

First News First

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

From the Pastor's Desk....

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Dedicated
Missionary



Generous Giver 8 Our bell tower repair project is underway! I've been so impressed by the courage, teamwork and skill of those who brave the heights to erect scaffolding and begin the masonry work. Standing on the sidewalk, looking upward, I'm reminded of why this project is so important.

First, the repair is urgently needed. Our Board of Trustees has been monitoring the deterioration of our 110-year-old bell tower for over a decade. Last fall, we met with Witmer Construction, which specializes in church masonry work. They showed us photographic evidence, of the degradation, which many of you have seen. To preserve our historic bell tower for the coming years and to ensure the safety of all who pass by, we could no longer wait to undertake this project.

The bell tower is an important landmark. First Church's tower has stood for more than a century and is a constant reminder of our presence in the community. It is, perhaps, the most recognizable feature of our building. That's why when we were developing a new logo for church publications a few years ago, we chose the image of our bell tower. Our hope is that when people see that logo, it reminds them of our role as a vital, active congregation that continues to serve Mechanicsburg and beyond.

Years ago, the bell in the tower rang out whenever the doors of the church were open for worship. The bell also rang on other occasions – funerals of beloved saints, calls to prayer amid national crises, and special celebrations. We no longer ring the bell (for safety reasons), but if you are nearby at certain times each day, you can hear our carillon playing hymns. Imagine how many passersby have heard the music and turned their attention toward God. I know that, on many days, I have.

The tower is also a biblical symbol of who God is and who we are as His people. Proverbs 18:10 tells us, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run to it and are safe." We find comfort in His might and protection. Similarly, the tower reminds us of our calling. In Colossians 4:2, Paul instructs us, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." I don't see any of us clim-

bing the scaffolding to the top of the tower, but I do picture us all being watchful, holding the needs of our community and our world in prayer, serving in Jesus' name.

When our church was first designed, some might have looked at the plans and asked, "Why such a tall tower? Do we need it? Can we afford it?" Thankfully, they moved forward and completed this beautiful structure. Today it continues to glorify God and remind our community that the church is present and serving, offering the hope of Jesus Christ to all.

Thank you for your prayers over the next few months as the repairs continue. And, thank you for your generous support, so our bell tower will stand for generations to come!

Watching, praying, and serving with you, Pastor Denny



New Sermon Series

I Believe: A Journey Through the Apostles' Creed

Each Sunday, congregations around the world stand and recite the Apostles' Creed. Many of us have repeated these words countless times and might know them by heart. Sometimes, the words flow out of our mouths so effortlessly that we don't even think about their meaning. Yet, knowing these ancient words have shaped so much of our faith and lives.

Beginning Sunday, April 30, join us for a new seven-week series exploring the Apostles' Creed. We pray that your faith and your life will be strengthened as we focus on what Christians believe and why.

April 30	I believein God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
May 7	I believein Jesus Christ Holy Communion
May 14	I believein the Holy Spirit. Mother's Day
May 21	I believein the holy catholic church.
May 28	I believe In the communion of the saints. Confirmation Sunday, Pentecost
June 4	I believeIn the forgiveness of sins. Holy Communion
June 11	I believein the life everlasting. Amen. Reception of New Members

Lifelong Learner



Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Whether you are just beginning to explore faith, growing as a disciple or becoming a fully devoted follower, there is always something new to learn on our journey with Jesus. First Church is here to help by providing a variety of offerings for your next faithful step:

• Daily Bible Reading Plan

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

• Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Looking for learning and relationship-building while you are at church for worship on Sundays? You can find details on all new studies happening during Sunday School on our church website. There are several groups to choose from and you can drop in anytime:

- Christian Fellowship Currently studying "Romans: In the Grip of Grace" by Max Lucado. Meets in room B003. Contact Wayde Leister (waydeleister@outlook.com) for more information.
- Growing in Christ Currently doing a chapter-by-chapter study of the Book of Romans. Meets in Fellowship Hall. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) if interested.
- ♦ Guyer Class Currently studying "The Life of Faith", the United Methodist adult curriculum for spring. Meets in room 125. Contact Steve Noss (sdppp@msn.com) for more details.

