

## 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 (kids, youth & adults)

### FIRST NURSERY SCHOOL – WHERE KIDS ARE LOVED!

First Nursery School is now accepting registrations for the 2016/2017 school year. We offer Part-Time classes for 2-Year Olds, and Part-Time or Full-Time options for 3, 4, or 5-Year olds. Our program is designed to give children a chance to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually in preparation for Kindergarten. Children are divided into age grouped classes, working with qualified and loving teachers in each area of the program. If you are interested in First Nursery School or want to know more, please contact Kathy Choate, FNS Director, for a registration form by calling 570-322-3993. Spots fill quickly and registration will open to the public on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### MARK your calendars!

First Church  
Cave Quest  
VBS 2016  
Children 3 yrs-4th grade  
JUNE 13-17  
9 am - Noon  
Register: [www.firstchurch.cc](http://www.firstchurch.cc)  
FOLLOWING JESUS  
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

### JOIN US!

Children's Ministry Volunteer meeting February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Room 109 of the CLC.

### EASTER CELEBRATION

KIDS (5th grade & younger)  
Wednesday, March 16th from 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on the 1st floor of the CLC. Parents must sign the kids in and out.

Welcome to



# First Church

United Methodist

Week of February 14, 2016

### NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? - Steps to find your way:

Step 1) **MEET FIRST CHURCH—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>** right after Worship.

Join one of our pastors for a few minutes getting to know First Church and learning about the ministries most relevant for you. Bring the kids.

After the 8:00 & 9:30 services; room 206 near the lounge

After 11:00 Life Center service; upstairs in the loft

After 11:00 North Campus service; in the Lounge

Step 2) **A DISCIPLE'S PATH** 6 week group

This group will guide you onto a path of growing discipleship and connection at First Church. It is also the membership group if you would like to join at any time. Led by Pastor Rick Waters, 7:00-8:00p.m. Mondays beginning February 29<sup>th</sup> in Wesley Hall at North Campus. Childcare is NOT provided. To register, please sign up on the Communication Card.

### BAPTISM

The First Church family would like to congratulate Grayson Kulp, Deryk Kulp & Alec Kulp as they will be baptized at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Grayson, Deryk & Alec are the children of Ben & Michelle Kulp.

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY IS CHANGING OUR TIME!

Starting Sunday, March 6th, join us at 4:30 p.m. in the FEC Sanctuary. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome.

## SAVE THE DATE:

Transform Lycoming County

A week of mission in our community

August 1-5, 2016

# INVITE

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

## WOMEN'S GROUP

Join leaders Lorrie Netzley and Ruth Vierra as they lead a wonderful study on grace starting Wednesday, February 17th. Here is a description of "The Ragamuffin Gospel" book the group will explore: "God gives us His grace, willingly, no matter what we've done. We come to Him as ragamuffins—dirty, bedraggled, and beat-up. And when we sit at His feet, He smiles upon us, the chosen objects of His 'furious love.' Brennan Manning's now-classic meditation on grace and what it takes to access it has changed thousands of lives." Women, let God change your life too! To join the group or for more information, sign up on the communication card or contact Pastor of Groups, D.G. Giordano at the church office or at [dgiordano3@comcast.net](mailto:dgiordano3@comcast.net).

## CHRISTIAN BOOK GROUP

Please join us Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Donna Johnson. The book for our March group is *Searching For Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans, a story of a woman's return to faith. All are welcome! For questions or directions, please contact Donna Johnson @ 570-322-2347.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Please join the United Methodist Women on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 @ 1:30 p.m. at the North Campus.

## GRAND FRIENDS

Grand Friends will meet Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hoss's Restaurant. Lunch will be at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program. This month's program will be packaging and delivering socks to the residents at Williamsport Home. Please RSVP to Carol Cassidy at 570-323-5596 no later than Monday, February 22, 2016.

## NEW ACTS NETWORK STARTING SOON

Interested in Gardening? There is a New Acts Network starting soon with Gardening classes and starting a community Garden on the property two doors up from the CLC building. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Murray @ 570-447-5068 or [smurray2896@comcast.net](mailto:smurray2896@comcast.net) or join us for the First Meeting on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the FEC.

## PRAYER GUIDE—WEEK 2

### Revive....Renew....Resurrect

**Monday, February 15** – Worship. Revive us Lord. God alone is worthy of our worship. God loves us. Psalm 98:1 encourages us to "Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things...." God, move us to sing and worship You with all that we are. Help us to meditate on You....God, bring revival through our worship to you.

