there is an attempt on Grey's life. Grey needs his dog guarded while he undergoes experimental surgery to restore his ability to walk. He wants to track down the villain that unleashed the nerve gas that has left Grey in a wheelchair and threatens many others. Not giving away anything, but if you have read Ms. Eason previously, you know there will be high octane suspense and many twists and turns before the last page.

August 20th is our annual book sale, and the library is accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles for adults or children. This annual sale supports us for an entire year and provides up-to-date titles for your reading pleasure. Unfortunately, we cannot accept VCR tapes, encyclopedias, or textbooks. Books can be left outside the library with a note for the sale, or if you have a large donation, contact Pam Van Kirk or Donna Nichols to facilitate that. After you have weeded your collection, shop our sale to find a year of great reading for a great price! Thank you in advance for your support.

See you in the library,

Pam and Donna

Praying Follower



July Prayer Focus: Prayers Don't Take a Vacation!

Vacations are a wonderful time for relaxation and refreshment, but vacations can also take us out of well-developed routines. What's more, unexpected circumstances or problems that arise on vacation can even put a damper on the fun. During all times, don't forget about the importance of prayer! Take time in the mornings before you get going to spend a little time thanking God for vacation. As you relax and soak up the sun, breathe in HIS refreshment. End your day with praise! In addition, with open minds and an open road, let's share the love of Christ with everyone we encounter this summer along the way!

A Prayer for Vacation

Dear Lord, please bless this time of vacation. May I see the wonder You instill and, while outside of my normal routine, help me to embrace the little gifts you give to me along the way. Open my heart to know that vacation will end, but the memories of it will remain and restore my soul. Pour some of that strength into my very being and bring me home with a thankful heart and unceasing praise. Amen.

Weekly Prayer Letter

If you have not already done so, we invite you to sign up for First Church's FirstLink Prayer Letter to receive updated prayer requests and praises from our church family once a week. Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com to share joys, requests and to sign up for the Prayer Letter email.

Passionate Worshipper



Spotify Playlist

On the first Wednesday of each month, we release a new monthly playlist on Spotify. Search for 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



Youth 2022 Summer Mission: Wasilla, Alaska

A team of 23 youth and adult leaders are returning to Mat-Su Covenant Church in Wasilla, Alaska, departing on July 2nd.

Why Alaska?: A goal of the youth ministry at FUMC is to help expand a student's understanding and experience of mission and service during their time as a student at FUMC. We plan trips following the mentality of Acts 1:8 – going to "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth." Over our four-year rotation we venture from Harrisburg (local) to an international experience (ends of the earth). Missions and service range from disaster relief, community provider support, rural, city, and everything in between. We hope that students grow in their awareness of need in the world but also have their hearts stirred by the Spirit as to how they can use their skills and gifting to be a help to others. We partner with organizations that either have deep roots in a community or who serve by way of the local church. This way, even though our time in the area may be short, there is long lasting efforts and presence being made by the permanent organizations. While Alaska is not international, it is indeed cross cultural and is a more ideal option for us amidst of pandemic conditions.



Partner with us in sending our team!: It's not too late to show your support! Donations can be sent to the church office or placed in Lisa's mailbox noting in the memo line it is in support of the youth mission trip.

Isaiah 61 Continues 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, July 20** at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to carpool or have any questions, please contact Tiffany Holland tholland1967@gmail.com.

Save the Date

Please add **October 8th** to your calendar as a date to gather at the church for the annual Feminine Hygiene sewing day. I hope you can help in this important mission to help our sisters in third world countries live their lives with dignity.

Gleaning 2022!

This growing season, we are excited to have the opportunity to once again glean locally in partnership with Oak Grove Farms! We plan to provide fresh produce for families receiving monthly groceries at Fishing Creek Salem UMC's Food Pantry. Please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 to have your name/contact information added to the FUMC 2022 'Glean Team'!

