



# First News First

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

*From the Pastor's Desk.....*

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***And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8***

In November many of us look forward to Thanksgiving with loved ones and the opportunity to be reminded of all the blessings we experience. Here at First Church there are many ways I have seen God at work in and through you! Little Friends Preschool, youth group small groups, gleaning, Little Free Pantry, and many items donated locally and far beyond are just a few! God has certainly blessed, equipped and placed us in a space to be a blessing to others together.

During November our worship series will be, "Releasing God's Blessings," as we are pausing to celebrate and harvest stories about our ministries and impact. We are intentionally taking time to reflect on all that God is providing us as individuals, families, and as a congregation. Then we are considering our own response to God's blessings in terms of what we intend to give to God through First Church's ministry in 2025.

On November 24th we will celebrate Consecration Sunday in worship. During worship you will be asked to complete an Estimate of Giving card that helps First UMC as we prepare our budget for 2025.

During this series I would ask you to consider what are some of the blessings God has given you and how can you celebrate them?

Prayerful consider: What do you wish to give to God through our church's ministry? Could you step up in giving 1 or 2% more of your income as you grow toward tithing? The opportunities for ministry are many and the needs of our neighbors are great. You're stepping up in giving would make a difference in what we are able to sow.

I invite you to join the Apostle Paul in praying that... ***You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God!! 2 Corinthians 9:11***

On the journey together,

Pastor Mira





## Discipleship Opportunities

No matter whether you are just beginning to explore faith, growing as a disciple, or becoming a fully devoted follower, there is always something new to learn on our journey with Jesus. First Church is here to help by providing a variety of offerings for your next faithful step:

- **Daily Bible Reading Plan**

God speaks to us through His Word, and our daily Bible reading plan is customized to go along with our weekly sermons! You can find the plan that pairs with the “Do Unto Others” sermon series on our church website, [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com).

- **Wednesday Men’s Group | 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.**

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. Contact John Bowen or Bob Wertz, Jr. if interested in more information.

- **Advent Study**

Join us this Advent as we explore the Characters in the Christmas Story. The Advent sermon series will dig into four characters, but there are more lives to look at that surround the birth of Jesus. The Characters of Christmas by Daniel Darling introduces us to “the unlikely people caught up in the story of Jesus.” Sign up on Church Center or in the Main Lobby if you would like a book (Cost: \$8.00). Read on your own or grab some friends and spend time wrapped up in the story of Jesus this Advent season. Contact Lisa Aronson at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) with questions. Church center: <https://fumchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2585220>

- **Sunday School Enrichment** – Groups currently meeting, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

- **“One Another” with Faith in Everyday Life | Fellowship Hall, Sept 8 – Oct 27 th**

A group for adults of all ages focused on fellowship and friendship/mutual support in and outside the classroom. Currently studying One Another: Choosing Each Other in a Politically Divided World. This study invites Christians to cultivate mindsets and habits to grow in faith. It isn’t about changing political positions but learning to hold up others’ beliefs and still be in relationship with one another. If interested, contact Jenell Paris at [jparis@messiah.edu](mailto:jparis@messiah.edu).

- **Growing in Christ | B006**

A welcoming group that enjoys digging deeper into the Scriptures, to seek the knowledge and wisdom to apply Scriptural truths in our everyday lives. The class generally consists of prayer, a video, and a group discussion. Drop in for a single class, or a specific study, or stay as long as you like! Lesson on the study of Genesis beginning September 8th. If interested, contact Marjorie Snyder at [57masnyder@gmail.com](mailto:57masnyder@gmail.com).