**Tuesday, February 16** – God's holiness. Renew us Lord. God is holy – and we are not. I Peter 1:15 tells us "But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all that you do." God, let us stand in awe before your holiness. Show us the places that we need to turn over to You. Show us how to live in light of your holiness.

**Wednesday, February 17** – Radical Generosity. Resurrect us Lord. You gave time, energy, resources – and even Your life – to those who did not deserve it... to us. Matthew 6:3 tells us "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...." God, give us hearts to give as you give. Help us to follow the example of Christ – to give for Your glory – not our own.

**Thursday, February 18** – Serving by Putting Faith into Action. Revive us Lord. Jesus was the ultimate example of being a servant by putting His words into action. Ephesians 6:7 reminds us "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people." God, reveal to us what it would look like for us to serve You – and then give us the courage to do that with all those that we meet....

**Friday, February 19** – Hearts of Justice and Compassion. Resurrect us Lord. Isaiah 1:17 commands us "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed." God, there is so much need around us – fill our hearts with compassion... help us to be willing to stand for those who can't...Break our hearts as God's heart breaks.

**Weekend of February 20** "Thy Kingdom Come...." Renew. Revive. Resurrect. What would it mean for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to earth? How would it change the ways that we live our lives? Luke 17:21 reminds us "the Kingdom of God is in your midst." God use us to bring Your Kingdom to earth. May we be willing to serve and work wherever You place us. Lead and guide us as we reach out to others....

# TEACH

# 9 ONE 2 retreat

## FUSE\*

Fuse\* student ministries invites all students in grades 9-12 to register for the 9one2 retreat on March 4-6<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Asbury Lodge. We'll explore the theme Laughing Out Loud as it relates to the characteristics of God and humor as evidenced in the Bible and focusing on Psalm 126:2. Pre-registration is required by 2/21. Cost to participate is \$50 per person, which includes food, lodging, travel, and entrance into a night of comedy with Tim Hawkins! See Josh Tobias, Director of Student Ministries, for answers to questions.

[josh Tobias@comcast.net](mailto:josh Tobias@comcast.net)

## Children's LENT Missions



Helping kids who have a terminal illness feel the love and joy of GOD

## #kidsconnectingtochrist



**Lent Challenge-** Kids, parents, and family members will work together to share on social media how kids connect others to Christ in their everyday lives using the

**What to do?** Check weekly challenges on social media and respond. Write a post, take a pic, or record a video of Kids connecting to Christ.

**Ash Wednesday**—share photos of how you remember the start of LENT

**Week Feb 14**— Post this week examples of how you as a family/kids pray and talk to God. Share videos of kids praying!

**Week Feb 21**— Post your family worshipping God

**Week Feb 28**—How do you remember the HOLINESS of God? Answer that question in a post.

**Week March 6**— Post how can kids show compassion and justice to others..

**Week March 13**—What does it mean to be part of God's Family? Have kids share!

**Week March 20**— Share posts of how your family celebrate EASTER.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY - WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT VIM

Join us Sunday, April 10 through Saturday, April 16, 2016, as we travel to Sumter, South Carolina. Our mission is to share the love of Christ with those whose homes and lives were destroyed by flooding in October 2015. The cost is \$250 (Includes housing at the Trinity United Methodist Church, meals Sunday night thru Friday dinner). *THIS IS A CONSTRUCTION AND REBUILDING TRIP--NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.* WE ARE ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS ON A "FIRST COMMITTED" BASIS—MAXIMUM 30 VOLUNTEERS. For more information or an application please contact John Best @ [jmbest2@gmail.com](mailto:jmbest2@gmail.com) or (570) 326-1943.

## MISSION ITEMS NEEDED

**Local Food Pantry**— oatmeal packets, cold cereal, and hot chocolate.

**Shepherd of the Streets**—diapers (all sizes), wipes & baby shampoo. 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

The Second Mile Giving for February is Shepherd of the Streets. The Shepherd of the Streets Ministry is often the first responder for persons in financial need. The Shepherd provides financial assistance for utility bills, uniform needs, transportation, prescriptions, and other basic needs. In addition to financial assistance, the Shepherd provides pastoral care and other support services. <http://www.ucl.org/content/shepherd-streets>. Please make checks payable to "First Church" with "Shepherd of the Streets" in the memo line.

