

First Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00am—Traditional

604 Market St.

9:30am—Blended

604 Market St.

11:00am—Contemporary

601 Market St.

11:00am—Contemporary

1157 Market St.

(live streamed message)

5:00pm—Celebrate Recovery

604 Market St.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

5:00pm—601 Market St.

Night meal, fellowship, music, brief message, small groups (adults)

EVANGELICAL CENTER ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God. And in memory of Mary Jane Keefer and George Kilgus by the Ruth Craven Estate.

TRINKETS TO TREASURES RUMMAGE SALE

One of our beautiful **Treasures** at First Church is our lovely and unique stained glass windows – that are in need of repair. To help with the cost of restoration, we are asking for your donations of **Trinkets** (housewares, jewelry, new or gently used clothing, appliances, etc.) for a Rummage Sale to be held at North Campus on Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29 from 8 AM until noon. You may drop off items at the North Campus location from 4 to 7 PM on Wednesday, August 26 and from 10 AM until 1 PM on Thursday, August 27. Please start gathering your items to benefit the window restoration. For questions or to volunteer to help please call Doreen Frey (570) 323-0926 or Judy Bower (570) 322-8406.

SAVE THE DATE

Combined worship service - September 20th at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Arts Center

Welcome to



First Church

United Methodist

Week of August 23, 2015

HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT FIRST CHURCH

ORIENTATION WITH THE PASTORS

New? Come meet the pastors, ask questions, and hear the vision of First Church as we help you take the next step connecting into ministry at First Church. Join us Sunday, September 13th from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in room 102 of the Evangelical Center, 604 Market St. Lunch (pizza) is provided. Bring the kids.

STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED

First Church is a busy place. We want to make sure you aren't missing out on anything. Besides reading the Weekly Newsletter, you can go to www.firstchurch.cc to learn all about First Church. The First Glance email newsletter, sent every Saturday, briefly highlights some important upcoming events every week. You can also like the First Church Williamsport Facebook page. Stay connected and get involved!

A DISCIPLE'S PATH

Whether you're ready to get more involved or you're new at First Church, this six week group will put you on a path of discipleship leading to growth and connection. The group is also the path for membership if you decide to join. Led by Pastor Rick Waters, the next group will meet 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays beginning September 9th in room 202 of the Evangelical Center, 604 Market Street. Register by calling the church office or writing it on the communication card.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

For anyone who wishes to come, we will be gathering at the North Campus sanctuary every Friday morning from 6AM-6:30AM. This prayer time will serve as a reminder, and a joy, that we come into the presence of the RISEN Savior! I hope you all will come as you are able!

Transformation in Christ | Changing lives inside and out

INVITE

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

Daniel, Discovering the Courage to Stand for your Faith by Sue Edwards. This study looks at the life and lessons of Daniel and his companions, who, like so many believers today, faced increasingly challenging choices between their love and commitment to God and the often aggressive hostility of the godless culture in which they had been placed. The author's intelligent and insightful exposition of the book of Daniel and its historical and cultural setting, combined with her practical and timely instruction in the daily application of the message and the lessons of Daniel, make this an indispensable guide to women of faith in our rapidly changing cultural environment. The Women's Bible Study will begin Monday, September 14th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at North Campus. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Beth Dahlgren at 570-651-5908 or dahlgren50@comcast.net. You can also contact DG Giordano at the church office: 570-322-3572, ext. 114.

BOOK CLUB

Join the book club for September! Our book for September is [Miracle on the River Kwai](#) by Earnest Gordon. Please join us on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. Limited paperback quantities are available online. Located at the home of Donna Johnson.

