



First News First

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

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“Remember”

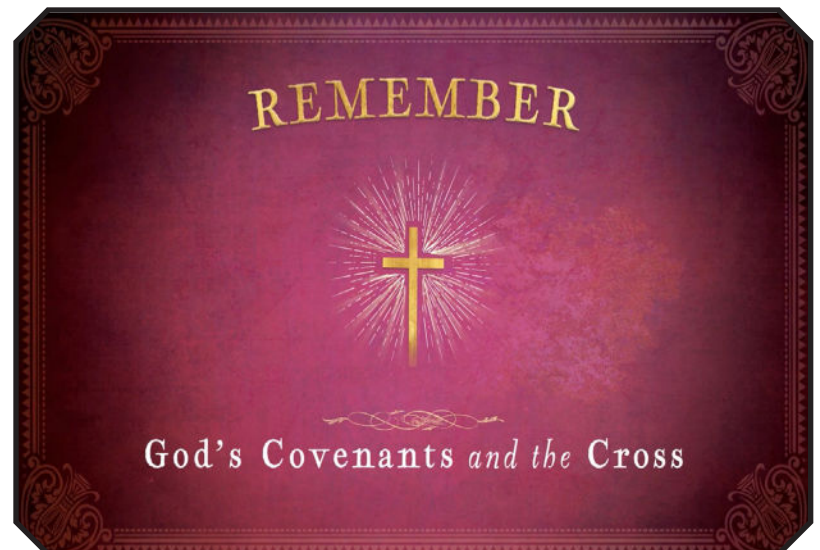
I'm looking forward to sharing the 40-day journey of Lent with you this year, beginning Feb. 14. We're planning a sermon series and a church-wide study based on a new book by Susan Robb entitled, “Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross”. In our weekly worship services and small groups, we'll explore the covenants God made with all of us through Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and Jesus.

Rev. Robb invites us to study God's covenants because, as we do, “we will soon discover... that when God remembers God's people, deliverance and salvation begin. And when God remembers us, we are then asked to remember what God has done for us, especially in this season of Lent.” (p. x)

God remembers us. Those three simple words grabbed my attention as I read this book. Noah, Abraham, Moses and David certainly had their flaws. The Bible is quite transparent about their sins and the heartbreak that resulted. We might think that God would just move on and forget them. Yet, God remembered them. God saw promise in them that perhaps they could not even see in themselves. God chose each of them to play a special role in God's redemption story.

Like our ancestors in the faith, we have our flaws, but God has not forgotten us. God sees promise in us and calls us to join in the unfolding of God's redemption story in Christ. This Lenten Season, I invite you to receive this good news: God remembers us! I also invite you to be aware that God is with you. How are you experiencing God's presence with you? What is God calling you to do in response?

God remembers us!
Pastor Denny



Sermon Series

Join Us for Worship This Lenten Season "Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross"

Wednesday, Feb. 14	7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service Hope United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg
Sunday, Feb. 18	"Noah: God's Covenant with Creation"
Sunday, Feb. 25	"Abraham: A Promise of Nations"
Sunday, March 3	"Moses and Israel: Words of Life and Freedom"
Sunday, March 10	"David: An Eternal Covenant"
Sunday, March 17	"From Jeremiah to Jesus: The Covenant of the Heart"
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday: "Jesus and the New Covenant"
Thursday, March 28	6:30 p.m. The Passion Play Experience
Sunday, March 31	6:45 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Mechanicsburg Cemetery) Easter Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Lifelong Learner



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

Daily Bible Reading Plan

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

Adult Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

With six classes to choose from, there is something for everyone! Visit our website, (fumchurch.com), for the most up-to-date listing of classes and the topics they are studying. If you have questions, contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com).

Wonderful Wednesday | Starts Feb. 14, 5-7 p.m.

Children, youth and adults are all invited to participate in this six-week fellowship and learning program. Enjoy a family-style meal together at 5 p.m., followed by small group Bible studies at 6. Sign up now at fumchurch.com or on the Church Center app!



