



# First News First

November 2016

Monthly News of First United Methodist Church  
of Mechanicsburg

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

## **Honoring and Supporting Our Veterans**

On Sunday, November 13, we will honor Veterans Day and support veterans in our church and community at our 8:15 and 10:45 worship services and during a special program at 9:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Our special guest for the day is the Rev. David Smith, Coordinator of the Soul Care Initiative for Just-Peace. David, a clergy member of our Susquehanna United Methodist Conference, served 30 years as an Army Chaplain. During his service he deployed 9 times, including 4 combat deployments. He brings experience and passion to this topic. Rev. Smith will preach at our morning worship services and lead a workshop during Sunday school. He will help us explore the specific needs of returning warriors and their families and provide resources for how we as a congregation can support them.

There are almost 1.5 million veterans who live in Pennsylvania. Many who have served their country from the Guard and Reserves return home to face the biggest challenge of the war. The long term effects of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom are profound; over 50,000 who were seriously wounded, over 43,000 traumatic brain injuries, over 4,000 new cases of PTSD every month.

The Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration have made progress in wounded warrior care under the rubrics of the physical, emotional, social, and psychological well-being. However, an underserved component of our veteran well-being is in their spiritual care. Many of our warriors return having experienced the invisible and silent wounds of war, in mind and spirit. The issues our service men and women experience are complex, but so too are the issues their families encounter.

Across the United States there are 5.5 million caregivers (family members) who ensure that their loved ones have compassionate quality care. Each day family members deal with the aftermath of the warriors wounds. The issues our veterans experience are complex, but so too are the issues their families encounter. The transition home from a deployment presents numerous challenges for the veteran, the veteran's family, and the community.

We invite every veteran and family in our church and community to attend one of our worship services and the workshop on November 13. In addition, we encourage you to invite family members, friends and neighbors who are veterans to join you that day.

As Rev. Smith reminds us, "Faith communities are uniquely positioned to heal the soul and strengthen the spirit of the veterans and their families." This is a special opportunity for us as a congregation to "Open Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors" as we learn how to welcome and support our veterans and their families.

With You, I Am Grateful for All Who Have Served!

## 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

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.

### All Saints Sunday ~ November 6

For more than a thousand years the Church has observed All Saints Day as a time to remember those of the community of faith who have died, moving from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. Outside of the Church, All Saints Day is better known for the eve of All Saints, commonly called Halloween. But within the Church we continue to observe All Saints Day by designating a Sunday near November 1 each year as All Saints Sunday.



This year All Saints Sunday will be November 6. At both services we will honor those from our congregation who have passed with the lighting of a candle as each name is read. Please join us in honoring our loved ones.

	<i>Birth Date</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
<i>Donna Ellen Callward</i>		<i>October 24, 2015</i>
<i>Rev. Donald J. Ciampa</i>	<i>November 30, 1933</i>	<i>November 15, 2015</i>
<i>James A. Parfet</i>	<i>December 30, 1929</i>	<i>November 27, 2015</i>
<i>June A. Henschke</i>	<i>June 17, 1923</i>	<i>February 15, 2016</i>
<i>William S. Etter</i>	<i>May 2, 1923</i>	<i>March 29, 2016</i>
<i>Rev. Elizabeth W. Fribance</i>	<i>October 4, 1920</i>	<i>May 6, 2016</i>
<i>Mae E. Myers</i>	<i>February 28, 1927</i>	<i>May 16, 2016</i>
<i>Lois Hollinger Morland</i>	<i>August 16, 1931</i>	<i>August 17, 2016</i>
<i>Rev. Shirley J. Russell</i>	<i>December 7, 1942</i>	<i>September 22, 2016</i>
<i>Ruth Elizabeth Reed</i>	<i>January 15, 1924</i>	<i>October 1, 2016</i>
<i>Jayne E. Carpenter</i>	<i>October 21, 1938</i>	<i>October 4, 2016</i>

## Advent & Christmas Service and Event Schedule

<b>November 27</b> <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	Worship, Holy Communion 8:15 & 10:45 am
<b>December 4</b> <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i>	Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am Holiday Harmony Concert 7:00 pm
<b>December 11</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i>	Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am Service of Hope and Remembrance 7 pm
<b>December 15</b> Little Friend's Nursery School Christmas Program	9:15 am
<b>December 18</b> <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am Christmas Caroling 5 pm

### Christmas Eve Worship Services

5 pm ~ *Family Service* ~ Designed for families of all ages, but especially sensitive to families with young children. Will conclude with candle lighting.