DC4K GROUP

We are offering DivorceCare for Kids, a hands-on, kid-friendly, non-denominational, student support system for any children in the community who have experienced family fracturing with limited seating of 12 students per season. DC4K is for children in grades 1-6. DC4K meets on Sundays from 6:30-8 pm, at First United Methodist Church in the Christian Life Center, Room 132/133. DC4K meets for 13 weeks, beginning September 13, 2015. For more information or to register for DC4K contact the church office (570-322-3572) or Jess Marzo (jessdurn@yahoo.com). Additional information can be found at www.dc4k.org. To see a DC4K group in action: <http://www.dc4k.org/about>

ROOTS OF JUSTICE

How are Christ-followers to bring 'shalom' into our troubled world? What kind of fasting does God choose for His people as recorded in Isaiah 58:6-7? Join others that are asking these same questions, and more, as we study the newly published 12-week [God of Justice](#) investigative study. Connect what God says in His Word to what He may be "calling" you to do! Two times: Wednesdays 5:45-7:00 pm (childcare available), beginning September 9 or Sundays 5:30-7:00 pm (during Youth Group), beginning September 13. To reserve your study guide, contact Christine Johnson at 570-419-7695 or christinejohnson81@gmail.com.

MISSION ITEMS NEEDED

Local Food Pantry— mustard, mayonnaise, microwave popcorn.

Shepherd of the Streets— shampoo, conditioner, towels and washcloths. Donations for these missions may be left in the baskets at the following locations: Christian Life Center - the Market Street entrance; Evangelical Center - the Ross Street entrance; North Campus - Lounge.

SECOND MILE GIVING

Bishop Jeremiah Park is seeking Partners in Mission to raise \$1 million of the United Methodist Church's **Imagine No Malaria** campaign and \$1 million to **Imagine No Mortgage** by eliminating the remaining mortgage at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. First Church has chosen to partner with Bishop Park by identifying these campaigns as our Second Mile giving opportunity for July & August. Please make checks payable to "First Church" with "Partners in Mission" in the memo line. For more information pick up a brochure at the Information Center or go to <http://www.firstchurch.cc/outreach/second-mile/>

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Lift your voice unto the Lord! You're invited to join the Chancel Choir at First Church. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 7:30PM in the choir room at FEC. For more information call Tom Shellenberger, Director at 570-447-9197.

MOPS VOLUNTEERS

MOPS continues to grow and to reach moms, moms of newborns or toddlers, moms new to the area and looking to connect, moms looking to catch their breath in the midst of parenting! Have you considered helping a few times a year in this growing ministry? MOPS meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 9:30-11:30 and would love to have your help! Each classroom contains a staff lead for the classroom-- all you have to do is follow their lead and enjoy the kiddie hugs that follow! For more information and to start volunteering call Katie Ritter at 570-326-4930.

PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR OUR SCHOOLS

First Church is participating in a "Prayer Initiative", to pray for the schools before they begin. Pastor Matt will be leading a group in prayer at the flag pole at Curtin Intermediate School, August 30, 2015. He would love for you to join him! Pastors from different churches will be leading prayers at all the Williamsport area schools at the same time. Everyone is invited to first meet at the District Service Center at 6 p.m. Here we will pray for the leaders of our district. Then we will travel to Curtin to pray there at 6:45. Or, you can simply meet at the flag pole at Curtin at 6:45 p.m. Let's go to our great God and ask God for great things for our schools!

TEACH

SEND

TLC—KIDS EDITION

Thank you for all of the prayers during Transform Williamsport: Kid's Edition. We had 24 kids 5th grade and younger participate with 12 adults helping throughout the week! It was amazing to watch children serve others – knowing they were sharing God's love with others! Each day had a biblical theme and the projects, snacks, activities and lunch (yes, the kids made their own lunches and snacks) fit into the theme. Some of the missions projects that the kids did throughout the week were: Picking the veggies in the community garden which were then served to the adults at TLC; making art for shut-ins; creating musical instruments for worship; 2 welcome banners and prep for the block party; made over 250 stress balls for the YWCA (along with lunch for 25 people); cards and over 300 bracelet kits for kids in the hospital; bird houses and feeders for a local retirement home; ect! It was an amazing week and we saw God working through the lives of the children!

