



First News First

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

"For All the Saints"

A couple of weeks ago my Betsy and I watched the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade as it passed by our church. In addition to enjoying a great hot dog with chili prepared by members of our Bell Choir, I was reminded of two things about our community that night.

For one thing, we have a lot of children! I didn't count, but with sports teams and cheerleading squads, dance groups and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, marching bands and floats, not to mention the children lining the streets to watch the parade, there must have been hundreds of kids! Watching them pass by in their costumes and dash into the street for candy, I couldn't help but wonder. With so many activities competing for their time, how many of these children and their families know Jesus? How many of them are part of a loving church community like ours? Our ministries with children and their families are so important. How might God be calling you to be involved?

The parade also reminded me what a big deal Halloween is in our culture. We love carving pumpkins and decorating, buckets of candy from trick-or-treat and happy children dressed in costumes in parades. We love celebrating Halloween, but our culture pays little attention to the holiday that comes the day after Halloween. All Saints Day has far more significance for us as followers of Jesus that All Hallows Eve does. On All Saints Day we celebrate who we are in Christ.

Most likely there are few, if any of us would call ourselves saints. The people we most often think of as saints lived lives of extraordinary faith and obedience to God. We call Jesus' first disciples and the writers of the four Gospels saints. We call Mary, the mother of Jesus a saint. We also call the Apostle Paul and Stephen, the first Christian martyr, saints. We think of Saint Augustine and Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Teresa of Calcutta as saints. We celebrate the lives of "the great cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us!

On All Saints Day we also celebrate another, older understanding of saints. In the New Testament, all baptized Christians are called saints. We are all saints, not because we are perfect, but because we belong to Christ and we are part of his family. As responsible members of his family, we are called to be holy in our daily lives.

In our worship services on November 7 we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. We will remember and give thanks for the saints from our church family that have gone before us in the past year. In their lives we have experienced God's love. We also remember that we are part of "the communion of the saints." We are connected to our sisters and brothers in Christ in every time and every place. The festivities surrounding Halloween can be fun, but let's not forget who we are in Christ. Saints, you have been set apart to share his love, with the children and families of our community and in your daily life!

Joyfully serving our community with you,

Pastor Denny

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Adult Discipleship

No matter 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, which is posted on our church website, fumchurch.com.
- **First Step Gathering and Next Step New Member Class:** Are you interested in taking a first step toward a deeper relationship with Jesus and with others at First Church? Or maybe you are ready to take your next faithful step by exploring church membership? If the answer to either of these questions is “yes”, contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com. She will add your name to the list to receive information about our upcoming First Step Gathering or Next Step New Member Class, which will be held again in the late winter. Meanwhile, enjoy worship, Bible reading, connecting with others and check out a Sunday morning enrichment class or Bible study that suits your schedule!
- **Steps Beyond:** As you learn and grow, consider these next steps on your path to becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus... new participants are encouraged to join at any time!
 - **Sunday School Enrichment** — If you are looking to add a time to learn, grow and enjoy fellowship with others to your Sunday morning routine either before or after worship, here is a list of opportunities for all ages. All Sunday school enrichment groups meet at 9:45 am.
 - ◆ **Faith in Everyday Life**
Target: 30-50something
Location: Room 207
Contact: Jenell Paris at jparis@messiah.edu
 This small group enjoys being out in our community, and focuses on fellowship and friendship/mutual support. Class members share in leading reflections and discussions based on Scripture.
 - ◆ **Growing in Christ**
Target: Adults all ages/stages of faith
Location: on Zoom
Contact: Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com
 All are invited to come and trace the steps of Jesus through Israel and explore the major themes of the Gospel of Mark. Study runs through December 19. New participants welcome anytime!
 Contact Tina for the Zoom link.
 - ◆ **Christian Fellowship**
Target: Adults all ages/stages of faith
Location: Room B003
Contact: Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com
 A friendly, caring group, eager to apply God’s Word to life’s challenges. Enjoys short-term Bible studies that challenge and inspire.
 - ◆ **Faithful Families**
Target: Parents
Location: Room B005
Contact: Bob and Tracy Wertz at wertzfive@gmail.com
 An active group of parents with older school-aged and young adult children who study Scripture, encourage one another, and celebrate life together in and out of the classroom.