- Helping Hands Class Currently studying "The Life of Faith", the United Methodist adult curriculum for spring. Meets in room B004. Contact Bob Wertz, Sr. (robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com) to learn more.
- ♦ Young Adult Class Currently studying "When the Game is Over it all Goes Back in the Box" by John Ortberg. Meets in room 216. Contact John and Janice Bowen (bowenhome720@gmail.com) for more information.
- Wednesday Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8-9:30 p.m.

 Join a group of First Church men as they start a new study on May 3 at the home of Barry Eaton. In this five-session study, "Faith Commander," Korie Robertson and Chrys Howard (of the hit television show, Duck Dynasty) discuss some of the Bible's most beloved parables and how their lessons apply to your life. Contact Barry (theeaton5@verizon.net) if interested.
- Wednesday Bible Study | April 26 through June 7, 1:30 2:45 p.m.Fellowship Hall Currently studying "When God's Spirit Moves" by Jim Cymbala, (long-time pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle). Join us in Fellowship Hall as we explore the person and work of the Holy Spirit, how to make room for the Spirit's action in your life, and how to listen for the voice of the Spirit in prayer. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) to learn more.

From the Library

I hope this newsletter finds you while enjoying some spring weather. I say that tongue in cheek, as this week in Pennsylvania we will enjoy some July-like temperatures. I am never sure what to expect until it happens. That's I always urge you to take two books from the library. You never know if you'll be reading in your recliner while it rains or on your porch enjoying the sunshine. Now that I have issued the weather alerts, let me tell you about some new books you might want to check out in May.



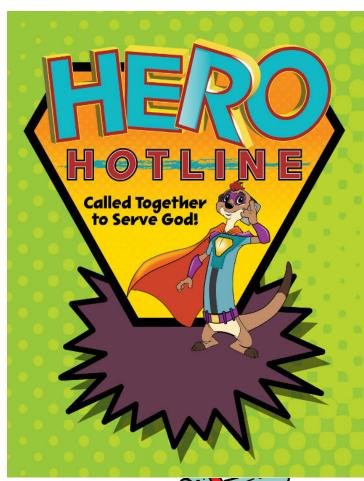
Tricia Goyer is a long-time a favorite in our library. Her earlier books were historical fiction, but now she seems to be focusing on Amish fiction set in Montana, which is also change from Pennsylvania or Ohio. The library has her first two books in the series. *Beyond the Gray Mountains* and *On the Golden Cliffs* are both ready for checkout. As with most of the Amish books on the shelf, these are romances. But, this unique romance is between someone who is in the Amish community and someone who is not. One reviewer mentioned that they liked the seeing how people with seemingly-opposing lifestyles can be work together if God is at the center of their relationship. Many readers also love the lush scenery of each novel. I'll let you check it out and decide if these opposites will work out.

Natalie Walters is wrapping up her "SNAP Agency" series with *Blind Trust*. The main character, Lyla Fox, has a reputation in the SNAP Agency as being impulsive to the point of recklessness. When she receives a threatening letter from someone she put in prison, she goes on the hunt to discover what he plans to do. Her coworker, Nicolas Garcia, agrees to help her, but he's greatly concerned about her over-the-top reactions. Working with Lyla has not only put a target on his back, but his heart as well. I won't spoil the plot or the ending, but I recommend reading this series in order to get all the details that are woven into each plot.

If neither of those books are your cup of tea, stop in the library and let one of our helpful volunteers direct you to a special book for you!

See you in the library!

Pam, Donna, Mary, Sue, Deb, Marge, and Annette



VBS 2023
July 17-21
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join Super Meer the Meerkat and learn what it means to be a true hero!

Registration is now open! Sign up on Church Center by May 31 and receive a free CD!

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Visit suscrm.org to register and see a complete list of 2023 camps!

We need prayer partners to encourage our campers starting in June!

