

First News First

June 2018

Monthly News of First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

"Remember Your Baptism"

I've been thinking a lot about baptism lately. In worship over the past several weeks, we've celebrated several baptisms of children, youth, and adults. On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, we gathered around each member of our confirmation class. As parents, family members, and pastors laid hands on them, I called each of them by name and said, "Remember your baptism and be thankful." They had all been baptized as infants or small children. Obviously, they have no memory of that moment when a pastor sprinkled water on their heads, but we can all remember who we are as God's children.

The Daily Companion Bible that accompanies our "Be One. Make One. Discipleship Challenge," reminds us of the significance of water as we remember our baptisms:

Throughout history God has used water as a sign of salvation. During creation God brought order to the waters of chaos. God declared the covenant between God and God's people after saving Noah's family from the great flood. Over time God brought God's people safely through waters of the Reed Sea (also called the Red Sea) and the Jordan River, each time signaling salvation and reminding them of covenantal love. When Israel passed through the Jordan River into the land God had promised them, they entered into a whole new life.

For followers of Christ, water baptism is a sign of entrance into a whole new life with a new identity. The baptized are brought through the waters of death into covenantal life. In Christ, we are God's children whom God dearly loves. We have new life offered and a new hope to live into--we are claimed, we are made right, we are loved. (page 125, Daily Companion Bible)

Before we know anything about God or our need for God, God pursues us and makes a way for us. Summer days are filled with reminders of the rich symbolism of water. We think of a cool glass of ice water on a hot day. We think of a plunge into a swimming pool, or a dip in the lake or the ocean, or a refreshing shower. We think of rain watering summer gardens and green lawns. We think of plants and trees and crops growing in the rain-soaked soil. Our very lives depend on water.

This summer, as you experience cool, refreshing water, remember your baptism. Remember that God has claimed you, saved you, given you a whole new life in Christ. That's something to celebrate!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Denny



Lifelong Learner

BEONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.

Week 22: Theme ~ <i>Truth</i>			
May 28	<i>The Way, the Truth, and the Life</i> John 14:1-14; Romans 1:18-25		
May 29	<i>The Truth Will Set You Free</i> John 8:31-47; Psalm 119:30-32		
May 30	<i>Speaking the Truth</i> Exodus 20:16; Proverbs 12; Ephesians 4:1-25		
May 31	<i>Truth-Telling Prophets</i> Jonah 1-4; Daniel 4:1-27		
June 1	<i>The Spirit of Truth</i> John 15-17		
June 2	Relax & Reflect		
June 3	Worship		
Week 23: T	heme ~ <i>Holy Spirit</i>		
June 4	<i>The Spirit at Pentecost</i> Acts 2		
June 5	<i>Filled with the Spirit</i> Acts 4:1-37; Ephesians 5:17-18		
June 6	<i>Life, Breath, and Creativity</i> Genesis 1; Job 33:4; Psalm 104		
June 7	<i>God's Presence with Us</i> Psalms 51, 139		
June 8	<i>The Fruit of Life in the Spirit</i> Romans 8:5-17; Galatians 5:16-26		
June 9	Relax & Reflect		
June 10	Worship		
Week 24: T	heme ~ <i>Setting An Example</i>		
June 11	Recognizing the Moment Esther 1-5		
June 12	<i>No Matter the Cost</i> Daniel 1-3		
June 13	<i>Pass It On</i> Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Hebrews 11:1-12:2		
June 14	<i>Live Like Christ</i> Philippians 1:27-2:18		

June 15	<i>Set an Example</i> 1 Timothy 4:11-16; Matthew 5:13-16				
June 16	Relax & Reflect				
June 17	Worship				
Week 25: Theme ~ <i>Courage</i>					
June 18	<i>Courage to Go</i> Genesis 12:1-9, 17:1-8				
June 19	<i>Courage to Face a Giant</i> 1 Samuel 17:12-58				
June 20	<i>Courage to Lead</i> Joshua 1-4				
June 21	<i>Taking Courage</i> Judges 6:1-6, 7:1-25				
June 22	<i>Courage to Spread the Gospel</i> Acts 13:1-12, 14:21-28				
June 23	Relax & Reflect				
June 24	Worship				
Week 26:	: Theme ~ <i>Healing</i>				
June 25	Persistence and Faith Mark 10:46-52, 2:1-12				
June 26	Be Made Well John 5:1-15				
June 27	<i>Don't Be Afraid</i> Mark 5:21-43				
June 28	<i>The Name of Jesus</i> Acts 3:1-19				
June 29	<i>A Grateful Response</i> Luke 17:11-19; Psalm 103:1-6				
June 30	Relax & Reflect				
July 1	Worship				