◆ **Helping Hands**

Target: Primarily 60+

Location: Room B004

Contact: Bob Wertz, Sr. at robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com

A group of active seniors who focus on studies which provide encouragement and instruction on faithful living, and who enjoy fellowship activities together outside of class.

◆ **Guyer Class**

Target: Primarily 70+

Location: Room 123

Contact: Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com

This lecture-based class, taught by a variety of church leaders, is comprised of a group of elders in the church who use the United Methodist quarterly adult Bible lessons. This fall, lessons center on the theme “Belong”. We belong to God, to one another as a community of faith and, as Jesus modeled, we invite all to belong as we practice open-table fellowship!

○ **Mid-Week ReFuel**— Current mid-week learning and fellowship opportunities for adults include:

◆ **Wednesday Men’s Group** – Currently studying "The Book of James For Men" by Vince Miller, the founder of Resolute, a mentoring ministry for men of all ages/stages of life (visit beresolute.org for more information). Meets in person (outside) at the home of Barry Eaton at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, but will move inside or on Zoom as the weather turns colder. Contact Barry at 1785eaton@gmail.com if interested.

◆ **MOPS** – Connects moms to a community of women who meet to laugh, support and embrace the journey together. Meets once a month from 6:00 to 8:15 pm on Wednesday evenings at the church. Registration is \$32.00 (scholarships are available) and covers all expenses, including dinner, from September through May. Fun monthly outings with your kids will also be scheduled throughout the year! The next meeting date is November 17. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details and to register today!

○ **Additional Bible Studies**— In addition to our Sunday and Wednesday enrichment opportunities, we also offer Bible studies other days of the week so that you can choose what suits your schedule and your interest!

◆ **Thursday Bible Study** – Led by Juanita Guise, meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Come to study the topic of holy living in, “Live Like You Belong to God”. This study started in October, but newcomers are welcome anytime! Contact Juanita at kguise@comcast.net for more details and the Zoom link.

◆ **Monday Men’s Bible Study** – Led by Ken Guise, meets on Monday evenings at 6:45 pm on Zoom. Currently working on "The Key to Living by Faith”, a study of the book of Hebrews. Study began in October, but newcomers are welcome anytime! Contact Ken Guise at guiseken100@gmail.com for more details and the Zoom link.

Wellness Presentation — Sunday, November 7

If you or a loved one recently faced surgery or health challenges, you likely found yourself in search of some new medical supplies... perhaps compression socks, a walker, knee scooter, or shower chair. Having the right medical equipment within reach when you need it can make all the difference in how you function during your recovery at home.

We invite you to join us for an informative presentation on home medical supplies and equipment during the Sunday school enrichment hour on November 7 at 9:45 am in the Multipurpose room. Robin Mueller and Zach Mace from locally owned small business, IMA Medical Supply in Carlisle, will be our speakers. Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112.

From the Library

I am so looking forward to November--crisp air, hot coffee by the fire pit, and most of all, I think just a change of season. Our family lived in both California and Florida, and I felt the non-change of season was monotonous and before all of you flood my in-box, I realize that is a personal preference. I also look forward to November as the peace before the whirlwind of the Christmas season. With that in mind, maybe I can offer you some great books to relax and enjoy in November.

Freedom's Song by Kim Vogel Sawyer explores another of history's tragedies, the life of an indentured servant. Fanny Beck was a much loved singer on a Mississippi riverboat. But few passengers realized she was a captive in her seven-year contract to the captain. Having been on the river since she was just a girl, Fanny plans to leave the boat and live a quiet life of a free person. But the captain has no plans to release her, as she is a valuable asset. When she sees an opportunity to escape, she flees with a group of slaves also longing for freedom. On her flight to freedom, Fanny sleeps in train cars, and sings for money to buy food, all the while being hunted by the riverboat captain. When she meets widower Walter Kuhn, who is waiting for a mail order bride to help him with his young daughter and farm, they strike a deal that will aid them both. I don't want to spoil the plot, but I will let you find out if this songbird escapes her cage and finds happiness.

