



# *First News First*

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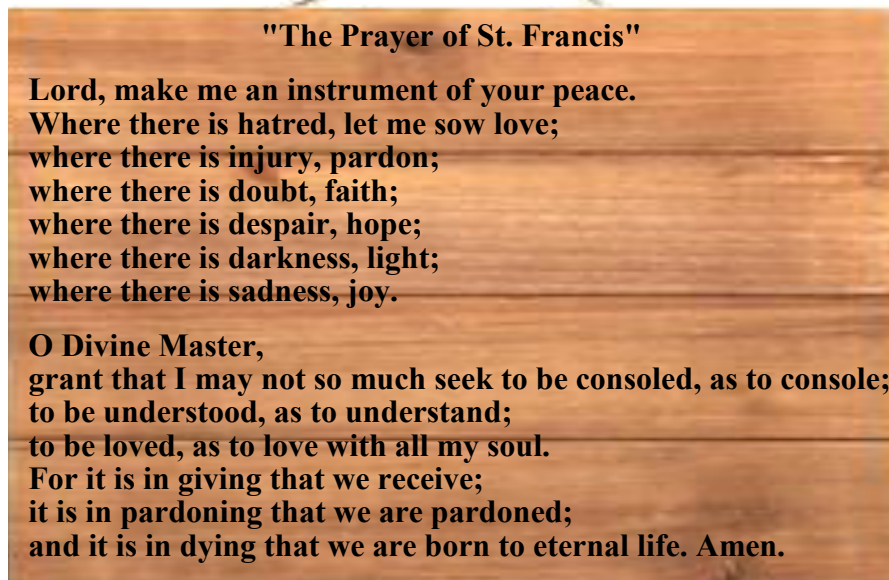
*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another  
and Our Neighbors*

**From Pastor Denny...**

## **"A Prayer for Peace "**

As a child at Grace Church in Carlisle, I sang in the Junior Choir. Every spring, no matter the quality of a child's voice, or how he or she had behaved during rehearsals, all of us received a gift. After completing one year, each child was given a wooden cross with a black chord, which we proudly wore with our choir robes. At the end of year two, the gift was a red chord to attach, along with the black chord, to the wooden cross. After three years, we received a small silver cross to wear with our choir robes. Over all of these years, I've hung onto those crosses and the chords. They remind me of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Kauffman, who instilled in generations of kids like me a love of praising God.

I've also kept the gift we all received for completing four years in Junior Choir. It was a plaque with this prayer printed on it:



That plaque has been on a wall in every place I've lived since the age of 12. It was on the wall of my bedroom as a teenager, in college dorm rooms and seminary apartments, and in my study in every place I've served. This prayer is relevant in every time and place. We live in a world in which individuals, households, communities, and nations are broken by division, hostility and heartache.

Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, "...let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) This bold prayer shows us just how to do that! Take a few moments to pray this prayer, and look for opportunities each day to let the light of love shine in all the places God calls you to be. As we join with Jesus in the good things he calls us to do, it truly does bring glory to him!

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..."

Pastor Denny

## Lifelong Learner



### 2019 Daily Bible Reading Plan

Join us on this adventure as we read through the Bible together using this plan, which has been specifically designed to go along with the sermon series schedule for 2019. Simply visit the Welcome Center display, pick up a reading plan and begin reading! Then come to worship to enjoy the sermons and participate in a Bible study using this plan to dig deeper and grow closer to God. Need a Bible? You can pick one up with the reading plan at the Welcome Center display.

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study ~ “Catch Your Breath”

This study is based on our worship sermon series. Come to dig deeper into scripture using your sermon notes and the daily Bible reading plan, which you can pick up at the Welcome Center display.

When: May 1 through June 5 from 6:45 – 8:00 pm

Where: Room B004

Leader: Senior Pastor Dennis Keller

### Sunday School Classes

Classes for adults (and your children and youth) meet Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Look in the weekly bulletin for more details regarding all class choices.