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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:

- <u>Drop in!</u> 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.
- <u>Read a good book!</u> Order a copy of *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Love Your Church*, begin reading and join in a discussion group lead by church staff members. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings from June 20 July 25 from 6:45 8:00 p.m. in room 207. This book, based on research done by the Fuller Youth Institute, documents what the "bright spot" congregations they studied all have in common that helps them to reach young adults ages 18-29. Come to participate in creating a plan to ensure First Church's vitally in this area. Sign up for this discussion group at the display in the church lobby and order your book today at https://fulleryouthinstitute.org/growingyoung.
- 3. <u>Study online!</u> Lifeway Women is offering an <u>online</u> Bible study perfect for busy women. *God of Creation*, a 10-week study by Jen Wilkin, begins June 21. As you study Genesis 1-11 in detail, you will learn fundamental truths about God and fundamental truths about yourself. To participate in this study you will need to order a workbook (\$12.99) and register to receive the video teachings (free) at: *https://blog.lifeway.com/womenallaccess/2018/05/15/god-of-creation-online-bible-study-sign-up/?ecid=PDM122947&bid=1575961899.*
- 4. <u>Study on Sundays</u> when you are already here to worship! There are two options:
 - <u>Combined Adult Sunday School</u> 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.
 - <u>The Guyer Class</u>, 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.

June is typically thought of as a month for brides and romance. The library has three new romances on the shelf that should satisfy any romantic. First off the shelf is Kristin Billerbeck's **The Theory of Happily Ever After**. The central character is Dr. Maggie Maguire who is a scientist studying the causes and effects of happiness. She and her fiancée have written a book and have scheduled a book tour to promote the book. That's when things begin to go terribly wrong. Her fiancée breaks their engagement and almost immediately marries an acrobat. Maggie forgets about science as she tries to bury her pain with ice cream and Hallmark movies. Her friends have a plan to send her on a singles cruise around the Gulf of Mexico. Maggie thinks it's a great idea till they tell her she is scheduled to give some talks on her book. So will she leave her cabin on the cruise and let her heart be open to a new romance? Not to spoil the plot, but I will tell you to be ready for some laughing out loud moments as Ms. Billerbeck is a very witty writer!

Becky Wade is also one of my favorite romance writers because she is not afraid to tackle contemporary issues and she handles them with a Christian perspective. The library has the first two Bradford Sister romances, **True to You** and **Falling for You**. The first book is about Nora, a genealogist, who has had her heart so badly broken, she decides a book is better than a man any day. That is until former Navy Seal and Medal of Honor winner, John Lawson, asks her to help him research his family tree—do I really need to say more? Oldest sister Willow is the star of the second book. This romance starts with the usual love lost

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and love rediscovered, but what I like about the story is that it has a bit of mystery in its plot. Willow Bradford takes a break from her modeling career to run the family inn, and she finds herself enjoying the job until Corbin Stewart, NFL quarterback, who broke her heart, comes to the inn. He has returned to win her back. I am not going to spoil the plot of this book either. Most reviewers mentioned you should plan to clear your calendar, have plenty of chocolate handy, and let yourself be immersed in this book!

If romance books are not your genre, stop in the library and let a volunteer help you find just the right book.

The library will be having our annual book sale in conjunction with the UMW Sale on August 18th. This will be the only sale this year and we will accept gently used donations of adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles in July. This will be a great opportunity to swap you books for some other great reads!!! There will be NO book sale in November at the Little Friends silent auction. Thank you in advance for all your support!!!

See you in the library, Pam & Donna

Scholarships 2018-2019

The Board of Trustees of First Church manages three scholarship funds for church members enrolled in post-secondary education:

- (a) Comfort Education Fund, supporting certified candidates for ministry;
- (b) Betty Brandt Fund, supporting individuals with a defined physical or mental disability; and
- (c) Zimmerman Youth Scholarship Fund, supporting individuals who are/were active members of our Youth Department.

Scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 academic year are available now on line on the church website (www.fumchurch.com) or you can get one from Youth Pastor Lisa Aronson, Office Manager Kristin Brown or Trustee Representative Judi Buddenbaum. Applications are due to Judi Buddenbaum by Sunday, June 10th. You can put completed applications in Judi's mail box in the church narthex or drop them off in the church office, attention Judi B.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the 2018 Confirmation Class

Maya Bowen, Kevin Hammaker, Nathan Johnson, Dane Kurten, Hope McKenney, Jake O'Leary, Elijah Ometz, Liam Smith, Elizabeth Wertz, Luke Wertz.

