



# *First News First*

October 2019

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

From Pastor Denny's Desk...

## **"Are You A Lifelong Learner?"**

The other day I came across an article by blogger and author Oscar Nowik, "12 Signs You Are a Lifelong Learner." He writes,

### ***Lifelong Learners...***

1. Read on a daily basis.
2. Attend various courses.
3. Seek opportunities to grow.
4. Take care of their bodies.
5. Have diverse passions.
6. Love making progress.
7. Challenge themselves with specific goals.
8. Embrace change.
9. Believe it's never too late to start something.
10. Have a contagious attitude.
11. Leave their comfort zone.
12. Never settle down.

This list grabbed my attention because, as I read it, I realized how relevant these 12 signs are for us as followers of Jesus. At First Church we value ***Growing as Disciples***: "We believe God wants us to continually grow to be like Christ." We are committed to being ***Lifelong Learners***: "continually growing as we study God's Word alone and with others."

Let me ask you, when it comes to following Jesus, are you a lifelong learner? Which of these 12 signs are evident in your life from day to day? Which suggest another step in your spiritual growth?

The apostle Paul instructed his young friend Timothy to never stop going deeper in God's Word so that he could grow up to be like Jesus:

*Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.*  
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Day by day, year by year, may you, too, be a learner, continually growing to be like Christ!

Pastor Denny

## Lifelong Learner



### Take the Challenge!

It's never too late to accept the ***Be One, Make One Discipleship Challenge!*** If you haven't done so already, simply visit the Welcome Center display, pick up a Common English Bible with a reading plan and begin reading! Then come on Sundays to worship God and learn from the sermons, which dig deeper into the weekly readings.

### Bible Studies and Fellowship

Are you looking for new ways to grow and learn from God's Word? Are you also looking for ways to connect and grow in relationship with other believers? Take your discipleship to the next level by participating in any of the following classes/groups:

- **Sunday School:** We have six different options for adult Sunday School classes that meet Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Look in the bulletin for more details regarding the class choices. You are invited to drop in any Sunday!
- **Lunch and Learn Bible Study with Pastor John:** Based on our Bible reading plan, this group meets each Wednesday through October 30 at 11:00 am in the church sanctuary (under the balcony) for study, followed by a Dutch treat lunch at CC's Kitchen. You are welcome to drop in any Wednesday!
- **New Member Class:** Are you interested in becoming a First Church member? If so, you are invited to a new member orientation on Sunday, October 13 from 9:30 – 10:30 am in room 207. On that day you will get to know the pastors and each other better, plus receive materials for the 6-week new member study, *A Disciple's Path*. This class will run through November 24. Visit the Welcome Center display to sign up or contact Tina Eaton at 717-766-4611 or email her at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).

### From the Library

I love October—the change of seasons, crisp apples, and, of course, Halloween. The library celebrates October by concentrating on mystery books which as you know are my favorite genre. And I have some really good mystery books for you. So let's go right to the heart of the matter.

Lynette Eason has been one of my favorite authors for some time. In her latest series, ***Blue Justice***, Ms. Eason has introduced us to the St. John family—a family that bleeds blue. Mom is the chief of police and five of the six siblings are in law enforcement. Each book featured a family member and now to wrap up the series in ***Vow of Justice***, we meet Lincoln, an FBI agent. Just before his wedding to Allison Radcliffe, she was murdered. Lincoln has dedicated his life to hunting down her killers. Imagine his shock when he discovers she is still alive. How is he supposed to feel when he finds out that he wasn't part of the inner circle of people helping her to hide? Swallowing down the hurt and anger hasn't been easy, but now he is going to help Allison stop the killers before they succeed for real. With this last book in the series all the books are on the shelf ready for you to breeze through with no waiting. The reviewers say Ms. Eason wraps the series up with a tidy bow. Get the coffee ready and plan to stay up late.

