



# First News First

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## First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg

### From the Pastor

#### Walking with Jesus

As I write this I am aboard a crowded plane returning home from the General Conference of our United Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon. My mind is flooded with so many gifts from ten days of worship and prayer, fellowship and conferencing with 875 delegates from around the world. But today, on this long ride home, I am distracted by my sore feet.

I did a whole lot of walking in Portland. My roommate, Rev. Matt Lake, and I were in the hotel that was farthest from the Convention Center. Even to get to the nearest stop on the Max Line was quite a walk. So we went walking. Walking, early in the morning along the beautiful two mile river corridor on the way to the Convention center. Walking, late in the evening past high rise office buildings, upscale shopping centers, and nightclubs crammed with people. Walking, while cars, trains and busses cruised by. Walking, through seedy neighborhoods, seeing countless homeless people hiding in doorways and alleyways, and encountering people who were mentally unstable or high. Walking forced me to slow down and, as I did, I saw people and places I would not have otherwise noticed. I also had long, quiet space to reflect and to pray.

Walking, I remembered Jesus, who walked everywhere with his disciples. Walking, Jesus was always aware of the people around him. He noticed the blind beggar, the demon-possessed, and the Samaritan woman alone at the well. He felt the touch of the women who touched the hem of his garment on a crowded street. He also spied the tax collector named Zacchaeus who had climbed up a tree to catch a glimpse of him. Walking, Jesus encountered his enemies lurking in the shadows, scheming to bring an end to his mission. He also noticed the little ones that others overlooked.

Walking, I wondered what it would look like for you and me to walk through our days with Jesus. I do not mean literally walking, although there is great benefit in that. I mean walking with Jesus as our Master and Friend. Walking with Jesus, he would invite us to be open to God. He would also challenge us to pay attention, to look for opportunities to listen and love the people we meet each day.

Coming home, I plan to rest my feet and to let the soreness heal. I also look forward to walking together with you as we follow Jesus into the world that he loves and calls us to serve.

Keep walking!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Denny

#### Dates to Remember

- June 5.....Communion  
Graduate Sunday
- June 9-11...Annual  
Conference
- June 12.....Senators Game
- June 15.....Grocery Bagging
- June 16.....Jubilee Day
- June 19.....Father's Day
- June 21.....Senior Fellowship
- June 26.....Walton  
Celebration  
Rejoicing Spirits  
Service
- June 27.....VBS begins

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## Worship

Sunday Morning  
Worship Services

8:15 am &  
10:45 am

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

Monthly Communion	June 5	Loaves and Chalice
Monthly Communion	July 3	Pew Service
Monthly Communion	August 7	Loaves and Chalice
Monthly Communion	September 4	Pew Service
World Communion	October 2	Loaves and Chalice
First Sunday in Advent	November 27	Pew Service
Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00	December 24	Loaves and Chalice

Note: Gluten-free bread available in the center of the bread plates.

## Staff-Parish

### Walton Celebration

Join us to celebrate Roger Walton's years of service as the Facilities Manager here at FUMC! Roger has been an integral part of our FUMC staff, ensuring proper maintenance of our existing church structure. Roger's celebration will be held in the multi-purpose room on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Donations will be collected on Roger's behalf to support Volunteers of Missions (VIM). Come celebrate with us!

## Church Staff

PASTOR Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller	OFFICE MANAGER Kristin Brown	ORGANIST/YOUTH CHOIR/ SOUNDS OF WORSHIP CHOIR* Gail Leinhos
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The **deadline** for submitting  
articles for the **July** issue is June 15

**Early submissions always  
appreciated**

## Endowment

### Phyllis Mengle Remembered for Service, Generosity

Phyllis Jean (Campbell) Mengle had a gift for serving others. She spent most of her life in dedicated service to Christ, her family, the patients she treated as a nurse, and anyone the Lord placed in her path.

She made one final gift to First Church in the form of an estate gift to the Endowment Fund in April 2016.

Life was not always easy for Phyllis, a native of Franklin County, Pa. She lost her father when she was just 3 years old, and her mother a decade later. She and her sister, Stella, went to live with relatives in Shippensburg.