8 pm ~ *Service of Christmas Eve Simplicity* ~ Designed as a quiet, prayerful service for individuals and families. Simplicity marks this service with instrumental music, Communion, Prayer Time and a brief candle lighting service.

11 pm ~ *Festival Service of Light and Wonder* ~ Includes Holy Communion, lessons and carols, music by our choirs, and candle-lighting.



**December 25 Christmas Day**                      Worship 10 am

**January 1 New Year's Day**                      Worship 10 am

### Service of Remembrance and Hope – Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

We would like to invite those who are missing their loved ones this holiday season to join us for a special Sunday evening service during which we will gather to remember and honor the memory of our cherished family and friends. Light refreshments will be served following the service. Please contact Janice Bowen (766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for more information.



**POINSETTIAS** will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 11 and 18. You have the option of purchasing a poinsettia for \$7.50 or giving a monetary gift in memory/honor of your loved one. Gift donations will be forwarded to the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Please complete the form indicating the number of “plants” or “gifts” and place it in the offering plate or send it to Kristin Brown in the church office by November 27.

*Plants may be taken after any Christmas Eve Service that you attend. If you order a poinsettia, please be sure to pick it up. Plants not claimed by December 31 will be disposed of.*

#### POINSETTIA OR GIFT ORDER FORM

Please indicate below, in the correct section, the number of plants and/or gifts that you are giving and who they are being given in memory/honor of.

1. Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle whichever is appropriate:** In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of Gifts \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle whichever is appropriate:** In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Placed by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Finance

### Financial Report—through September 30, 2016

75% of year

#### General Fund

2016 budget	\$ 890,000	
Expected income	\$ 667,500	
Actual income	\$ 664,669	(75% of budget)
Income over budget	\$ 2,831	
Actual expenses	\$ 629,266	
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 13,417	
<b>Legacy Campaign</b>	\$ 2,905	

The Finance Committee has started work on the 2017 budget. The Finance Committee Open meeting to discuss budget requests is scheduled for November 15 at 7 pm and will be held in the Adult Sunday School side of the Sanctuary. On December 6 the committee will meet to finalize the recommended budget. All are invited to attend these two meetings.

## Staff Parish

### Junior Choir Director Position Filled

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to advise the congregation that Melissa Felty has accepted the position of director of the Junior Choir. Melissa has a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College from which she graduated Magna Cum Laude. In addition to her experience as a music teacher, she has held progressively responsible positions with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She contributes to First Church's worship experience with her musical talent.

Please join us in welcoming Melissa to her new position as she leads the junior choir in creating a meaningful spiritual and artistic experience for the participating children and the congregation.

## Family Fun Night

## Come Join Us!

When: Saturday, November 19

Time: 6-9PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

Dinner is included with make-your-own pizzas, popcorn, snacks, drinks and dessert!

There will be family friendly competition games such as Pictionary and Charades with prizes for the winning families. There will also be board games for kids of all ages, so bring a friend!

Turn off the TV and leave the electronics at home! Stop by for a great night of fun and fellowship!

Although drop ins are absolutely welcome on the day of the event, please RSVP with the number of guests to [Melodydsmall@gmail.com](mailto:Melodydsmall@gmail.com) if you plan to attend to assist with food preparation.

Hope to see you there!



## Missions

### 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 November 16 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at 697-0933 or [eking@verizon.net](mailto:eking@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 1000 pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of \$12,694.58.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!



### Neighborhood Center Bake Sale

Small cakes (8x8) are needed for the Election Day Bake Sale at Neighborhood Center on November 8. Proceeds benefit the Towanda Acey Scholarship for high school graduates in Harrisburg attending college. Any type of cake is appreciated. Contact Nadine Ogden at [ogdens6@verizon.net](mailto:ogdens6@verizon.net) with questions. Cakes can be brought to church on November 6.