Dani Pettrey has started a new series, ***Coastal Guardians***, with the first book titled ***Killing Tide***. Set in Wilmington, North Carolina, the Coast Guard Investigative Service team is brought in when a Coast Guard officer is murdered and another goes missing. Finn Walker is finding this to be a very dangerous investigation for his team, and he doesn't need his boss's sister as his sidekick. Gabby Rowley is an investigative reporter and will go to any lengths to get a story—even as far as putting herself and Finn's team in danger. Sparks fly between the two as they investigate in different ways. Those sparks are sometimes anger, but sometimes they are feelings for each other that they try to deny. I know you will want to read this quickly to find out “who dun it”, but sadly the next book is not in sight yet!!

These two books are only the tip of the suspense iceberg—stop in for the latest from Nancy Mehl, Irene Hannon, or Lisa Harris just to name a few. And if that is not your genre, stop in and let us help you find just the right book.

See you in the library.  
Donna and Pam

## Praying Follower



### Adopt a College Student!

Going off to college is a big step and can be a little intimidating. Show your love and support by adopting a college student! When you adopt, you are promising to pray, send notes of encouragement and send small care packages throughout the year. The focus of the adoption process is to cover the student in prayer and encouragement. If you have a desire to support our students while they are away at college, please see the Adoption Center at the ministry table outside the multipurpose room. There are pictures of students to adopt and instructions. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Rapp at [minion.youth17@gmail.com](mailto:minion.youth17@gmail.com). "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

### Moms in Prayer

Did you know that we have several First Church women engaged in praying with a **Moms in Prayer** group? What a blessing is it to join other mothers and grandmothers in lifting our children in prayer! If you are interested in joining them, here's what you need to know:

- **Monday Night Group:** Prays for children at any age/stage of life. Meets here at First Church from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Prayer Room (2nd floor elevator landing). Contact Deb Noss for information.
- **Thursday Morning Group:** Prays for students at the Kindergarten Academy, Northside Elementary, Elmwood Elementary and Mechanicsburg Middle School. In-home meeting in Shiremanstown from 8:00 – 9:00 am. Contact Anna Harris for more information.
- **Tuesday Morning Group:** Prays for College/Career children. In-home meeting in Mechanicsburg begins at 8:15 am. Contact Nadine Ogden for more information.
- **Wednesday Morning Grandmothers Group:** Prays for grandchildren. In-home meeting in Enola begins at 8:45 am. Contact Nadine Ogden for more information.

All mothers and grandmothers are invited and no prayer experience is required. What is prayed in the group stays in the group, so don't worry – your prayer requests will remain private within the group.

### Drawing Nearer to God Creative Classes

First Church is excited to announce a series of creative classes designed to help you Draw Nearer to God through crafting and creating using God's Word as our backdrop. The classes will be held at Mechanicsburg Crafter's Retreat, 304 W. Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The classes will focus on writing God's Word in beautiful ways. You can choose to attend one or all of the classes. Classes will be led by church members and all materials and instruction provided at no cost. The classes are as follows:

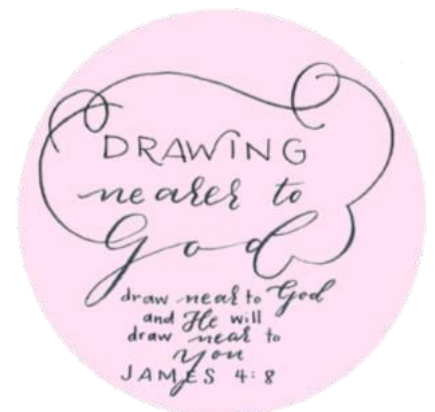
**October 2:** Writing God's Word

**October 9:** Praying in Color

**October 15:** Bible Journaling (*This is now changed to Tuesday*)

**October 23:** The Word in Watercolor

Please register at Time to Sign Up at: [ttsu.me/ynd84n](https://ttsu.me/ynd84n) or by contacting Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com). For planning purposes, please register one week before each class. You do not need to be a member of First Church or any church to participate. No special skills required!