## HOUSING NEEDED

The Genevans, a sacred choir from Geneva College (including our very own Danny Havrilla), will be singing at First Church on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We are looking for housing for these students. If you would be willing to host two or more students one night and feed them breakfast in the morning, please contact Cindy Peck at 570-323-3304 or [cpeck3@comcast.net](mailto:cpeck3@comcast.net) or Diane Havrilla at 570-326-1806 or [dianehavrilla@comcast.net](mailto:dianehavrilla@comcast.net).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you please help?  
Coffee servers: 930 FEC service  
Coffee servers: 11 NC service  
Breakfast: NC service

Please contact Ben Marzo, Steve Tallman or the church office.

# CHILDREN/YOUTH

# SEND

# Sermon Outline

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father  
Matthew 6:9-13

- I. According to Ephesians 6:18 when are we supposed to pray?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- II. Jesus places His instructions on how to pray the Lord's Prayer right in the very \_\_\_\_\_ of His Sermon on the Mount.
- III. Early Jesus followers were taught to memorize the Lord's Prayer as a summation of Christian \_\_\_\_\_.
- IV. To start the Lord's Prayer Jesus is referring to God as \_\_\_\_\_.
- V. We are expected to pray \_\_\_\_\_.
- VI. The Greek word used here for heaven is the word \_\_\_\_\_. It can mean 1) Air. 2) Sky, atmosphere 3) The heavenly bodies "out there" (ie planets).
- VII. Our Father in heaven is \_\_\_\_\_ you are.
- VIII. In the Lord's Prayer it is God's name that is to be hallowed, \_\_\_\_\_ our name.

## Life Reflection:

How much do I reflect on the meaning of the Lord's prayer versus simply say the words of it? Do I seek to live out a life with Christ with others or just focus on my own journey? Do I see God as more "Dad" or more "Respected Father?" How can I respond to God in a more balanced way? How can I lift God's name up more than my own? *Action Point: Pray the Lord's Prayer every day at noon.*

## Scripture Reflection: Matthew 6:9

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*

# Pastor's Page

## Think Team

First Church,

We speak often about our vision of "Transformation In Christ, Changing Lives Inside and Out." We speak of this because it is a constant reminder of our identity (individuals being transformed in the love of Jesus), our mission (transformation in our lives and the world), and our passion... (Jesus Himself)!

In addition to our vision we seek to lift up elements that create the healthiest environment for the vision to thrive. In our staff meetings we often remind ourselves of the elements that make it possible for our vision to thrive. We recognize that: Loving God, Replacing ourselves, Sharing God's truth, Getting Simple, and Staying aligned help us create the type of healthy DNA in our church that honors God through our vision.

There is one other element that we talk about as well that I want to lift up to all of us... and that is the element of "Think Team."

I mention this one because we know that we are truly better together than by ourselves. It is no accident that God creates a "BODY" of believers, each designed to offer their gifts in different ways. We know teams function best when each person does "their part" by offering the gifts that they possess.

I lift this up today to simply ask each of us to consider how we can ALL be a part of the team? In order for ministry to most effectively occur, it takes each one of us to be willing to serve.

Are you a lover of children? Speak with Angie Tobias (our children's ministry director) about serving with children. Do you enjoy worship? *Realize that others are serving to make your worship experience possible so how about offering to serve at another worship service that you do not usually attend so that others can have the same experience?* Do you enjoy being a part of small group? Realizing that others do as well, talk with Pastor DG about being willing to lead a group so that others can experience that same joy. Are you passionate about youth? Talk with Josh Tobias (our youth ministry director) about how to make a difference in their lives.

Serving even once a month can make an incredible difference. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." But it takes all of us serving as a team... as a body of Christ. Please prayerfully consider how you can make our team better and let someone know. Think team!

In Christ,  
Pastor Matt

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### Sunday, February 14

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)  
6:00 p.m.-FUSE\* (NC-Wesley Hall)  
6:30 p.m.-DivorceCare (MC, FEC-104)  
6:45 p.m.-Women's Small Group (Somers) (MC, FEC-101)

### Monday, February 15

#### PRESIDENT'S DAY—Office Closed

6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)  
1:15 p.m.-The Joyful Hearts (NC-Fellowship Room)  
5:00 p.m.-Open Gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)  
5:00 p.m.-Men of Integrity (1508 Elmira St.)  
5:30 p.m.-GIFT Women's Group (NC-Fellowship Room)  
6:30 p.m.-Children's Ministry Volunteer Meeting (MC, CLC-109)  
7:00 p.m.-Women of Faith (1508 Elmira St.)