Praying Follower

Love & sympathy...

to the family upon the death of Rachel (Bubb) Petrovich on April 24th. to the family upon the death of their daughter, Karen (Love) Hile. to the family upon the death of Lew Compton on May 5th. to the family upon the death of Carol Hutchison on May 15th.

to the family upon the death of Bill Kelly on May 16th.

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

-	June 3	Loves and Chalices
	July 1	Pew Service
	August 5	Loaves and Chalices
	September 2	Pew Service
World Communion	October 7	Loaves and Chalices
	November 4	Pew Service
First Sunday of Advent	December 2	Loaves and Chalices
Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00	December 24	Loaves and Chalices

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, June 24, 2018 4:00 PM Sunday, July 22, 2018 4:00 PM Sunday, August 26, 2018 4:00 PM

Summer Music

We are looking for special music for Worship during the summer months. If you are interested in providing a vocal or instrumental solo, or have a small ensemble that may be interested, please contact Jody Brinley at brynleawesties@comcast.net.

Re-Creation Concert in June!

First Church is excited to host 'Re-Creation' on **June 23 and June 24**. This team of talented performers travels across the United States to inspire and enhance the lives of hospitalized veterans with their uplifting performances. The group is known as 'America's ambassadors to hospitalized veterans,' as they have served across our nation in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans homes for 40 years. We have a special connection to this particular group, as Sharon and Rick Kauffman's granddaughter, Gabrielle, is one of the performers! Re-Creation will perform a high energy concert on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and will lead worship at both 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services. The free Saturday night concert will be advertised to the public with a special invitation to veterans. As we look forward to this wonderful opportunity, we will be asking for church members to serve **as hosts** to the cast members, provide a **ride** to local veterans and we will be planning an all church **pot luck dinner** before the Saturday evening concert.

- To host a cast member, contact Rick Kauffman at smkrak423@yahoo.com.
- To attend and bring a dish to share at the pot luck, contact Marcia Espenshade at mrespenshade@gmail.com. (see sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk).
- To provide a ride for a local veteran, contact Don Karns at dekarns@comcast.net.
- To learn more about the event, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

Pick up a postcard or poster to share with your neighbors and friends at the Re-Creation Display on the table across from the Welcome Desk. We look forward to sharing this amazing concert with our community and veterans!

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 June 20 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 **1,770** (\$17.70) pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of **\$13,059.83**. Thanks to all who are contributing for another great month! **Please keep the donations flowing and** *don't let the well run dry*.

Sierra Leone Mission Trip

There is still time to be part of the team going to Sierra Leone in January 2019. Current team members traveling in January are Tiffany Holland, Kristin Brown and Andy Irons. In order to get the best possible prices for airline tickets the deadline for signing up for this trip is June 15th. Consider joining the team and see first hand how our work with the Sierra Leone Initiative and the UMC impacts the lives of Sierra Leoneans. For more information contact Tiffany Holland, Sarah Jones or Kristin Brown.

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 June 20 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com.

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

Widows & Widowers

The widows/widowers group will dine at Mama Spriggs restaurant in Carlisle on Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Bonnie Guyer at (717) 766-0145 if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided upon request.

June Food Trucks Announced!

The **Food Trucks** are here again on Friday, June 15 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. The following trucks are confirmed for June: Mad Sandwiches, Mad Dash, Chicken Truck, Bountiful Feast, Up in Smoke, The Sweet Spot, and Ice Cream Express. Come for great food, music and fantastic fellow-ship! 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.

Senior Fellowship

All senior members are invited to come for a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Sanctuary Gathering area under the balcony on June 19, from 1-3 pm. Join us for a "Minister Mingle" as we visit with our beloved First Church ministers, past and present!!

Please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) for more information.

Opening Doors on Jubilee Day, June 21

Did you know that our church parking lot is open to the public for free parking on Jubilee Day? As a service to the community, we provide parking for a free-will donation to benefit the Youth Mission trip to Brooklyn, NY this summer. This is very popular for visitors to Jubilee Day, which is located in downtown Mechanicsburg, therefore, our parking lot is very busy that day! If you would like to help direct traffic, put flyers on the parked cars or direct people inside to the restrooms, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com for details. Thanks for helping us to open our doors to the community!



Generous Giver

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Financial Report—through April 30, 2018

33% of year

G	e	n	e	r	al	F	und	

2018 budget	\$ 945,000	
Expected income	\$ 311,850	
Actual income	\$ 300,762	(32% of budget)
Shortfall	\$ 11,088	
Actual expenses	\$ 306,926	

Homeland Hospice Casserole Program for Families

Since 2014, we have been supporting Homeland Hospice's casserole program by donating pre-made casseroles in the month of June as a gift to area families who are receiving hospice care. This is a wonderful way to connect with a need in our community for home-cooked comfort. Please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 766-4611 x 112) if you would like to prepare and donate a casserole. (We have disposable pans and more specific directions for you.) Thank you!