## Passionate Worshipper



### Worship

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:15 am Foundation Service

10:45 am Convergent Service

Sunday School 9:30 am



**The 4th Sunday at 4:00...** an interactive and inclusive ministry for those with developmental disAbilities, their families, friends and care givers.

### Holy Communion

World Communion

October 6

Loaves and Chalice

November 3

Loaves and Chalice

First Sunday of Advent

December 1

Pew Service

Christmas Eve, 8:00 and 11:00

December 24

Loaves and Chalice

### Join us for a three-week sermon series... "REVIVE!"

The toughness of Navy Seals has become well known through movies and books. Becoming part of this elite group requires surviving grueling tests of mental, emotional, and physical toughness. And then there is the infamous bell. The bell is ever present while the Seal trainees endure the intense exercises; and all they must do to quit and receive a nice meal, hot shower, and clean bed is to ring it three times. The temptation is always there to say, "I quit!"

Faced with life's struggles and difficulties, we may feel like ringing the bell and saying, "I quit!" To a discouraged young pastor named Timothy, Paul writes, "...revive God's gift that is in you!" (2 Timothy 1:6). Paul's practical guidance in the opening chapter of this letter points the way for Timothy, and all of us, to experience a vibrant life in Jesus.

October	6	Be Connected	2 Timothy 1:1-6	Communion
	13	Be Bold	2 Timothy 1:7-9	
	20	Be Grounded	2 Timothy 1:10-14	

Four-Week Series Beginning October 27..."Living the Dream: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money"



**A HUGE thank you** goes out to everyone who attended Worship Arts Night on Aug 28<sup>th</sup>! We had a wonderful night of fellowship and worship. It's never too late to be a part of our growing music ministries! All are welcome!

**Handbell Choir** – Mondays 6:30-8p in the choir room – Kathie Bittenbender - [rbittenben@verizon.net](mailto:rbittenben@verizon.net)

**Sanctuary Choir** – Wednesdays 8-9p in the sanctuary – Sarah Pugh – [worship@fumchurch.com](mailto:worship@fumchurch.com)

**Sounds of Worship** – Thursdays, 7-8p in the choir room – Flossie Ryder - [florencewryder@yahoo.com](mailto:florencewryder@yahoo.com)

**Worship Band** – Thursdays 6:30-7:45p in the sanctuary – Allison Ometz & Trace Morgan

**Accompanist/Organist:** Frank Herberlig, Karen Philip

For more information about any of our music ministries and creative arts, please reach out to Sarah Pugh at [worship@fumchurch.com](mailto:worship@fumchurch.com)

## Ring in the News

Fall really is here, and our bell-ringing year has begun! Did you see we have a couple new bell ringers this year! We always have a busy Fall season, getting ready for Holiday Concerts in December, as well as several of our fundraisers that we've had for many years.

Our 18th annual chicken BBQ is Saturday, October 12. As long as we have chicken we'll be serving it, but it's much safer if you order your chicken ahead of time! See a bell choir member, or sign up at the Information Desk. Dinners are \$9.

If you come to the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade on October 8, our soup, hotdogs, and mac 'n cheese stand is in the corner of our parking lot.

And don't forget our annual thanksgiving pies! Orders will be taken beginning in October. We make pumpkin, apple - double crust or crumb topping, and mincemeat pies. The date for pies is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving – November 23 this year.

## Dedicated Missionary



### Monthly Mission Opportunities:

**Mission Meeting** ~ The Missions Committee invites you to join in mission work! Next Missions Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. If you are planning to go on a short-term mission trip, please feel free to complete the application for financial assistance found on our website at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com), under the Missions tab. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

**Isaiah 61 Ministries** ~ 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, **October 16 at 6:30 p.m.** A carpool leaves from First Church at 6:00 p.m. for those who are interested. To volunteer, contact Tiffany Holland at [tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com).