Suzanne Woods Fisher is one of the library's favorite Amish writers, and she brings her gift to her latest book, **A Season on the Wind**. Ben Zook has left his Amish community and way of life, but he still loves birding, a hobby that his Amish friend Penny introduced him to. Ben has been chasing a rare white-winged tern, and he learns it has been seen in his former hometown. While Ben would love to catch this bird, he doesn't want to be seen by old friends. But secrets are hard to keep in small towns, and Penny soon finds out that Ben is back. I'll let you find out if they reconnect during the bird hunt.

If you have not been to the library in a while, stop in--we have all the latest in Christian fiction waiting for you.

See you in the library,

~ Pam and Donna

Praying Follower



November Prayer Challenge – 30 Days of Gratitude

During this Thanksgiving season, let's practice the spiritual discipline of gratitude together! *Revive our Hearts* (a ministry dedicated to growing in love for the Word and the Lord Jesus) has an easy to use guide for a 30-Day Gratitude Challenge, so why not give it a try? Go to reviveourhearts.com/articles/growing-in-gratitude-a-30-day-challenge to get your copy of the guide, or pick up a copy at the prayer display under the balcony at church. Each day you will be challenged to grow in gratitude through the devotional challenges.

We encourage you to take notice of what God does in your heart over this next month. If you would like a journal to keep track of your progress, you can pick up a blank journal at the display too. Cultivating a heart of gratitude is the beginning of your journey to joy! Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com if you have questions or would like to share any stories about how this challenge has blessed you!

Weekly Prayer Letter

If you have not already done so, sign up for our weekly prayer email so that you can receive a list of praises and requests from our church family. Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com to share requests and to sign up for this once-a-week list.

Passionate Worshipper



Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 12 and 19. You have the option of purchasing a poinsettia for \$9.50 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 below indicating the number of “plants” or “gifts” and return it to Ellen Hill in the church office by November 26. If you plan to worship in-person on Sunday, December 26, plants may be picked up after the service. If you are unable to attend worship in-person, other arrangements to pick up your plant can be made by contacting the church office. Plants not claimed by December 31 will be disposed of. If you are not planning on taking your poinsettia please consider a monetary gift instead.

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 _____ **Circle whichever is appropriate:** In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): _____

2. Number of Gifts _____ **Circle whichever is appropriate:** In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Placed by: _____

Service of Remembrance and Hope – Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 pm

If you are grieving this holiday season... missing your loved ones, experiencing loss and isolation... please join us for worship and reflection to remember and honor the memory of cherished family and friends at our Service of Remembrance and Hope. For those desiring in-person worship, we will gather in the church sanctuary on December 5 at 4:00 pm. The service will be recorded and available afterward for virtual viewing from home. Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 for more information.

Spotify Playlist

On the first Wednesday of each month, we release a new monthly playlist on Spotify. Each song-- hand-picked by staff, musicians, and volunteers-- has been on our hearts, and prayed over for a holy and meaningful connection with our congregation. For Spotify users, search for the user 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/5rbHEYEFfHei97cUI8rjwNJ?si=qzOB7cTVRg6iAU1L4BY2hA>



First Church Accepting Applications for Director of Children and Family Ministry

First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg is seeking a full-time Director of Children and Family Ministry. This person will be responsible for the overall vision and implementation of the faith development of children (birth through 5th grade), in partnership with their families. Education related to children and/or family ministry, or applicable experience is required. To view the full job description, visit the church website at fumchurch.com or <https://fumchurch.com/director-of-children-and-family-ministry/>. Please submit resumes to office@fumchurch.com or to Ellen Hill, Office Manager, at 135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Save the Date — 2021 Church Conference

All church members are invited to attend First UMC's Church Conference on Monday, November 1 at 6:30 pm in the green chairs section of the sanctuary as we celebrate our mission and ministry in 2021 and plan for "Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors" in 2022.

Sleep Out for the Homeless

November 19-20 will be the annual Sleep Out for the Homeless. For the past 29 years First Church has hosted this event to raise money and create awareness around the realities of homelessness. Some years have been cold, some have been warm. One year it was postponed. Last year it was offsite and did not include sleeping out. No matter the dynamics, each year our students rise to the challenge and help raise money and awareness for the agencies in our community helping those dealing with homeless situations. This year will be no different! Our students, in combination with other local youth groups, will line the streets and collect donations for area agencies such as New Hope, Family Promise, and Bethesda. Join them in their efforts and consider offering a donation. (Special request: We would love to collect news clippings from the history of the Sleep Out. Share what you have with Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com).