### Neighborhood Center Christmas Tree



It is that time of year again!!! If you do not know the drill--here goes: On the first Sunday in November, you will notice a tree somewhere in the coffee area with paper ornaments on it.

Take one of your choice-purchase that item and bring it back to place in the box beside the tree-UNWRAPPED. These gifts will bless the those whom the Neighborhood Center serves in the Harrisburg Area. Last date to get gifts in is December 5th--as that is when they need to be transported to the Center. Thanks for considering this tradition-- the United Methodist

Women are proud to offer this program and are always delighted to see its results. Give a gift to someone in need- knowing your Lord so honors that gesture!

### New Hope Ministry Food Baskets

As in the past, First Church will be collecting sweet potatoes for the Thanksgiving donations for the guests of New Hope Ministries. Thank you so much. Debbie and Don Karns

### CRU News

Please continue to keep our 4 CRU Missionaries, Matt & LeeAnn Herring, Jenna Mengle and Bethany Robinson, in your prayer. Copies of their current newsletters are located in the literature stand in the narthex and on the following pages.



October 5, 2016



*"This really solidified it for me."*



First United Methodist Church,

This past weekend, **over 160 students and staff members** packed their cars and headed to High Point Camp near Lancaster County for West Chester Cru's annual Fall Retreat. It was a weekend of reconnecting with the Lord and fellowship with one another through games, meals, worship and listening to a speaker. During a period of time on Saturday night, the men and women split up to discuss two topics; for the men, bearing one another's burdens, and for the women, revival. Myself and LeeAnn lead the Men's and Women's ministries respectively, and were able to share our own insights on the topics.

LeeAnn spoke to the 100 women in attendance about revival, and what that looks like on West Chester's campus. She said that though it takes a lot of people to get there, revival starts with individuals. "To start a revival, you need to draw a circle around yourself and pray for a revival to start in the middle. Revivals start by recognizing the darkness we are living in and bringing it to the light." She then went on to share her story of how Jesus revived her, and how he continues to revive her daily. After she spoke, a girl name Elle came up to her and said her story had really impacted her. LeeAnn told her to listen to what God was trying to reveal to her during the prayer time, **and afterward she helped Elle walk through the steps to accept Christ into her life!**

I spoke to the men about the concept of bearing one another's burdens, and how it is applicable to our lives today. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." I discussed how before I accepted Christ into my life, I carried my burdens on my shoulders and didn't let anyone else in on the sin happening in my life. Once I began walking with the Lord, I began being vulnerable with other men about different areas I was struggling in. I began to see healing because my brothers we're bearing these burdens with me.

After the weekend was over, I asked Graham, one of our students, how he felt about his decision to come to West Chester. **In reference to Fall Retreat, he responded "This really solidified it for me."**

September was an amazing month. We were able to host different events at our house, including a Women's Brunch and several "Man Week" events. "Man Week" consisted of an event each day of the week for the men of the ministry. We watched the Eagles game, played lawn games, went to a buffet, and had a cookout. This was all centered around the weekly Wednesday morning men's gathering we will continue throughout the year.

Thanks so much for being a part of what God is doing at West Chester University. We are humbled and grateful to have you on our team.

Matt & LeeAnn





Jenna Mengle | Miami University Cru|

**August** was a whirlwind of a month. Throughout the summer, I worked toward a financial goal in order to report to campus fully funded. I am ecstatic to report that I am fully funded, and saw the Lord provide in amazing ways to get me here. I'm so grateful for how each of you joined me in this journey and are making it all possible!

As the month progressed, I moved out to Oxford, settled in, had a 5 day all-staff training, and began my work as a Cru staff member! It was very surreal but all really exciting. We are gearing up for students to arrive on campus at the end of the month. Our 5-day staff retreat was a time to center ourselves around our vision, get training in full-time vocational ministry, prepare for our student leadership retreat, and connect as a staff team for the first time all together. It was truly a blessing to get to know the other staff members more personally and I feel incredibly privileged to be working along side and learning from each of them! Although it was a little nerve racking, I'm feeling more and more ready every day!