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

This past month 6,840 “pennies” (\$68.40) were contributed to the Well Drilling Fund for Sierra Leone. Thank you to everyone!! Every penny helps so keep dropping your loose change into the ***Change for Water*** Bucket. One hundred percent (100%) of your donations are used to provide training and dig wells that supply safe drinking water for schools and communities in Sierra Leone. ***You can even throw in “paper” change ~ they’re the best!!***

### Missions in Sierra Leone

Less than six months until our March 2020 mission trip. Preparation and anticipation are building. We are excited that our team is currently at five people, two of whom are not from First UMC. What a wonderful experience to reach not just those in Sierra Leone but also others in Pennsylvania.

Please stop by for some delicious baked goods on October 13th between services. This is our way for saying THANK YOU for your continued prayers and support. We would love to speak with you about the upcoming trip and have you meet the members of the team you may not know. Fundraising for the trip continues. In August, we raised almost \$300 from the Annual Yard Sale. The t-shirt sale is underway. You can get yours from any of the Sierra Leone Mission trip team members, or request yours on the form at the Welcome Desk. Don't want a t-shirt for yourself, purchase one for the team to take to Taiama for someone at Calvary UMC. Also at the display is a list of the gift cards for which the proceeds will benefit the trip when purchased through the Scrip program in October and November. Thank you for your continued support.



## Save the Date for Annual Ministries and Missions Fair!

Mark your calendars for the annual Ministries and Missions Fair on Sunday, November 17. This is a great opportunity to learn about all the ministries and missions of First Church and beyond! The fair will take place in the multipurpose room during the Sunday School hour from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Watch for details closer to the date.

## Upcoming VIM Trainings!

The Volunteers in Mission training prepares you to lead an UMVIM Team locally, nationally, or globally. Topics covered include: Best Practices, Cultural Awareness, Health & Safety, Team Orientations, Useful Forms, and Fundraising. All are welcome to attend! Taking this training does not require you to lead a trip but equips you for service. We learn from the course materials and from one another. Dates are October 19 at Grace UMC Lemoyne, 309 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne and November 2, First UMC Lewistown, 200 E. 3rd Street, Lewistown from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Light breakfast and materials provided, bring your own bagged lunch. RSVP to Michelle Schwartzman, Director of Volunteers in Mission 2 weeks prior to the training at [vim@susumc.org](mailto:vim@susumc.org) or 717-766-744, ex. 3105.

## Relationship Builder



## MOPS Meets Here!

It's never too late to join our MOPS group! The meeting this month is scheduled for October 25, and fun outings are also being planned. MOPS provides a welcoming and open environment where every mom can grow through friendship, mentoring and leadership development. Here are the basic elements of every group meeting:

- Fellowship time over light breakfast
- Valuable teachings/lesson time
- Small group discussion time
- Christian devotions to take away and apply to everyday life
- And best of all ... quality childcare!

The cost for MOPS International registration is just \$31.95 for the entire 2019/20 year (scholarships available as needed). If you are expecting a child/are the mother of a young child, you won't want to miss this special opportunity! If you know an expectant mother/mother of a young child, please invite them to come and check out a meeting for free! Contact Krissy Marshall at [kjmarshall126@gmail.com](mailto:kjmarshall126@gmail.com) or Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call 766-4611 for more information.



## New Card Carousel

As we move into the fall and Advent seasons, let's focus on our value to be relationship builders. How, you ask? Here's one *simple* step you can take... Is there someone you know in our church family that you have been praying for? Is there someone who is sick, recovering after a stay in the hospital or is just missing from worship on Sunday mornings? Send them a card! Just visit our card carousel (graciously donated to us from ASMA Gifts), pick out a card and mail it off with your caring thoughts! You can find the card carousel at the Welcome Center display... check it out today!