⇒ Gleaning 1 – Wednesday, July 6th – 6 pm (meet in Oak Grove Farms parking lot)

⇒ Gleaning 2 - Wednesday, August 3rd – 6 pm (Oak Grove Farms parking lot)

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God” ~Leviticus 19:9-10.

United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women), MissionU

Registration is now open! This annual learning event will take place in person at Best Western in Lewisburg on July 15 and 16. The Express Days will be held on July 14 at the Best Western in Lewisburg and July 30 at Chambers Hill UM Church, Harrisburg (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) The theme for this year is **Building Communities of Hope and Joy**. All women are invited to these events. Details and registration can be found by using this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMUytIIJuyLSSMMqR7Fw3y2z2-oo-3M2TNJlgYQJ9Gq6Izqg/viewform>. For more information or questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com or 717-732-6430. If you would like to carpool to the Express Day in Harrisburg on **July 30**, contact Lori for details!

Volunteers In Mission Training Here!

The Missions Team invites anyone to attend the upcoming Volunteers in Mission Training event on **Saturday, August 6** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We are excited to have Michelle Schwartzman, VIM Coordinator, present this training. The training is free and includes exceptional handouts and **free lunch!** VIM Training prepares us to have a positive impact in mission whether it is a few hours or weeks; local, national, or global. It is open to those who have led teams and those who have never served on a project. Taking this training does not require you to lead a trip but equips you for service. Topics covered include: Best Practices, Cultural Awareness, Health & Safety, Team Orientations, Useful Forms, Insurance and Fundraising. All are invited to attend this event. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com or 717-732-6430. Please register by July 31 for planning purposes.

Relationship Builder



Definition of Hospitality

At First Church we strive to practice *radical* hospitality. This includes *all* the ways in which we ensure that our church members and guests feel welcome, comfortable, AND secure while participating in our worship services and programs. The staff and Welcoming Ministry team are currently considering ways that we can improve our church security, while balancing our desire to be an easily accessible and welcoming church. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or Patti Herring at familyzeke@verizon.net.

UMW Yard, Book and Bake Sale

Just a reminder that July 1st is the starting date to sign up for the UMW Yard sale. The sale will be in the church parking lot on Aug. 20 from 8-12. Each roomy space is \$10. Your spot is reserved when I receive your payment and can be refunded till August 1st—after that it would just be a donation to the UMW. Please send your check, made out to FUMC with UMW yard sale in the memo line, to me, Donna Nichols, 5 Black Oak Ct, Boiling Springs, Pa 17007. I prefer that you do not take your payment to the church as it slows down the process. I will let you know via email when I receive your check and then the week before the sale I will send out information on where your spot is and more info on the sale. Hope to see you there

Joy in the Morning

A small group invitation! Next meeting – **Monday, July 11th @ 1pm**. 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 Monday afternoons once a month from 1-2 pm. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, drawing upon readings and devotionals, including from the book, With the Dawn Rejoicing. For more information, contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com

Men's Breakfast Gatherings

These gatherings happen on the first Saturday of each month and newcomers are always welcome! Start time is 7:30 a.m. and the next one is coming up on July 2. This is a great way to make connections and enjoy some wonderful fellowship with other men! Contact Barry Eaton at theeaton5@verizon.net for more details.

Save the Date

Sunday, August 14 at 9:30am-11:00am in the multi-purpose room. Join us to celebrate Pastor Denny and Betsy's 40th year in ministry.

FUMC Summer Pickleball

Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm, thru August Mechanicsburg's Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park Whether you're a single player or double, whether you play Pickleball every week or have never played, we invite you to please join us on the Pickleball Court! Bring a friend and assume we will be there unless it's wet and rainy! Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com

Senior Ice Cream Social

Tuesday July 19th, 2 pm – Join us for an afternoon of friendship while enjoying a refreshing treat of ice cream with toppings at First Church on July 19th! Pastor Denny, as well as some of our retired pastors, will also join us for the afternoon. Jeff Hoffnagle has offered to be our Gameshow host in playing some Family Feud! Questions? Contact Janice Bowen wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112

Covered in Love Knitting Group

The Covered in Love Knitting Group has returned to in person meetings **every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.** and will gather downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to join if you love to knit or crochet or do some other kind of crafty work. Questions? Contact Judi Buddenbaum at 717-697-2524 or ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net.