This is the 2016 Miami Staff team. We celebrated the end of our staff retreat with dinner on a lake nearby.

#### Things you can be praying for:

- freshman move-in and transition onto campus
- Believing students would get plugged in, searching students would get connected with us to talk about their faith, current Cru students would be empowered and have opportunities to engage with others about their faith
- Our student leaders to gain a clear vision for the year, and to take off running
- My personal leadership, energy & coaching of our student leaders ( I am coaching a target area of freshman dorms on South quad) as they take ownership of our first month & the many planned events
- 200 students to attend our Fall Retreat on September 23rd-24th

**Thank you for your prayers, financial gifts, and investment in eternity as we enter into this semester & trust the Lord to change lives!**

gratefully,  
Jenna



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September 2016



Jenna Mengle | Miami University Cru|

**Thank you for choosing to invest in what God is doing at Miami through prayer and faithful giving!**

September was a month chalked full of meeting with students, beginning of the semester events and our fall retreat. I've high-lighted just a few of the several stories I'd love to share.



This is the bible study I am leading for junior and senior women ( from left to right, Katherine, myself, Megan, Sarah, Kara, Jennifer, Leah and Lyndsey + Sally & Arden not pictured). I feel incredibly blessed to lead these girls in studying the bible this semester. We are studying spiritual leadership from Nehemiah!

Pray that I have wisdom in leading, that we have a lot of fun together and for growth in their lives and leadership!

Jamie is a freshman student who Sammie (another Cru staff woman) and I met with after she filled out a survey indicating she wanted to hear more about Cru and have a conversation about her faith. After getting to know her better, she told us she had been to church once while in her high school, but hadn't heard that Jesus died and resurrected for her sins. Sammie and I got to use a Cru tool to tell Jamie about the life of Christ through the gospel. She said coming to college, she wanted to find God and teared up as she said she wanted to make Jesus the Lord of her life. It was honestly amazing to get to experience this with her, as she heard many of these things for the first time and she now identifies as a Christian!! Sammie and I look forward to seeing her grow and read the bible together.

Students gather every Thursday evening for our weekly meeting. We have a worship band and hear from speakers on how to seek the Lord in daily life as a college student. Students also get updated on current happenings of our events at Miami and updates about our partner campus in Montenegro. Below is a photo from our second meeting of the year as we talked about the pressures of performance in college verses our identity in Christ.



Our fall retreat speaker, Eric Russ, did an incredible job engaging students with his 4 talks over the weekend. We had over 140 students attend and saw God do awesome things. Eric challenged us all to think about discipleship, living with significance and shared how his faith began and grew at Miami 15 years ago! He is pictured above with 2 senior leaders.

#### Things to be praying for:

- Praying students would know they are always welcome at Cru and that we love them wherever they are, Christian or not
- Students who are leading bible studies to be faithful and take ownership in reaching out to new students
- My personal energy and stamina, as the semester really picks up & that I track my success as walking by faith
- Our staff team to be energized and know how to invest our best hours

**Without you, this work at Miami wouldn't be possible.**

**I'm incredibly thankful for you & your continued support.**

*gratefully, Jenna*

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## Music

### November Ministry of Music Sunday Morning Schedule

November 6—Sanctuary Choir (8:15); Invocation (10:45)

November 13—Sounds of Worship & Handbells (8:15); Sanctuary Choir, Junior Choir & Handbells (10:45)

November 20—Sounds of Worship (8:15); Invocation (10:45)

November 27 —Sounds of Worship (8:15); Sanctuary Choir (10:45)

### Ringling in the News

Yep, it's almost Thanksgiving. The bell choirs are again making pies for you! On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a pie aroma in the air! Make sure you've ordered your pies from a bell choir member, or in the book at the information desk. Pumpkin, Mincemeat, Apple Crumb topping, and Apple Double Crust are being made. And remember, you can order them baked, or frozen for you to bake at your leisure.

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual bell concert at the Frederickson Library in Camp Hill is Monday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. This year Jon and the harpist are arranging a couple pieces we can play together!