All-Church Study for Lent | Starts Feb. 18

Join us for "Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross," our six-week small group study and sermon series for Lent. Together, we'll explore four foundational covenants between God and his people, then connect those sacred promises to the fulfillment of God's plan through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Sign up on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.com. Groups begin meeting the week of Feb. 18. The book upon which this study and sermon series are based (written by Susan Robb) is available to purchase through any major book retailer as an optional add-on for those interested in further enriching their experience. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 104) with questions.

Lent Discipleship Guide

Want to go deeper with the Lord this Lent? Pick up a copy of our Lent Discipleship guide! You'll find our Bible reading plan, information on small group studies, spiritual practices to integrate into your daily routine, and more.

Wednesday Night Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. In their current study, "Kingdom Heroes," Dr. Tony Evans explores how the journeys of Old Testament heroes, such as Abraham, Noah and Moses, can help you build a strong and enduring faith. Contact Barry Eaton if interested.



Zoe Mazi | Mondays, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Zoe Mazi (which means "Life Together") is a ministry group that welcomes young adults (18+) from a variety of churches in the Mechanicsburg area. On the first and third Monday of each month, they meet at Strock's Corn Crib for a large group gathering that features of worship and teaching from a local speaker. On the second and fourth Mondays, they meet at the home of Zoe Mazi Executive Director Shannon Zimmerman for a time of small group discussion. Find more details and get connected at zoemazi.org

Mom Connection

This group connects moms of children (newborns through high school age) with other moms who are seeking friendship, support and encouragement along the parenting journey. The group meets monthly from September through May. Meetings begin with dinner followed by a theme-based topic designed to help develop connections and offer support (spiritual, emotional, practical), inspiration, and resources for Christ-centered parenting. Suggested donation of \$5 per meeting to cover program materials and dinner. Sign up now at fumchurch.com or on Church Center. Contact Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com) or Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) with questions.



Health and Wellness Presentation | Sunday, Feb. 4, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Join us in the multipurpose room to hear from Bob Buhrig with Buhrig's Funeral and Cremation. Bob will speak on various points of interest related to funeral planning, including some of the less traditional and newer burial options.

From the Library

As I sit here in my warm cozy house on this first snowy day in nearly three years, my mind goes to France in the winter of 1940-41. The French were experiencing a German occupation, along with their coldest winter on record. The Germans gave the French almost no coal or heating oil. Parisians burned furniture and secretly cut down trees in public parks to stay warm. They were a hardy lot.



Why am I thinking of this almost 80 years later? Because the library has a new book, *The Paris Housekeeper*, by Renee Ryan. Ryan is known for writing historical fiction set in France during World War II. In this book, she takes us to the Ritz Hotel, which was known as a place Germans lived in luxury as the average Parisian struggled to keep warm and find enough food for each day. The three women who take center stage in this book are all very different. Camille, a maid at the Ritz, despises the Germans, but she must work to support her widowed mother and sisters. Vivian Miller is a fabulously rich American pretending to be a Nazi sympathizer, but she uses her wealth to help Jews obtain travel papers. Lastly is Rachel, also a chambermaid, but Jewish and in danger. If you like this genre, you'll find the twists and turns of this story make it hard to put down. I won't ruin the plot with more facts – I'll leave that to you!

This morning, I'm also feeling the need for a little more adrenaline. And, who better to provide that than Lynette Eason and her latest book, *Double Take*. This is also the first book in the "Lake City Heroes" series. Physician assistant Lainie Jackson lived through her ex-boyfriend's attempt to kill her. In fact, she was able to grab a weapon and kill him – or so she thought. 18 months later, he's back to finish what he started. Lainie turns to police detective James Holton for help. James worked in the Army Criminal Investigation Division, but left to work for the police after sustaining wounds when an IED blew up near him. Lainie and James join forces to find out if her former boyfriend or someone else is trying to kill her. There's not a minute to waste in this life-or-death scenario. Yes, another page turner. The only bad news here is the next installment of this series isn't due until August. But, that gives you plenty of time to check out something on the shelf that you may have overlooked earlier.

Hope to see you in the library. With winter seemingly in full swing now, don't be shy about taking an extra book or two in case church is canceled. And, I think winter is the perfect time to borrow a jigsaw puzzle.

See you in the library,

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

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Visit suscrm.org to register and see a complete list of 2024 camps and retreats!

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

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Early Bird Discount - Save \$25 if you register by May 1.