Small Group Summer Fellowship

If you're seeking opportunities for friendship and small group connection this summer, please mark your calendar for this July gathering!

***Wednesday, July 20th** – We will gather in the pavilion at Mechanicsburg's Koser Park (parking and access from Chestnut or Marble street) to play board games! You are welcome to bring your favorite game and snack, or just simply come! Questions? Contact Janice Bowen wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112.

Widows and Widowers Fellowship

The widows/widowers fellowship will dine at Snapper's restaurant on Tuesday, July 12th at 4:30 p.m. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at (717) 766-0145.

Patriotic Concert at Finkenbinder Park, July 3

Turning Point Church invites the public to the 28th Infantry Division US Army Band Concert in the park on Sunday, July 3 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a lawnchair and enjoy a free concert, free drinks, free popcorn and free ice cream at Finkenbinder Park (211 N. Arch Street, Mechanicsburg). If there is bad weather, the event will be moved to Turning Point Church, 201 E. Green Street. All are welcome to attend! Questions, call 592-9959.

Third Friday Food Trucks, July 15!

The Food Trucks return to our parking lot on Friday, July 15! This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors in a fun and casual atmosphere! This month, we welcome the following gourmet food trucks: Wich Way, Shredderz, Pretzel Spot, Next Level Pizza, and Sarah's Creamery. We are always looking for help with set up and clean up. If you are interested in lending a hand with setting up tables and chairs or putting them away, we'd love to have you! Contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com for more details. The food trucks serve from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar for the remaining dates: August 19, September 16 and October 21.



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 <https://www.susumcamps.org> to see all the offerings for camp this summer in the 2022 Camp Retreat Brochure along with related registration/medical forms. Access the online link to complete your registration.

Send camping registration confirmations to your Camp Coordinators (Deb Noss or Amy Ortiz) so that they can pair you with a prayer partner. The Camp Coordinators can assist you with financial assistance (First Church will pay for one half of the camping fees!).

There are **Sibling Discounts** as well as an **Invite-a-Friend Gift** when you invite a friend who has never been to a Conference camp. You will receive the gift after your friend registers as per the instructions.

- Attend a camp, retreat or event; **or** Volunteer as a Dean, Nurse or Sr/Jr Counselor: **or**
- Be a prayer partner for a camper; **or** Provide financial aid to support campers and camp; **or**
- Help with a work camp at one of the camp sites; **or** Become a [summer employee](#) at camp **or**
- Recommend someone to fill vacant paid [summer staff](#) openings!

If you have any questions about Camp or can't access the website and need a brochure, feel free to contact Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) or Amy Ortiz (amy.ogden7@gmail.com).

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

*****Special thanks to those who have been Prayer Partners so far this year!*****

Please email the camp coordinators listed above if you would be willing to pray for and send a note to someone at camp.

There are times throughout the summer that we don't have campers going to camp during a week; **however**, the Camp Site Directors and their staff teams continue in 'His' service week after to week. Do you think that they would benefit being surrounded in prayer and uplifted with notes of support?

It wasn't long ago that the church participated in the "**Draw the Circle**" study that spoke of how prayer – especially repeated and heartfelt prayer was powerful and purposeful. Are you looking for something to pray for that will impact hundreds of children, youth and adults for the Lord? If so, here are the names of our Conference Camp Directors that you may prayerfully support and uplift through notes of encourage:

Sam Richardson

Camp Penn – 8005 Old Forge Road, P.O. Box 511, Waynesboro, PA 17268

Charlie Renner

Greene Hills – 5125 Manor Drive, Alexandria, PA 16611

Patty Weidman

Mount Asbury – 1310 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241

Emily Sliski

Wesley Forest – 58 Wesley Forest Lane, P.O. Box, Weikert, PA 17885

Generous Giver



Endowment Fund

Thank you for your gifts supporting The Endowment Fund in 2021. Our Church is very blessed with your loving and caring generosity.