### Summer Camps, Retreats and Events

Get your registrations in now to hold your place for some of the very best life-changing and relationship building experiences available. Registrations can be done on-line through the conference website: [<http://www.susumcamps.org>] or by picking up a brochure available in the main lobby area. Additional forms are also available in the lobby for you to share how you would like to support the camping ministries this year. First Church will pay for **half** camp fees upon request.

**NOTE:** Please provide registration confirmations to the camp coordinators so that everyone that goes to camp (regardless of age) receives a prayer partner and that financial payments (if needed) are addressed in a timely manner.

So, how can you help this to be the "best camping year" ever?

- 🔥 Attend a camp, retreat or event this year.
- 🔥 Be a prayer partner for a camper.
- 🔥 Provide financial assistance to support a camper or camp program.
- 🔥 Help with a work camp at one of the camp sites.

**Questions, contact:** Deb Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or Amy Ogden at [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com)

Participating and supporting camping and retreats helps us individually and collectively to grow our roots deeper into the word so as to better branch out and connect with others within our fellowship and our community. Please be in prayer and ask how you can participate in the Camping and Retreat ministries this year - whether by your attendance, your financial gifts, your prayer support or other unique gifts.

### Library

It has been more years than I care to admit since I saw Camelot at the movies where they sang about “the Merry Month of May”, but every year when May arrives that phrase comes up in my mind. I hope May is a merry month since we have had so much rain and so many dreary days this year. As always, the library has many books that offer uplifting messages, and here are some new ones for May.

If you know me, you know I don’t usually read Amish fiction—I need stories with higher adrenaline. But while processing Beverly Lewis’s latest book, *The Tinderbox*, I found the summary on the back of the book very intriguing. And before I even get to the intriguing part, I read in the reviews that all the secrets in this book won’t be revealed as there is a sequel planned for September. As always, Ms. Lewis is writing about the Amish of Lancaster County. Nineteen-year-old Sylvia Miller came across her father’s brass tinderbox that he has always kept locked in his clock making shop. Even though she knows she shouldn’t, Sylvia snoops in the box. What she finds threatens to blow up her relationship with her father, her parents’ twenty-year marriage, the family standing in the Amish Order and maybe even Sylvia’s impending mar-

riage to the Bishop's grandson. It must be one powerful secret to cause this much trouble to a community that values forgiveness. If you are as curious as I am, check out this book but plan to come back for book two in September!

Author Patricia Bradley has broken the pattern of writing just three books in her series by continuing with book four in the Memphis Cold Case series. Justice Delivered is about the ugly sex trafficking business right here in our country. Carly Smith has been a victim who managed to escape. Rejected by her own family and ignored by professionals who were supposed to help her, Carly has trust issues. Carly has earned her counselor's degree and works tirelessly to help other women in crisis. Eight years after her escape her own niece is abducted, and Carly plans to catch the perpetrators and free her niece. Along with the suspense of this book is also a romance between Carly and a long-forgotten boyfriend who she has to rely on to help her in her quest. Many reviewers have said they read this book in one day, but since I don't know if this series will continue, maybe you should pace yourself.

I realize neither of these books is very "merry", but they are great reads. If you need something more light-hearted or just a different genre, stop in the library and let one of our volunteers find just the right book for you.

See you in the library.

Pam and Donna

## Praying Follower



### National Day of Prayer

First Church is hosting a gathering on the National Day of Prayer, and all are invited to come for a brief time to prayer together. PA State Representative Sheryl Delozier will be joining us! The theme and focus this year is Love One Another (John 13:34). Together let's exercise one of our most precious freedoms... the right to gather, turn to God and pray.

When: Thursday, May 2nd at 12:00 pm

Where: Outside by the flagpole  
(or in the sanctuary if it is raining)

*Cannot attend? Pray from your home or place of work. Prayer guides are available at the Welcome Center display and on our website, [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com).*

### Moms in Prayer

This small group of mothers and grandmothers meets every Monday that Mechanicsburg schools are in session. No prayer experience is required and the child for which you are praying can be any age/any stage of life.