### Tuesday, February 16

6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)  
7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.-FNS (MC, CLC-Entire Bldg.)  
10:30 a.m.-Daughter's of Grace (MC, FEC-101)  
10:30 a.m.-Women's Bible Study (McMurray) (MC, FEC-102)  
12:30 p.m.-Jewels Small Group (MC, FEC-102)  
2:15 p.m.-Worship Design (MC, FEC-Fellowship Hall/102)  
3:30 p.m.-Tutoring (NC-Wesley Hall)  
5:00 p.m.-Bower Basketball Practice (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)  
6:30 p.m.-Tuesday Night Small Group (Lane) (MC, FEC-206)  
7:00 p.m.-Small Group (Murray) (MC, FEC-101)  
7:00 p.m.-Volleyball/Bible Study (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

### Wednesday, February 17

6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)  
6:00 a.m.-Men's Small Group (Konieczny) (MC, FEC-102)  
7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.-FNS (MC, CLC-Entire Bldg.)  
10:45 a.m.-The Flock (MC, FEC-102)  
1:30 p.m.-United Methodist Women (NC-Fellowship Room)

#### FIRST NIGHT SCHEDULE

**5:00 p.m.**  
Dinner (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)  
**5:15 p.m.**-Wed. Night Worship Experience  
(MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

### Wednesday, February 17 (continued)

#### FIRST NIGHT SCHEDULE (Continued)

**5:45 p.m.**  
Children's Ministry (MC, CLC-1st Floor)  
**6:00 p.m.**  
A Disciple's Path (Reeder House—Main Office)  
CR Step Study (Men) (NC-212/213)  
CR Step Study (Women) (NC-214)  
First Friends (MC, FEC-Fellowship Hall/101)  
\*FUSE (MC, FEC-Lounge)  
Life of Christ (Reeder House, Lead Pastor's Office)  
Married Couples Small Group (MC, FEC-102)  
Men of God (NC-Wesley Hall)  
Moms of Faith (MC, FEC-105)  
Sister's in Christ (NC-Fellowship Room)  
Women's Small Group (Netzley/Vierra) (NC-216)  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Bower Basketball (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)  
Chancel Choir (MC, FEC-104)

### Thursday, February 18

6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)  
6:00 a.m.-Men's Bible Study (NC-Fellowship Room)  
7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.-FNS (MC, CLC-Entire Bldg.)  
9:00 a.m.-Pop-up-Play w/ MOPS (NC-Wesley Hall)  
3:30 p.m.-Tutoring (NC-Wesley Hall)  
5:00 p.m.-Bower Basketball Practice (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)  
6:00 p.m.-Lead Council (NC-Wesley Hall)  
6:30 p.m.-Bell Choir Rehearsal (MC, FEC-104)  
7:00 p.m.-NC Praise Band (NC-Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m.-CLC Praise Band (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)  
7:00 p.m.-Worship Team Practice (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)

### Friday, February 12

6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)  
7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.-FNS (MC, CLC-Entire Bldg.)  
5:00 p.m.-Open Gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)  
7:00 p.m.-Bower Basketball Practice (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

### Saturday, February 13

7:00 a.m.-Men's Group (Wegman's)  
10:00 a.m.-ACTS Network Community Garden Meeting (MC, FEC-Fellowship Hall)

NC = NORTH CAMPUS (1157 Market St.)  
MAIN CAMPUS  
CLC = Life Center (601 Market St.)  
FEC = Evangelical Center (604 Market St.)

#### CYCLE OF PRAYER –

#### February 14—February 20

Ron, Judy & Matt Frick; Shirley Fry; Ted, Angela & Amber Fry; Nicholas, Holly, Alivia, Natalie & Leah Fullerton; Rob, Michelle, Justin, Shyla & Destinee (Kintzer) Fulp; Jim, Denay, Aiden, Elijah & Tiana Gair; Dan & Martha Gandy; Chuck & Bonnie Garner; Jennifer Garner; Jonathan Garner; Terry Garner; Donna Gee; Hal & Joyce Gee; Ralph Getz; Sal & Millie Giampapa; Andrew Giordano; David & Miriam Giordano; Guy & D.G. Giordano; Maria Giordano; Terry & Susan Girdon; John Girtton; Michael, Sonja & Dylan Glucksman; Keith Godfrey; Jim Golembeski; Sherry & Sara Golembeski; Matt, Ashley & Juliana (Tedesco) Gonzalez; Jim & Johanna Goodspeed; Jay & Linda Gordner; Rich & Barb Green; Karen & Jessica Grentz; Jan, Lori, Andrea & Ryan Griffin; John & Debbie Grove; Gary, Dawn & Aaron Guerrisky.

Weekly Worship Attendance  
for week ending February 7, 2016:  
TOTAL — 921