



# First News First

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## First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg

### From the Pastor

#### Dates to Remember

- Sept 4 .....Communion
- Sept 11 .....9/11 Service  
Church Picnic
- Sept 15 .....Newsletter  
Deadline
- Sept 21 .....Grocery Bagging
- Sept 25 .....Rejoicing Spirits  
Service

#### "God Is Our Refuge and Strength"

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. (Psalm 46:1-3)

This month marks the 15th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Many still remember where they were at the moment they heard the tragic news. I was in my study at Camp Hill UMC, where I had been pastor for just ten weeks. Janie Stover was with me, working in the church office. Someone called the church and reported that a plane had just crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Janie told me. Students were kept at school. Airports were shut down. Watching television news reports there was great uncertainty. Throughout the day news of the horrible events unfolded.

In all, 2,996 people died in the attacks that day. Some were at work in the WTC or at the Pentagon. Some were aboard one of the four planes commandeered by terrorists. Some were firefighters, EMT's, and law enforcement officers. The victims will never be forgotten. Nor will the heroic efforts of first responders. Many sacrificed their lives to save others.

In the days following the attacks, we watched and prayed as search and rescue teams worked tirelessly to find survivors and loved ones of victims waited. Flights were cancelled. It was eerily quiet in our neighborhood, on the path of flights into and out of HIA. Like many area churches, ours had a special prayer service on Friday of that week. A man from Florida, in town on business, was there. He tearfully told us that his son's best friend was a pilot aboard one of the downed planes. Many hearts were grieving as we held one another close, sang hymns, and prayed. Church attendance on the Sundays that followed 9/11 soared. In this time of national crisis, people turned to God.

On 9/11 we experienced what the psalmist wrote about long ago in Psalm 46. The psalm describes earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and roaring seas that alter the landscape. Terrorists attacks on American soil changed the landscape of our lives. The whole nation was on alert. The Department of Homeland Security was formed. Airport security was heightened. A month after 9/11, I took a flight with a friend to Connecticut. Before we boarded the plane, I was randomly pulled out of the line, taken behind a curtain, and searched. National leaders wrestled with options for defeating Al Qaida. Soon, troops were deployed to Iraq, then

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## From the Pastor

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Afghanistan. Fifteen years later, the war against terror continues.

We live in a post-9/11 world, but, as Psalm 46 reminds us, we need not live in fear. "God is our refuge and strength, our very present help in trouble." Day to day pours forth signs of God's grace. God is with us in our homes and schools and workplaces. In our life together at First Church and in our community.

On Sunday, September 11, we will honor first responders from our church and community in our worship services. We will also begin a new season in our Sunday school and gather later in the day for our annual church picnic. We join in prayer for community servants and for peace in our world. We also join in study, fellowship, and service as we build a loving community in Christ. Through it all, our eyes are on God who leads us into the future with hope.

Pastor Denny

## 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

Monthly Communion

September 4

Pew Service

World Communion

October 2

Loaves and Chalice

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.

### Acolytes Needed!

Hey Kids in grades 3-6! Have you ever wondered:

- \* who gets to light those candles on the altar,
- \* what's it like to sit on one of those big, comfy chairs at the front of the Sanctuary,
- \* what does the congregation look like to the Pastors,
- \* what do the stained glass windows look like when the sunlight streams through them,
- \* how do the Pastors know what words to sing without looking at the big screen, and/or
- \* how can a kid like me help with Worship, Communion, Baptism, and Advent?

You can find out the answer to all of these questions by volunteering to be an acolyte! It's a great way to learn about worship and see the service from a whole new perspective.

Interested? Contact Colin Knott at 691-1183 or [wereknotthome@verizon.net](mailto:wereknotthome@verizon.net) to sign up for a short instructional session that we'll schedule at your family's convenience in late September or early October. See if acolyting is your way to worship in a whole new light!

## Finance

### Financial Report—through July 31, 2016 58% of year

#### General Fund

2016 budget	\$ 890,000	
Expected income	\$ 516,200	
Actual income	\$ 523,005	(59% of budget)
Surplus	\$ 6,805	

Actual expenses \$ 488,650

**Building Fund** \$ 12,676

**Legacy Campaign** \$ 2,365

As a result of most members keeping current with their pledges, income is slightly above expectations. All members are encouraged to continue with their giving.