GROW IN FAITH // MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS ENJOY NATURE // HAVE FUN

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Sibling Discount - Register the one at full price, and additional siblings receive a \$15 discount.

Invite-a-Friend Gift - Invite a friend who has never been to camp and receive a special gift after they register.

Financial Assistance - First Church will pay half of your camp fees!

TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Financial assistance for campers
- · Details on discounts
- What to expect at camp
- Becoming a prayer partner
- Volunteering as a camp dean, nurse or counselor
- Working at camp
- Campsite workdays

CONTACT OUR FIRST CHURCH CAMP COORDINATORS!

DEB NOSS: SDPPP@MSN.COM **AMY ORTIZ:** AMY.OGDEN7@GMAIL.COM

Camp and Retreat Ministry Job Opportunities!

Our Susquehanna Conference camps are looking for summer staff! Would you prayerfully consider accepting a position for the summer or sharing them with someone who would? Visit suscrm.org for job descriptions, salary information, site details and perks!

Praying Follower



National Day of Prayer Gathering | Thursday, May 4, 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us on the Community Green Space Patio for an hour of guided prayer for our community, our schools, our businesses, our government and military, our country and its leaders. No registration is required. In the event of rain, this gathering will be held inside the church sanctuary. If you cannot attend that day but would like a prayer guide, or if you have questions, contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 104).

Passionate Worshipper



"Rejoice, Believers!": 2023 Handbell Choir Concert | Sunday, May 7, 7 p.m.

The First Church Praise Ringers will perform their free annual concert in our sanctuary. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to enjoy beautiful music, refreshments and fellowship!

Ecumenical Choir Concert | Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m.

The Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches will host its 34th annual Ecumenical Choir Concert at St. Joseph Catholic Church. This choir features more than 110 voices from over 40 local churches. The concert is free, but donations will be collected for New Hope Ministries.

Spotify Playlist

On the first Wednesday of each month, we release a new monthly playlist on Spotify. Search for First UMC of Mechanicsburg, and click on the playlist titled Where Words Fail, Music Speaks. For non-Spotify users, click this link to listen to the playlist: https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5rbHE-YEfHei97cUl8rjwNJ?si=qzOB7cTVRg6iAU1L4BY2hA



Dedicated Missionary



Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Isaiah 61 Ministries serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County through a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and life groups. First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. If you have any questions or would like to carpool, please contact Tiffany Holland (tholland1967@gmail.com).

2023 Youth Mission Trip

On the night of Dec. 10, 2021, residents in Mayfield, Kentucky, were awoken by one of the worst tornadoes in U.S. history. The tornado ripped through Kentucky and the surrounding states, though Mayfield was hit hardest. Two years later, disaster relief work is still occurring. First Church Youth is currently planning a summer mission trip with Adventures In Mission to serve in Mayfield alongside the local church

and other volunteers. Our youth mission trips are designed to help students to experience service and missions in a variety of ways and in a variety of places. Wherever we go and whatever we do, we get to impact the community and people we are serving by extending God's love. We also prioritize working with local churches and local service providers to assure that our help creates long-lasting benefits for those on the ground beyond our stay, throughout the year. We are excited for the opportunity to serve through disaster relief and incredibly grateful to you, our church family, for helping to make these experiences possible for our students. If you are a rising 8th grader-12th grader and interested in participating on the team, please sign up through Church Center by March 16. This trip requires both commitment and participation in the months before our trip, as well as for the week of July 1-7. Stay tuned for details on additional opportunities to support this trip!

Relationship Builder 📆



Men's Breakfast | Saturday, May 6, 7:30 a.m.

Join other First Church men for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday of each month at Brothers Restaurant (705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg). Please contact Barry Eaton (theeaton5@verizon.net) to RSVP.



Widow/Widowers Fellowship | Tuesday, May 9, 11:30 a.m.

This month, the group will dine at T.J. Rockwell's. If you plan on attending or need transportation, please contact Bonnie Guyer (717-766-0145).

Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting Monday, May 15, 1-2 p.m.

