

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.

First Night meal, fellowship, music,
brief message, children's ministries,

fuse* (youth ministries), First

Friends (special needs group) &

adult small groups.

CYCLE OF PRAYER:

May 13– May 19:

Ben Landon; Doug & Bessie Lane;
Brian Langer; Erin & Amy Langer;
Don, Deb, & Krista Leathers; Jeff
LeCrone; Liz Lehman; Pam Lewis;
Courtney, Alexander, Jackson, &
Evelyn Linn; Nathan Litz; Marsha
Lloyd; Sharon Long; Joe & Flicka
Losch; Pete, Missy, Abby, & Jake
Loudenslager; Peg Lowmiller; Ray
& Susanne Lukas; Mike, Melissa,
Elizabeth, Nathan, & Madelyn
Lundy; Christopher, Anne, Nelson,
& Eleanor Macdonald; Ken &
Lynne Maietta; Howard & Loraine
Manley; Steve, April, & Andrew
Manley; Dave & Kathy Marcello;
Michael, Bethany, Genevieve, &
Juliet Marcello; Mitch & Elizabeth
Marcello; Glen, Hershey, & Xavier
Marks; Brian, Erin, & Kennedy
Marsh; Ben, Jess, Noah, Miles, &
David Marzo; Ellen Maule; Jim &
Donna Maule; Bob & Donna
Maxwell; Brent & Allisyn Maxwell;
Genny Mayer; and Tom &
Deborah Mazurek.

PRAY

Welcome to



First Church

United Methodist

Week of May 13, 2018

CHURCH CONFERENCE MAY 17

There will be a Church Conference on May 17th at 6:00 pm in Rm. 202 of the FEC to consider endorsing Sean Gray as a Beginning Candidate for ordained Ministry in the United Methodist Church as an Elder. Sean is a Senior at Lycoming College who will be attending Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC this Fall. This Conference will be held to also consider endorsing Summer Love Bair as a Beginning Candidate for ordained Ministry in the United Methodist Church as an elder for chaplaincy. Sean and Summer are being recommended as beginning candidates in the Candidacy process toward ordination. Anyone who is a member of First Church is invited to attend and vote at a Church Conference. The Conference will be brief, so please be prompt.

STAFF POSITION AVAILABLE - Director of FEC Worship

First Church is seeking a spiritually mature, proven leader who loves worship and has both the creative and organizational abilities to design and implement worship for our 8:00 and 9:30 services. This person will also be responsible for directing the chancel choir and supervising the music staff. This is a 25-hour per week position. A job description and application is available in the church office or on the church website at <http://www.firstchurch.cc/job-openings/>. For further information, contact the church office.

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

INVITE

MONTHLY CHRISTIAN BOOK GROUP

Join us on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Donna Johnson (1701 Clarion Dr.) for the June book – The Rent Collector by Camron Wright. No reservation needed. Come once, come every time!!!! Great discussion, good fellowship. “COME AND SEE.”

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Do you have musical talent that could be shared? During the summer months there is a need for special music at the 8:00 and 9:30 services. This invitation is for anyone blessed with the gift of music and is especially extended to our musically gifted children and youth. If you or your child/young person is interested in performing, please contact Mary Engle for further details. 570-419-5441.

GHANA - Child Trafficking

“And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.”

— Luke 18:7-8a

Please pray for the launch of a coalition of NGOs joining together to fight child trafficking in Ghana. IJM (International Justice Mission) has been meeting with 25 different organizations over the past few months, and this week the coalition will officially launch. This will create a forum for organizations engaged in different sectors of anti-trafficking work to share knowledge and find ways to more effectively partner together to end slavery in Ghana. Please pray for strong relationships and collaboration as well as for a united voice among organizations advocating on behalf of children.

MISSION ITEMS NEEDED

Local Food Pantry — canned tuna fish, peanut butter, and jelly.

Shepherd of the Streets — diapers, wipes, and baby bath.

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.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE OPENED OR EXPIRED ITEMS IN THE BASKETS.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

First Church is hosting Family Promise families June 3 - 10 at North Campus. Please contact Patty Fox (570-971-2872) if you are interested in helping to share God's love to local homeless families. Thank you.

SECOND MILE GIVING

Transform is our local mission experience where we seek to meet some of the practical needs in our community as the hands and feet of Jesus by blessing our community through home repair, landscaping, painting, cleaning, volunteering, and serving. Instead of just one week of serving, Transform 2018 will occur multiple times throughout the year. Our next event will be August 2nd-4th.