Sibling Discount - Register the one at full price, and additional siblings receive a \$25 discount.

Invite-a-Friend Gift - Invite a friend who has never been to camp and receive \$50 off the cost of camp.

Financial Assistance - First Church will pay half of your camp fees! Camperships are also available through the Camp and Retreat Ministry.

ASK GOD HOW HE WANTS YOU TO USE YOUR GIFTS FOR HIM THIS YEAR.

WILL YOU:

- Attend a camp, retreat or event?
- Volunteer as a Dean, Nurse or Counselor?
- Provide financial aid to support campers and camp?
- Help with a work camp at one of the sites?
- Become a summer employee at camp?
- Be a prayer partner for a camper?

FIRST CHURCH CAMP COORDINATORS:

Deb Noss: sdppp@msn.com

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Praying Follower



Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we unite with women around the world in praying for our children and grandchildren through Moms in Prayer International. Our prayer group, led by Deb Noss, meets on Monday evenings in room 105, and all mothers and grandmothers are invited! No prayer experience is required, and your child can be any age or stage of life. All prayers remain confidential within the group. Please contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) if you have questions or want to join this group.



Passionate Worshipper



Ash Wednesday Worship | Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

Join us at Hope United Methodist Church (6260 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg) as we begin Lent by worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Rejoicing Spirits | Sunday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m.

First Church invites everyone to attend this “shush-free” worship experience that celebrates all expressions of worship and individuals of all abilities. This monthly service includes music, scripture, prayer and a brief message, along with refreshments and fellowship afterward.

Passion Play Experience | March 28

For thirty years, First Church has performed a Passion Play where children, youth, and adults share the story of Jesus leading up to his death and resurrection. After a successful return last year, we are happy to announce the continuation of this treasured event! The Passion Play Experience will take the audience along the journey of Jesus from Palm Sunday to the resurrection.

We’re looking for children, youth and adults who are interested in performing as actors (speaking or silent), musicians and other important volunteers. Rehearsals will depend on your part and can be flexible to fit your family’s schedule. Rehearsal times range from Sunday Evening (for youth/select adult roles during youth group) or Wonderful Wednesday (for adults and kids). Larger speaking roles or dances will require more rehearsals than non-speaking roles.

There will be one mandatory rehearsal on Sunday, March 24, (Palm Sunday) after church with a meal-time before the beginning of the run-through. Our performance will be on Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Find more details and sign up at fumchurch.com or on the Church Center app. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Children and Family Ministry Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com) or Director of Worship Arts Sarah Pugh (worship@fumchurch.com).

THE PASSION PLAY EXPERIENCE



Dedicated Missionary



Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m.

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

Relationship Builder



February Hospitality Tip: Welcoming Resources

Part of creating a welcoming environment for all is ensuring that our guests know about all of the resources available to them on a Sunday morning while worshipping. So that you know and can extend warm hospitality in our building, here's a list of items for everyone's convenience and safety:

FOR YOUR COMFORT

- **Seat Cushions**

For the pews, located in the basket just inside the entrance to the sanctuary by the choir loft.

- **Hearing Assistance Devices**

Located at the sound booth.

- **Shawls**

Located just outside the sanctuary at the entrance by the choir loft and at the entrance by the library.

- **Comfort Corner**

This quiet room off the sanctuary balcony by the staircase is available for any parent who desires to have some privacy with their child, while still being present in worship.

- **Fidget Toys**

Located in the center corner of the sanctuary balcony, along with other items intended to help a person in need to reduce sensory overload.

FIRST AID KITS

Our Health and Wellness Team maintains several first aid kits all around First Church:

1. **Office**

The office staff maintains a small kit, which is the best to access for outdoor events.

2. **Sanctuary**

Located behind sound desk; contains glucose tablets.

3. **Multipurpose Room**

Located in the closet; contains glucose tablets, and antibiotic ointment.

4. **Lobby**

Stored in plastic tub on far left of the wooden cabinet along multipurpose room wall; contains glucose tablets, aspirin, Tylenol, Benadryl, antibiotic ointment.

5. **Kitchen**

Hangs on the wall by the toaster; contains glucose tablets, Benadryl, Tylenol, aspirin, antibiotic

ointment.