When: Monday evenings, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Where: Prayer Room (2nd floor elevator landing)

Leader: Deb Noss

### Wednesday Walks

Join us beginning May 8 for Wednesday Prayer Walks in the neighborhoods surrounding First Church. Come to immerse our community in prayer and listen for the voice of God in order to discern His desires for us and for the people of Mechanicsburg.

When: May 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:00-6:45 pm

Where: Gather at the church flagpole and go from there!

*We will gather inside the church for prayer if it is raining outside.*

## 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

	May 5	Pew Service
	June 2	Loaves and Chalice
	July 7	Pew Service
	August 4	Loaves and Chalice
	September 1	Pew Service
World Communion	October 6	Loaves and Chalice
	November 3	Loaves and Chalice
First Sunday of Advent	December 1	Pew Service
Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00	December 24	Loaves and Chalice

### Easter Season Sermon Series - "Catch Your Breath"

Do you remember the last time you had to catch your breath? Perhaps you were winded from walking up a steep flight of stairs. Perhaps someone startled you, or you frantically searched for a child who'd wandered away in a crowded place. You remember the experience – your heart is pounding, your lungs gasping for air. Then, as deep breaths fill your lungs, your heart rate slows down, your body recovers, you are ready to move on.

This Easter Season, we're going to explore worship as an invitation to slow down, breathe deeply, and be refreshed by the presence of the Risen Christ. As a deep breath fills your lungs with life-giving oxygen, the stories of Jesus will invite you to fill your life with life-giving good news.

#### **April 28: In Times of Fear - John 20:19-30**

There are many things that keep us locked in fear. Finances, broken relationships, addictions, the unknown, our past, the list can go on and on. We all have fears. Even when we are locked in the room of our fears, Jesus breathes new life into us!

#### **May 5: In Times of Exhaustion - John 21:1-19**

Are you expected to do more work in the same amount of time? Are you overwhelmed by all that needs to be done in your professional, personal, church and volunteer life? Most of us are exhausted by all of life's demands. Just when we think we have nothing left to give, Jesus offers us nourishment and restores all that we need!

#### **May 12: In Times of Doubt - John 20:24-30**

Life after death? Touching the wounds of a risen man? Miracles at the sea? If it is hard to believe, you are not alone. Many of us wrestle with our doubts and question our faith and even God. Even the angriest doubters are invited to come to Jesus and bring their questions to him. Even during our doubts, Christ calls us into relationship and invites us to believe!

#### **May 19: In Times of Loneliness - John 13:31-35**

We can be surrounded by people and still feel incredibly lonely. We can experience abandonment by loved ones and betrayal. At times we all wonder if we are in the world alone as an individual or if we are connected to one another by something bigger and deeper. Even amid these struggles, Christ calls us into a powerful community that is based on loving one another!

### May 26: In Times of Suffering - John 5:1-9

Do you want to be made well? After years of suffering and isolation, Jesus asks this powerful question and invites the paralyzed man into the pool of healing waters. When we get news of suffering in our world, it takes our breath away. In this Easter season Christ invites you to catch your breath and receive the blessings of his healing.

### June 2: In Times of Division - John 17:20-26

Lost friends or family members when discussing politics? Can't agree on the little things let alone the big national and global issues? We live in a divided time. Jesus shows a better way, a way of unity that brings us together!



## Dedicated Missionary

The Missions Committee invites you to join in mission work! Next Missions Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.

If you are planning to go on a short-term mission trip, please feel free to complete the application for financial assistance found on our website at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com), under the Missions tab. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

### Monthly Mission Opportunities:

**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 May 15 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at [eeking@verizon.net](mailto:eeking@verizon.net) for more information.

**Isaiah 61 Ministries ~ Serving those less fortunate** — 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, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. A carpool leaves from First Church at 6:00 p.m. for those who are interested. To volunteer, contact Tiffany Holland at [tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com).