Isaiah 61 Returns in Harrisburg!

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, November 17 at 6:30 pm. New safety protocols have been established, such as wearing a mask, gloves and physical distancing. If you would like to carpool or have any questions, please contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com.

New Digs Ministry

Most of you know about Mission Central but are you aware of New Digs Ministry located within the Mission Central warehouse? New Digs accepts donations of gently used furniture and household items. New Digs is run by volunteers and is a non profit organization that helps people in need to furnish a home. There is always a need for household items (or cash), but during Covid the warehouse was shut down at times and now the shelves are a bit bare. Starting over is never easy but New Digs can help in many ways. New Digs hours are: Wednesdays from 9 am-12noon and the first and third Saturday of each month 9 am-12noon. You can find more information at <https://newdigsministry.org/>.

Change (or Paper) for Water!

Water is the foundation of our very lives; yet, according to CDC estimates, only 2% of the population in Sierra Leone has access to clean, readily available drinking water! Help us to support the **Well Drilling Fund for Sierra Leone** by dropping your loose change, or even paper bills, into the blue "Change for Water" bucket located back on the Sierra Leone mission table in the Main Entrance hallway. Donations from September totaled \$59.40. 100% of your donations will be used to provide training and dig wells for schools and communities in need.

Get Connected With Service Opportunities

If you have not already done so, sign up to receive our periodic "Service Opportunities" email. Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com to share opportunities and to sign up.

Relationship Builder



Extravagant Hospitality

Hospitality takes many forms and extends beyond Sunday mornings! How can we practice "purposeful hospitality" this Thanksgiving season? We can reach out to those individuals who may be feeling lonely or isolated or are perhaps experiencing the recent loss of a loved one. **Open the table** ~ invite one or two people to your Thanksgiving table who may be spending the holiday alone. Make your guests feel valued and seen. Make your guests feel welcomed and loved. **Listen and share** ~ make the space around your table safe for people to listen, share and grow. **Do something with the leftovers** ~ send them home with a guest who lives alone or take them to a neighbor who didn't feel comfortable coming. Don't let your hospitality end when the meal is over!

Trinity's Closet on Main, November 13

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is holding a Clothing Closet on the 2nd Saturday of each month. They have a variety of gently used clothes (in all sizes) for men and women to choose from. Breakfast to go is provided for each person - including a cup of coffee! The Closet is open from 9:00 am. to 11:00 am. every 2nd Saturday. Trinity is located at 132 E. Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The next Clothing Closet will be held on Saturday, **November 13**. Questions, contact Vanessa Storlie at trinityburgoutreach@gmail.com.

Widows/Widowers Fellowship

The widows/widowers fellowship will dine at T.J. Rockwell's on WEDNESDAY, November 10 at 11:30 am. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at [717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145).

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Mt. Asbury is excited to announce the Second Annual Drive-Thru Christmas Light Show! Experience the story of the Birth of Jesus in a unique way! Bring your family, youth group, friends, and neighbors to enjoy thousands of lights as you drive $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile through the main site and forest of Mount Asbury Retreat Center. See the angels as they talk to Mary, Joseph and Shepherds. Follow the Star to the Manger. No registration necessary. The event starts Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, November 26 to December 19 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. They are asking for a \$10 per car donation. Follow the Facebook page for event news and updates here: <https://www.facebook.com/MountAsburyChristmasLightShow>. This is a great family activity, just load everyone up in the car and bring a little extra cash for hot chocolate and cookies that will be available at the entrance!

Mt. Asbury is looking for **volunteers** to help make this an incredible experience! See the Time to Sign Up with open dates and more information <https://www.timetosignup.com/kidscount/sheet/1319971/>. Patti Herring is on the planning committee this year and would love to see groups from First Church show their support!

Joy in the Morning - a small group invitation!

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. We will meet next on Monday, November 29 at 1:00 pm on Zoom. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, taking inspiration from the book, [With the Dawn Rejoicing](#). For more information and the Zoom link, contact Janice Bowen at [717-766-4611 x112](tel:717-766-4611) or wecare@fumchurch.com.