6, Second Floor

Located in the alcove outside of the central stairwell, mounted on the wall above the couch.

LIFEVACS

Four LifeVacs are available in the event of a choking incident:

1. Children's Wing, First Floor

Located in the stairwell by the playground.

2. Children's Wing, Second Floor

Located in teacher resource room (last room on left).

3. Kitchen

Located near first aid kit.

4. Youth Lounge

Watch a training video to learn how LifeVac works at lifevac.net/training.

AED

The AED is located in the main lobby on the wall to the left of the gym doors.

WHEELCHAIRS

Several wheelchairs are located in various locations around First Church.

1. Main Entrance Hallway

Located on left at end away from main entrance doors.

2. Sanctuary, Pew Side

Located in back left alcove at Frederick Street entrance.

3. Sanctuary, Green Chair Side

Located behind green chairs, under the balcony.

4. Fellowship Hall

Located at the bottom of alley entrance steps.

5. Second Floor

Located in classroom 223 at the end of children's hallway (across from "Heaven Room")

Wheelchairs are available for short-term loan. Please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com) if you are in need of this.

SPILL KIT

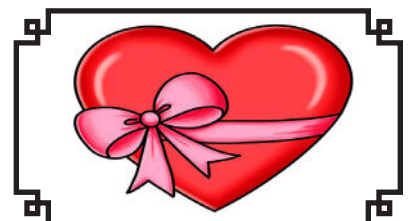
A spill kit is located in the kitchen on the cupboard by the first aid kit.

Men's Breakfast | Feb. 3, 7:30 a.m.

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

Widows and Widowers Valentine's Day Luncheon | Tuesday, Feb. 13, 11:30 a.m.

All widows and widowers are invited to a relaxing time of fellowship and a luncheon with soup, bread and fruit. We encourage you to bring a favorite memento of your beloved husband or wife whom you are thinking of this Valentine's Day. Transportation will be provided upon request. Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 9, to Bonnie Guyer ([717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145)) or Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com).



Joy in the Morning | Monday, Feb. 12, 1-2 p.m.

If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this small group. We meet monthly on Monday afternoons on Zoom (in the winter months) or at Bethany Village. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, drawing upon readings and devotionals. For more information, contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112).

Community Dinner | Feb. 18, 5 p.m.

The next community dinner will be held at Buhrig’s Gathering Place. This collaborative event (in partnership with other local churches) offers the downtown community with a meal, music and games, free of charge. The concept comes from the book Welcome to Dinner, Church, which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. Watch for details on how you can participate or contact Lori Hoffnagle (L_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) for more information.

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Denny and Betsy | Sunday, June 9, 4:30-7 p.m.

Save the date for a celebration in the multipurpose room honoring Pastor Denny and Betsy! More details to come.

Indoor Pickleball | Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.

Join us for some fun and games in the multipurpose room! No experience is necessary, and paddles and balls will be available to borrow. Contact Janice Bowen ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) with questions or to be added to the email list for updates and alerts.

Greeting Cards to Share!

Want to send well wishes for a happy birthday or speedy recovery to a friend? Stop by our greeting card display in the lobby outside the multipurpose room and help yourself to a card! If you’d like a bigger supply of cards or ideas of church members who would appreciate receiving a card, please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112).

Generous Giver



Change 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 well-digging in Sierra Leone by dropping your loose change (or even paper bills) into the blue Change for Water bucket located in the lobby in front of the multipurpose room. Donations from January totaled \$30.10.

Financial Report

Year-End 2023
100% of year

General Fund

2023 Budget	\$900,886	
Expected Income – YTD	\$900,886	(100% of budget)
Actual Income – YTD	\$940,260	(104% of budget)
Actual Expenses – YTD	\$940,260	(104% of budget)

Income for the five-Sunday month of December was \$100,254, about \$13,000 more than our average five-week budget expectation. Spending for the month was \$79,710, leaving us roughly \$20,500

positive for the month.

We finished the year with an operating surplus, which allowed us to appropriate additional funds to key areas of our ministry. We put 10% of this surplus into missions. We also applied nearly \$9,500 of the surplus to our bell tower restoration loan debt and another \$9,500 toward future Trustee projects. A complete 2023 financial report is included in this newsletter.