Bob & Kathie Bittenbender

Marty & Vickie Coover

Robert Erikson

August Library Sale

The library will be holding their book sale at the UMW Sale on August 20th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. To have a good sale we need gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles for adults or children. We are accepting adult or children's books on any subject but we cannot accept VCR tapes, encyclopedias, or textbooks. This annual sale supports us for an entire year and provides up-to-date titles for your reading pleasure. Books can be left outside the library or if you have a large donation, contact Pam Van Kirk at pamvk1@gmail.com or Donna Nichols at djnichols43@hotmail.com to facilitate that. After you have donated your books and made room for more, plan to come to our sale for more great reads. Thank you in advance for your support.

Change (or Paper) for Water!

Water is the foundation of our very lives; yet, according to CDC estimates, only 2% of the population in Sierra Leone has access to clean, readily available drinking water! Help us to support the **Well Drilling Fund for Sierra Leone** by dropping your loose change, or even paper bills, into the blue "Change for Water" bucket located back on the Sierra Leone mission table in the Main Entrance hallway. Donations from May totaled **\$31.60** 100% of your donations will be used to provide training and dig wells for schools and communities in need.

Little Free Pantry Mini Collection

Thanks for your support of the **Little Free Pantry** on our property. This small, but effective way to bless our community, has been very popular over the past 2 years. We have been able to keep up with the demand for food, but starting to run low. If you would like to donate items, there is a **collection basket** inside the Alley Door entrance at the church. Most needed items include: canned tuna/chicken, any type of boxed mac and cheese, small boxes of cereal, granola bars, individual snack items and small ready to eat meals. Please make sure they are non-perishable and not too far past the expiration dates. You can also drop off the items at the church office during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com. Thanks for blessing our neighbors!



Yard, Book and Bake Sale, Saturday, August 20

We are looking forward to the annual United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) Yard, Book and Bake Sale in our church parking lot on Saturday, August 20 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. See all the details below:

- Yard sale spots in the parking lot (2 parking spaces) are still \$10, proceeds benefit the United Women in Faith. To reserve your spot, contact Donna Nichols at djnichols43@hotmail.com. Sign-ups begin on July 1 on a first-come, first serve basis. You may cancel up to August 1, with a refund, but no refund after that date (we will consider it a donation to the United Women in Faith).
- Support our wonderful Youth by donating your treasures! The Youth will sell the items to raise funds for future mission trips. The collection will start **August 8** in the multipurpose room, watch for more details on where and when to bring your donations. Questions, contact Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com.
- The Children's Department will once again hand out free school supplies in handmade pouches to children who visit the sale.
- The church Library will have a variety of books, puzzles, CD's, DVD's available for purchase. The library is asking for gently used children and adult books, puzzles, cds and dvds (but please no videos, cassettes or encyclopedias) for our annual sale. Proceeds from the sale keep the most current Christian fiction on our shelves for your reading pleasure. Donations can be left outside the church library (near Alley entrance) on Sunday mornings. If you have a large donation call Pam Van Kirk at 717-903-9196 or Donna Nichols 717-574-9894 to make arrangements for a drop off. Thanks in advance.
- The church Handbell Choirs will have food available for purchase to support their ministry of music.
- Enjoy tasty treats from the United Women in Faith Bake Sale! (We will be asking for donations of baked goods, so start thinking of something yummy to make!) To donate baked goods, contact Denise Swank at dmom64@gmail.com or 717-795-8747.

There is something for everyone at the sale! If you have any questions, please contact Donna Nichols at djnichols43@hotmail.com or Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support!

Eat, Pray, Shop!