- **Christian Fellowship | Room B003**

A friendly, caring group, eager to apply God’s Word to life’s challenges. Currently studying a video series on N.T. Wright’s book *Simply Christian; Why Christianity Makes Sense*. Wright was asked to write a modern version of C.S. Lewis’s book *Mere Christianity* and *Simply Christian* makes modern references to questions such as, why do we expect justice, why do we crave spirituality, why are we attracted to beauty, why are relationships are often so painful, and how will the world be made right. If interested, contact Wayne Leister at [waydeleister@outlook.com](mailto:waydeleister@outlook.com).

o **Faithful Families | Room B005**

An active group of parents with older school-aged and young adult children who study Scripture, encourage one another and celebrate life together in and out of the classroom. If interested, contact Bob and Tracy Wertz at [wertzfive@gmail.com](mailto:wertzfive@gmail.com).

o **Helping Hands | Room B004**

A group of active seniors who focus on encouraging instructions for faithful living, and who enjoy fellowship activities together outside of class. Lessons follow the Adult Bible Study series. If interested, contact Bob Wertz, Sr. at [robert\\_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com](mailto:robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com).

o **Guyer Class | Room 123**

This class, comprised of a wonderful group of seniors who are young at heart, is taught by a variety of church leaders. Lessons follow the Adult Bible Study series which includes daily devotions. If interested, contact Steve and Deb Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com).

**Same Gender Conversations: Let's Talk | Nov. 10th, 3-4 pm**

Sanctuary come to talk in small groups about what you believe and why in this series of conversations. Conversation questions will be provide and we will end praying together for our church.

**Wonderful Wednesday - EXPANDED! | Now Through Nov. 13, 5:00 p.m.**

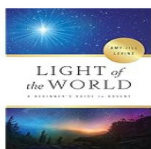
Began October 16, but children and adults are invited to jump into this all-age fellowship and learning program anytime! Starts at 5:00 p.m. with prayer and a family-style dinner in Fellowship Hall, followed by small-groups for all ages at 6:00 p.m. and concludes at 7:00 p.m. Register using the Church Center app, use the following link: [fumchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://fumchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations) or contact Katie Knorr at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).

**Advent Resources**

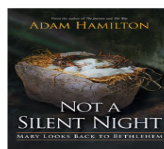
**RESOURCE LIBRARY:**

Did you know we have a wide range of Bible studies available for you to borrow? Consider gathering some friends for a small group this Advent and preparing for Christmas together. Look below at the list of Advent studies.

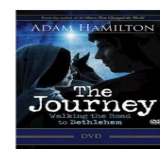
Bible study resources are located on the bookshelves outside the offices on the second floor. Most studies include a leader's guide, a participant's guide, and if noted, a DVD video. Please know that participant guides should not be reproduced, instead additional copies should be purchased. Please contact Lisa Aronson with questions.



The Light of the World  
by Amy Jill Lavine  
4 Weeks - Video



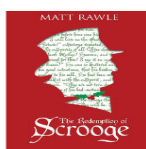
Not a Silent Night  
by Adam Hamilton  
5 Weeks - Video



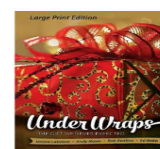
The Journey  
by Adam Hamilton  
5 Weeks - Video



The Gift of the Nutcracker  
by Matt Rawle  
4 Weeks - Video



The Redemption of Scrooge  
by Matt Rawle  
4 Weeks - Video



Under Wraps:  
The Gift We Never Expected  
4 Weeks - Video

## Jingle Jam | Dec.7, 9-11 a.m.

Looking for something exciting for the entire family to do this Christmas? Don't miss JINGLE JAM! Join us for an unforgettable Christmas Experience complete with fun, games, and music! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for a morning to get you in the Christmas spirit and learn about the true meaning of Christmas. This is an event for kids and families to participate all together, this is not a drop-off event. Register you and your family on Church Center or through [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com). If you have any questions, please email Katie Knorr, Director of Children and Family Ministry at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).



## Growing Together

This is an intergenerational Sunday school class that meets the third Sunday of the month from 9:45-10:45 in the youth lounge (basement level of the church). All ages are welcome to come participate in a devotion and a hands on activity. If you have any questions, reach out to Katie Knorr at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com) or Lisa Aronson at [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com).

## From the Library

November used to be my favorite month, but with the election looming over us, I am not sure it is this year. Maybe you have noticed in this time of uncertainty, that our dear pastor is preaching on calmness and kindness. So I am taking my cue from her –at least on the first selection for this newsletter. But I will start slowly and build to more heart pounding offerings.