CHILDCARE WORKERS NEEDED

Hiring for part time childcare workers. Do you enjoy being around young children and want to share God's love with them? This is a part time, hourly position that has potential hours on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Clearances would need to be provided prior to hire. For additional information and application, contact the church office. All applications are due to the church office by Monday, August 24.

MEN'S MANIA

"TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST" GET FIRED UP! BE TRANSFORMED! For men and boys of **ALL** ages. Games! Fun! Steak! Chicken! Worship! Communion! Be there. SATURDAY, SEPT 12. 10 AM - 4 PM. Central Oak Heights, West Milton. Transportation available. \$15 per adult; \$10 per child (10 yrs old and under). Scholarships available. Sign up on church website (www.firstchurch.cc) or at the Information Center.

LIBRARY UPDATE

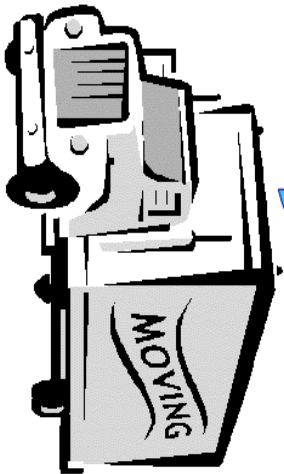
You may have noticed that the library, recently located in the FEC just off the lobby area, has been packed up. This has occurred for a variety of reasons. First, this move will create more space at the FEC for small group gatherings and other meetings. We have various times during the week when our rooms are used to capacity and space is at a premium. It would be helpful to have another room to gather in and moving the library space gives us some space to do that. Also, we have noticed in recent years that the library space itself has been used less and less. This is not to say that it is not used, just that it is used less frequently than it had been. Over the last few years we have updated the library space and re-organized it with more recent materials but it still has not been used much. In fact, when we did re-organize it we did not hear any feedback on if it was helpful or not. Given the general lack of use in our current library space it makes sense to use this space in other ways. As was shared a few weeks ago we will be doing a major renovation project to create a more permanent youth space. During the construction phase of this project, it is necessary for the library to be cleared out. At the same time that the upper balconies are renovated, work will be done in the basement of the FEC to create a better space for college students and for gathering in general. This is not to say, however, that we will not have any library space. The goal is to be able to move some of the more current li-

brary resources to that designated college/gathering space. This will allow for an environment more conducive to reading, studying, and conversing about what folks are learning from the library materials. Thanks for your patience as we make this transition. This process will allow for both better use of our current space and help create an environment in which our library resources can be better used.

ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT FIRST CHURCH

First Church has enrolled in the 2015/16 Pickelner Fuel Company Church Rebate Program, which is an affiliate of Nittany Oil Company. Any church member that purchases their heating fuels from Pickelner Fuel Company during the period of September 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016 may participate in this program. Pickelner will donate 4¢ to First Church for every gallon you purchase. If you have an existing account with Pickelner Fuel Company, all you need to do is contact Jeff Sayre to set up your account in the program. If you do not have an account, Jeff will assist you in getting your account set up. Jeff can be contacted at: Cell – 570-651-5028; Office – 570-323-9488; Email – jeffsayre@nittanyoil.com

More-Up Sunday



August 30

**Children will start Sunday School
& KIDZONE in the next older class**



8 am & 9:30 am services

Birth—3 year olds

FEC 204 & 205

Children's Sunday School at 9:30

Preschool (3-5 yr olds) CLC 124

Kindergarten & 1st Grade CLC 131/132

2nd & 3rd Grade CLC 132

4th & 5th Grade CLC 109

Middle School FEC 105

CLC KIDZONE at 11 am

Nursery (0-3 years) Room 121

Preschool—2nd Grade Room 132

3rd-5th Grade Room 109

North Campus KIDZONE at 11 am

Nursery (0-3 years) Room 210/211

Preschool-5th Grade Fellowship Rm

thus be better able to assist with communicating our ministry priorities. Mallory most often worships at our 9:30 service with her husband Mark and 19-month old son Harrison. Please welcome Mallory to our staff.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT

Stephen Ministry is one of our caring ministries at First Church. Stephen Ministers are lay persons who provide Christian caregiving to persons who are going through difficult times. *Stephen Leaders* direct Stephen Ministry in our congregation. They build awareness, recruit & train Stephen Ministers, & provide Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision & continuing education. They also match care receivers with Stephen Ministers. People learn to serve as Stephen Leaders by attending a Leader's Training Course – a one-week conference presented by the world-wide, USA-based Stephen Ministry organization (www.stephenministries.org). One of First Church's Stephen Ministers, *Ellen Montis*, just returned from attending such a course in Pittsburgh. We are grateful that Ellen has answered God's call to serve as a Stephen Leader. Please pray for Ellen as she begins to serve in this important role.

If you or someone you know would benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please talk to one of the pastors or check us out on line at <http://www.firstchurch.cc/ministries/stephen-ministries-2/>.

THANK YOU ZAVON BRAGGS

For almost a year, Zavon has served as the leader of the CLC Praise Band. We have been blessed by his sensitivity to the movement of the Spirit, his humble, servant's heart, his care for the people he leads, and his hearty laugh. Zavon will be stepping down as the CLC Band leader on Aug 31. Beginning in September, Mitch Marcello, Director of Acts Network, and Josh Tobias, Director of Student Ministries, will share leadership for the CLC Band. We are grateful that Zavon and his wife Sylvia plan to continue to participate in the ministries of First Church as they are able. They have been a blessing. Please make an effort to connect with Zavon to express your appreciation for his leadership as he finishes this season of ministry among us.

WELCOME MALLORY WEYMER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mallory Weymer will be joining our staff on Sept 1 as our Director of Communications. Mallory brings a high level of expertise related to communication of a consistent message to multiple audiences, graphic design, and the effective use of social media. She has been working with some of our communication tools on a volunteer basis for the last several months. The First Glance that you receive each week is currently designed by Mallory. As Director of Communications, Mallory will be a member of the Core Staff so that she is able to hear what is happening in every area of our ministry and will

Sermon Outline

Called - Amos
Amos 7: 7-16a

Sermon in a sentence: God's call defines us as a people living with purpose

- I. God _____ humankind above all else in creation.
- II. It is because we matter so much to God that God has a _____ for us.
- III. God's higher calling means giving up the freedom to _____.
- IV. God's calling is both _____.
- V. God's calling is to _____ loyalty.
- VI. God's call is to _____.
- VII. God's calling doesn't always _____.
- VIII. We will be _____ by others for living into God's call; but God is honored.

Pastor's Page

First Church,

You may remember that last week I gave you a "head's up" in the Pastor's Page for this week. Starting today we are asking that everyone take a few minutes to fill out a survey that First Church is using to help us best cultivate a culture where vibrancy in Christ is the norm. You will have today and the next few weeks to get this survey completed (but the sooner you complete it the better!). It will only take you about 20 minutes to complete. Your feedback is INCREDIBLY important as we seek to follow God's leading and take our next steps.

"As you know, our congregation is taking seriously our call to make disciples of Jesus Christ by seeing transformation in Christ as lives are changed inside and out. Increasingly we are multiplying our ministry and reaching new people. One of the primary ways that we are moving in this direction is by starting our Acts Network which will focus on building a network of micro communities of deep discipleship in Jesus Christ and aligned with First Church.

Such new communities of discipleship can take many different shapes and forms, ranging from new worship experiences to new forms of small groups to new ways of sharing in ministry in our community. Each one of these models has costs and challenges associated with it. But the most important part of this process isn't about the strategy to be used or the money to be spent, but about how ready our congregation is to partner with God in such an endeavor.

