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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am—Traditional

604 Market St.

9:30 am—Blended

604 Market St.

11:00 am—Contemporary

601 Market St.

4:30 pm—Celebrate Recovery

604 Market St.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

5:00 pm—601 Market St.

First Night meal, fellowship, music,
brief message, children's ministries,
fuse* (youth ministries), First
Friends (special needs group) &
adult small groups.

CYCLE OF PRAYER:

June 10— June 16:

Lance, Rachel, Madison, Kaitlyn, &
Molly Savidge; Marc, Jody, Lauren,
& Katie Schefsky; Vivian Schodt;
John & Linda Schon; Jack & Cindy
Schrader; Tom, Jane, Connor, &
Grace Schramm; Graham, Ashley,
Michael, & Patrick Schwanbeck;
Dan, Carol, Madelyn, Eleanor,
Miriam, & Beatrice Schwanger;
Vernon, Tiffany, Grace, Rixon, &
Henry Schwanger; Beverly
Schweikle; Matt Scott; Eric,
Megan, & Calvin Sechrist; Kim
Sechrist; Scott & Melinda Sechrist;
Kevin Seibert; Josheph &
Zachariah Sewalk; Gary Seyler;
Kassandra & Brantly Seyler; Blair,
Emma, Kathryn, & Jackson
Shangraw; David Shangraw; Sam
& Anne Shea; Mike, Terri, Michael,
& Brian Sheldon; Tom & Judy
Shellenberger; Yvonne Shenuski;
Marilyn Sheriff; David & Susan
Solomon; Katie & Nathan Somers;
Dave & Carol Spearly; Jamie,
Michelle, & Jensen Spencer; and
Hal & Ellen Spooner.

ABIDING MEMORIAL

Given in memory of Ray Eck by June
Eck.

PRAY

Welcome to



First Church

United Methodist

Week of June 10, 2018

MEET THE PASTORS

New to First Church? Take a few minutes TODAY to meet one or more of the pastors and let us help you get connected with First Church. After 8:00 and 9:30 service, First Evangelical Center - Room 206 After 11:00 service, Christian Life Center - in the back of Stryker Hall

WORSHIP STAFF UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that **Carol Schwanger** will become the **Director of FEC Worship** beginning July 1. In this position, Carol will design and lead our 8:00 and 9:30 worship services. This includes directing the Chancel Choir and supervising our worship staff who serve in the FEC services. **Jamie Caputo**, who has served on our staff at the North Campus, will be serving with Carol as our **Worship Leader** at the 9:30 service. Carol has grown up in First Church, which gives her a deep understanding of our vision and DNA. She has a passion for offering worship in a vital and fresh way that honors the rich tradition of the church and reaches people today. We believe that she is uniquely equipped and has been called by God to serve First Church in this way. Jamie is gifted as a worship leader who is sensitive to the movement of the Holy Spirit and is beloved by the North Campus community. **Desiree Bower** will continue to serve on the worship staff as the **Worship Facilitator** and will use both her creative and administrative gifts to primarily support the FEC worship services. We thank God for once again providing gifted, committed, and spiritually mature leaders. Please keep the worship staff in your prayers.

Transformation in Christ | Changing lives inside and out (Romans 12:1-2)

INVITE

2018 FIRST CHURCH GRADUATES

First Church would like to congratulate the following 2018 First Church High School graduates: Tyler McCann (Williamsport), Sam Stea (Williamsport), Jordan Kelley (Williamsport), Ariel Hornberger (Loyalsock), Emily Lacerra (Loyalsock), Mitchell Young (Montoursville), and Abbie Dockey (Williamsport).

First Church would also like to congratulate the following 2018 First Church College/Higher Education graduates: Scott Durrwachter (Penn State University), Sean Gray (Lycoming College), Cassie Harrison (Houghton College), Austen Bower (Messiah College), Caitlin Chappell (Misericordia University), Sarah Wirth (Lock Haven University), Caleb Robbins (Lycoming College), Daniel Havrilla (Geneva College), and Julia Kepler (Bloomsburg University).

As you look toward the future and where the Lord is leading you, always remember that your First Church family is here for you and praying for you and your future endeavors.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

Nearly 1400 clergy and laity as well as scores of visitors met in Annual Conference at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center for 3 days, May 31 – June 2. Representing First Church were Pastors Matt, Rick, Janet, and DG, along with lay delegates Daniel Havrilla and Ann Wilson. Desiree and Scot Bower assisted Pastor Janet with the worship services; Jake Bair and Jamie Caputo provided music during several worship services. The theme of the conference was “Better Together – One with Christ,” and our meetings and worship experiences were focused on being in tune with Christ so that we will be in tune with each other. Stop by any information desk or the church office for a brief written report. Additional information about Annual Conference can be found on the website:

<http://www.susumc.org/index.php/about-us/annual-conference-archive/>

MISSION ITEMS NEEDED

Local Food Pantry — pudding, Jell-O, granola bars, Manwich.

Shepherd of the Streets — dental floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Donations for these missions may be left in the baskets at the following locations: the Market Street entrance of the CLC and the Ross Street entrance of the FEC.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE OPENED OR EXPIRED ITEMS IN THE BASKETS.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR D.S. BETH JONES

Come join us to celebrate Beth’s time with us on the Williamsport District on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Pine Street UMC (441 Pine Street). There will be gathering and snacks at 2:30pm followed by a service of celebration at 3:00pm. All are welcome!