Handchimes have begun, but we can always use more ringers. We still invite our young ringers (grades 1-6) to be part of this exciting ministry as we praise God through ringing. Call Kathie Bittenbender today for more info (697-6257).

Remember, we are honored to be led this year by Jon Snyder as he is finishing up his Masters degree in Church Music. Make sure you mark February 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendars! This is earlier than normal, but you won't want to miss our annual Bell Concert and the program Jon has put together!

### Sounds of Worship

Do you like to sing? GREAT! Did you say you can't read music? No Problem! Sounds of Worship choir needs you! We learn the music together. It's never too late to join.

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7-8 pm in the choir room. We sing at the 8:15 service on designated Sundays. And we are a really fun group.

For more information contact Gail Leinhos at 717-761-3338 or email her at leinhosdav@verizon.net.

### Attention All 6-12th Graders

It's not too late to join the youth choir. Rehearsals are Sunday evenings at 5:15 pm in the choir room. We sing at the 10:45 service every third Sunday of each month. Guaranteed Fun and there's always a snack. Rehearsals are over in time for 4G at 6:15 pm. Come and join us.

For more information contact Gail Leinhos at 717-761-3338 or email her at leinhosdav@verizon.net.

## Men's Ministry

### Men's Retreat      February 17-19

The Annual Men's Retreat at Wesley Forest will be held February 17-19. Save these dates on your calendar now! You won't want to miss this opportunity to connect with other men and build lasting relationship rooted in God. Watch for more information in future newsletters and bulletin announcements.

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**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

**COVERED IN LOVE**

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

**SQUARES AND PRAYERS**

Tammy Snyder ~ 439-0355 or tamsnyde@gmail.com  
meets Tuesday mornings, 9:00 in Fellowship Hall

**KNIT AT NIGHT**

Mary Helm ~ mthelm4@yahoo.com  
meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm in Room B002

**World Thank Offering**



The annual World Thank Offering will take place on Sunday November 20th. "This tradition, started in 1881, gives members an opportunity to contribute to an offering in response to God's grace. The World Thank Offering is a part of United Methodist Women's Mission Giving that supports national and international programs working with women, children and youth in the United States and around the world. The World Thank Offering gives a face to our faith. It is hope and love in action." (from UMW program book). We will be collecting this special 'thanks' offering at both worship services. After the 10:45 service, join us for a Mission Meal, in which all proceeds support local missions. The concept of the Mission Meal is to give what you would pay at a restaurant for the simple meal that is served and your donation supports a local mission. The menu is beef barbeque, rolls, chips, carrots and dessert, all provided by the United Methodist Women. Hope to see you there!



**Marketplace of Miracles & Cookie Walk**

We invite everyone to attend the Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a shopping event like no other! You can purchase items from the participating organizations, whose mission is to educate and prevent human trafficking and support our Youth by purchasing cookies at the Cookie Walk. We will have supervised children's activities, free snacks and free door prizes!

**Thank You**

We, the members of Ruth Circle, wish to thank Seth Wickenheiser for blessing our Circle Members and the Bethany Village September Birthday residents with beautiful hymns and classics on September 7.

Seth—it was most inspiring and we are grateful. May God continue to bless you with your wonderful piano talents.

Beryl Morgan, Ruth Circle

# Your Heart, God's Home

## 2017 Women's Retreat ~ February 3-5

Join us for a weekend filled with fellowship, fun, food and faith! Program starts on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday before noon.

Hotel-like accommodations and 4 meals included.

Please make checks payable to **FUMC** with 'women's retreat' in the memo section. Registrations may be mailed to Patti Herring at 613 Lavina Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055 or can be place in the **Scrip Box** near the coffee area. (Please do not place checks in her mailbox). Questions, call Patti Herring at 795-9721 or email at [familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net). Details will be sent closer to the retreat

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Allergies or diet restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Early Bird Registration by 12/31/16 is \$110. After that date, the fee will be \$125. Fees include two-night stay (3 to 4 per room) and 4 meals. Handicapped accessible rooms. **All registrations are due by 1/15/2017.***

\_\_\_\_\_ \$110 Early Bird registration enclosed (due by 12/31/16)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 registration enclosed (if paying after 12/31/16)

Is this your first retreat? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Special Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

## Library

Having just come off my annual sugar high (too much Halloween candy) and looking ahead to Thanksgiving, I find that sometimes it is easy to overlook Veterans Day. Unfortunately, with the longest war in our country's history, veterans are being created every day, and some have not left the war zone unscathed. During World War II and Viet Nam, news of the war was in the TV headlines every night. Now the war seems to be "old hat" and barely mentioned. Our veterans and military families are carrying a huge burden almost sight unseen. This year would be a good year for me, and maybe you, to remember our brave fighting men and women.

