First Church

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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.
11:00 am—Contemporary
1157 Market St.
(live streamed message)
4:30 pm—Celebrate Recovery
604 Market St.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

5:00 pm—601 Market St.
Night meal, fellowship,
music, brief message

Average Monthly Attendance

Service	June Average for 2016
Wed. Night	179
8:00	93
9:30	271
11:00 CLC	153
11:00 NC	65
9:30 Live Streaming	20
11:00 Live Streaming	24
Celebrate Recovery	16
TOTAL	**821**

Financial Stewardship

June Year-to-Date Current Fund Income	$575,493
June Year-to-Date Needed Income	$600,818

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Church would like to congratulate the following families on the birth of their children:

Mark & Anna Thompson on the birth of their son, Cole Sullivan Thompson. Cole was born on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

Graham & Ashley Schwanbeck on the birth of their son, Michael Thomas Schwanbeck. Michael was born on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

Welcome to

First Church

United Methodist

Week of July 17, 2016

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

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

Step 1) **MEET FIRST CHURCH SUNDAY, JULY 24th** 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. Children are welcome!

After 8:00 a.m. service, First Evangelical Center—Room 206
After 9:30 a.m. service, First Evangelical Center—Room 206
After 11:00 a.m. service, Christian Life Center—back of Stryker Hall
After 11:00 a.m. service, North Campus—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 D.G. Giordano 6:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesdays beginning September 7th in the First Evangelical Center, Room 206. Children's Ministry takes place at the same time as part of First Night so your children can also grow in their discipleship.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Join us Sunday, September 18th at 11:00 am at the Community Arts Center 220 W. Fourth St. for our annual Community Worship service.
All of First Church will worship together at the Community Arts Center on this day. No services will be held in the FEC, CLC, NC, or Celebrate Recovery on September 18th.

SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Join us on Thursday, July 21st at **6:00 pm in Wesley Hall, North Campus.**
Purpose: To recommend Zach Woods as a candidate for pastoral ministry. If you are a member of First Church, you are invited to attend and to vote. This will be the only item on the agenda for the Church Conference. It will be a brief meeting.

INVITE

STEPHEN MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING is the basis for Stephen Ministry. Caring for others in a distinctively Christian way – in other words, ***Christian caregiving*** – can be challenging in today's secular society. But God calls us to love one another as He first loved us…and isn't that really a command to be ***Christian caregivers*** for one another? What makes Christian caregiving distinctive and how can that distinctive caregiving become a way of life for us as Christians? Stay tuned in the weeks to follow for a series of articles about the "what-when-why-and-how" of Christian caregiving.

SHOP AT AMAZON – SUPPORT FIRST CHURCH

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization (First United Methodist Church) from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

SECOND MILE GIVING

The Second Mile Giving for July & August is **Bishop's Partners in Mission.** The goal is to raise $1 million for the United Methodist Church's *Imagine No Malaria* campaign. And to raise $1 million to eliminate the remaining mortgage at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. During July & August we will collect monetary donations for these efforts. Please make checks payable to "First Church" with "Bishop's Partners in Mission" in the memo line.

MISSION ITEMS NEEDED

Local Food Pantry— hamburger helper, canned vegetables, salad dressing.

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

TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE DURING TRANSFORM (AUGUST 1-5) SIGN-UP ONLINE NOW AT http://www.firstchurch.cc/transform/

TRANSFORM: KIDS' EDITION

Transform: Kids' Edition is an amazing week where children, birth- 5th graders, work on mission projects and learn about God's Love while the adults also serve in mission projects. Children stay at First Church from 8 am- 3 pm. They will work on different projects each day of the week that will spread God's love throughout Williamsport, PA and around the world.

REGISTRATION deadline for children is MONDAY, JULY 18th.

SEND

Sermon Outline

Bring on the Games: The Power of Team

Hebrews 10:24-25; Galatians 6:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

I. TEAM can mean... Together Everyone Achieves _____.

II. What _____ do teams offer?

A) The opportunity to _____ one another.

1. Scripture refers to God's Holy Spirit as the _____. It literally means, "called along side... to encourage, comfort, and guide.

III. The opportunity to _____ one another.

A. Giving reveals what is _____ important to us. Who is _____Lord of our lives.

B. Galatians 6:2 shares: Let us _____ each other's burdens. Not only is this helpful to us, but it fulfills the law of Christ.

Life Reflection:

How can I offer more encouragement to the team in my life? How can I offer a loving challenge to help them be all they can be? Is giving a spiritual matter for me? Do I give out of obligation or joy? Do I see giving as an opportunity to partner with God in a sacrificial, disciplined manner to change lives or simply an economic exchange? What would it take for my heart to be converted to desire to give to serve God and others more than myself?

Scripture Reflection:

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Pastor's Page

SAVE THE DATE (and get excited)!!!

First Church,

I am very excited to share with you that this year **Sunday, September 18 at 11 AM at the Community Arts Center (CAC)** right here in Williamsport will be our combined worship celebration!

