

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

Average Monthly Attendance

Service	May Avg. for 2016
Wed. Night	214
8:00	100
9:30	239
11:00 CLC	165
11:00 NC	59
9:30 Live Streaming	23
11:00 Live Streaming	17
Celebrate Recovery	20
TOTAL	837

Financial Stewardship

May Year-to-Date Current Fund Income	\$751,875
May Year-to-Date Needed Income	\$764,444

JULY FIRST FRIDAY

On Friday, July 1st starting at 6:30 p.m. you are invited to "Praise outside the walls" in front of Le Chocolate Candy Store at 420 Pine Street. Various Praise Bands will be on hand to offer praise songs and worship God. While there be sure to check out the other First Friday activities in downtown Williamsport.

STRYKER SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of Pastor Janet by:
Dan & Martha Gandy

Welcome to



First Church

United Methodist

Week of June 19, 2016

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

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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.

VBS CELEBRATION

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. Also, THANK YOU for the prayers all week! What a week it has been at VBS 2016 Cave Quest! We have been learning about Jesus' love and example for us! This morning we celebrate! First Church has been an amazing, busy place focused on GOD: over 300 kids, 74 adults and 60 pre-teens and teens. Jesus is the LIGHT of the WORLD!

BAPTISM

The First Church family would like to congratulate Marielle Elizabeth Lake on her baptism at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 19, 2016. Marielle is the daughter of David and Jill Lake.

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 FAQ

Why the name Stephen? In Acts 6, Stephen was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. Since the time of the Apostles, caring ministry has been considered a hallmark of the Christian faith community. Stephen Ministry is one of the caring ministries at First Church. This confidential, one-to-one ministry strives to continue the tradition of Stephen through Christian caregiving to those in need. For more information, check out the First Church Stephen Ministry page at <http://www.firstchurch.cc/ministries/stephen-ministries>.

TEACH

POSITION AVAILABLE

A teacher is needed 16 hours weekly during the school year. Work days would be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am -12:30 p.m. with the opportunity to work other hours as a FNS substitute teacher. Applicants must be able to start at the beginning of the 2016/2017 school year in August. The teacher would be working with a class of six 2 year-old children, would be overseeing playtime and managing a structured classroom with duties

including Circle Time, Art, Bible Stories, and time in the Gym. Position requires experience with children and a degree in Early Childhood Education is preferred. Applicants must love God, love kids, and have the ability to be a Team Player. Job applications are available in the Church Office or online at www.firstchurch.cc. Clearances and FBI fingerprint check are required in addition to the job application. Deadline for applying is June 30.

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.

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THE RIGHT KIND OF FEAR (continued)

BUT at the same time it has also been a week of incredible JOY here at First Church as we have seen the power, beauty, and joy of the light of Christ. This week we have celebrated with over 300 children registered for VBS to celebrate the Light of Jesus. As the kids have learned about Jesus they have laughed, ran, sang, prayed, and grown in the Light of Christ. Their lives have enriched ours. And today their presence during the 9:30AM worship service serves as a tangible reminder that love always conquers hate.

And then today, not only do we celebrate our VBS children, we also celebrate LIFE. Wonderful, joyful life. For today we experience and celebrate the gift of baptism. Is there a more perfect day to celebrate baptism and life? To celebrate that the light is stronger than the darkness? Than in a week when the world can only talk about death?

Today let us celebrate the life that only Christ can give as exemplified in the excitement, purity, innocence, and joy that our children bring. A joy that comes with a fear of the Lord rather than a fear of anything of this world. Because of the fear of the Lord, we have nothing to fear when it comes to fear in the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Matt

FIRST NURSERY SCHOOL

Sermon Outline

Can You Breathe? Pause

Luke 10:38-42

- I. This particular encounter between Mary and Martha and Jesus looks _____ enough.
- II. Pausing and breathing _____ Jesus is better than being separated from Jesus.
- III. Many of us would _____ to be like Mary, but in all truthfulness, we are much more accustomed to acting like Martha
- IV. 3 points that Mary shares with us about the value of pausing and breathing:
 - A. Point #1: When we are most _____ is when we need most need to pause and _____.
 - B. Point #2: Breathing gives us life in and focus on what is most _____.
 - C. Point #3: Breathing reminds us that _____.

Life Reflection:

By nature, am I more like Mary or Martha? What is it about pausing and breathing before God that is so difficult for me? What can I do to take more time to simply “be” in the presence of God? What is most important in my life? What needs to be? Am I breathing the way God intends? Why or why not?