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

This past month 2,650 “pennies” (\$26.50) were contributed to the Well Drilling Fund for Sierra Leone. Thank you to everyone!! Every penny helps so keep dropping your loose change into the **Change for Water** Bucket. One hundred percent (100%) of your donations are used to provide training and dig wells that supply safe drinking water for schools and communities in Sierra Leone. **You can even throw in “paper” change ~ they’re the best!!**

### Missions in Sierra Leone

What’s next for our partnership with Calvary UMC in Taiama? Well, we’re glad you asked. While the work of building relationships is vital to the impact on and growth of the church in Sierra Leone, we know that many of you see mission work as performing physical labor. So we are excited to share with you an opportunity for our church to do some “hands on” work in Sierra Leone.

We have received the “thumbs up” from Bishop John Yambasu to proceed with organizing a joint effort between First Church and Calvary Church, Taiama to paint the exterior of the church. This is a big task and many hands are needed.

Tentative trip dates are March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>. Information, such as individual cost, team cost, required vaccinations and documents, will be available at the **Missions in Sierra Leone** table in the tower hallway soon. If you are interested in being part of this effort, please let us know. Brief meetings will be held following each service on May 19th in the multipurpose room.

Not able or feeling called to travel to Sierra Leone. We still need you!!! We so appreciate your prayers



above all else. We will doing fundraising to help with the cost and donations are always welcome. Please designate donations to “Sierra Leone Mission Trip”.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Tiffany Holland, Kristin Brown or Sarah Jones with any questions.

### **Mission Opportunity for Young Adults**

The Global Mission Fellows Program is a 2-year mission opportunity for young adults ages 20-30. Young adults are invited to engage with the local communities, connect the church in mission, and grow in personal and social holiness. This program allows for transformation and leadership development to take place while addressing root causes of social injustices with other young people from around the world.

To learn more about the Global Missions Fellow program, visit their website at:

<https://www.umcmmission.org/Get-Involved/Generation-Transformation/GMF>.



### ***Relationship Builder***

#### **Widows and Widowers Group**

The widows/widowers group will dine at Snapper's restaurant on Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30 p.m. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer. Transportation will be provided upon request.

#### **First Connections Gathering**

The next First Connections time for fellowship will be held on Thursday, May 16th in the Tower Meeting Room (2nd floor children's Sunday School wing). Please join us between 1-3 pm to simply relax and visit with some First Church friends! Questions or need a ride? Ask - Janice Bowen at WeCare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112

#### **Food Trucks Return for 2019!**

We are pleased to announce the return of the Third Friday Food Trucks at First Church, starting May 17 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be 6 to 7 trucks scheduled for each month. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors, build relationships, and enjoy great food! The trucks scheduled for May are Mad Dash, Soul Burrito, Up in Smoke, It's All Greek, Lucky Penny Burger Co., Sugar Whipped and Kona Ice. We can always use help with set up, clean up and parking lot attendants. If you would like to help in any way, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. See you in May!

#### **Ecumenical Choir Concert**

The music community invites you to the Annual Ecumenical Concert on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 400 East Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg. The choir will be directed by Eric Dundore with several members of First Church participating. There will be a freewill offering to support New Hope Ministries. All are welcome to attend this uplifting concert!

#### **Re-Creation Returns in June!**

First Church is excited to once again welcome Re-Creation, America's ambassadors to hospitalized veterans, for their high energy patriotic concert on Saturday, June 22 and for worship on June 23. The Saturday concert will feature “Classic” a new show featuring the best in American music with a grand Patriotic Finale! The Sunday worship is “a celebration of faith and confidence in God's Mighty Love.” The concert is free and open to the public. Please feel free to invite your neighbors and friends and especially, Veterans to this concert.

We will once again be looking for host families to provide overnight accommodations for the members of the group. If you are interested in hosting or have questions, please contact Rick Kauffman at smkrak423@yahoo.com or Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. Hope to see you there!