\$10,000 from the General Fund was paid on our debt during July. Thus far in 2016, \$31,700 has been paid on the debt principal.

## 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 September 21 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King at 697-0933 or eeking@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 630 pennies contributed this past month for a total to date of \$12,679.96.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!



**When:** October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am, registration begins @ 7:30 am  
**Where:** Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Dr, Mechanicsburg  
**Cost:** \$25 before October 1<sup>st</sup> / \$30 after and day of event  
 Free ages 5 & under

**To Register, please go to [www.missioncentral.org](http://www.missioncentral.org)**

### What is Mission Central?

Mission Central is the mission warehouse of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. Since it's beginning in 2002, Mission Central has had 3 points of focus: Disaster Response, Mission Outreach and Mission Education.

Mission Central's goal is to connect God's resources with human need. We have been able to assist people locally, nationally and globally and have provided aid to people in need for every major weather disaster since 2002.

### What are the proceeds used for?

The run is being held to help with Mission Central's daily expenses. By opening our doors each day, Mission Central was able to reach 2 Million people last year alone, with 58% of our warehouse output remaining in Pennsylvania! We hope to top that number this year.

## Music

### Ringling in the News

Wow. What an experience in Vancouver. Picture 750 ringers in front of you all ringing the same piece. Many were treated to this experience including eleven family members of our choir. Our Vancouver 11 worked hard to come together with those other 740 ringers. It was no small feat considering the time constraints and the language barriers. Workshops were also offered ranging from enhancing ringing techniques to experiencing the native Canadian culture. One evening was spent enjoying native Canadian music and dance as well as a delicious meal featuring salmon and bison meatloaf. Various concerts and other activities were included in the entire experience. After the conclusion of the Symposium the choir and family members were able to stay and tour the Vancouver area. Ask any of the group and they will be happy to tell you of their experience. A big heartfelt thank you goes out to all who helped financially for these people to attend this symposium.

Now that the fall activities are approaching, it is time to think of what you will be part of. The Bell Choirs are always looking for new players. There are two separate choirs. The first meets on Monday nights from 7 till 8:30 and has already begun to practice. You are still invited to come and play. It typically is the one that does some extra concerts out in the community as well as playing in church once a month and doing a concert at the church in the spring. The second choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 for an hour beginning September 7th. This choir plays once a month in church and is part of the concert in the spring. All ages are encouraged to play from youth on up. Chime choirs for first through sixth grade will begin sometime in October.

Don't miss our annual chicken barbeque. It will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup> this year. See any member of the choirs for tickets or sign up in the book at the information desk. This year the pie sale will be November 19<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the signup sheets.

### September Ministry of Music Sunday Morning Schedule

September 4—Carvel Markley (8:15 & 10:45)

September 11—Sounds of Worship (8:15); Sanctuary Choir (10:45)

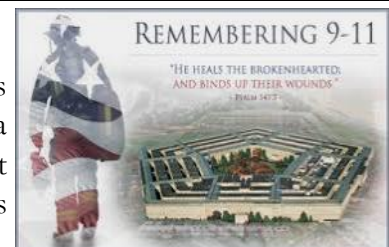
September 18—Sounds of Worship (8:15); Invocation & Youth Choir (10:45)

September 25—Sounds of Worship (8:15); Sanctuary Choir (10:45)

## Adult Ministry

### Remembering 9/11

During worship on September 11 we will honor all first responders in observance of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. If you are a First Church member who has served or currently serves as a first responder in our area, we hope you will be with us in worship on this special day.



We will never forget what happened on that day; never forget the lives that were lost, and never forget the men and women who sacrificed their safety and lives to save others.

In grateful response, please also invite all local first responders that you know and their families to worship with us that day. Light refreshments, juice and coffee will be served in between services in the multi-purpose room as a way of saying “thank you” for the courage and daily sacrifice on our behalf.

## Adult Ministry



### Annual Fall Church Picnic

Our annual fall church picnic is coming up on September 11! It is being held again this year at the Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion at 4:00 pm. A pot-luck supper will be held at 5 pm and outdoor worship will be held at 6 pm. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Also bring your own place settings and lawn chairs to sit, relax and enjoy each other's company!