To this end we are asking for your feedback through a tool called the Readiness 360 tool. The Readiness 360 will help us identify opportunities for strengthening our church through assessing our spiritual intensity, dynamic relationships, missional alignment, and cultural openness. After a critical mass within our congregation takes the online survey, we will report back our findings and discover our next steps."

If you are online, please [click here](http://app.readiness360.org/survey/login) (if you are looking at this in print, you will need to go to: <http://app.readiness360.org/survey/login>) to log in and type in our congregation's passcode: 2623521950. Please set aside 20 minutes to take the survey between now and September 13, 2015 at midnight. If you need help, please contact: Sherry Golembeski at 570-322-3572 or by email at: fumc2@comcast.net.

Again, your feedback is incredibly important. Please take a few minutes to take the survey. Thanks in advance for helping our congregation assess and grow into God's preferred future. As always, it is my great, great joy to serve with you.

In Christ,
Pastor Matt

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Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m.-Worship (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.-Worship (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m.-Breakfast (NC-Wesley Hall)
11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship (NC)
5:00 p.m.-Celebrate Recovery (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)

Monday, August 24

1:15 p.m.-The Joyful Hearts (NC-Fellowship Room)
5:00 p.m.-Men of Integrity (1508 Elmira St.)
7:00 p.m.-Women of Faith (1508 Elmira St.)

Tuesday, August 25

2:30 p.m.-Worship Design Meeting (MC, FEC-102)
7:00 p.m.-CLC Praise Band Practice (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
7:00 p.m.-NC Praise Band (NC-Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.-Small Group (Murray) (MC, FEC-201)

Wednesday, August 26

FIRST NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m.-Dinner (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
5:15 p.m.-Wed. Night Worship Experience
(MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
6:00 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery Step-Study (Women) (MC, FEC-202)
Celebrate Recovery Step-Study (Men) (MC, FEC-102)
Sister's in Christ (MC, FEC-201)

Thursday, August 27

6:00 a.m.-Men's Early Risers (Marzo),
(NC-Fellowship Room)
6:30 p.m.- Stephen Ministry (MC, FED-101/105)
6:30 p.m.-Iron Men (MC, FEC-202)
7:00p.m.-Volleyball/Bible Study (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Friday, August 28

6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)
8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale for Window Restoration (Entire NC)

Saturday, August 29

7:00 a.m.-Men's Group (Wegman's)
8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale for Window Restoration (Entire NC)

NC = NORTH CAMPUS (1157 Market St.)

MAIN CAMPUS

CLC = Life Center (601 Market St.)

FEC = Evangelical Center (604 Market St.)

CYCLE OF PRAYER– August 23-29

Wendy Adams Lockuff; Ed & Linda Alberts;
Laurie Alberts; Seth, Calli, Noah & Olivia Al-
berts; Justin, Kristi & Laurel Alexander; Dan &
Patti Alters; Melissa Anderson; Paul & Diane
Anderson; Donna Andrews; Alex Andy; Jim &
Janis Arp; Donielle, Brent (Maxwell) & Paige
Ashton; Lori, Matt (Ray) & Marissa (Ray)
Baier; Jeff, Becky, Devon, Marissa & Caroline
Baker; Jim, Jeannie & Jimmy Baker; Sam &
Mary Baker; Vanessa Baker; Larry & Jane Ban-
non; Les, LouAnne, Megan (Bloom) & Kevin
(Bloom) Barnhart; Heath, Shelli, Paige & Lucas
(Warren) Bashnick; Bob & Joan Bauder; Billy
Baumgartner; Sandy Baumgartner; Sean
Baumgartner; Deborah Bausinger; Ed & Barb
Beamer; Jeff, Krista, Alexander, Madelin &
Jack Beattie; Dennis & Christine Beck; Dawn,
Aubrey, Ainsley, Addey & A.J. Bennett;.

INVITE
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Weekly Worship Attendance
From August 16, 2015
TOTAL — 755