If you have been a part of First Church for a few years you will know that one Sunday a year we invite all of our folks to come together for a time of unified worship. We do this in celebration of following Jesus Christ together as we focus upon our vision of Transformation In Christ, Changing Lives Inside and Out.

A number of years ago we realized that we no longer have a First Church facility that can hold ALL of us when we all come together. Thus we sought out a venue that would allow this and found it in the CAC.

In addition to providing the extra space that we need, the CAC also lets us live out one of our heart's desires as a church, and that is to reach out into our community. By going to the CAC we can literally "go" out into the community and invited folks to join us who may not feel so comfortable walking through the doors of a traditional church facility.

First Church, as we get ready to celebrate at the CAC this year, **I believe it is more important than ever that we--together--make an effort to join in unity this day on September 18.**

As you know, our world is increasingly rocked by division. We see this politically as parties spar with one another. We see this racially in communities as violence erupts between white and black brothers and sisters. We see this globally as countries either fight with one another or withdraw from partnerships (i.e. the Brexit decision a few weeks ago).

Church, the world NEEDS to see unity. It needs to see a group of people offer a different witness. A group of people who says, "This style of worship may be different or the time may be different or the venue may be different... but I am committed to this body and I will be a full part of it because it is ultimately not about me."

So church, please come. On September 18 at the CAC to worship. And let us invite all we know that we might serve as a unified witness to a world that is starving for it.

I can't wait to worship with you on this day.

In Christ,
Pastor Matt

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Families Worship Together
(No Sunday school or KIDZONE)

Sunday, July 17

8:00 a.m.-Worship (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.-Worship (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.-Sermon Talk (MC, FEC-201)
11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship (NC)
12:30 p.m.-Stewardship Forum (MC, CLC-Loft)
4:00 p.m.-Open Gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
4:30 p.m.-Celebrate Recovery (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m.-fuse* student ministries (MC, FEC-fusebox*; MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
6:30 p.m.-Celebrate Recovery Team Meeting (MC, FEC-102)

Monday, July 18

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-Sean's Basketball Camp (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall/Kitchen)
1:15 p.m.-Joyful Hearts (NC-Fellowship Room)
2:00 p.m.-fuse* open gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
5:00 p.m.-Men of Integrity (1508 Elmira St.)
6:45 p.m.-Women's Step Study (MC, FEC-202)
7:00 p.m.-Women of Faith (1508 Elmira St.)

Tuesday, July 19

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-Sean's Basketball Camp (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall/Kitchen)
2:15 p.m.-Worship Design Team (MC, FEC-Fellowship Hall/102)
7:00 p.m.-Volleyball/Bible Study (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Wednesday, July 20

6:00 a.m.-Men's Small Group (Konieczny) (MC, FEC-102)
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-Sean's Basketball Camp (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall/Kitchen)
12:30 p.m.-Truth Project (MC, FEC-202)
2:00 p.m.-fuse* open gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
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.
CR Step Study (Men) (NC-212/213)
Sister's In Christ (MC, FEC-201)

Thursday, July 21

6:00 a.m.-Men's Bible Study (Marzo) (NC-Fellowship Room)
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-Sean's Basketball Camp (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall/Kitchen)
9:00 a.m.-Sewing in the Spirit (MC, FEC-Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m.-Lead Council (NC-Wesley Hall)
7:00 p.m.-CLC Praise Band (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall/Stage)
7:00 p.m.-NC Praise Band (NC-Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.-Worship Team Practice (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)

Friday, July 22

6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-Sean's Basketball Camp (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall/Kitchen)
2:00 p.m.-fuse* open gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Saturday, July 23

7:00 a.m.-Men's Group (Wegman's)

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

CYCLE OF PRAYER: July 17 — July 23
Don & Ellen Montis; Samantha Moon; Jeff, Susanne, Philip & James Moore; Lori Moore; Mike, Lindsey, Julie, Aidan, Annabella & Lily Morgan; Elmer Morrow; Kevin & Erin Mowrey; Gary & Cherie Moyer; Tom & Tracey Mulcahy; Chris & Mariah Mumford; Mary Ann Munro; Rich & Sandy Murray; Craig & Lorrie Netzley; Doug, Ashley, Trey, Parker, Ryleigh & Presleigh Nicholas; Kevin , Mari, Erin & Katie Niedzwiecki; Jami, Betsy, Wyatt & Hunter Nolan; Frank, Cindy & Alexander Norris; Lou & Sue Palazzo; Bryan, Belinda, Zachery & Kortnei Parsons; Jay & Peggy Pauling; Bill & Cindy Peck; Christie Peck; Larue & Ruth Pepperman; Linda Peterman; Mike Petro; Don & Fran Pfaff; Brittany, D.W. & Noah Pitt; Doug & Debbie Pitt; Lamar, Sherry, Miranda, Julia & Dylan Ploppert; Ken Poorman.

Weekly Worship Attendance
for week ending July 10, 2016:
TOTAL — 682