Many of you have enjoyed book series offered by Guidepost, and a donor has given the library a new series containing twenty-four books. If you like this collection, you are set for the whole month of November and maybe into the whirlwind month of December. The set is *Miracles of Marble Cove* and I love the description of “escape to Marble Cove, a quaint seaside town”. Doesn't that sound calming? The description mentions that the books are about four women who are bonded by shared secrets. A little mystery frequently keeps the books from becoming too saccharin, plus a well-known writer once said there is really no story worth reading without a little drama. Another thing you might enjoy about these books is that they have some seasonal themes, like Christmas or autumn. I have listed all the pros for reading these books, now you will have to check them out to see if they are right for you!

Another outstanding author that I have not reviewed in a while is Charles Martin. He usually writes stand alone books, and *The Last Exchange* is no exception. The premise of this book is how far would you go to save someone you love? Now there is some food for thought. But ponder your own answer while you dive into this suspenseful and emotion-filled story. MacThomas Pockets finished his tour in the Scottish Special Forces and was looking forward to the easy-going job of working as a consultant to a new movie. He wasn't told he would also be the bodyguard to the star, Maybe Joe Sue. He was soon to realize the public Joe Sue was nothing like the private Joe Sue. The public saw the glamorous woman; he saw a woman with traumatic memories that she tried to quell with pills. Even after the job ended, Mac kept an eye on Joe Sue and when her life fell apart, he was there to try and put the pieces back together. The only problem Joe Sue wasn't sure she had any reason to keep going. I won't spoil the ending. but keep the tissues handy. And plan to stay up late, because you won't want to put down this great read.

If neither of these books interests you, stop by the library and let us help you find something just for you.

See you in the library,

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



## Praying Follower



### Share Your Joys and Prayer Concerns

We want to pray with and for you! You can share your prayer requests on Sunday mornings during worship by filling out a green prayer card (located in the pews and at the prayer station under the balcony) and placing it in the offering basket or Janice Bowen's mailbox. You can also share your prayer requests and subscribe to our weekly prayer letter by contacting Janice directly ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

### Women's Retreat | Jan. 24 to 26, 2025

Our 2025 women's retreat, "Enter His Gates," will be held at Rhodes Grove Retreat Center 7693 Browns Mill Road, Chambersburg. Lisa Aronson and Deb Noss will take us on a journey exploring the City Gates. Using Nehemiah and Ezra as narratives to ground us in scripture: the intention and importance of their rebuilding projects and the necessity of building not just the walls, but the gates. As we build our lives, do we give attention to the need for these gates? Join us for a weekend filled with fellowship, fun, food and faith! Program starts on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday before noon. Hotel-like accommodations and 4 meals are included. Again this year, a One-Day option is available (lunch and dinner included)! You can find the registration form at the entrances to the sanctuary, on the Church Center App, at the Display Window near the church library or send an email to Patti Herring at [familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net). All women are welcome!

## Passionate Worshipper



### Rejoicing Spirits | Sunday, Nov. 24, 4 p.m.

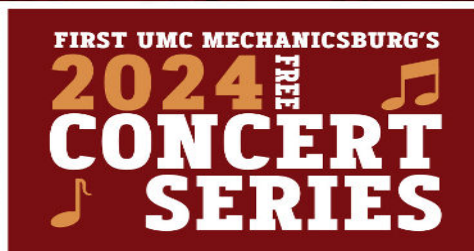
First Church invites everyone to attend this "shush-free" worship experience that celebrates all expressions of worship and individuals of all abilities. This monthly service includes music, scripture, prayer and a brief message, along with refreshments and fellowship afterward.



FIRST CHURCH PRAISE RINGERS | MAY 5, 7 P.M.



SARAH PUGH  
OCT. 13, 3 P.M.



HOLIDAY HARMONY | DEC. 8, 7 P.M.



BRANDON RHODY  
JULY 21, 3 P.M.



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Supporting Operation Christmas Child by packing shoeboxes with wonderful things for children around the world has been a long-time tradition at First Church. These gifts impact the lives of both children and their families as they bring hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Together, let's make this our biggest year ever! Start by picking up the instructions and a shoebox at church (or use your own shoebox). You'll find these items on the display in the main entrance hallway. Next, fill your box with items suggested on the list (available at the display or at [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child)).