Denise Hunter has addressed the disabled vet in her latest book, **Just a Kiss**. Third in the series of *Summer Harbor* novels, the Callahan family is center stage again. Riley Callahan fled to boot camp when Paige, the woman he secretly loved, fell for his brother Beau. But when he received word in Afghanistan that they had broken up, Riley vowed to go home after his tour and tell Paige of his feelings and find out if she might feel the same. Then an IED takes the life of a comrade and leaves Riley an amputee. How could he ever think Paige would love him in this condition? To his horror his parents have arranged for Paige to be his caregiver during his recovery. Meanwhile, Paige is dealing with the loss of the Callahan family. When she was Beau's girl she loved being a part of his big caring family and now she wonders if her growing feelings for Riley are just an opportunity to be a part of this family again. Her life's work of running an animal shelter is in jeopardy too as she loses her funding and may have to close the shelter. Can two dysfunctional hurting adults find the love they crave and work out their problems at the same time? Ms. Hunter's books are always so romantic that even I can get lost in a less adrenaline charged book.

If you want to go back in time, **The Promise of Jesse Woods** which set in the 70's and 80's is the book for you. Written by Chris Fabry, it is a story of the preacher's kid, Matt Plumley, who ends up in Dogwood, West Virginia where his dad is sent to pastor a new church. Matt was happy in Pittsburgh, and enjoyed following the Pirates battle for back-to-back World Series titles. In Dogwood, he is an outsider but finds friendship with two other outcasts, Dickie Darrel Lee Hancock, a mixed race boy, and Jesse Woods, a girl that lives in poverty and has no Dad in sight. The three roam the hills and hollers as best friends. Matt knows he loves Jesse, and one night they make promises to each other. But trouble comes to the trio and a secret severs their bond of friendship. Matt is pulled away when his father again relocates the family. But Matt never forgets Jesse. Twelve years later, when he reads in the paper she is about to marry one of the boys who was so cruel to her that summer, Matt decides he must go back and find out if she needs him. And to learn the truth of what caused the break in their friendship. Chris Fabry has a reputation for writing beautiful heartfelt books, and you will find this to be true of this book also.

If you are reading this before November 5<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Festival, I hope you'll stop in the library and shop for some very gently uses books. The library staff is dedicated to delivering the very best Christian materials in a timely manner and your support has enabled us to do that. Thank you!!

See you in the library, Pam & Donna

### **Little Friends Nursery School Fall Festival/Silent Auction      November 5 ~ 10 am—1 pm**

We will have a silent auction with the first tables closing at 11:00, a bake sale, a book sale, games, balloon twisting and story time for the kids and lunch to purchase. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps Little Friends help children by providing scholarships, classroom supplies, field trips and all of the "extra" things little children need.

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## Health & Wellness

### November Blood Drives

November 1	Denny's Carlisle Pike	3pm to 7pm
November 2	Modjeski & Masters, 100 Sterling Parkway, Mechanicsburg	10am to 2pm
November 4	Fox Center, 120 S. Filbert St., Mechanicsburg	8am to 7pm
November 6	Christ Presbyterian Church, 421 Deerfield Rd., Camp Hill	8:30am to 11:30am
November 9	State Auto Insurance, 4900 Ritter Rd., Mechanicsburg	10am to 2pm
November 13	Capital Area Christian Church, 1775 Lambs Gap Rd., Mechanicsburg	10am to 1pm
November 14	Messiah College, Mechanicsburg	9am to 4pm
November 17	Buffalo Wild Wings, Carlisle Pike	3pm – 7pm
November 19	Zimmerman's Automotive, 2234 S. Market St., Mechanicsburg	8am to 12pm
November 20	Silver Spring Presbyterian, 444 Silver Spring Rd., Mechanicsburg	8am to 12:30pm
November 20	St. Theresa's Parish, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland	9am to 12pm
November 20	Mechanicsburg Presbyterian, 300 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg	9am to 11:30am
November 21	New Cumberland Middle School, 331 8 <sup>th</sup> St., New Cumberland	7am to 11am
November 23	Pinnacle Health Fredricksen , 2015 Technology Parkway	12pm to 4pm
November 25	Filson Water, 11 Roadway Dr., Carlisle	10:30am to 6:30pm