Scripture Reflection: Luke 10:39-40a and Ecclesiastes 3:1

Luke 10:39-40a: She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made.

Ecclesiastes 3:1: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Pastor’s Page

THE RIGHT KIND OF FEAR

First Church,

We recognize this week has been filled with a full range of intense emotions.

The week began with such horror as we have tried to come to terms with the pure evil that was experienced in the senseless violence in the Orlando night club shootings. Feelings of sadness, anger, fear, rage, sorrow, and despair have abounded. Questions of “Why?” and “What can we do?” continue to permeate our minds.

Clarity to these emotions and answers to these questions begin to emerge when we realize what we need to truly fear. On the one hand, we need not fear anything this world may offer. We remember the command that is given to us OVER 300 times in scripture... “Fear Not.” As Isaiah 41:10 shares, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” When evil is experienced as tangibly as it was this past week, it can tempt us to fear the wrong things. Yet such evil is never as powerful as the glory of Christ. The Light (as our VBS children reminded us this week) always overcomes the darkness.

At the same time, one of my professors in seminary and now a retired United Methodist Bishop, Will Willimon, offers these words in regards to what we should fear:

‘Jesus frequently says, “Fear not,” but on one occasion Jesus urges fear upon his disciples: “Don’t be afraid of those who kill the body but can’t kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell” (Matthew 10:28)... *The key to courage is not the banishment of all fear but fear of the right things in the right way.* Our problem, in regard to fear, is that we fear the Other more than we fear the God who commands, “Love each other.”

At its best, the church teaches us to be afraid of our propensity to be fearful, to resist our innate tendencies to regard others as enemies rather than brothers and sisters in Christ, to refuse vainly to attempt to secure our lives through the world’s means rather than God’s means--the way of Jesus Christ. *If we are disciples, then it’s our responsibility, in a culture of fear and fear mongers, to show the world the joy of living by faith rather than fear.* A Christian is called to be a showcase of what Jesus can do that the world cannot.’

So yes, on the one hand we struggle with the raw emotions of the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

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Sunday, June 19

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.-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)

Monday, June 20

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.)
7:00 p.m.-Women of Faith (1508 Elmira St.)

Tuesday, June 21

11:00 a.m.-CAC Music Planning Meeting (MC, FEC-202)
6:00 p.m.-Transform Meeting (MC, FEC-202)
7:00 p.m.-Volleyball/Bible Study (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Wednesday, June 22

6:00 a.m.-Men's Small Group (Konieczny) (MC, FEC-102)
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)
Fresh Express (MC, FEC-Fellowship 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 23

6:00 a.m.-Men's Bible Study (Marzo) (NC-Fellowship Room)
6:30 p.m.-Stephen Ministry Meeting
(NC-Fellowship Room/212/213/215)
7:00 p.m.-CLC Praise Band (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall/Stage)
7:00 p.m.-NC Praise Band (NC-Sanctuary)

Friday, June 24

6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m.-fuse* open gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Saturday, June 25

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 19—June 25

Jeff & Barbie Harbaugh; Mike Harbaugh; Marilyn Harer; Roberta Harris; Cassie Harrison; Sam & Norma Harrison; David, Heidi & Carolyn Hartsock; Gene, Tracy, Cody & Rachel Haupt; Sara Haupt; Ed, Diane, Daniel & Joseph Havrilla; Lillian Hein; Ashley Helmrich; Bob & Joan Helmrich; Bob, Traci, Marissa & Brianna Helmrich; Chris, Tiffani, Kailee, Caiden, Jaelynn & Kyler Helmrich; Becky Hendershot; David & Aimee Hertwig; Buddy & Janet Hessert; Tyler Hessert; JoAnn Hester; Harry, Correen, Cole & Anthony Hill; David, Amy, Joshua & Alexander Hines; Ben & Carole Hoffman; Erik, Melanie, Samuel & Charlie Hofstrom; Jenny Hoover; David, Tammy, Cameron, Ariel & Ian Hornberger; Richard, Ann (House) & Emily Hoschar; Dwayne, Valerie, Gracie & Mariah Hostrander; Jyrie & Derek Hostrander; Caleb, Victoria, Makenna & Mason Houser; Mabel Huggins.

Weekly Worship Attendance
for week ending June 12, 2016:
TOTAL — 824