### Fall Christian Education Opportunities

#### Disciple Groups

We will start a "Disciple Fast Track" study groups the week of September 11 and everyone is encouraged to participate! Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has offered a full, grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now, "Disciple Fast Track" has been modified to better meet the needs of a hectic world. You will still benefit from the integrity and principles of the full Disciple Bible Study, but classes will meet for only 12 weeks in the fall and 12 weeks in the winter for just over an hour a week.

Groups are forming now – please go to the display in the main lobby for more details and to sign up for a group. Cost of the study manual is \$14.99. Contact Tina Eaton at 766-4611 or email [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more information.

#### Thursday Bible Study

We will be offering a fall Inductive Bible Study on the book of Colossians. This is a very rich book which proclaims WHO Christ is and WHO we are in Him ....ALIVE IN CHRIST with a New Self.

Orientation and workbook distribution will be held on September 1 and then the class will run 9 weeks. Class times are Thursday morning 9:00-11:00 am and 6:45-8:45 pm and class meets in Fellowship Hall.

Cost of the workbook is \$20. Sign up at the display in the main lobby or email Juanita Guise, class leader, at [kguise@comcast.net](mailto:kguise@comcast.net)

#### Men's Bible Study

We are offering a Precept Ministries Study on Philippians and Colossians written by Kay Arthur and David Lawson. It is entitled "*That I May Know Him*". Come to study scripture and discover truth about who Jesus Christ is and the difference he can make in our lives. We will learn how to find joy in all our circumstances and how to walk in a manner worthy of our high calling in Christ.

Class begins on September 25 and meets at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. Classes run 60 – 90 minutes and will be led by Ken Guise and David Mengle. The first 5 weeks focuses on Philippians and will deal with "Knowing Him and Knowing Joy". The last 8 weeks focuses on Colossians and on "Knowing Him and Knowing His Power".

Cost of the study guide is \$9.99. Sign up at the display in the main lobby or email Ken Guise at [KGuise@knouse.com](mailto:KGuise@knouse.com).

## Adult Ministry

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### Sunday School Classes

Some Sunday School classes took a short break over the summer, but all Sunday School classes will resume beginning September 11. For your information, here is a complete listing of classes and their meeting locations. Look in the bulletin on September 11 for more details on what classes will be studying.

- DSF CLASS (Room B-001, side closest to elevator) - This is a class for young adults. All college students/young adults are welcome to come for discipling, seeking the truth within scripture and fellowshiping together.
- FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE (Room 207) - A group of singles and couples age 25ish and above, but all are welcome. A discussion-based class that values friendship, sometimes getting together outside of class. Come discuss a variety of contemporary topics related to living out the Christian faith, compassion, and social justice.
- FAITHFUL FAMILIES (B001A, off Youth Lounge) —This class is made up of parents with school-aged children who study topics related to Christ-centered family living and raising kids in today's culture.
- CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussion of Christian principles.
- GROWING IN CHRIST (Room B004) - A mixed class of single adults and couples of all ages that select short-term studies intended to challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles.
- GUYER CLASS (Room 125B in sanctuary) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Studies, which are designed as encouragement and instruction in living a life of faith.
- HELPING HANDS CLASS (Room 105 in office wing) - A group of active seniors who focus on studies designed as encouragement and instruction on living a life of faith. Interactive studies and discussions are led by several class members. Also, class members enjoy many Christian social activities together.

### Meet & Greet Luncheon

Have you seen any new faces at First Church this summer? If so, please invite them to a "Meet and Greet" luncheon! The next "Meet and Greet" will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 25 immediately following the 10:45 am worship service.

The purpose of this luncheon is to provide newcomers with the opportunity to meet and get to know the Pastors, make connections, ask questions, receive information and enjoy a relaxing lunch. In addition, a tour of our building is offered for those who are interested.

Please email Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call 766-4611 if you have questions or would like more information.