#### **Community Day in the Park, August 10**

The Mechanicsburg Borough and community churches present Community Day in the Park on Saturday, August 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park. There will be children's activities, bounce houses, free admission to the pool, food trucks, Washington Fire Company Chicken

BBQ, vendors and much more! First Church is one of the sponsors of the event. Come out for a fun day in the park and meet our neighbors! Questions about Community Day or if you want to be a vendor, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).



## Generous Giver

### Financial Report—through March 31, 2019 25% of year

<b>General Fund</b>	
2019 budget	\$ 970,000
Actual income	\$ 231,391
Projected income	\$ 231,095
Actual expenses	\$ 212,554

**Electronic Giving** ~ Before we enter the summer vacation and travel season, a great way to make sure you are current with your pledge is to sign up for electronic payments. It's easy and secure and you can change at any time, if necessary. Forms are available in the Welcome area or at the church office.

### May Blood Drives

May 5	7:30am to 12:30pm	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – 310 Hertzler Rd., Mechanicsburg, 17055
May 5	8:30am to 11:30am	Christ Presbyterian Church – 421 Deerfield Rd., Camp Hill, 17011
May 10	8am to 4pm	Cumberland Valley High School (Eagle Lobby), 6746 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, 17050
May 11	10am to 2pm	Benny's Pet Depot, 5202 Simpson Ferry Rd., Mechanicsburg, 17055
May 15	12pm to 4pm	West Shore Hospital, 2015 Technology Center, Mechanicsburg, 17050
May 16	4pm to 7pm	Buffalo Wild Wings on the Carlisle Pike
May 17	8am to 7pm	Fox Center, 120 South Filbert St., Mechanicsburg, 17055
May 17	12pm to 5pm	GreekFest, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 1000 Yverdon Dr. Camp Hill, 17011
May 29	3pm to 7pm	Century 21 Realty, 3315 Market St., Camp Hill, 17011

### Special Giving Sunday, May 5 – Native American Ministries Sunday

The Native American Ministries Sunday offering supports Native American outreach within annual conferences, provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans and strengthens, develops and equips Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities. At First Church, we participate in this Special Giving Sunday through our Missions Budget. We thank you for your support of Native American Ministries Sunday!

### New Hope Ministries Feed-A-Friend Challenge!

During the month of May, the Missions Team invites you to the Feed-A-Friend Challenge for New Hope! In response to New Hope's great need for particular food items, we are asking specific groups to collect the following:

Adult Sunday School Class:	canned tuna and canned chicken
Youth Sunday School:	peanut butter
Children's Sunday School:	boxed macaroni and cheese

Collection boxes will be placed in each department. We challenge each group to collect **100 items!** The winning group will get a special treat.

New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts towards stability. For more information about the Feed-A-Friend, visit the New Hope website at: <https://nhm-pa.org/>.

If you have questions, contact Debbie or Don Karns at [deborahkarns1@gmail.com](mailto:deborahkarns1@gmail.com). Thanks for helping us to help our neighbors in need!

# Women's Ministry

Any and all women are invited to participate in upcoming events and activities. This page gives you an overview of all the ways to connect. More information can be conveniently found in other parts of the newsletter or feel free to contact the person involved with the event. The Women's Ministry Facebook page has been created! Look for it on our FB page titled "First Church Women's Ministry" and feel free to join!