SECOND MILE GIVING

Transform is our local mission experience where we seek to meet some of the practical needs in our community as the hands and feet of Jesus by blessing our community through home repair, landscaping, painting, cleaning, volunteering, and serving. Instead of just one week of serving, Transform 2018 will occur multiple times throughout the year. Our next event will be August 2nd-4th.

POP ‘N POPCORN CANCELLED

July 4th Pop ‘n Popcorn Outreach 2018 has been cancelled due to insufficient interest. Please enjoy the holiday with your family and friends, and maybe we will see you next year!

TEACH

SEND



Fuse* student ministries announces our summer mission trip experience to Buffalo, New York from July 15 – 21, 2018. This trip is primarily for students in grades 6-12. Adult leaders to fulfill roles of project manager, crew leader, and nurture and support are also needed. Preference for adult applicants will be given to fuse* volunteer staff, parents/relatives of participating students, and then

others. Since this is a student ministry mission experience, we will limit the number of adults to the team needs.



6th-12th grade students are invited to join fuse* student ministries at the 40th anniversary of the nation's largest Christian music festival, Creation! Join thousands of believers for camping, music, speakers, food, and more from June 26th- July 1st. Registration is required by June 10th.

Register online at [firstchurch.cc](http://www.firstchurch.cc)

or using registration cards found in the fuse*box or at campus information centers. Contact Josh Tobias, jtobias@firstchurch.cc, with questions or for scholarship requests.

SEAN WALKER'S BASKETBALL CAMPS

Is your child entering Kindergarten through 5th grade? If so, plan on joining us for an amazing week of basketball camp!

July 9th to 13th (Registration and payment due Tuesday, July 3rd.)

Those entering Kindergarten through 2nd grade will meet from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. each day. Those entering 3rd through 5th grade will meet from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. each day. The cost is \$20.00 per child.

Activities will include free shooting, Bible teaching, warm-ups, skills, and scrimmages. Any questions, please feel free to call Kathy Choate at 570 322 3993 or email kchoate@firstchurch.cc.

Register online NOW at <http://www.firstchurch.cc/childrens-ministries/>.

CHILDREN/YOUTH



Children ^{Potty Trained} 3 yrs-4th grade

JUNE 18-22

9 am - Noon

Register*: www.firstchurch.cc

***ONLINE registration
CLOSES 6/14/18
(Thursday) at NOON**

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Sermon Outline

Becoming X Disciples—A Different Kind (Incarnational) of Community
John 1:14a

- I. Jesus listens, shares, and responds to the _____. He is in.
- II. The theological word for being God in the flesh is called _____.
- III. Jesus met people on their turf, in their language, to build _____.
- IV. What is the Acts Network about? It is a network of fresh expressions of church putting the church Jesus _____ closer to the people Jesus _____.

Life Application:

*Do I know the Word who is Jesus? If not, let today be that day.
Then commit to going on a prayer walk this week and pray the question:
“Lord, help me to see what you see. Help me to be your love with flesh on!”
Ask yourself: Where can I get present to listen to others and their story?
Where can I get proximate by getting on someone else’s turf? Where can I
get prevenient which means to trust that God is already working before me
and placing me just where God wants me to be? Where can I get powerless—
meaning to serve? Where do I need to get passionate and see others with the
eyes of Jesus? Where do I need to get proclaiming to love share the love of
Jesus?*

Scripture Reflection – John 1:14a

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us”

Pastor’s Page

A Significant Step Toward Multiplication: Recognizing Step 3 Participants

First Church,

Over the course of the last year we have taken a very significant journey together toward multiplication. We have called that journey, “A Disciple’s Journey.” This journey has been comprised of four significant steps with the goal of creating multiplying disciples.

Step one involves connecting with God and with others.

Step two involves discovering God’s call on our life.

Step three involves embracing God’s call on our life.

Step four involves living a life of transformation in light of God’s call on our life.

Again, each one of these steps is geared toward fostering multiplication. Each step grows in both its intensity and commitment toward multiplication.

Today I am thrilled to share that we have 24 individuals who have completed the twelve sessions of Step 3. These individuals will be recognized throughout all of our services today. When you see them, please congratulate them. This journey is no small endeavor as they have done readings, shared in new discipleship practices, and been pushed out of their comfort zones! These individuals who have completed Step 3 have now gained a greater sense of God’s call on their life and are committed to living out that call in a specific ministry context for the purposes of multiplying discipleship. These individuals are also eligible to explore taking Step 4 of A Disciple’s Journey.

We thank God for these individuals and their willingness to respond to God’s call on their life in this way. We hope their example will inspire all of us to prayerfully discern what next step we need to take in our walk with Christ so that transformation and multiplication may occur!

Those who have completed Step 3 of a Disciple’s Journey include John Best, Kevin Bloom, Sharon Comini, Eric Durrwachter, Sean Gray, Sam Harrison, Diane Havrilla, Janet Hessert, Christine Johnson, Bob Krise, Sandy Krise, April Manley, Canda Metropoulos, Erin Mowrey, Kevin Mowrey, Tracey Mulcahy, Craig Netzley, Bob Russell, Beth Russell, Melanie Scaife, George Stauffer, Luke Stroup, Ruth Vierra, and Tom Wallace.

Please be in prayer for these individuals and again, please celebrate with them on this significant achievement. Steps 1 and 2 of a Disciple’s Journey will occur this fall, and Step 3 will start again in January of 2019.

In Christ,
Pastor Matt