### New Member Class

Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a First Church member? If so, please invite them to attend new member class, which begins on Sunday, October 2 and runs for 7 weeks. Classes are held during the Sunday School hour from 9:30 – 10:30 am in room 201 (Pastor Denny's office). Please instruct those who may be interested to contact Tina Eaton at 766-4611 ext. 104 or [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) if they have questions or would like more information.

## Access Ministry

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### The Irresistible Church

“Instead of creating another program, let's examine what the church would look like if everyone, regardless of disAbilities or extraordinary Abilities, was embraced as a fully functioning member of the Body of Christ. Regardless of cognitive processing, verbal communication, behavioral struggles, or physical ability, each member would be valued as a person flawlessly created in the image of God, and the church family would receive each member's God-given gifts with joy. Such a church would be irresistible, not just to families affected by disAbility who are looking to be loved for who they are, but for anyone skeptical that the church holds a place for them. Additionally, each of us would recognize the unconditional love of such a church by seeing how those with disAbilities belong unconditionally.

This larger dream requires change. The change is easy to identify but takes intentional effort to implement. When families affected by disAbility are asked what they desire in a church, they overwhelmingly share two dreams: accessibility and acceptance. Accessibility to existing structures, programs and people is imperative. Acceptance with a sense of belonging extended from others who also use and benefit from the structures, programs and fellowship of the church is equally necessary. Accessibility and acceptance usually grow when a group of people understands God's attitude toward those with disAbilities. This group then uses the church's strengths and mission to develop a solid plan.” *Start with Hello*, Joni & Friends; Kate Bruek

First Church is stepping into this “solid plan!” The first step? Asking God.....*praying!* This is a step that everyone can take. You may never become involved with disAbility ministry in a hands-on kind of way (but we hope you will!). Even so, you can pray. We can all pray! This is such a critical step. Won't you please join others who are also taking this new ministry opportunity to God in prayer? Here's how:

- \* **ASK GOD to prepare the hearts of leadership, the congregation, and families in the community who are affected by disAbility.**
- \* **ASK GOD to send workers into this specific field of harvest / field of ministry.**
- \* **ASK GOD for wisdom as we journey together toward full engagement in ministry to and with the disAbility community.**

Thank you so much for your prayerful support. The next steps will soon be shared and we can all look forward to making this journey together. Please contact Lisa Wickenheiser for more information. 649-0993 or the7wicks@verizon.net.

## Health & Wellness

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### Front Porch Project – Free Training Program coming to FUMC!

Thursday, October 6, 5 pm supper provided, training to follow 5:30-8:30 pm

Have you ever seen a child in a store or restaurant having a meltdown and a parent having a meltdown of their own? Are you noticing children playing unsupervised in your neighborhood? Do you ever wonder what to do when you are concerned about a child and aren't sure if it's “your business” or what to do? If so, the **Front Porch Project** can help. This training provides real-life answers to questions like these.

FUMC is co-sponsoring a Front Porch Project session with PA Family Support Alliance on Thursday, October 6, beginning with a light supper at 5:00 PM. The program will begin at 5:30 PM. There is no charge to attend and everyone is welcome –pre-registration is necessary. Contact either the PA Family Support Alliance ([www.pa-fsa.org](http://www.pa-fsa.org) or 717-238-0937) or Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x 112) to register or for more information.



## FUM Circles

*New Members are always welcome!*

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

Sandy Walton , 790-9131 or  
swalton54@comcast.net  
meets the 2nd Tuesday of the  
month

### RUTH CIRCLE

Beryl Morgan  
697-3554  
meets the 1st  
Wednesday of the month

### MARTHA CIRCLE

Marley Ann Schmick  
697-2233  
meets the 1st Tuesday of the  
month

### COVERED IN LOVE

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

### MARY CIRCLE

Janice Bowen, 796-0809 or  
jjgbowen@yahoo.com  
meets the 4th Monday of the  
month

### SQUARES AND PRAYERS

Tammy Snyder  
439-0355  
meets Tuesday mornings, 9:00 in  
Fellowship Hall

### 2016 Events:

- September 17** Harrisburg District Annual Day at Calvary United Methodist Church, 4700 Locust Lane, Harrisburg
- November 20** World Thank Offering and Mission Meal (proceeds from the mission meal support local ministries)
- December 17** Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk

### 2017 Events:

- February 3-5** Women's Retreat at Mt. Asbury

Contact Lori Hoffnagle at 732-6430 with questions about any of these above UMW events

### Annual UMW Yard, Bake and Book Sale

The annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who made baked goods, donated items, gave your time, donated school supplies and participated in the sale. We handed out over 100 school kits to children in the community. The money raised from the bake sale and UMW sale will go to local organizations. Thanks again for your support!

