

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)

4:30pm—Celebrate Recovery

604 Market St.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

5:00pm—601 Market St.

Night meal, fellowship,
music, brief message

This year First Church would like to congratulate the following College graduates:

Eric Durrwachter, Misericordia University, Dr. of Physical Therapy – December graduate

Sarah Hoyt, Erskine College, BA in English

Emily Kinkead, University of Pittsburgh, School of Law

Samantha Lane, Lock Haven University, Masters Degree

Darren Pysher, Penn College

Gregory S. Seyler, University of Maryland, BS in Aerospace Engineering

Noah Wagner, York College

Vanessa Weaver, Penn State University, York Campus, Associate Degree

This year First Church would like to congratulate the following High School graduates:

Austin Boos, Loyalsock Township High School

Braden Gundrum, Loyalsock Township High School

Olivia Murray, South Williamsport Area High School

Dakota Packer, Williamsport Area High School

Jillian Wallace, Williamsport Area High School

Kevin Weaver, York Suburban High School

Welcome to



First Church

United Methodist

Week of June 12, 2016

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

Step 1) **MEET FIRST CHURCH SUNDAY, JUNE 12th** 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

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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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

You are invited to be part of our next Video Bumper for our July series (running team oriented). We need First Church people, of all ages, to show up and "pretend" to be one of our running teams, and also some to be our spectators, cheering others on. Please contact Desireé Bower, desireebower@comcast.net and let her know you will show up at the Williamsport High School Track on Tuesday, June 14th— at 1 p.m. Rain dates will be Wednesday or Thursday. Running attire desired if you wish to be part of our "running team" and normal, casual attire for our spectators, cheerers. This video will be used in our worship services in July, on our livestream, church website & Facebook page. Your participation indicates your consent with our standard film/video release form.

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

INVITE

CHRISTIAN BOOK GROUP

The Monthly Christian Book Group will be having a summer gathering for a pot luck dinner at Donna Johnson's house on Tuesday, July 12th at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Donna Johnson at 570-322-2347. The summer reading book for the Tuesday, September 6th meeting will be "The Agony and the Ecstasy" by Irving Stone.

STEPHEN MINISTRY – IT'S OKAY TO BE HUMAN . . .

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people.

We tend to think that if we ask for help, it's a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. It's completely confidential. To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of the pastors or contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders (Janet Hessert 570-322-1624 or Ellen Montis 570-419-2655).

TEACH

VBS—CAVE QUEST 2016

is coming June 13th—17th and hundreds of kids are pre-registered, volunteers are preparing for the week and the First Church CLC and FEC are about to be transformed. A few things to be aware of during VBS week: parking around the FEC and the CLC might be difficult from 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. due to volunteers and parents dropping off/picking up. For the safety of the kids, all doors in the CLC and FEC will be locked all morning. The main office will be available during office hours, signs will be posted as a reminder. Safety of children matters to First Church—thank you (in advance) for your flexibility during VBS week.

Please pray for God's presence the week of VBS and for kids lives to be transformed by God's love! Sunday, June 19th @ the 9:30 a.m. service in the FEC, Sanctuary will be a VBS celebration—kids will be in worship with families. There will be no Sunday school, instead there will be a "kidzone" during the sermon for kids 3 years—5th grade.

MISSION ITEMS NEEDED

Local Food Pantry— pudding, Jell-O, granola bars, Manwich. **Shepherd of the Streets**— toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss. 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.

SECOND MILE GIVING

The Second Mile Giving for June is "Transform". This specific week of local mission efforts and community outreach is set for August 1-5, 2016, but efforts continue all year long. During June we will collect monetary donations for these efforts. Please make checks payable to "First Church" with "Transform" in the memo line.

SAVE THE DATE:

Transform

A week of mission in our community

August 1-5, 2016

SEND

Sermon Outline

Can You Breathe? Made to Breathe Genesis 2:4-8 and Matthew 11:25-29

- I. More often than not, my inability to breathe is caused by my _____ rather than external circumstances.
- II. The Hebrew word for _____ is “Adam-ah.” God named the first human being Adam.
- III. The word for _____ in the Bible is the same word for _____.
- IV. Wherever God’s breath shows up, _____ occurs there... no matter how ordinary, or dirty, or dusty.
- V. With God’s breath we are _____, and with God’s breath we _____ that which would seek to destroy our souls.
- VI. A rabbi’s _____ was his teaching on what it means to love your neighbor, honor your parents, or apply the rules of the religion in your life.
- VII. Might invitations to love our neighbors actually be _____ to breathe?