If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this spiritually-focused small group. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, drawing upon readings and devotionals. For more information, contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com).

Men's Fellowship Orioles Game | Thursday, May 18

Join other men of First Church for a Baltimore Orioles game! The game starts at 12:35 p.m., and tickets are \$35. Carpooling will be arranged to the Light Rail Train Station in Hunt Valley, Maryland, and the group will travel together from there. Tickets are limited, so save your seat today! Register on the Church Center app, at fumchurch.churchcenter.com, or by contacting Barry Eaton (theeaton5@verizon.net).

Third Friday Food Trucks | May 19, 4:30-8 p.m.

The Food Trucks are back! Each month, we welcome several gourmet food trucks that serve a variety of delicious food, and we are excited to be back along Simpson Street in our new Community Green Space! This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors in a fun and casual atmosphere. This month, we welcome Mad Dash, 1973 Burger, Italian Job, Philly Cheesesteak on a Roll, East Coast Mini Donuts and Sarah's Creamery. We will also enjoy special live music on the Community Green Space Patio! We are always looking for help with setup and cleanup. If you are interested in lending a hand with setting up or taking down the tables and chairs, please contact Lori Hoffnagle (I_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).



Community Dinner | Sunday, May 21, 5 p.m.

We are looking forward to the next Community Dinner at Mechanicsburg First Church of God on Main Street. We welcome the whole Mechanicsburg downtown community to enjoy a free meal, music and door prizes. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com). This month we will serve walking tacos!

Men's Retreat | June 2-3

Jesus had a serious mission to accomplish in this world, but He wasn't somber all the time. There is no Bible verse that says, "Jesus laughed," but we know that He empathized with us completely and felt all of our emotions. Laughter is part of life, and Jesus truly lived! Unfortunately, we find often ourselves facing serious problems and global concerns that threaten to steal our joy in today's world, and we need to be reminded of the importance of laughter for our bodies, minds, and souls. All men of First Church are invited for a time of humor, play, and scripturally-based learning on the importance of balancing our task-oriented behaviors with lightheartedness.



Join us at Mount Asbury Retreat Center for a time to get away from some of our daily stressors and unwind the way God intended. We will offer a "hybrid" style of retreat, with options to stay overnight Friday for the full experience or just come for the day to take part in the program on Saturday. A variety of activities and lessons will be planned to make this a meaningful time for all. Contact Barry Eaton (theeaton5@verizon.net) or John Bowen (bowenhome720@gmail.com) to voice your interest in attending and/or assisting with the planning. The registration deadline is May 19, but early notice is appreciated for planning.

Opening Doors on Jubilee Day | Thursday, June 15

Did you know that our church parking lot is open to the public for free parking on Jubilee Day? Mechanicsburg's Jubilee Day is the largest, longest-running one-day street fair on the East Coast attracting up to 70,000 attendees! As a service to our community, we provide parking for a free-will donation to benefit our youth mission trips. If you would like to help us practice radical hospitality that day, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) for more details.

Pickleball in the Park | Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.

Join us on the pickleball court at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park (across from the pool) for some fun and games! No is experience necessary, and paddles and balls will be available to borrow. In the event of bad weather, we will play in the multipurpose room. Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) with questions.



Connect with KidsMinistry!

Did you know First Church Kids has a Facebook page? We upload videos, family activities, resources and more for families to use each week. Find us on Facebook (facebook.com/groups/fumckids) or reach out to Miss Katie (kidscount@fumchurch.com) for more information.

Senators Baseball Game and Picnic | Sunday, June 11, Picnic 12-2 p.m.

Join us at FNB Field to for a family-friendly picnic and a Harrisburg Senators baseball game! The buffet-style picnic starts at noon and includes hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, baked beans, pasta salad, chips, cookies, soda and water. The Senators game starts at 1 p.m. Discounted tickets are just \$22 for adults, \$12 for children ages 4-12, and free for children 3 and under! To register, visit the Church Center app, pick up a paper form in the church lobby or click this link: fumchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1652503. All participants must register and pay by May 21. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611) with questions.