Generous Giver



FINANCIAL REPORT

Through September 30, 2021 — 75% of year

General Fund — September giving:

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| Actual giving in the month of September | \$66,071 |
| Average month per 2021 budget | \$75,416 |

General Fund — Year-to-date

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| 2021 budget | \$ 905,000 | |
| Expected income | \$ 678,750 | (75% of budget) |
| Actual giving | \$ 706,884 | (78% of budget) |
| Actual expenses | \$ 657,994 | (73% of budget) |

Our year-to-date financial position continues to be blessed by the faithfulness of our Lord through the gifts of our congregation and friends. Sept was a 4 week month and giving was a bit short of our budgeted average but we remain in line with our financial plans for this year. Thank you again for keeping First Church in your prayers and thoughts as we go through this extraordinary time.

Our expenses remain in good shape as we continue to offer online services, in addition to opening up more and more through this unusual time. We are excited to see the Thanksgiving and Christmas season approach and all that we can celebrate with our ministry in this time of year. Please help us plan for 2022 by participating in the Consecration (“Commitment”) services and celebration on Sunday November 14!

Can of Corn!

We will continue to support New Hope Ministries and their Thanksgiving collection with canned corn this year! Bring your cans of corn to the collection boxes at the Office and Alley Entrances starting November 7. Let's continue this tradition of supporting our neighbors at New Hope! Questions, contact Debbie Karns at deborahkarns1@gmail.com.

Cardboard for the Sleep Out

If you happen to get a large box (think big...furniture or large equipment size) we would love to take it off your hands. Please don't recycle it, instead contact Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com or [716-510-8948](tel:716-510-8948) to donate it for the youth to use.

Giving Back is Easy This Year!

Once again, we will be collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and supporting New Hope Ministries during this holiday season.

For **Operation Christmas Child**, pick up your shoebox at church during the month of November at the display outside the multipurpose room. Fill your box and return to the display by **November 21**. Also, for your convenience, you may have the Shoebox Supply warehouse fill a box for you! Send a check for \$15.50 to the church (made out to FUMC) by November 1. Please mark your check 'Fill Shoebox.' This includes the shipping!

After the success of last year, you can support **New Hope** through the church's Scrip Fundraising Program! Check off the **\$25** amount for Wal-Mart or Target on the form (pick up the form outside the multipurpose

room or find it here). Return to the church office, the Scrip Return box (located on the wall near couches) or Kathie Bittenbender, 292 Founders Way, Mechanicsburg, 17050. We will deliver the gift cards to New Hope Ministries for local families. See information about both opportunities [here](#).

Calling All Cookie Bakers!

We're back! 2021 is bringing back the famous cookie walk. We just came thru summer and that the heat is finally leaving but it's time to think about Christmas, and with Christmas comes cookies. This year we will be having our annual cookie walk on Dec 11th. This event has become popular in part because of wonderful bakers like you. 2019's event was our best ever! Because of your help & participation we raised over \$1,000.00 for our mission trip fund. That being said we are asking for 4-5 batches (8-10 dozen) per style of cookie. Maybe you want to try out a new one or stick to grandma's secret recipe. Anything will do. Fill out a form below (and place in Lynn Rapp's church mailbox), or use this link, <https://forms.gle/TjscpqpCg6qGNThs7>. Feel like baking now? Cookies freeze. What a great way to get ahead of the Christmas rush. Please help us continue to carry on this tradition and raise money for the youth mission trip. Come stock up on Christmas cookies! Any questions please email Lynn Rapp at minion.youth17@gmail.com.

Cookie Walk Form

Please select 2 types of cookies. We will contact you with the type to make.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cookie type 1: _____

Cookie type 2: _____

Can you make both types? Yes / No

Women's Ministry & SCRIP!

Need a gift idea? Use the SCRIP gift card program and benefit the FUMC Women's Ministry at the same time! For the months of November, December and January, proceeds from specific gift card purchases will benefit the 2022 Women's Retreat! The gift cards include Applebee's, Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse, Cracker Barrel, Dunkin Donuts, Olive Garden/Red Lobster/Longhorn Steakhouse, Panera Bread, Red Robin, Subway, Texas Roadhouse, and TGI Friday's. The SCRIP box and order forms are located near the end of the hallway (to the right) of the main building entrance. Any questions, contact Patti Herring at familyzeke@verizon.net.