## Last Food Trucks for This Year!

The Third Friday Food Trucks are here for the last time this year on Friday, October 18 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. The Food Trucks are a great outreach to the community. Please stop in to take this opportunity to get to know our neighbors and enjoy great food! We can always use help with setting up tables and chairs, clean up and parking lot attendants. If you would like to help in any way, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

## Front Row Seats for Annual Halloween Parade

We invite you to enjoy front row seats for Mechanicsburg's Annual Halloween Parade! The parade, set for Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m., passes right by our Simpson Street property. The public is welcome to set up seating along the sidewalk. We also offer free parking, a concession stand and restrooms. The concession stand supports First Church Handbell Choirs.

## Streets of Treats, October 19

The Children's Department will once again be handing out treats at the Mechanicsburg Streets of Treats on Saturday, October 19 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Stop by our booth to play a game and pick up a treat! We will be located just steps away from the Rosemary House on Market Street. For more information on this free event, visit the website here: <http://www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/event/streets-of-treats/>.

## Community Dinner on the Lawn, October 20th

The next Community Dinner on the Lawn will be held on Sunday, October 20th at 5:00 p.m. on the lawn of First Church of God on Main Street Mechanicsburg. The dinner is a collaborative event to bless the downtown community with a free meal. The concept comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. If you would like to be a part of this event in any way, please contact Lori Hoffnagle, director of outreach at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

## Senior Fellowship - Tuesday, October 8th - 1-3pm

All senior members are invited to come for a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments at the Mechanicsburg Museum to enjoy the display titled "A Salute to Veterans." Carvel Markley will be our host and guide. The museum (located at 2 West Strawberry Alley, Mechanicsburg) has close parking and ramp-accessibility. Please contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) for more information.

## Flu Shots

Pharmacist David Nesmith will offer free flu shots in the Multi-Purpose Room on Sunday, October 6th from 9-11 a.m. for anyone age 9 or older. While offered at no cost, please bring your insurance information with you if you have it. Flu shots will be offered again at the Mission Fair on Sunday, November 17th with Sandy Leister.



## Extravagant Hospitality

Hospitality takes many different forms! Random acts of kindness are great ways to express hospitality both in our church and in our community. Give someone you do not know a compliment! Hold the door open for two different people! Smile and get three people to smile back at you! Pick up trash at our last Food Truck Night of the season on October 18! You CAN and WILL make a difference in the lives of others through such acts of kindness!

## Communication Awareness for Email Distribution Lists

For those who receive emails from the church staff (prayer letter, service opportunities, children's ministry newsletter, 4G news and information, newsletter, etc) and ever wish to be unsubscribed from a specific list, please respond to the sender and request removal. Please do not click the unsubscribe link unless you desire to have your email removed from all distribution lists and email communication.



Would you like to be added to email communications:

Newsletter and Church Information (contact Ellen Hill [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com))

Service Opportunities (contact Lori Hoffnagle [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com))

Prayer Letter (contact Janice Bowen [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com))

Youth Ministry (contact Lisa Aronson - [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com))

Children Ministry (contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris - [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com))

## Generous Giver



### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 31, 2019 58 % of year

General Fund 2019 budget	\$ 970,000
Actual income	\$ 533,095
Projected income	\$ 565,833
Actual expenses	\$ 516,284

As we enter the fall and winter season, please pray for the mission of our church to open doors for our community, and to welcome newcomers to the love of Christ through the ministry of First Church. Your prayers and gifts are needed and appreciated.



#### Mission Central 5K Race, Walk; Walk the Warehouse; One Mile Fun Run!

Save the Date for the Mission Central 5K on Saturday, October 26, starting at 9:00 a.m. This annual event raises much needed funds and awareness for Mission Central, located at 55 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg. New this year, you can walk inside the warehouse and learn more about Mission Central! This event is professionally timed and prizes will be awarded to top runners! For more information and registration, visit the website here: <https://missioncentral.org/events/>. The registration cost is \$25 before October 10th.