Thanks to your generosity and support of our mission, the loan balances are roughly \$43,000 due on the parsonage and \$77,000 due on the Bell Tower.

For information about your individual giving records, please refer to the Church Center app or fumchurch.churchcenter.com and push the "Give" button. You can manage your giving, which includes viewing donation history, updating payment methods, seeing progress on pledges and downloading statements. Find a tutorial for this at fumchurch.com/give or contact the church office for assistance.

Thank you for giving of your prayers, talents and gifts in support of First Church's work to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. And, thank you to the staff and volunteers who continue to act as good stewards of all these gifts.

General Fund

December 2023 Account Name Account Number	2023 Approved Budget	2023 Current Month	2023 Year to Date	Percent of Budget Used
100 Income				
101 Envelope Giving		100,239.36	928,885.90	
102 W/O Envelopes			8,208.30	
103 Loose Offering				
104 Building Use Rent			237.00	
105 Interest Income		15.05	192.71	
106 Other Receipts			2,736.73	
107 PPP Grant				
Total Income	900,886.00	\$100,254.41	\$940,260.64	104.37%
200 Salaries and Benefits				
201 Pastor's Salary	\$92,781.00	7,731.76	92,781.12	100.00%
203 Pension- Pastor	\$9,695.00	807.92	9,695.04	100.00%
204 Health Care - Pastor	\$16,500.00	1,375.00	16,500.00	100.00%
206 Account Reimbursable Plan- Pastor	\$2,000.00	280.62	1,469.73	73.49%
207 Continuing Ed - Pastor	\$750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
208 Soc. Sec. Offset - Pastor	\$7,098.00	591.48	7,097.76	100.00%
210 Assistant Pastor	\$0.00			
211 Continuing Ed - Asst. Past	\$0.00			
212 Soc. Sec. Offset - Asst Past	\$0.00			
214 Account Reimbursable Plan- Assist Pastor	\$0.00			
229 Director of Outreach	\$0.00			
230 Director of Communications & Office Man	\$40,093.00	3,341.08	40,092.96	100.00%
231 Office Assistant	\$18,944.00	1,578.66	18,943.92	100.00%
232 Director of Child Ministries	\$36,236.00	3,019.66	36,235.92	100.00%
233 Youth Pastor	\$43,954.00	3,662.84	43,954.08	100.00%

234	Youth Pastor Benefits	\$6,399.00	533.25	6,398.89	100.00%
235	Director of Adult Ministries	\$27,950.00	2,329.16	27,949.92	100.00%
236	Facilities Coordinator	\$18,467.00	1,538.92	18,467.04	100.00%
237	Custodians	\$21,840.00	960.00	9,941.00	45.52%
238	Finance Director	\$9,950.00	829.16	8,291.60	83.33%
239	Congregational Care Coord	\$22,308.00	1,859.00	22,308.00	100.00%
240	Music Director	\$0.00			
241	Organist/Assistants	\$13,000.00	1,148.34	8,527.46	65.60%
242	Sounds of Worship Choir Dir	\$3,803.00	316.92	3,803.04	100.00%
243	Sanctuary Choir Director	\$0.00			
246	Children's Choir Director	\$0.00			
247	Adult Bell Choir Director	\$7,715.00	642.92	7,715.04	100.00%
248	Children's Bell Choir Director	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	
249	Worship Leaders	\$0.00			
250	Additional Musicians (Wshp)	\$500.00	100.00	400.00	80.00%
251	Travel - Lay Staff	\$500.00	.		
252	Continuing Ed - Lay Staff	\$600.00	0.00	\$138.00	23.00%
253	Soc. Sec. - Lay Staff	\$24,866.00	2,079.80	\$25,406.28	76.59%
254	Office Manager Benefits	\$6,399.00	533.25	\$6,398.89	100.00%
255	Worship Arts Director	\$41,738.00	3,478.16	\$41,737.92	100.00%
256	Worship Arts Director - Benefits	\$6,399.00	533.25	\$6,398.89	100.00%
257	Unanticipated Savings	-\$20,000.00	0.00		
258	Youth Choir Director/Youth Worship Arts	\$3,494.00	291.16	\$3,493.92	100.00%
259	Children's Director Benefits	\$6,399.00	533.24	\$6,398.88	100.00%
Total Salaries & Benefits		\$470,378.00	\$40,095.55	\$470,545.30	100.04%