First Church is pleased to host the Eat, Pray, Shop event to support a local woman with cancer. In August 2021 Abeer Allen was diagnosed with Pleomorphic Leiomyosarcoma Higrade, an aggressive form of cancer that is so rare that it makes up less than 5% of all liposarcomas. As a mother and small business owner, she has valiantly undergone treatments and recently, she was also diagnosed with thyroid cancer. As an active member of our community, she has often been the one raising money and donating products to help others and now is in great need of our prayers and financial support to help with her medical expenses for treatment. On Saturday, July 23rd, a fundraiser has been organized by Abeer's friends from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the multi-purpose room. The event will feature vendors, gift basket raffles, a baked good table, and food trucks in the parking lot. Visitors are also encouraged to write prayers and notes of encouragement to Abeer. Questions about the event can be directed to Melissa Hiler at mahiler@comcast.net.

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





Daily Bible Readings July 2022

Friday, July 1	Galatians 5:16-26
Saturday, July 2	Rest and Reflect
Sunday, July 3	Worship “Galatians: Grace That Bears Fruit”
Monday, July 4	Amos 7:7-17
Tuesday, July 5	Psalm 82
Wednesday, July 6	Colossians 1:1-14
Thursday, July 7	Luke 10:25-37
Friday, July 8	Galatians 6
Saturday, July 9	Rest and Reflect
Sunday, July 10	Worship “Galatians: Grace That Sustains”
Monday, July 11	Amos 8:1-12
Tuesday, July 12	Psalm 52
Wednesday, July 13	Colossians 1:15-28
Thursday, July 14	Luke 10:38-40
Friday, July 15	Luke 15:1-10
Saturday, July 16	Rest and Reflect
Sunday, July 17	Worship “Story Time: Echoes of Faith” <i>“Lost and Found” by Oliver Jeffers</i>
Monday, July 18	Hosea 1:2-10
Tuesday, July 19	Psalm 85
Wednesday, July 20	Colossians 2:6-15
Thursday, July 21	Luke 11:1-13
Friday, July 22	Psalm 139:13-18
Saturday, July 23	Rest and Reflect
Sunday, July 24	Worship “Story Time: Echoes of Faith” <i>“Who You Were Made to Be” by Joanna Gaines</i>
Monday, July 25	Hosea 11:1-11
Tuesday, July 26	Psalm 107:1-32
Wednesday, July 27	Psalm 107:33-43
Thursday, July 28	Colossians 3:1-11
Friday, July 29	Luke 12:13-21
Saturday, July 30	Rest and Reflect
Sunday, July 31	Worship “Story Time: Echoes of Faith” <i>“Antlers Forever” by Frances Bloxam</i>

Church News and Notes

Our love & sympathy...

To Arlene Hoy and family on the passing of Arlene’s sister and dear church family member, Emma Whitcomb.

With Gratitude...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Bowen and the backyard ministries for all the work and dedication to a fellow church member. We moved in December to Bethany Village but maintained our property at 5157 E. Trindle Road. Neither Pam or I would have been able to get out of our place without the help of church members. We thought maybe we were hoarders but after starting to move we found that yes, we were hoarders. As of June 1st we have vacated the property. Thanks again to everyone that helped in any way.

~Pam and Leroy Weaver



Special Birthdays

*Many apologies for missing in June....

Jack MartinJune 11

Charlotte Hess..... July 5
Veloice Washburn July 6
George Snoke..... July 16
Mary Jo Skoglund..... July 19
Harry Woods..... July 27
Jean Adams July 28

Martin Coover August 1
Grace Koser August 2
Jane Heller August 3
Barry Adams..... August 5
Joan Maybee August 10
Pauline Trace August 12
Al Maybee August 14
Becky Yost..... August 16
Jerry Sheely..... August 18
Kay Coldren..... August 25
Jo Barth..... August 27
Jeanne Mullikin..... August 29
Dean Otto..... August 31

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Larry Buddenbaum 55 years on July 1, 1967
- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Simmons married 56 years on July 2, 1966
- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Pat Rainelli married 54 years on July 6, 1968
- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Gary Klinger married 57 years on July 24, 1965



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