## United Methodist Women

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

Sandy Walton ~ swalton54@comcast.net  
meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

### MARTHA CIRCLE

Marley Ann Schmick ~ marleyannrichard@gmail.com  
meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

### RUTH CIRCLE

Joan Mains ~ mains.joan@yahoo.com  
meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at Hoss's in  
Mechanicsburg

### COVERED IN LOVE

Sandy Bennetch ~ dsebennetch@comcast.net  
meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 in  
Fellowship Hall

### SQUARES AND PRAYERS

Nancy Eddy ~ naeddy3@aol.com  
meets Mondays, 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall

### KNIT@NITE ~ ALL LEVELS OF KNITTERS WELCOME

Mary Helm ~ mthelm4@yahoo.com  
meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Tower  
Meeting Room

## Other Opportunities to Connect

### DAY OF PAMPERING

Karin McHale ~ karinmch@comcast.net

### LADIES' OVER 80 TEA

Janice Bowen ~ wecare@fumchurch.com  
**September 18**

### MOMS IN PRAYER

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

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Next Outing ~ April 26 at Game Table Café  
Next meeting ~ May 17 at 9:15 am  
Tina Eaton ~ adultministry@fumchurch.com

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Patti Herring ~ familyzeke@verizon.net

### 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

## Upcoming Events:

**July 11 to 13** Mission U 2019

Join us as we take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, learn about Our Faith Response to our Money and hear the inspiring story of women organized for mission, July 11 to 13, Bucknell University. Express Day is July 27 at Chambers Hill UM Church. All women are invited to attend. New this year, WAR (Women at Risk) will be selling items during the breaks. For details and scholarship information, contact Lori Hoffnagle, First Church UMW President at outreach@fumchurch.com.

**August 17** Annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale, 8:00 am to noon

**November 24** World Thank Offering and Mission Meal

**December 14** Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



# MEN'S MINISTRY

## Men of First Church

New Video Series starting in May! All men are welcome to join the men's monthly small group meetings as we begin a new video series in May. On Wednesday, May 15 the men will begin watching and discussing the video series, "Kingdom Man" by Dr. Tony Evans. This study challenges men to fully understand their position under God, as well as their position over what God has given them. The May 15 meeting will be held at the Eaton home from 8-9:30pm, and the series will continue on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, with 6 videos in total. Contact Barry Eaton ([theeaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theeaton5@verizon.net)) or John Bowen ([bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com)) if you have questions or would like more information.



## 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, May 4 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](mailto:dekarns@comcast.net)

## Church News and Notes

### Thank you...

*Dear Friends,*

*We want to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers at this time. To Pam and her volunteers for the very nice luncheon. To Rev. Keller and other church staff who helped to make the event run well. God Bless ~ The Kohr Family*

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*Devon Betz wishes to thank fellow Church members who supported her with prayers, cards and extensions of sympathy upon the passing of her mother, Joan Hughes, in late March. Devon is so appreciative for the love and support she felt, especially in the last few months of Joan's life. Additionally, Devon wants the members of the Geyer Class and the women of Ruth Circle to know how much Joan (and Devon) appreciated their kindnesses. Both groups warmly welcomed Joan into their folds when she moved to Mechanicsburg in 2009.*

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*I would like to thank our Christian Family for the support, prayers, and cards during my mother's recent illness and subsequent death. I would also like to thank our pastors for the love and care they gave Mom and the family during this difficult time. I felt the love of Christ from each of you and it meant so much. ~ Donna Nichols*

### Special Birthdays

Milton Dougherty.....	May 8	Buddy Miller .....	June 4
Annabelle Elder.....	May 10	Bill Morland .....	June 6
Jane Gunder.....	May 11	Thomas Hartsock.....	June 14
Grace Gensler.....	May 12	Joe Moomaw .....	June 14
Donald Heiges.....	May 16	Dolly Scholl.....	June 16
Vesta Rynard.....	May 18	Caroline Brown .....	June 21
Helen Kane.....	May 23	Joanne Reed.....	June 23
		Beryl Morgan .....	June 30

### Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Bob & Cheryl Erikson married 52 years on June 2
- ♥ Gerry & Darlis Aumiller married 61 years on June 7
- ♥ Bob & Donna D'Agostino married 50 years on June 7
- ♥ Paul & Liz Nesmith married 64 years on June 19
- ♥ Jack & Grace Koser married 66 years on June 20



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Early submissions always  
appreciated!

**May 15**