### UMW Harrisburg District Annual Day

All are invited to attend the UMW Harrisburg District Annual Day on Saturday, September 17 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Harrisburg. "David Norris will discuss climate justice, which means setting right our relationships with each other and the earth. Climate injustice is the result of climate change. This topic will challenge you to see what needs to happen for climate justice to become a reality in the world today. The church needs to more powerfully model a way of doing it differently. This will entail not just focusing on the environment, but also asking hard questions regarding financial profit, a growing economy, our independent way of thinking and our understanding of efficiency."

Registration is \$7 and includes lunch. To register or if you have questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at 717-215-5600 or [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).



## United Methodist Women

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### Deborah Circle

Welcome Back Meeting - September 13, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall Cafe. Please bring a large bag of individually wrapped hard candy for a service project we will be doing. All women are welcome. Contact Sandy Walton at 433-3687 with any questions.

### Squares and Prayers

The newly formed Squares and Prayers Quilting Circle is looking for donations of the following: Cotton fabric, Batting, i.e. new or gently used mattress pad or blankets, New or gently used sheets, crochet thread. Please drop off in the Tower Entrance hallway in the marked box, thank you!

### Calling all evening knitters!

If you want to work on knitting projects or learn to knit, we invite you to an informational meeting on Thursday, September 15 in the Youth area at 6:30 p.m. This new group will have the same format as the Covered in Love knitting and crocheting group, but will meet in the evenings. Any questions, contact Mary Helm at [mthelm4@yahoo.com](mailto:mthelm4@yahoo.com) or Lora Bourgeois at [mrsbourg@comcast.net](mailto:mrsbourg@comcast.net). Hope to see you there!



**We need your clothing.** Don't forget to drop your unwanted clothing and shoes in the Community Aid bin.

Money raised from your donations helps local schools, churches and other non profit charitable organizations, as well as FUMC's UMW.

## Men's Ministry

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### Men of First Church

Did you know we have a men's group that meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening at the church? If you are looking for a way to connect with other Christian men from our church and deepen your faith then you should come check it out! Beginning on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing throughout the fall we will begin watching and discussing Focus on the Family's, "The Truth Project." Our small group experience will be led by Wayde Leister in a comfortable and informal setting. Each meeting will have a video lesson delivered by Dr. Del Tackett, followed by our own discussion. While the lessons build on one another, each lesson is presented as its own topic, so if you can't make every meeting you are still welcome and encouraged to attend.

Here is an overview of the lesson series:

*"Many of today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation... As it has been throughout history, God continues to call ordinary people to make an eternal difference in our world."*

In an effort to find ways to set ourselves apart and make a difference in this world, we will gather together to learn, discuss, and share. Please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 8:00-9:30pm in room B005 (in the youth Sunday school wing). If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to John Bowen ([bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com)) or Barry Eaton ([theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net)). We hope to see you there!

## Library

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Yesterday I got an email that started off with “Now that summer is winding down,” and I silently started screaming, “No, no, no!” Yet here I am writing about books for September. If you are now reading this in the September newsletter, you know I haven’t stopped time, and summer is officially over. Since there is nothing you can do about it, you can prepare for the coming of autumn by getting some good books out of the church library to read while waiting for your child, for new programming on TV, or football season to start. I have just entered two new books into the computer, and I can’t wait to tell you about them.