“It was a very strict environment, and not a loving one,” said Dave Mengle, one of Phyllis’ sons.

Phyllis’ faith was important to her. She accepted Jesus at a young age. Her relatives did not attend church, but Phyllis and Stella did. “They would sneak out the back door to attend church,” Dave said.

After high school, Phyllis attended the Polyclinic School of Nursing. Between classes and working to support herself, Phyllis maintained a grueling schedule. Yet, she made time to attend church each Sunday and faithfully read her Bible.

One day she treated Robert Harrison Mengle, a patient who had suffered a back injury while hunting. “Other nurses were swooning over him, but my mom was not impressed,” Dave said. “He hoped to impress her with his brand new car, but no luck.”

Bob and Phyllis did, however, form a close friendship that eventually led to marriage in 1951. After graduation Phyllis worked as a nurse at Polyclinic, then took a hiatus to raise her family. The couple would have four children, and later welcome 15 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Dave described his mother as diplomatic but direct, compassionate but wise, always honest and a very determined person. She was a strong woman, both physically and spiritually.

“She lived for us what it meant to follow Christ, and modeled how we were to behave based on the Bible,” he said.

Phyllis gave willingly to others. “She always believed she could help. She didn’t always have the means, but trusted in God to provide,” Dave said.

Phyllis was also generous with advice. “I can’t tell you how many people from all walks of life sought her advice. They trusted her. And, she didn’t sugar coat it. She was a straight shooter,” according to Dave.

Phyllis was equally tough and compassionate as a mother. Dave remembers being pinched as a child when he became fidgety during worship services. When her son Mark bought a motorcycle in high school, Phyllis buried the keys in the yard. She was keenly aware of the dangers from having treated accident victims.

Phyllis later returned to work as a nurse in the Cumberland Valley School District, then to the former Carlisle Hospital.

Phyllis went home to the Lord in May 2014, after a year-long battle with ALS.

## Finance

### Financial Report—through April 30, 2016

33% of year

#### General Fund

2016 budget	\$ 890,000	Actual expenses	\$ 282,046
Expected income	\$ 293,700	<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,835
Actual income	\$ 283,668 (32% of budget)	<b>Legacy Campaign</b>	\$ 1,155
Shortfall	\$ 10,032		

## Missions

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### **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 June 15 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at 697-0933 or eeking@verizon.net for more information.

### **Penny Report ~ Now Located at the Sierra Leone Display in the Tower Hallway**

Help supported the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Project by dropping your pennies, or any loose change, into the Penny 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. There were 468 pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of \$12,585.06.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!

### **Sierra Leone Guest Speaker**

On May 1 Phileas Jusu, Director of Communications for the Sierra Leone Annual Conference visited First Church and gave a presentation during the Sunday school hour. Thank you to all who attended this informative presentation.

Much information about Sierra Leone, the initiative and Ebola was shared. Phileas shared about how churches struggled with resources to take care of pastors as they grappled with post-war rehabilitation, reconstruction and reintegration. This is why the Sierra Leone Initiative was created. He added that with the Initiative young people opted for ministry which was previously viewed as the waiting room for retired and aging people. Also, life for pastors improved, hence sermon messages improved and value was added to the messages.

More UM churches have been built in the past ten years and the denomination, previously restricted to just 7 districts, is now in all 12 political districts in the country. More churches meant more recruitment of pastors and more pastors means more people on the conference payroll. In 2013, with the economy growing, the SL Conference was rethinking taking on full responsibility for pastors' remuneration. Then Ebola hit.

During the Ebola crisis, the Sierra Leone Annual Conference initiated and funded a coalition of faith leaders to fight Ebola. The Conference also trained youth and young adults to take the Ebola messages to the public, including communities that felt left out because of their remoteness. In Sierra Leone, 8704 people were infected with the virus and 3,589 people died, including 211 healthcare workers. On a positive note, Sierra Leone now has personnel and a health system good enough to handle future outbreaks. The health system is strengthening and the focus is now on care for Ebola traumatized orphans, families, communities and the country. Ebola survivors face several health challenges from hair loss to hearing problems and eye sight defects.