300 Conference Shares of Ministry

301	Connectional Support	46,699.00	3,891.69	46,698.90	100.00%
302	Clergy Support	50,281.00	4,190.10	50,281.00	100.00%
Total Shares of Ministry		\$96,980.00	\$8,081.79	\$96,979.90	100.00%

400 Missions

401	Africa University	\$-			
402	Benevolences	31,379.00	2,614.91	31,379.10	100.00%
403	Benevolent Homes	350.00	350.00	350.00	100.00%
404	Bethany Village	0.00			
405	Bethany Village Aux.	0.00			
406	Bethesda Mission	750.00		750.00	100.00%
407	Daron Shelter	0.00			
408	Daystar	0.00			
409	District Advance	0.00			
410	FUMC Backyard Ministries	0.00			
411	Habitat for Humanity	0.00			

412	Mech Council of Churches	200.00		200.00	100.00%
413	Mech Meals on Wheels	200.00		200.00	100.00%
414	Mission Central	3,000.00		3,000.00	100.00%
415	Mission Ed & Awareness	0.00			
416	Mission Scholarships	0.00			
417	Missionaries - Denominational	0.00			
418	Neighborhood Center	3,000.00		3,000.00	100.00%
419	New Hope Ministries	3,000.00		3,000.00	100.00%
420	S. Central Food Bank	0.00			
421	Salt & Light Ministry	3,000.00		3,000.00	100.00%
422	Sierra Leone	0.00			
423	UM Children's Home	0.00			
424	UM Women	1,500.00		1,500.00	100.00%
425	UMCOR				100.00%
426	Undesignated Missions	1,761.46		500.00	28.39%
427	Uptown Ministries	0.00			
428	World Communion	0.00			
429	Youth Mission Trip	0.00			
430	Youth Service Fund	0.00			
431	Human Relations Day	350.00		350.00	100.00%
432	Youth/Children Offering	350.00		350.00	100.00%
433	One Great Hour of Sharing	350.00		350.00	
434	Native American Awareness	350.00		350.00	100.00%
435	Mental Health Sunday	350.00		350.00	100.00%
436	Peace With Justice Sunday	350.00		350.00	100.00%
437	Rural Life Sunday	350.00		350.00	100.00%
438	Volunteer in Mission Sunday	350.00		350.00	100.00%
439	Christian Education Sunday	350.00		350.00	100.00%
440	World Communion Offering	350.00		350.00	100.00%
441	World Hunger/Harvest Home	350.00	350.00	350.00	100.00%
442	United Methodist Student Day	350.00		350.00	100.00%
443	CRU - Jenna Mingle	0.00			
444	CRU - Bethany Robinson	0.00			
445	CRU - Matt & Leann Herring	17,640.00	1,470.00	17,640.00	100.00%
446	Volunteers in Mission	0.00			
447	Calvary Church, Sierra Leone	0.00			
	Missionaries - Congregational	0.00			
448	CRU - Graham Bowen				
449	Disciple Makers - Josh Herring	9,900.00	825.00	9,900.00	100.00%
450	Golden Cross Sunday	350.00		350.00	100.00%
451	Camping Program				
452	938 Church - Graham Bowen				
453	New Digs	\$3000		\$3,000.00	100.00%
454	Isaiah 61	140.54		\$140.54	100.00%
455	Safe Haven	629.00		\$629.00	100.00%