Finally, remember to bring your filled shoeboxes back to the church display in the main lobby no later than November 24 (by 12:00PM). On that day, we'll load them in the truck after the 11:00 am worship service and send them off to the distribution center for delivery by Christmas!

- Online virtual boxes: Not everyone has the capacity or time to leave their house to gather items to fill a box. You can visit First Church's Online Box page and purchase and fill a box online for \$25. By accessing this option through this link, <https://sampur.se/4dk9DID>, your box will be counted as part of our personal collection goal.

- The Shoebox Supply House is a local non-profit that serves as a one-stop-shop location to purchase items for your shoe box. They are open for limited hours so make sure to check out their website before going to shop: <https://shooboxsupplyhouse.com/>. The Shoebox Supply House is located at 709 Marden Avenue, Shippensburg, PA.



### **Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry Food Preparing and Serving**

First Church is pleased to support Isaiah 61 Ministries, a local organization that serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County. They provide a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and Life groups. Specifically, First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. The next volunteer opportunity is Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. To find out how to get involved, contact Tiffany Holland at [tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com). Now that we are also preparing the food, in addition to serving, we are looking for more help. If you have an interest in serving our friends in Harrisburg or learn how you can volunteer, contact Tiffay Holland or Lori Hoffnagle at [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).



### **Hospitality**

We are often reminded of the Great Commandment ~ to first love God with all of your heart, soul, strength and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. Biblical hospitality is the physical embodiment of the second part of this commandment: to love your neighbor as yourself. It is so much more than good wishes or warm feelings toward others! Hospitality is vital to our faith and loving our neighbor. It means showing loving kindness to others by cheerfully using the resources and giftings that God has given us. Hospitality



can look like providing a meal to a new mom, inviting a church guest or a neighbor to a social event at church, welcoming newcomers at church and inviting them for coffee at a local coffee shop, speaking up for the vulnerable. Hospitality is where we have the opportunity to treat strangers like family! As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, consider how you and your family can show biblical hospitality to those around you. We are called to joyfully offer what we have and to show kindness to those in need when opportunities arise.

### **Pickleball in the Park! | Tuesdays 5-7 pm**

With the shift in seasons, we will move Pickleball indoors to the church gym. If you've never played and would like to give it a try, please join us! No experience and no equipment is necessary.....we always have extra paddles/balls available if you'd like to learn the game! Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) with questions or to be added to the Pickleball email list for updates and alerts.

### **FUMC Volleyball! | Wednesdays, 7-8:30**

If you enjoy volleyball, please join us any Wednesday evening in the church gym! Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

### **Joy in the Morning | Nov. 18, 1 p.m.**

A small group invitation, Monday November 18 @ 1 pm. If you experience chronic pain or health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this small group. We meet monthly on Monday afternoons at Bethany Village's West Apartments Commons Room. Janice Bowen facilitates, drawing upon readings and devotionals.. For more information, contact Janice (717-766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com))



### **Greeting Cards to Share!**

Looking for a birthday card or wanting to send 'get well' wishes to a friend? Stop by the 'Card Ministry' display in the lobby outside the multipurpose room and help yourself to a card! If you'd like a bigger supply of cards or suggestions of who may appreciate receiving a card, please contact Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 112)

### **Visiting with Friends!**

If you miss seeing your friends at church due to issues such as aging or driving limitations, Janice Bowen would like to hear from you! Janice is interested in taking people with her for visits so that friends can remain connected by visiting in-person with one another! Whether you find yourself 'stuck at home' no longer able to get out to church or you are able to get to church but you are missing your friends who are 'stuck at home', Janice would love to hear from you! She can be 717-766-4611 x 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com).

### **Health and Wellness Presentation | Nov. 10, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Back by popular request, please join us in the multi-purpose room to hear more from Bob Buhrig with Buhrig's Funeral Home. Bob will speak on what happens from the time of call to the funeral home after a death to time of the funeral.