Rachel Hauck has been writing about weddings for several years. First she wrote The Wedding Dress, then The Wedding Chapel, and now The Wedding Shop. Though not a series, each book has had a theme of intertwining a younger person’s story with an older person’s story set in the town’s wedding shop. Cora Scott inherited her great aunt’s wedding shop in the early 1930’s. Brides come from far and near to select a dress for their special day and experience Cora’s famed bridal treatment. While serving others, Cora is waiting for her own true love to return from the river and make her his bride. As the years pass Birch Good tries to woo Cora and show her he is a dependable man. But Cora is determined to wait for her one true love. Now eighty years later Air Force Captain Haley Morgan has returned home to Heart’s Bend after leaving the service. Haley has suffered the loss of not only her best friend, but also the betrayal of the man she loved. Now she is searching for a place to start again. As Cora and Haley’s stories weave together in the wedding shop, find out how each woman finds strength, courage and of course love to enable them to go on with their lives. This story will touch your heart in a special way—Don’t miss it.

If you are like me and need a little more adrenaline in your books, author Lynette Eason is the person to look for on the shelf. Book two in the *Elite Guardians series* has arrived. **Without Warning** is the story of restaurant owner Daniel Matthews who has become a target of someone who wants to put him out of business. Katie Singleton, member of the Elite Guardians, was driving by when she notices police at a friend’s restaurant. She knows Daniel from having his niece in her self-defense class. At first, despite the two crimes at his businesses, he is reluctant to hire a bodyguard, but as things escalate, he needs Katie, if only to keep his niece safe. Ms Eason always takes her readers on a twisting and turning plot line sprinkled heavily with romance. Don’t miss this page turner—it will make any “waiting” more fun.

All of us in the library would like to thank you for your support at the annual book sale. Thank you for your great donations and purchases the day of the sale. It keeps our shelves stocked with the newest and best in Christian books.

See you in the library.

Donna and Pam

## Church News and Notes

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### *Love & sympathy...*

to the family upon the death of Lois Hollinger Morland on August 17, 2016.

to the family upon the death of Margie Mengle’s mother, Elsie Finkey, on August 20, 2016.

## Church News and Notes

### Thank yous

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the lovely flowers to brighten-up my days at home recovering,  
Linda Stoner*

*To Anonymous ~ from Mike & Cathy ~ Thank you!*

*Dear First Church Members and Pastors,  
Thank you all for your flowers, cards, and prayers while I've been in the hospitals. I really appreciate all of those things! I also have enjoyed the visits from Pastor Keller and Pastor Reed. Those have really brightened up my days in the hospitals! I miss all of you and hope to be back soon. Most Sincerely,  
Polly Blum*

### Special Birthdays

Foster Creamer.....September 4  
Bill Neumyer.....September 4  
Emma Whitcomb .....September 8  
Ken Nelson.....September 13  
George Reh fuss.....September 16  
Lil Thomas.....September 22  
Bill Seig.....September 27  
Peggy Shenberger.....September 28  
Peg Hassinger.....October 8  
Skip Hutter.....October 13  
Carol Moomaw.....October 21  
Winslow Brown.....October 23  
Paul Strock.....October 31

### Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Bob & Judy Wertz married 53 years on September 1
- ♥ Richard & Alberta Knause married 66 years on September 2
- ♥ Ed & Ginny Johnson married 52 years on September 3
- ♥ Milt & Dolly Dougherty married 66 years on September 23
- ♥ George & Mary Beth Snoke married 50 years on September 24
- ♥ Richard & Marley Ann Schmick married 52 years on September 26
- ♥ Paul & Lorraine Strock married 63 years on September 27
- ♥ Leroy & Pam Weaver married 54 years on October 7
- ♥ Skip & Pat Hutter married 61 years on October 8
- ♥ Ralph & Gwen Harkins married 54 years on October 20
- ♥ Paul & Vesta Rynard married 52 years on October 24

## New Office Ministry Partner

Have you noticed the addition of color to the weekly bulletins, inserts and this newsletter? This is due to our newest Office Ministry Partner, "Tosha". "Tosha" is one of 3 new Toshiba copiers we are leasing through DOCEO Office Solutions. DOCEO presented us with a program they offer to churches that provides unlimited copies, monochrome and color, and saves us money! All 3 copiers are an upgrade from what we had, plus they have additional features. While "Tosha" may look intimidating, she is really quite nice and user friendly. However, with her additional features come more places for possible paper jams. Please allow the Office Manager to assist you when you have questions and when there may be a paper jam.

The Office Ministry is excited to be able to provide more vibrant publications for First Church's ministries while also saving money!



## Church Staff

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