## Youth

### Adopt-a-Student

Help us stay connected to our students while they are at school. The years after high school are pivotal to the faith journey of young adults and we want to make sure they are feeling loved and supported by their First Church family. Join us in keeping in touch with our recent high school grads who are both away at school, attending college locally, studying abroad or in the military. Send birthday and holiday cards, write notes of encouragement, or send care packages. Come visit our table in the main lobby and choose a student who would benefit from your encouragement throughout the year.

### Calling All Cookie Bakers!

This year we will be our 5<sup>th</sup> annual cookie walk. Last year's event was so popular that doors opened at 10:00 and by 11:00 we were nearly sold out of cookies! This event has become popular in part because of wonderful bakers like you and it's a great out-reach opportunity! We are looking for more bakers and more cookies! Maybe you want to try out a new cookie or stick to grandma's secret recipe. Anything will do! If you are interested in baking, please fill out the form below and place it in cookie jar in the main lobby or give to Lynn Rapp.



In order to assure a variety of cookies we ask that you put down two options, we will notify you of the preferred option upon receiving your form. Please turn in your form no later than November 20.

### 2016 Cookie Walk Cookie Baker Sign Up:

**Baker's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cookie Option #1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cookie Option #2** \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to provide 8-10 dozen of each option listed above.



9 Square is one of those unique games that easily include everyone no matter their athletic ability. Have smaller kids? 9 Square can be lowered! 9 Square is always a hit! The Youth Department rents out their 9 Square as a fundraising opportunity.

How does it work?

- Contact Lynn Rapp to schedule your use of 9 Square
- Make out a check to FUMC with “Youth – 9 square in the memo” for \$100 (\$50 deposit, \$50 donation)
- We will give you verbal instructions and the special keys for setting up/taking down 9 Square
- Return 9 Square with no damage and we will return your \$50 deposit and put the other \$50 towards our youth mission trip fundraising.

(If you have a friend wanting to borrow 9 square, we ask that you as a church member schedule and rent the 9 square to make it easier for us to track the use our equipment.)

**CONTACT Lynn Rapp if interested: [klsrapp@msn.com](mailto:klsrapp@msn.com)**

## Church News and Notes

### *Love & sympathy...*

to the family upon the death of Shirley Russell on September 22, 2016.

to the family upon the death of Ruth Reed on October 1, 2016.

to the family upon the death of Jayne Carpenter on October 4, 2016.

### **Special Birthdays**

Sadie Heim.....November 1  
 Liz Nesmith.....November 4  
 Doris Zimmerman....November 7  
 Nancy Bomboy .....November 12  
 Donald Adams .....November 15  
 Patricia Marr .....November 23  
 Joyce Woods .....December 1  
 Jo Nye .....December 13  
 Helen Ritter.....December 13  
 Dolores Shell.....December 13  
 Joan Buechel .....December 17  
 Elaine O’Hara .....December 26  
 Dolly Dougherty .....December 27  
 Sandy Coover.....December 28

### **Special Anniversaries**

♥Richard & Joanne Reed married 63 years on November 4  
 ♥Lincoln & Veloice Washburn married 65 years on November 9  
 ♥Dave & Dolly Scholl married 65 years on November 22  
 ♥Don & Kay Coldren married 54 years on November 24  
 ♥Robert & Sara Meck married 64 years on November 25  
 ♥Ken & Helen Love married 56 years on December 10  
 ♥Joe & Carol Moomaw married 51 years on December 24

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