Phileas shared that because of the salary support of the Susquehanna Conference initiative, no pastors or their immediate families died from Ebola since they were able to obey Ebola restriction laws. Phileas had several video messages from pastors thanking the Sierra Leone Initiative for their support.

Please continue to keep our sister and brother in Sierra Leone in your prayers. Watch for more information about First Church's efforts to support our sister church and how you can be involved.

## Historical Committee

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### Gallery of Pastors

Have you seen the picture gallery of pastors who have served First Church since 1850? We have collected pictures of most of the 48 ministers who have led our congregation. The gallery is located in Fellowship Hall, opposite the music room. If you haven't seen it take time to take a look.

## Music

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### Ringling in the News

Thank you to all of you who have supported the bell choirs by attending our concerts, listening to the Sunday morning anthems and joining us at our fundraisers. We have enjoyed playing for you. This summer when the group goes to Vancouver for the International Symposium we will reap the benefits of our fundraising efforts that you helped us with. For now the regular choirs are taking a well deserved break for the summer. However, the Vancouver group is working hard to make sure they are ready. Please join us for a bell day at Hoss's Restaurant on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch for the voucher in the bulletin on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to take that voucher with you so that the choir can get credit for your meal.

Thank you again for all of your support.

### June Ministry of Music Sunday Morning Schedule

June 5—Sanctuary Choir (8:15); Invocation (10:45)

June 12—Sounds of Worship (8:15); Sanctuary Choir (10:45)

June 16—Trace Morgan (8:15 & 10:45)

June 26—Sounds of Worship (8:15); Invocation (10:45)

## Health & Wellness Ministry

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### June Blood Drives

June 2	10 am - 2 pm	TeamPete Realty	15 Central Blvd, Camp Hill
June 3	8 am - 7 pm	Fox Center	120S. Filbert St, Mech.
June 4	9 am - 1:30 pm	First Church of God	323 Reno Ave., New Cumberland
June 5	7:30 am - 12:30 pm	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	310 Hertzler Rd., Mech.
June 6	3 pm - 7 pm	West Shore Lodge	910 S. Market St., Mech.
June 7	3 pm - 7 pm	Denny's	on the Carlisle Pike
June 8	3 pm - 7 pm	Century 21 Realty	3315 Market St., Camp Hill
June 11	12 pm - 5 pm	Appalachian Harley Davidson	6695 Carlisle Pike, Mech.
June 12	8:30 am - 1 pm	St. Joseph's Cathloic Church	410 E. Simpson St., Mech.
June 16	8 am - 4 pm	Patriot News	2020 Technology Parkway, Mech.
June 16	3 pm - 7 pm	Buffalo Wild Wings	on the Carlisle Pike
June 18	9 am - 12 pm	Grace U M Church	216 S. Market St., Mech.
June 28	1 pm - 7 pm	Country Meadows	Trindle Rd & Sporting Hill Rd.
June 29	6 am - 10 am & 2 pm - 7 pm	HealthSouth Rehab	175 Lancaster Blvd., Mech.

## Congregational Care Ministry

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### Senior Fellowship Tuesday, June 21st 1-3 p.m.

All senior members are invited to come for a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Guyer class space just beyond the church library. Messiah Lifeways will join us to share information about their Community-based Services. Please contact Janice Bowen (766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for more information.

### Summer Bereavement Support Group

Homeland Hospice will be offering a summer bereavement support group at our church on Tuesday evenings, June 14 thru July 19 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. This group is offered free of charge to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group will promote a sense of healing, support, community, and new coping skills. Registration is required by June 8 and can be completed by calling Homeland Hospice at 221-7890 or by email to [bmedkeff-rose@homelandhospice.org](mailto:bmedkeff-rose@homelandhospice.org).