### **Women's Breakfast | Nov. 16, 7:30 a.m.**

Start your morning with a warm cup of coffee and great company. Order food or a drink, or just grab a seat and connect with other women of faith, share stories, and find support in a welcoming atmosphere. Down to Earth Café is located at 100 Legacy Park Dr. Suite 108, Mechanicsburg, 17055.

### **Men's Breakfast | Nov. 2, 7:30 a.m.**

An open invitation is extended to all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday of each month (Brothers Restaurant is located at 705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, 17055). Please contact John Bowen or Bob Wertz, Jr. if you are interested in attending.

**Final Mt. Asbury Senior Day | Dec. 4. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Mt. Asbury Retreat Center will host a final 'Senior Day' on Wednesday, December 4th from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. featuring their Christmas Banquet and gingerbread house making. Cost is \$21/person paid upon arrival at Mt. Asbury. If you have questions or would like to go, please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)). The group leaves from the church parking lot and transportation is available!service. He will also take time to respond to more of your questions.

**Widows and Widowers Lunch | Tuesday, Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m.**

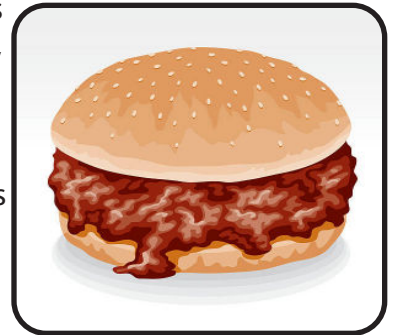
This month, the group will dine at the Moonlight Diner in Carlise. If you plan to attend, please contact Bonnie Guyer (717-766-0145). Transportation will be provided upon request.

**Coffee Ministry**

Coffee is available before Sunday school (9:45) and the 11:00 Gathering Service. Coffee is located in the main lobby (near the mailboxes) and we hope you find it a welcoming addition to Sunday mornings. Contact Lisa Aronson at [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com) if you have an interest in helping support this expression of hospitality.

**Cooking and Caring for our Community at Broad Street Elementary | Nov. 7**

First Church will once again be partnering with other community churches to cook and serve a meal for Broad Street Elementary families on Thursday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m. First Church will be providing the BBQ and volunteers. First Church is responsible for 60 pounds of BBQ using a simple recipe provided by the school (see below). We plan to serve close to 300 for dinner. Please consider making a 5 lb. batch of BBQ or more for the families at Broad Street. Questions or if you can provide BBQ, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).



- 5 lbs. Ground Beef (80% lean or higher)
- 1/2 cup White Vinegar
- 1/2 cup Brown Sugar
- 3 and 3/4 cups Ketchup
- 1/4 cup Mustard

Cook beef and drain fat, mix in other ingredients and heat thoroughly. Please have your BBQ dropped off at our church by 1:30 p.m. on November 7. Thanks for your support!

*Generous Giver* 

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Through September 30, 2024  
75 % of year

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| General Fund        |                            |
| 2024 budget         | \$ 925,398                 |
| Expected income-YTD | \$ 694,048 (75% of budget) |
| Actual income-YTD   | \$ 680,562 (74% of budget) |
| Actual expenses-YTD | \$ 671,161 (73% of budget) |

Giving for the five Sundays of September totaled \$87,462, which is about \$1,000 unfavorable to the



average 5-week income we have budgeted. However, this year was much better than last September when we had revenue of \$73,884, making up for some of the shortfall versus last year in the summer months. Year to date giving is almost even to last year's giving through the month of September. With our church family back from vacations and the approaching holidays, we expect giving to continue higher than the summer months.

Expenses for the month were \$62,347, significantly favorable (less) than our average 5-week budget. YTD expenses are less than expected by \$23,000 and we now have a surplus of more than \$9,000. Compared to last year, YTD expenses are favorable (lower) than 2023 by \$6000. The church debt for the parsonage is now down to \$40,637 and our bell tower loan was lowered to \$44,319.

As we head into the Holiday Season, we welcome you to continue or join us in our mission to open doors for all to know Salvation through Jesus. We are grateful to all our congregation and guests who continue to support the work of First Church with your prayers, your presence and your support through service and gifts to the mission of our First Church family.