Little Free Pantry Update

Thanks for your support of the **Little Free Pantry** on our property. Please consider helping to stock our pantry during this difficult time for families. Please be sure to place items that are not expired or near expiration. If you or your group would like to sign up, see the available months [here](#). A simpler list of suggestions can be found [here](#). **Feel free to sign up for just one week, if that works better for you!** If you would like to choose a week this fall or would like to make a financial donation to the pantry, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.



November Bible Reading Plan

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| Monday, November 1 | Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 |
| Tuesday, November 2 | Psalm 127 |
| Wednesday, November 3 | Hebrews 9:24-28 |
| Thursday, November 4 | Mark 12:38-44 |
| Friday, November 5 | Ephesians 2:19-22 |
| Saturday, November 6 | Rest and Reflect |
| Sunday, November 7 | "Blessed to Be A Blessing: It's All God's" (All Saints Sunday) |
| Monday, November 8 | I Samuel 1:4-20 |
| Tuesday, November 9 | I Samuel 2:1-10 |
| Wednesday, November 10 | Hebrews 10:11-14 |
| Thursday, November 11 | Mark 13:1-8 |
| Friday, November 12 | Ephesians 3:14-21 |
| Saturday, November 13 | Rest and Reflect |
| Sunday, November 14 | "Blessed to Be A Blessing: The Tithe" (Consecration Sunday) |
| Monday, November 15 | 2 Samuel 23:1-7 |
| Tuesday, November 16 | Psalm 132:1-12 |
| Wednesday, November 17 | Revelation 1:4b-8 |
| Thursday, November 18 | John 18:33-37 |
| Friday, November 19 | Ephesians 4:11-16 |
| Saturday, November 20 | Rest and Reflect |
| Sunday, November 21 | "Blessed to Be A Blessing: Grateful Hearts" |
| Monday, November 22 | Joel 2:21-27 |
| Tuesday, November 23 | Psalm 126 |
| Wednesday, November 24 | I Timothy 2:1-7 |
| Thursday, November 25 | Matthew 6:25-33 Thanksgiving Day |
| Friday, November 26 | Matthew 1:2-3a, 16 |
| Saturday, November 27 | Rest and Reflect |
| Sunday, November 28 | "It Wouldn't Be Christmas Without...Family" |
| Monday, November 29 | Malachi 3:1-4 |
| Tuesday, November 30 | Luke 1:68-79 |

Church News and Notes

Our love & sympathy...

to the Eaton family in the death of Barry’s mother, Brenda Eaton, on September 10
 to the family and friends of Vanarda “Mike” Young who passed away on September 25
 to Jo Etta Sollenberger and family in the death of her husband, Earl Sollenberger, on September 26
 to the family and friends of Victor Norris, who passed away on October 19

A note of thanks...

Dear First Church, We want to thank you for the many blessings you sent our way during our family’s difficult time. Thank you for the flowers, cards, prayers and cares you expressed. Our church family is very special to us. Thank you and may God bless you all. ~ *Sadie Heim and family*



Special Birthdays

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| Sadie Heim | November 1 | Joyce Woods | December 1 |
| Liz Nesmith | November 4 | Jo Nye | December 13 |
| Elvin Hess..... | November 6 | Dolores Shell..... | December 13 |
| Paul Cain | November 11 | Darlis Aumiller..... | December 21 |
| Mary Cain..... | November 11 | Joan Mains | December 23 |
| Patricia Marr..... | November 23 | Elaine O’Hara..... | December 26 |
| Marlin Lehmer..... | November 24 | Sandy Coover..... | December 28 |

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Paul & Mary Cain married 64 years on November 1
- ♥ Lincoln & Veloice Washburn married 70 years on November 9
- ♥ Leon & Pat Bricker married 61 years on November 19
- ♥ Dave & Dolly Scholl married 70 years on November 22
- ♥ Don & Kay Coldren married 59 years on November 24
- ♥ Bob & Sara Meck married 69 years on November 25



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The **deadline** for submitting articles
 for the **December 2021** issue is
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**Early submissions always
 appreciated!**