### Caring for Mom and Dad: Free Workshop for Caregivers

Supported by Wellspan Health, Penn State Health, and Messiah Lifeways

June 20 – 6-8 pm – Dickinson College, Althouse Hall. RSVP at [TransformingHealth.org](http://TransformingHealth.org)

Topics to be covered:

Advance Planning

- \* Tips on How to Start the Conversation
- \* Living Wills
- \* Pennsylvania Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)
- \* Power of Attorney

Senior Living & Home Based Care

- \* Description 4 main categories (Independent Living, Personal Care, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing)
- \* Assessing level of care, price, etc. and what questions to ask
- \* Tips for long distance caregiving

## Adult Ministry

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### Movie Night – *War Room*

Join us on Wednesday evening, July 6 at 6:30 pm for a fun, church-wide movie night! We will be showing the movie *War Room* (rated PG), so come to enjoy some fellowship time and a great movie about the power of prayer! Look in the bulletin later this month for more details about the location. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton.

### Summer Small Group Study – *War Room*

Following the showing of the *War Room* movie, join us for a 5-week follow-up study on prayer beginning Wednesday, July 13. This study will be held in room 207 from 6:45 – 8:15 pm. Come to watch/discuss clips from the movie, dig deeper into this spiritual discipline and discover the power of prayer! Please sign up for this study at the display in the main lobby or contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).

### Summer Bible Study

Juanita and Ken Guise will be offering a Bible study this summer, so keep your eyes open for more details in the Sunday bulletins!

## Young Adult/College Ministry

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### New Sunday School Class for Young Adults

College Students/Young adults are welcome from 9:30am to 10:30am every Sunday morning beginning June 12<sup>th</sup> to a new Sunday School class called "DSF". Come for **discipling, seeking** the truth within scripture, and **fellowshipping** together. Class will meet in the youth lounge (room B-001) on the side closest to the elevator hallway.

Contact Christina Morgan at [cmorg1005@gmail.com](mailto:cmorg1005@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions. All are welcome!

*Matthew 7:7: " Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find knock and the door be opened to you. "*

### College Connection

If you are a college student home for the summer, come to enjoy some fellowship and fun with other college students! Currently there are two gatherings set and more are being planned. Mark your calendars for:

- June 23: Meet at Hoss's on Gettysburg Pike at 6:00 pm for dinner (and support the handbells fundraiser with your money), followed by game night at the home of the Eaton family.
- July 14: 7:00 pm gathering at the home of the Rapp family for a campfire and s'mores.

For more details go to the "First United Methodist Church College Students" Facebook page. Not a member of that group page? Simply request to join on Facebook. More questions? Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).

## Youth Ministry/Children's Ministry

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### Happenings in the Youth Department

While June brings a close to school we find the youth department is getting hopping.

- June 8<sup>th</sup> join us at JoJo's for a fundraiser night. See the youth for vouchers. The youth department will get a portion of the proceeds which will go to the upcoming mission trip.
- Don't forget to pick up the 2016 addition to our mission trip cards. Find out where the mission trip people are exploring.
- Jubilee day is June 16<sup>th</sup>. Once again the youth will be manning our parking lot and picking up trash. We will take all able body people if you would like to help.



Congratulations to the 2016 **Camp**  
Confirmation Class

Heather Bowen  
William Hoover  
Kevin Knott  
Michael Kurten  
Chelsea O'Leary  
Amber Small  
Noah Spencer  
Trent Yatsky

Don't forget to sign up for Summer Camp! It will be here before you know it. Check out the awesome camping opportunities at [susumcamps.org](http://susumcamps.org) and remember First Church pays 50%.







## FUM Circles

*New Members are always welcome!*

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

Sandy Walton  
790-9131 or  
swalton54@comcast.net  
meets the 2nd Tuesday  
of the month

### MARTHA CIRCLE

Marley Ann Schmick  
697-2233  
meets the 1st Tuesday  
of the month

### MARY CIRCLE

Janice Bowen  
796-0809 or  
jjgbowen@yahoo.com  
meets the 4th Monday  
of the month

### RUTH CIRCLE

Beryl Morgan  
697-3554  
meets the 1st  
Wednesday of the  
month

### 2016 Events:

- July 7-9** MissionU, Bucknell University  
**July 16** MissionU Sampler Day at Chambers Hill UM Church, Chambers Hill  
**August 20** Bake Sale and Yard Sale  
**November 20** World Thank Offering  
**December** Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk

Contact Lori Hoffnagle at 732-6430 with questions about any of these above UMW events

### Mission U

Mission u Sampler Day to be held at Chambers Hill United Methodist Church on July 16. Join other UMW members to learn about the following topics: "The Bible and Human Sexuality" and "Climate Justice" at the newly created Sampler Saturday at Chambers Hill UM Church. The fee is \$40 and includes lunch. Women of all ages are invited to attend. If you want to attend or have questions, please contact Lori Hoffnagle, UMW president at 717-732-6430 or email [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

### Annual UMW Yard, Bake and Book Sale

On Saturday, **August 20**, the United Methodist Women will once again be hosting a yard sale in the church parking lot. Each spacious spot is still the low price of \$10 and sign up is first come first serve. The sale will run from 8 am to 1 pm. The UMW will have delicious baked goods for sale and the Church Library will be offering great bargains on books, some priced at just \$.25! **Starting July 1**, contact Donna Nichols at 249-9477 or [djnichols43@hotmail.com](mailto:djnichols43@hotmail.com) to reserve your spot. The UMW is seeking items to sell at their table, if you have yard sale items to donate, please contact Donna.

Once again, as an outreach to the community, we will be giving away school supplies to children. We are asking the congregation to donate supplies for this project. The collection bin will be in place by **July 3**. Please bring the following items: **small box of crayons, pencils, erasers, blunt scissors and glue sticks.**

Thanks in advance. Whether you are buying or selling, it will be a day of bargains and fun in the parking lot!



**We need your clothing.** Don't forget to drop your unwanted clothing and shoes in the Community Aid bin.

Money raised from your donations helps local schools, churches and other non profit charitable organizations, as well as FUMC's UMW.



## Library

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If you have been reading our library articles for a long time, you might remember I (Donna) wanted to start a fiction library in the church when my girls were teenagers. At that time they were spending a lot of money on Harlequin type romances and although I didn't like the tone or the message of those books, there weren't many options. When the fiction library was started in 1998, my teenage daughters were grown. Recently, I had two of my granddaughters with me when I came to work in the library. Samantha asked to help me, so I let her pick books for display and shelve books. I noticed that she was reading the backs of several of the books, and finally she asked if she could check out a couple. That was a hallelujah moment for me. So if you have teenagers who like to read, this library is a great place for them to get books and keep them reading this summer.

Now let me tell you about a few of my favorite books. June is traditionally brides' month in the library, and usually I don't read much romantic fiction. But I have learned to never say never. Author Denise Hunter caught my attention with her *Chapel Springs Romance series* set in the fictional town of the same name. In those four books Ms. Hunter tells the love story of each one of the four grown McKinley children and explores their stories and quest for romance. Having enjoyed these books, I decided to read the **Good Bye Bride**, the second book in the *Summer Harbor series*. Once again Ms. Hunter has written about a family—the Callahans-- a family of unmarried men. The book opens with our heroine Lucy Lovett waking up after having fallen and hitting her head. She is in a diner but dressed in a wedding dress. With head pounding, she calls her fiancé Zac Callahan to come and get her. What Lucy doesn't remember is that she ran away from Zac a week before their wedding, and apparently from the way she is dressed, has left another groom at the altar. But all she remembers is Zac and how much she loves him. Too bad Zac can't forget the pain of losing Lucy seven month ago. Zac rescues her because she has no other family, and the two of them struggle with their feelings and pain while the whole town of Summer Harbor looks on. I won't spoil the outcome for you but this is a fun, romantic read you could enjoy poolside. If you like romance, either series will make you swoon.

I also love history and when Dani Petry set her latest book, **Cold Shot in Gettysburg National Park**, I knew I would be reading it. Park Ranger Griffin McCray stumbles on two relic hunters who have uncovered recent skeletal remains near Little Round Top. Enter Finley Scott a forensic anthropologist. As the two try to determine the identity of the corpse, it soon becomes apparent that someone does not want the identity know. After a lab tech is killed and Griffin and Finley barely miss a sniper's bullet, the FBI is called in to investigate. Griffin's childhood friend FBI Declan Grey joins the team and stirs up painful memories of their friend Luke's disappearance years ago. A murder investigation, questions about a friend's disappearance, and a growing romance between Finley and Griffin will provide you with another great poolside read.