Life Reflection:

Do I believe that God designed me to breathe? Why or why not? If not, what most steals my breath? What keeps me from experiencing God’s breath and Holy Spirit in my life? With God’s help am I willing to blow those barriers out of my life? Am I willing to truly embrace the yoke of Christ? What needs to happen in my life so I can begin to breathe? Am I willing to rely on God’s breath rather than my own?

Scripture Reflection: Genesis 2:7 and Matthew 11:29

Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed a man[c] from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Pastor’s Page

WHAT’S NEXT???

First Church,

Sometimes in the midst of all that is going on it can be easy to wonder, “Where are we going?” Or, more specifically, “What’s Next?”

This is a great question. Unless we are aware of where we are headed, we will head no where.

Our vision and missional imperative remains doing all we can to see “Transformation In Christ, Changing Lives Inside and Out” occur for as many individuals as possible.

To help us in this endeavor, you may remember that over the last 18 months we have spent a lot of time bringing our ministries into more alignment with our vision. Knowing that no church can do everything, we have narrowed our ministry focus to 18 key areas that we believe God has uniquely equipped First Church to live out. In this way we are aiming for “deep impact” over “shallow commitment” in our focus areas.

Currently we are doing all we can to invest in these focus areas. We are excited to already see substantial growth in a variety of areas. We are expecting VBS this year to be one of our largest turn-outs ever with hundreds of kids participating. We are seeing growing numbers of individuals sharing in mission trips. We are looking forward to another amazing year of camping. And we are expecting the most folks we have ever had for our Transform mission week August 1-5 with hundreds of individuals and over 40 churches involved.

So when we look to the future and what is next, what we are seeking to do is shore up these focus areas and build upon them.

For example we expect:

--Continued commitment to Outreach and how to share in God’s justice in our world.

--Even fuller development of our youth ministries (FUSE), now that they have a permanent space to operate from in the Fuse Box located in the FEC.

--Leadership Development to help the North Campus continue to gain momentum and a clearer identity.

--Continued development of the Acts network (currently we have 9 different community groups operating and we expect our first worshipping communities to begin sometime in the fall).

We believe that continued investment and focus in these areas now will yield even more fruit in the future. I would ask for your continued prayers in each of these areas, so that we can see as many lives as possible transformed. I believe God has wonderful plans in store for First Church in the days ahead.

In Christ,
Matt

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Sunday, June 12

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)
9:30 a.m.-Children's Sunday School (MC, CLC-1st floor)
9:30 a.m.-fuse*student ministries (MC, FEC-fuse*box/105)
11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship (NC)
4:30 p.m.-Celebrate Recovery (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m.-fuse* student ministries (MC, FEC-fuse*box)

Monday, June 13

9:00 a.m.-VBS (Entire CLC & FEC)
1:15 p.m.-The 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, June 14

9:00 a.m.-VBS (Entire CLC & FEC)
12:00 p.m.-Daytime Disciple's Path (MC, FEC-206)
7:00 p.m.-Volleyball/Bible Study (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Wednesday, June 15

6:00 a.m.-Men's Small Group (Konieczny) (MC, FEC-102)
9:00 a.m.-VBS (Entire CLC & FEC)
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, June 16

6:00 a.m.-Men's Bible Study (Marzo) (NC-Fellowship Room)
9:00 a.m.-VBS (Entire CLC & FEC)
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)

Friday, June 17

OFFICE CLOSED DUE TO OFFICE CONSTRUCTION
6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)
9:00 a.m.-VBS (Entire CLC & FEC)
2:00 p.m.-fuse* open gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)
6:30 p.m.-Special Needs Dance (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Saturday, June 18

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: June 12—June 18

Rick, Mary Beth, Justin & Kevin Frankenfield; Dave & Doreen Frey; Matthew & Kristen Frick; Ron & Judy Frick; Shirley Fry; Rob, Michelle, Justin, Shyla & Destinee Fulp; Jim, Denay, Aiden, Elijah & Tiana Gair; Dan & Martha Gandy; Chuck & Bonnie Garner; Jennifer Garner; Donna Gee; Hal & Joyce Gee; Sal & Millie Giampapa; Andrew Giordano; David, Marian & Roman Giordano; Guy & D.G. Giordano; Maria Giordano; Terry & Susan Girdon; John Girton; Michael, Sonja, Dylan & Tyler Glucksman; Keith Godfrey; Jim Golembeski; Sherry & Sara Golembeski; Ashley & Juliana Gonzalez; James & Johanna Goodspeed; Jay & Linda Gordner; Rich & Barbara Green; Jan, Lori, Ryan & Andrea Griffin; John & Debbie Grove; Gary, Dawn & Aaron Guerriky; Carol Gundrum; John Hall, Scott & Tushanna Hamilton; Donna Hancock; Chet & Barb Harbach.

Weekly Worship Attendance
for week ending June 5, 2016:
TOTAL — 807