456	2023 Income Over Spending		2,701.67	\$2,701.67	
501	Access Ministry	500.00			
504	Camping Program	3,000.00		\$3,852.00	128.40%
517	Mom Connection	2,000.00	386.91	\$1,604.18	80.21%
538	Outreach	500.00	19.98	\$192.35	38.47%
	Total Missions and Projects	\$90,000.00	\$8,718.47	\$91,088.84	101.21%
500	Program				
502	Adult Department	5,000.00	293.12	5,006.66	100.13%
503	Bank Fees	4,000.00	331.41	3,137.42	78.44%
505	Children's Department	7,000.00	2,164.13	8,027.01	114.67%
506	Choir Music	1,133.00		1,117.19	98.60%
507	Communications	2,405.00	519.99	2,089.34	86.87%
508	Confirmation	0.00			
509	Devotional Literature	825.00		915.81	111.01%
510	Endowment Fund Comm	0.00			
511	Evangelism	0.00			
512	Fellowship Committee	0.00			
513	FUMC Website	0.00			
514	Hospitality Task Force	0.00			
515	Health & Wellness	396.00 5	7.25	395.99	100.00%
516	Library	200.00			0.00%
518	Offering Envelopes	750.00		761.44	101.53%
519	Office Supplies	2,800.00	486.10	2,821.41	100.76%
520	Paper & Printing	2,000.00	1,134.15	1,266.14	63.31%
521	Postage	1,000.00	134.30	1,038.58	103.86%
522	Small Group Babysitting	0.00			
523	Staff Parish Rel Comm.	500.00			0.00%
524	Stewardship Committee	0.00			
525	Sunday School Curriculum	0.00			
526	Vacation Bible School	0.00			
527	Women's Retreat	775.00		775.00	100.00%
528	Wonderful Wednesday	0.00			
529	Worship Commission	1,200.00	96.62	611.70	50.98%
530	Youth Department	14,000.00	4,693.10	12,028.36	85.92%
531	Safe Sanctuary	200.00		120.50	60.25%
532	Computer Support	6,300.00	1,563.37	5,504.33	87.37%
534	Pastor Discretionary Account	0.00			
533	History/Anniversary	0.00			
535	Congregational Care Ministries	270.00	79.32	266.65	98.76%
536	Coffee Supplies	0.00			
539	Men's Ministries	200.00			0.00%
541	Welcoming Ministry	1,900.00		1,994.35	104.97%
540	Operating Reserve	\$-	5,403.34	\$5,403.34	

542	Contributions to Programming		0.00	\$0.00	
543	Worship Licenses	\$1,352.00		\$1,419.00	104.96%
	Total Program	\$54,206.00	\$16,956.20	\$54,700.22	100.91%

600 Facilities

601	Building Use	\$-			
602	Van Ministry	2,000.00	139.38	1,683.49	84.17%
603	Facility Reserve	30,000.00	2,500.00	30,000.00	100.00%
604	Fuel	19,500.00	2,068.22	24,638.50	126.35%
605	Janitorial Supplies	4,000.00	189.52	3,720.06	93.00%
607	Maintenance	14,000.00	728.56	20,286.13	144.90%
608	Property Insurance	28,622.00	2,354.98	28,319.80	98.94%
609	Property Tax	3,500.00		3,335.84	95.31%
610	Service Contracts- Building	15,000.00	585.00	16,404.01	109.36%
611	Snow Removal	3,500.00		405.00	11.57%
612	Telephone- Church	4,000.00	380.44	4,661.01	116.53%
613	Utilities Church	31,000.00	3,368.78	40,073.44	129.27%
614	Wireless Project	0.00			
615	Service Contracts - Office	11,000.00	585.39	7,609.51	69.18%
616	Utilities - Parsonage	4,700.00	353.90	4,737.18	100.79%
617	Budget Reserve		9,455.84	9,455.84	
618	Maintenance - Parsonage	1,500.00	245.56	2,399.83	159.99%
	Total Facilities	\$172,322.00	\$22,955.57	\$197,729.64	114.74%

700 Capital Expenses

701	Debt Reduction - Interest	2,000.00	462.96	4,760.89	238.04%
702	Debt Reduction - Principal	15,000.00	9,455.85	24,455.85	163.04%
	Total Capital Expenses	\$17,000.00	\$9,918.81	\$29,216.74	171.86%
	Total Expense	\$900,886.00	\$106,726.39	\$940,260.64	104.37%

Income Over Spending \$- \$(6,471.98) \$-

Percentage of Budget should be 100%

Cash in Bank	78,035.52
Money Market Fund	177,178.80
Total Cash	255,214.32

First Church Mission Moments...



Last summer, Jenn Myers and I walked down the street to One80 Ministries. This organization had recently opened its doors on Market Street, and we wanted to learn more about what they do in our community.