Greeting Cards to Share!

Want to send well wishes for a happy birthday or speedy recovery to a friend? Stop by our greeting card display in the lobby outside the multipurpose room and help yourself to a card! If you'd like ideas of church members who would appreciate receiving a card, please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611).

May Hospitality Tip: Connect and Invite!

Our welcoming and hospitality ministry at First Church reaches far beyond our church building. We are called to "connect and invite" by serving in the community, building relationships with new people and inviting others to our church events and to worship with us. The vitality of our church depends on this! First Church offers a lot of ways to help you connect with our community, and you can find them all in our new Service Opportunities tab on the Church Center app! Visit the Signups page and select Service Opportunities to see all kinds of different ways that you can help love our neighbors. Be sure to check this out on the app or at fumchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations to sign up for a service opportunity that is a good fit for you! You will be a blessing to others, and you will be equally blessed as well!

Graduation Announcements

Help us celebrate with those who are graduating this year by completing the graduation announcement form on Church Center (or by contacting they church office). Please also email a current photo to Pastor Lisa (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to share in our newsletter and Sunday morning worship recognition slides. Graduating high school seniors: please bring in a senior photo for our youth lounge!

Generous Giver



Financial Report

Through March 31, 2023 25% of year

General Fund

2023 Budget	\$ 900,886	
Expected Income – YTD Actual Income – YTD	\$ 225,221 \$ 245,569	(25% of budget) (27% of budget)
Actual Expenses – YTD	\$ 209.102	(25% of budget)

Income for the four-week month of March was \$68,192, just a bit shy of our average 4-week budget. Because of the high level of donations in February, we are ahead of our YTD budget by about \$20,000. Expenses were in line with the budget in March. We are grateful to our congregation and guests who continue to support the work of First Church, as we serve the Lord by opening doors for all to know salvation through Jesus. We continue to ask for your prayers, your presence and your support through service and gifts to the mission of our First Church family.

Last month, our congregation voted to use loan funds up to \$200,000 to repair the brick bell tower in the corner of our building. You can see that contractors are already installing scaffolding for this project. We ask that you consider a special gift to the church to help minimize the funds we will ultimately borrow. So far, we have had fundraising and gifts totaling over \$32,000, so our loan amount should now be down to about \$168,000. There is still time to reduce our loan with a gift that goes directly to the bell tower. You can give on the Church Center app or with a check. Please contact Dawn Fisher at

the office for more information. As always, thank you for using your talents, faith and gifts to help First Church serve the Lord.

Little Free Pantry

Thanks for your continued support of our Little Free Pantry! We're grateful for your generosity with this small (but mighty!) ministry that makes a huge impact in our community. We're also very thankful for our incredible pantry helpers, Sandy, Pam and Kathy, for always keeping the pantry well-stocked. Donations of nonperishable items are always welcome, including small toiletry items. If you have questions about the Little Free Pantry or would like to contribute, please feel free to contact Lori Hoffnagle (717-732-6430 or l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

Yard, Book and Bake Sale | Saturday, Aug. 19

Save the date for the annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale! Signups for a spot at the yard sale will open for church members on July 1, then to the public on July 9. New for this year, all signups will be through Church Center for a more convenient way to register and pay. The fee for a yard sale spot is \$15, and you'll be able to sign up for one or two spots. Watch for more details on registration information. Start saving your wonderful treasures to donate to the Yard Sale, run by our youth. Collection will start Monday, Aug. 7. The Church Library seeks donations of books, CDs, puzzles and movies (please no VHS tapes or encyclopedias). We are so grateful for your support of this sale and look forward to this wonderful outreach to our community! Contact Lori Hoffnagle (I_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) or Donna Nichols (djnichols43@hotmail.com) with questions.

First Church Scholarship Opportunity

Did you know First Church offers scholarships to students? Applications are now open! Pick up a paper copy in the church office or from Pastor Lisa, or visit www.fumchurch.com/scholarship. Please return completed forms to the church office or to Judi Buddenbaum by Sunday, May 21.