Share the Harvest

Back by popular demand, we invite you to share your harvest with others this summer! If you have extra flowers, fruits or vegetables to share, bring them to the coffee prep area (right hand turn at the end of the Main Entrance hallway) anytime this summer. If you don't have access to a garden, feel free to help yourself or share with a friend! Plastic bags are available for you to use. Remember to always, 'eat the rainbow' which is a simple way of reminding you that a variety of fruits and veggies in your diet will get you the vitamins and minerals you need. If you have questions, contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 766-4611, ext. 112.

Vacation Bible School Snacks

If you would like to donate a snack for VBS 2018, we are collecting the following: Goldfish crackers, Cheez-its, iced or chocolate animal crackers, fruit snacks, and TastyKakes (chocolate, vanilla, butter-scotch; no peanut butter). Please place donations in marked collection baskets by June 11th. Thank you!!

June Blood Drives

June 1 8am to 7pm - Fox Center, 120 S. Filbert St., 17055

June 2 10am to 3pm - Silver Spring Presbyterian, 444 Silver Spring Rd. 17055

June 4 3pm to 7pm - Eureka/West Shore Lodge, 910 S. Market St., 17055

June 7 10:30am to 3:30pm – Technology Parkway, 2020 Technology Park, 17050

June 12 3pm to 7pm – Denny's on the Carlisle Pike

June 16 12pm to 5pm – Appalachian Harley Davidson, 6695 Carlisle Pike, 17050

June 23 8am to 12pm – Shiremanstown First Church of God, 35 S. Locust St., Shiremanstown 17011

June 27 2pm to 6pm – Keystone Elder Law, 555 Gettysburg Pike, 17055

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

MARY CIRCLE

Janice Bowen ~ we care @fumchurch.com

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 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 Held in September

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) 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: Make sure to check out the Women's Retreat Photo Album located in the Women's Ministry Display Window. Thank you Margie Mengle for this beautiful memento of our retreat!
MOPS Outings:

June 8 - Olewine Nature Center at Wildwood Park, 9:30 to 11:30 am June 22 - Adventure Park Playground at Vibrant Church, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Room

Mission University, held at Bucknell University, July 12 to 14; MissionU Express at Chambers Hill UM Church, July 28. Scholarships available. Contact Lori Hoffnagle to register at outreach@fumchurch.com.

School Supply collection for Yard Sale, look for collection box beginning of July!

SAVE THE DATE The annual UMW Sale and Library Book Sale will take place on **August 18th** from 8-12 in the church parking lot. Sign-ups start on July 1st. Email (djnichols43@hotmail.com) Donna Nichols to sign up. More details next month.

Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk on December 15.

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

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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 June 20) 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 (theeaton5@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, June 2 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

Men's Fellowship Activity

In May, 25 men from First UMC headed to Baltimore to enjoy a baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Philadelphia Phillies! It was a little wet but the mix of fans for both teams all enjoyed a great day of fun and fellowship together! Watch the newsletter and bulletin boards for more events/opportunities coming soon.



Church News and Notes

Special Birthdays

Bill Morland	June 6
Thomas Hartsock	June 14
Joe Moomaw	June 14
Dolly Sholl	June 16
Caroline Brown	June 21
Joanne Reed	June 23
Beryl Morgan	June 30

Special Anniversaries

- Bob & Cheryl Erikson married 51 years on June 2
- Gerry & Darlis Aumiller married 60 years on June 7
- David & Sandra Coover married 60 years on June 14
- Paul & Liz Nesmith married 63 years on June 19
- Jack & Grace Koser married 65 years on June 20
- 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

Thank you...

Thank You from a Neighbor

We received the following note from one of our neighbors: "Just a little note to thank you for hosting the food truck events. With tables, chairs, and even pots of flowers provided by you, it is a nice place to enjoy food and talk with other residents."

Ben Miller and family would like to thank our church family for visits, food, cards, prayers and acts of kindness during Carol's illness and death.

Help Needed...

The First Church office ministry needs your help! Our office manager will be answering the call to mission when she attends the Sierra Leone Annual Conference and the Sierra Leone Partners Conference in Sierra Leone in 2019. She is looking for someone with computer skills to fill in while she is away, late January, early February 2019. Knowledge of Microsoft Power Point and Publisher is helpful. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Kristin Brown at office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 as soon as possible.

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