#### CROP Hunger Walk, October 20

First Church will once again be participating in the annual CROP Hunger Walk sponsored by Church World Services. This year's date is Sunday, October 20th at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 117 W. Keller Street. This year we are excited to announce that our Rejoicing Spirits friends will be walking! If you want to support the CROP Walk and our walkers, please pick up the information across from the Welcome Desk or you can donate online at:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mechanicsburgpa/Team/View/114357/Rejoice-Walkers>. We'd love to have you walk with us! If we have the most walkers, we get to keep the celebration banner for 2019!

All walkers will receive a Free tee-shirt and a meal will be served after the Walk compliments of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Let's all help to 'End hunger, one Step at a Time!' For more information, visit the website at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mechanicsburgpa/> or contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

#### Save the date! Sunday, November 12 is Consecration Sunday

Soon you will see posters going up around the church, hear personal testimonies from members of our congregation during worship services, and receive information in the mail about this great spiritual renewal event. At both our 8:15 Foundation Service and our 10:45 Convergent Service, you will be invited to make a financial commitment to support Christ's mission in and through First Church. There will be a Ministry Fair during our 9:30 a.m. Sunday school hour as we celebrate how we are "Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors." You are blessed to be a blessing!

#### Endowment Grants Support Patriotic Quilts, Sensory Area and Other Projects

The Endowment Committee of First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce grant support of the following projects in 2019.

**Patriotic Quilts for Veterans** - In June, First Church presented 30 beautiful patriotic-themed quilts, handmade by the Squares & Prayers Circle, to veterans or those currently serving in the military. It was a modest but heartfelt gesture of thanks for their service. An Endowment grant helped support the cost of



the materials to make the quilts.

**Sensory Area in Sanctuary** – First Church will create a new Sensory Space in the back corner of the sanctuary (under the balcony) in an effort to welcome worshippers of all abilities, and help them to have a more comfortable and meaningful worship experience. The grant will help provide items such as a rocking chair, yoga ball, and fidget toys.

**“Beyond Suffering” Training** – First Church will offer “Beyond Suffering,” a course designed to prepare leaders in ministry, education, medicine, and science to effectively serve the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. This course is unique in that it views disability and suffering through a Biblical lens. The course will be open to our members, the Mechanicsburg community of churches, and the local district of The United Methodist Church.

**“Drawing Nearer to God” Creative Classes** – First Church will host a series of crafting classes at a local retreat center, with God’s word as the backdrop. The goal is to reach those who do not attend a church, in a fun and comfortable setting. The classes are modeled on Fresh Expressions, an international movement of missionary disciples cultivating new kinds of church alongside existing congregations to more effectively engage our growing post-Christian society.

The grants were funded with annual income from the Endowment Fund.

If you would like to learn more about the Endowment Fund, please call or approach Bob Wertz Sr., Endowment Committee Chairperson, or either of First Church’s pastors.

### **Endowment Committee to Host Coffee Café Nov. 17**

Do you have questions about the Endowment Fund, or want to learn more about how you can support the future of First Church? Join us at the Missions & Ministry Fair and the Coffee Café in the multipurpose room on Sunday morning, Nov. 17. Representatives from the Endowment Committee will be available to talk, and to answer your questions.



### **Men's Small Group Video Series**

We are now watching and discussing "Uncommon" with Tony Dungy. The viewing and meetings are at the Eaton home on the **first and third Wednesdays of each month. October dates are 10/2 and 10/16, from 8-9:30pm.** Contact Barry Eaton ([theeaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theeaton5@verizon.net)) or John Bowen ([bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com)) if you have questions or would like more information.

### **Men's Breakfast**

An open invitation is extended to any and all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday morning of each month. Please come join us at Brother's Restaurant, located at 705 Gettysburg Pike in Mechanicsburg. Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, October 5 at 7:30 am.** Hope to see you there!