The library will be having our annual book sale on August 20<sup>th</sup>. You can donate books any time and then come and restock your shelves.

See you in the library.

Donna and Pam

## Access Ministry

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### Day of Pampering

Day of Pampering Committee is looking for a pitcher & bowl set and also divider screens. Keep your eyes open at summer yard sales.

## Facilities

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When Music Director Jody Brinley called on the evening of May 4<sup>th</sup> as the Sanctuary Choir was gathering for their weekly rehearsal alerting me to the fact that a portion of the sanctuary ceiling above the Simpson Street entrance had collapsed, my heart sank. All I could think about at that moment was “not again”! Not another roof leak! That same section of the sanctuary ceiling was damaged five years ago when I took over the Facilities Manager position here at First Church. Finding the source of the leak five years ago had proven to be a huge challenge; numerous attempts to fix it had failed. We finally were able to resolve it back then by undertaking a major metal flashing project on the east side of the Simpson Street tower. Then we had the ceiling repaired and we erected scaffolding inside the sanctuary to paint the repaired area. Now we’re in almost the same situation, although this time the problem appeared to be the roof’s shingles and not the metal flashing. We did some caulking and patching where we think the water was getting in and, so far, it seems to have held up during the rains we’ve received since then. Once we’re confident we’ve stopped the water infiltration, we’ll be erecting scaffolding again in the sanctuary to have the ceiling plastered and painted. Please bear with us during this repair process.

The leak in the sanctuary, at least for a moment, diverted my attention from the persistent leak above the center stairwell. I wish I could definitively tell you that leak is resolved, but I can’t. Once again we think we’ve solved that problem, but water keeps finding a way under the large air conditioning unit near the hatch access to the roof and down onto the second floor hallway. My next thought is to have an infrared leak detection study conducted on the flat rubber roofing to see if that might pinpoint a potential source of the leak that we haven’t been able to detect with our naked eyes.

All of the recent rains hampered Judi and Larry Buddenbaum’s efforts to restripe the parking lots. They were able to restripe the main and lower lots, and will restripe the south lot once we get a few nice weather days in a row. Thank you Judi and Larry for your outstanding efforts.

We had an excellent turnout for the recent church work day. Many hands helped to make light work of cleaning up the flower beds around the church, spreading of mulch, and cleaning up around the church parking lots. Thank you to everyone who pitched in for that effort. It really looks nice all around the exterior of the church.

The freestanding icemaker in the church kitchen went on the fritz recently. The Trustees are exploring whether it would be cost-efficient to repair the existing icemaker or replace it with a new model. We hope to make that decision shortly.

When we have the scaffolding in the sanctuary in the near future to do the ceiling repairs above the Simpson Street entrance, we plan to take care of those choir loft spotlights as well as some scraping and painting on the Frederick Street wall of the sanctuary. I’ll be happy to check those items off of my ever-expanding “to do” list. Video system upgrades, replacing the rooftop fan that ventilates the education wing restrooms, and finalizing the requirements statement for replacing the control system for our rooftop HVAC units continue to occupy my mind. New items get added to the “to do” list every time I walk through the building or climb up on the roof. Thank you for your words of encouragement and ongoing prayers for our efforts to be faithful stewards of God’s home here on Simpson Street in Mechanicsburg.

Roger Walton  
Facilities Manager

## Church News and Notes

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### ***Love & sympathy...***

to the family upon the death of Betty Fribance on May 6, 2016.

to the family upon the death of Mae Myers May 16, 2016.