### **Bottle Cap Collection Ended!**

Thank you for your support in collecting Bottle Caps. We are no longer in need of this collection and will be removing the collection space for this item. If you are still interested in collecting hard plastic bottle caps, the Rosemary House collects and recycles through Terracycle on behalf of the Penn-Cumberland Garden Club.

### **Little Free Pantry**

Thanks so much for your support of the Little Free Pantry through your donations and monetary contributions. We are building up our supply to stock the pantry, but we still welcome your donations which can be dropped off at the church office or at the Alley Entrance in the marked basket. We are blessed to be able to offer this 'no barrier access point to food' to our neighbors. Questions about the Little Free Pantry, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com). Watch for the Reverse Advent Collection to happen in December!

### **Community Aid Cart**

Thank you for placing your donated items in the Community Aid Cart located just inside the Main Entrance doors. Please remember, Clothing and Shoes only are accepted! If you have other items, please take them to the Community Aid store located on the Carlisle Pike. Please do NOT place other items such as linens, blankets, comforters, etc. as we do not get credit for them and they take up space in the cart. If you have any questions about your donation, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

### **Change for Water**

Water is the foundation of our very lives. Yet, according to the United Nations, over 2 billion people lack access to clean, readily available drinking water. Help us to support well-digging efforts in Africa 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 May totaled \$6.85.



# Calling All Cookie Bakers!



It's time for the annual Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser, the **Cookie Walk!**

This year we will be having our annual cookie walk on Dec 14th. This event has become popular in part because of wonderful bakers like you! Try out a new recipe or stick to grandma's secret recipe. Anything will do! To have a great enough quantity of cookies, we ask bakers to provide 4-5 batches (8-10 dozen) per style of homemade



cookie. Fill out the form below (and place it at the display in the main lobby) or sign up on Church Center. Don't forget, cookies freeze well so you can even start baking today. What a great way to get ahead of the Christmas rush. Please help us continue this tradition and raise money for the youth mission trip. Any questions please email Lynn Rapp at [minion.youth17@gmail.com](mailto:minion.youth17@gmail.com). (Cookies need to be at the church no later than 7:00 A.M. on December 14th. They can be placed in the church kitchen before the walk labeled as "COOKIE WALK".) (If baking 4-5 batches is too much, please still reach out – we would love to have what you can make).



**Please select 2 types of cookies. We will contact you with the type we need most.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cookie type 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Cookie type 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to make both types? Yes / No

*First Church Mission Moments...*

**CANNED  
YAMS FOR  
NEW HOPE  
MINISTRIES**



**COLLECTING THROUGH  
OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 20**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS  
INSIDE THE TOWER ENTRANCE,  
THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF  
OTHERS IN THE TIME OF GIVING.**

**Thank you to the 2024 Glean Team!!** Whether you joined us in the fields once or several times this growing season, I really appreciated your cheerful spirits and enthusiastic help as together we gathered corn, broccoli, peppers.....and even some super-ripe cantaloupes.....to share with our neighbors and community! Couldn't have done this without your support – I give thanks to God for you! ~Janice Bowen

*\*Due to the busyness at the end of December, next month we will release a combined December/January edition of First News First. There will not be a separate January 2024 newsletter.*



*Help us celebrate special birthdays for our church members turning 80 or older!*



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| Liz Nesmith.....November 4    | Joyce Woods.....December 1      |
| Mary Cain.....November 11     | Don Mowrey.....December 8       |
| Paul Cain.....November 11     | Dolores Shell.....December 13   |
| Pat Bricker.....November 23   | Darlis Aumiller.....December 21 |
| Patricia Marr.....November 23 | Joan Mains.....December 23      |
| Marlin Lehmer.....November 24 | Sandy Coover.....December 28    |



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



- ♥ **Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cain** married 67 years November 1, 1957.
- ♥ **Mr. & Mrs. Leon Bricker** married 65 years November 19, 1960.
- ♥ **Mr. & Mrs. Don Coldren** married 62 years November 24, 1962.
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