First Church Mission Moments...

The **Bethesda Mission Food Bank** (BMFD) supports nonprofit organizations working toward the shared goal of providing food to individuals in need. BMFD is based out of Mission Central in Mechanics-burg and works with partner organizations throughout the central Pennsylvania region.

On the third Tuesday of each month between 8 and 10 a.m., First Church volunteers prepare individual grocery bags for distribution from the donated bulk food items. We're always looking for extra help. Volunteers can be one-time, occasional, or long-term and of any age. No specific skills or experience are required other than a desire to serve our neighbors.

If you have questions or are ready to make an impact with BMFD, please reach out by email (eeking@verizon.net) or phone (717-697-0933).



Eric King BMFD Volunteer





Daily Bible Reading May 2023

Monday, May 1 Luke 1:26-38 Tuesday, May 2 Luke 2:1-20

Wednesday, May 3 Matthew 27:45-65 Thursday, May 4 John 20:1-18

Friday, May 5 I Corinthians 15:1-4 Saturday, May 6 Rest and Reflect

Sunday, May 7 Worship: I believe in Jesus Christ

Monday, May 8 Genesis 1:1-2 Tuesday, May 9 Acts 2:1-4

Wednesday, May 10

Thursday, May 11

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Ephesians 4:1-16

Galatians 5:16-26

Rest and Reflect

Sunday, May 14 Worship: I believe in the Holy Spirit

Monday, May 15
Tuesday, May 16
Wednesday, May 17
Thursday, May 18
Triday, May 19
Saturday, May 20
Matthew 10:1-15
Matthew 16:13-20
I Corinthians 12:12-31
Philippians 2:1-11
Hebrews 12:1-2
Rest and Reflect

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Sunday, May 21 Worship: I believe in the holy catholi church, the communion of saints

Monday, May 22 Psalm 103:6-19 Tuesday, May 23 Joel 2:12-17 Wednesday, May 24 Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, May 25 Matthew 18:21-35 Friday, May 26 Romans 5:1-11 Saturday, May 27 Rest and Reflect

Sunday, May 28 Worship: I believe in the forgiveness of sins

Monday, May 29 John 11

Tuesday, May 30 Luke 24:13-35 Wednesday, May 31 John 14:1-4

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News and Notes....

We would like to send out a big THANK YOU to Al and Jim Robinson for their hard work in cutting and separating palms for our wonderful Palm Sunday services and the Passion Play.

To our FUMC family,

As Megan and I look back and give thanks to God for our faithful ministry partners, FUMC comes to mind right away. The privilege that we have in reaching college students with Christ's gospel would never be possible without your prayers and giving. THANK YOU for trusting the Lord to faithfully move through the work He has called us to. We're grateful!

Yours in Christ, Josh & Megan Herring





Annabelle Elder	May 10
Nancy Otstot	May 12
Denny Kauffman	May 13
Marjorie Kohr	May 15
Donald Heiges	May 16
Mary Lou Vierthaler	May 19
Ed Mechley	May 24
Bob Bittenbender	May 27
Flossie Ryder	May 31

Dick Scott	June 2
Bill Morland	June 6
Dolly Scholl	June 16
Bonnie Guyer	June 19
Caroline Brown	June 2
Marty Gerfin	June 22
Beryl Morgan	June 30









- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Neidig married June 4, 1971 for 52 years.
- lacktriangledown Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shannon married June 6, 1971 for 52 years.
- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Robert D'Agostino married June 7, 1969 for 54 years.
- f Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Aumiller married June 7, 1958 for 65 years.
- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Ron Nichols married June 9, 1972 for 51 years.
- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Chilton married June 20, 1970 for 53 years.
- ♥ Dr.. & Mrs. Jeffrey Fugate married June 24, 1972 for 51 years.

FIRST NEWS FIRST EDITORS: Dawn Fisher Jennifer Myers The **deadline** for submitting articles for the June 2023 issue is **May 15**. Early submissions always appreciated!