Julia Johnson, the founder and executive director of One80 Ministries, warmly greeted us. She showed us around their facility and told us more about their important work in Mechanicsburg. One80 is dedicated to helping people meet their physical and spiritual needs. They assist local individuals with finding food, housing and financial stability, as well as provide a Christ-like shoulder to lean on through fellowship groups, shared meals and building relationships with the people they serve.

After hearing about One80's mission, we sat down on a comfy couch, and Julia began to tell us about how One80 began. Julia has a beautiful story of finding redemption and salvation in Jesus at her lowest point. We could see the light of the Lord shining in her eyes and feel the Holy Spirit pouring out of her. Jenn and I left knowing that we wanted to support and collaborate with our fellow partners in ministry down the street however we could.

Some of you may remember Julia and her husband, Dwayne, giving a presentation about One80 during Sunday school last year. If you missed it, we hope to have them visit again sometime soon, as they have a testimony you won't want to miss.

One80 is a mission of love, compassion and forgiveness. They don't just tell people about God's love; they show people who Jesus is with their actions and kindness toward everyone. No matter where someone has been or what they're going through, One80 will show them what life with Christ as your center is like. Redemption and renewal are found in Him. If someone is looking for these things but doesn't know where to start, One80 should be their next stop.

To learn more about Julia and Dwayne and their work at One80, visit one80ministries.org. And, if you ever get the chance, stop on in! I'm sure they'd love to see you.

In Christ,

Dawn Fisher

First Church Administrative Assistant and Missions Committee Member



Daily Bible Readings February 2024

Thursday, February 1
Friday, February 2
Saturday, February 3
Sunday, February 4

I Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39
Rest and Reflect
Worship

Monday, February 5
Tuesday, February 6
Wednesday, February 7
Thursday, February 8
Friday, February 9
Saturday, February 10
Sunday, February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10
Mark 9:2-9
Rest and Reflect
Worship

Monday, February 12
Tuesday, February 13
Wednesday, February 14
Thursday, February 15
Friday, February 16
Saturday, February 17
Sunday, February 18

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 - Ash Wednesday
Mark 1:9-15
Genesis 9:8-17
Rest and Reflect
Worship

Monday, February 19
Tuesday, February 20
Wednesday, February 21
Thursday, February 22
Friday, February 23
Saturday, February 24
Sunday, February 25

Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:27-30
Mark 8:31-38
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Rest and Reflect
Worship

Monday, February 26
Tuesday, February 27
Wednesday, February 28
Thursday, February 29

Psalm 19
I Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:1-12
John 2:13-22

News and Notes....

We're excited to announce two new members of our First Church staff! On March 15, Paul Zito will join our team as Facilities Coordinator with the retirement of Tom Ziegler. Paul has actively attended First Church, along with his family, for the past few years. We're excited to have him working with our staff and Trustees to care for our church building and parsonage. In July, following Pastor Denny's retirement, Rev. Mira Hewlett will begin serving as Senior Pastor of First Church. Pastor Mira has served at Carlisle United Methodist Church since 2023, and we look forward to welcoming her and her daughter, Grace, to the First Church family this summer.



Judy Wertz.....January 12

We apologize to Judy for missing her
in the last newsletter!

Joanna Ciampa.....February 6

Janie Stover.....February 6

Leon Bricker.....February 9

Joyce Parfet.....February 12

Dottie Zimmerman..February 26

Gerry Aumiller.....February 27

Ralph Haines.....February 28

Gwen Harkins.....March 3

Pat Gavlick.....March 9

Ben Miller.....March 12

Larry Hall.....March 13

Sara Meck.....March 15

Marge Robinson.....March 15

Gail Siemons.....March 15

Bob Wertz, Sr.....March 17

Lorraine Strock.....March 18

Evelyn Fennell.....March 25

Mabel Strock.....March 28

Robert Erikson.....March 29

Buddy Miller.....March 29

Dave Scholl.....March 31



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**



- ♥ **Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hall married February 4, 1961.**
- ♥ **Mr. & Mrs. Denny Kauffman married February 14, 1960.**
- ♥ **Mr. & Mrs. Gary Betz married February 16, 1974.**
- ♥ **Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Cook married February 19, 1974.**

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Early submissions always appreciated!