### **Men's Golf Outing**

Are you ready for some fun out on the golf course? A Men's Golf Outing is planned for **Friday, October 11 at Armitage Golf Club.** Tee times start at 12:30, with the last tee time at 12:56. Cost is \$26 for men 50 and older, \$34 for men under 50, including cart. There is also a discount for Hampden Township residents. The format will be “best ball” tournament-style, so men of all skill levels are welcome. After golf, spouses and guests are welcome to join us for dinner at the Caddy Shack restaurant, on premises at your own cost. We hope you will be able to join us for a great afternoon!

**Tool Pool** -A directory for any hand or power tools that you may need to borrow for one-time use. Contact Don Karns at [dekarns0107@gmail.com](mailto:dekarns0107@gmail.com).

# Women's Ministry

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

## United Methodist Women

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

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

### MARTHA CIRCLE

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

### RUTH CIRCLE

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

### COVERED IN LOVE

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

### SQUARES AND PRAYERS

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

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

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

## Other Opportunities to Connect

### DAY OF PAMPERING

**February 29, 2020**

Karin McHale ~ karinmch@comcast.net

### LADIES' SEPTEMBER TEA

Janice Bowen ~ wecare@fumchurch.com

### MOMS IN PRAYER

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

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

**October 25 (9:15am)**

Tina Eaton ~ adultministry@fumchurch.com

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

**February 7 to 9, 2020:** Mt. Asbury Retreat Center  
Patti Herring ~ familyzeke@verizon.net

### ZUMBA Gold (low impact dance/aerobic exercise)

Multipurpose Room  
Tuesday at 1:00p.m. ~  
Mary Stine: freddlz@comcast.net  
Thursday at 1:00 p.m. ~  
Lisa Lynch: lisaloveszumba@gmail.com

## Upcoming Events:

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

**December 14:** Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Start thinking of the type of cookies you want to donate to the Cookie Walk!**

Make a difference in your community and around the world by giving to the annual United Methodist Women **World Thank Offering** on Sunday, November 24 during the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services. A special offering will be collected during the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services. Following the 10:45 service, please join us in Fellowship Hall for a mission meal of barbeque, corn bread, veggies and desserts. Proceeds from the mission meal benefits women, children and youth in our community.

## Church News and Notes

### Love & sympathy...

to the family upon the death of Doris Zimmerman, on August 11th.  
to the family upon the death of Dave Leinhos, on August 23rd.  
to the family upon the death of Helen Kane on September 14th.

### Thank you...

*Our thanks to our church family for the cards and flowers that were sent to us last month for a birthday and our anniversary. What a joy to have such a caring church family.*

~ Jerry & Pat Sheely



### Special Birthdays

Peg Hassinger.....October 8  
Skip Hutter.....October 13  
Carol Moomaw.....October 21  
Winslow Brown.....October 23  
Donald Shover .....October 23  
J. Paul Strock .....October 31  
Sadie Heim.....November 1

Brenda Snider.....November 1  
Hannah Nesmith.. .....November 4  
Elvin Hess .....November 6  
Nancy Bomboy ... .....November 12  
Patricia Marr .....November 23  
Marlin Lehmer .... .....November 24

### Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Leroy & Pamela Weaver married 57 years on October 7
- ♥ Skip & Patricia Hutter married 64 years on October 8
- ♥ Ralph & Gwendolyn Harkins married 57 years on October 20
- ♥ Paul & Vesta Rynard married 55 years on October 24
- ♥ Richard & Joanne Reed married 66 years on November 4
- ♥ Lincoln & Veloice Washburn married 68 years on November 9
- ♥ Leon & Pat Bricker married 59 years on November 19
- ♥ Dave & Dolly Scholl married 68 years on November 22
- ♥ Don & Kay Coldren married 57 years on November 24
- ♥ Robert & Sara Meck married 67 years on November 25



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