### ***Thank you...***

*To the Pastors, Leaders, Staff and Members of FUMC,*

*I can't thank you enough for the visits, the meals, get well cards, flowers and other acts of kindness you have shown me during the weeks following my knee replacement surgery in mid April. Your prayers, as well have also been a real source of strength and love for me. God bless each one of you. Peace and Love,*

*Sue Higgins*

*Sincere thanks for all who assisted me in a medical need in April. Thanks for the prayers, flowers, cards, calls, gifts and concern.*

*Charlotte Hess*

*To my church family,*

*It is with a humble and over flowing heart that I write this note. The prayers, the many cards, the phone calls, the visits, and concern for me has been overwhelming. The beautiful Prayer Shawl has warmed me and filled me with joy and thanksgiving.*

*Thank you Pastor Denny and Pastor Dave for your visits and prayers on my behalf. They lifted me up, calmed my spirit and filled my days with sunlight.*

*God has richly blest me throughout my life and He has continued to bless and care for me during this difficult time. His love upholds me as He sends you, His Angels, to support and encourage me.*

*Thank you for your thoughtfulness. I'll remember your kindness always and pray that God will bless you all as richly as you have blest me. Love and blessings to all,*

*Lois*

*Jim Chilton would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support during his recent surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Denny and Pastor Dave and Dr. Fugate for their hospital visits. My "guardian Angel" was Debbie Heisey, a nurse on the cardiac team. Her last words were "we'll take good care of you" and they did! I am blessed to be a member of First Church. God is truly good!*

*"THANK YOU" to those who baked for the Neighborhood Center Election Day Bake Sale. Your efforts helped to raise \$ 1,007.88 to go toward college scholarships for Harrisburg students. Each year the Center awards at least two \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors. Because of these successful fundraising efforts, the Center hopes to help more than two seniors this year. Please mark your calendar for next November's election when we will be asking for help again.*

## Church News and Notes

### Special Birthdays

Charlie Ryder..... June 1	Romaine Lehman ..... June 24	Glenn Heller..... July 7
Bill Morland..... June 6	Beryl Morgan ..... June 30	Ruth Birbeck..... July 19
Thomas Hartsock ..... June 14	Bernadine Florey ..... July 2	Jack Koser..... July 22
Joe Moomaw ..... June 14	Bill Kelly ..... July 3	Harry Woods ..... July 27
Dolly Scholl ..... June 16	Gladys Peck..... July 4	Jean Adams ..... July 28
Joanne Reed..... June 23	Mildred Neagley ..... July 6	Lincoln Washburn ..... July 29
	Veloice Washburn ..... July 6	Betty Etter..... July 30

### Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Gerry & Darlis Aumiller married 58 years on June 7
- ♥ Jim & Shirley Russell married 52 years on June 7
- ♥ Dave & Sandy Coover married 58 years on June 14
- ♥ Paul & Liz Nesmith married 61 years on June 19
- ♥ Jack & Grace Koser married 63 years on June 20
- ♥ Marlin & Kay Simmons married 50 years on July 2
- ♥ Ron & Jane Handwerk married 55 years on July 8
- ♥ George & Jayne Carpenter married 58 years on July 19
- ♥ Ben & Carol Miller married 58 years on July 20
- ♥ Gary & Bonnie Klinger married 51 years on July 24

### Birth



**Joshua Scott**

*born to  
John & Lisa Aronson  
on  
April 25, 2015.*

## Help Needed—Low (no) pay but great rewards

### Childcare Greeter

Person needed to welcome the little ones and their parents before and during Sunday morning worship at 10:45 am. Opening available on the fourth Sunday each month. Contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado at 717-766-4611 ext 102 or [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)

### Childcare Provider

Persons needed to hang out with the little ones during Sunday morning worship at 10:45 am. Openings on the third and fifth Sundays each month. Contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado at 717-766-4611 ext 102 or [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)

### Childcare Provider

Persons needed to hang out with the little ones during Sunday morning worship at 8:15 am. Openings on the first, second, third and fifth Sundays each month. Contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado at 717-766-4611 ext 102 or [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)

### Flower Delivery Person

Persons needed to bring joy to church members by bringing them a bouquet of altar flowers on select Mondays throughout the year! Contact Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112.

### Wee Worship Leader

Person needed to share in special worship with small children. Materials for lessons provided. Opening available on the second Sunday each month. Contact Dawn Fisher or George Canonizado at 717-766-4611 ext 102 or [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)