READY FOR FIREWORKS?

POP 'N POPCORN?

We are beginning to plan for our annual July 4th Pop 'n Popcorn Outreach and we need your help! Our team has lost a few helpers, and we need others to help us gather supplies, setup, and teardown on July 4th. We have provided free soda "pop," popcorn, face painting, and Aaron's Italian Ice in the past during the city's fireworks. If we don't have enough help we may need to cancel the event this year. Hundreds of people typically gather on Lycoming College's field to watch, and it's a great way to reach out during a relaxing evening. We will plan to have a meeting in June to finalize our plan, but if you are interested in helping, **please contact Ken Durrwachter at kendurrw@gmail.com or 570-560-3213. Please do so by June 1,** when we will make the decision whether to have it this year.

TEACH

SEND



Fuse* student ministries announces our summer mission trip experience to Buffalo, New York from July 15 – 21, 2018. This trip is primarily for students in grades 6-12. Adult leaders to fulfill roles of project manager, crew leader, and nurture and support are also needed. Preference for adult applicants will be given to fuse* volunteer staff, parents/relatives of participating students, and then

others. Since this is a student ministry mission experience, we will limit the number of adults to the team needs.



6th-12th grade students are invited to join fuse* student ministries at the 40th anniversary of the nation's largest Christian music festival, Creation! Join thousands of believers for camping, music, speakers, food, and more from June 26th- July 1st. Registration is required by June 10th, with early bird discounts before May

20th. Register online at firstchurch.cc or using registration cards found in the fuse*box or at campus information centers. Contact Josh Tobias, jtobias@firstchurch.cc, with questions or for scholarship requests.

SEAN WALKER'S BASKETBALL CAMPS

Is your child entering Kindergarten through 5th grade? If so, plan on joining us for an amazing week of basketball camp!

June 11th to 15th (Registration and payment due Wednesday, June 6th)

July 9th to 13th (Registration and payment due Tuesday, July 3rd.)

Kindergarten through 2nd grade will meet from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. each day. 3rd through 5th grade will meet from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. each day.

The cost is \$20.00 per child per week.

Activities will include free shooting, Bible teaching, warm-ups, skills, and scrimmages. Any questions, please feel free to call Kathy Choate at 570 322 3993 or email kchoate@firstchurch.cc.

Register online NOW at <http://www.firstchurch.cc/childrens-ministries/>.

CHILDREN/YOUTH



Children ^{Potty Trained} 3 yrs-4th grade

JUNE 18-22

9 am - Noon

Register*: www.firstchurch.cc

WANT TO HELP WITH VBS?

Teens and adults are welcome to sign up online or talk with Angie Tobias (atobias@firstchurch.cc)
*all volunteers must comply with Safe Sanctuaries

VBS CDs now available...\$5 donation
see Angie Tobias (Director of Children's Ministries) for details!

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Sermon Outline

Quiet Power—Becoming Trustees of God’s Plans Genesis 50:15-21

- I. The Bible:
 - a. Tells it like it is.
 - b. Gives _____.
 - c. Assures us we can be _____.
- II. Joseph forgives by seeing himself as a _____ of God’s plans.
- III. God gives of us power and influence to be trustees of God’s plans and God’s _____.
- IV. Joseph’s brothers were trustees of _____.
- V. _____ human being can and will let us down, whether they mean to or not. God alone is totally _____.

Life Application:

How can I be more of a trustee of God’s plans and God’s grace this week? Who has hurt me that I need to forgive? _____ Will I pray for that person or persons this week? Are there additional steps I can take to be at peace with those who have hurt me? Where do I need to stop being a trustee of guilt so I can use my God-given power for good?

Scriptural Reflection:

Genesis 50:20: “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

Pastor’s Page

A Ministry “Good Bye”

First Church,

We are in the midst of a series of pastor pages on “The Church At It’s Best—Living as both “Established” and “New” and what this means for First Church specifically. Next week we will get back to sharing some of those thoughts, but today we need to take a break from that series in order to recognize and say “Good bye” to someone very special among us.

As many of you may be aware, Pastor DG will be moving with her husband Guy to Colorado at the start of July. Pastor DG has been connected with First Church for over two decades. In that time, she has served in a variety of capacities including our staff contact for small groups and now Pastor of Care in particular. During that time, she also sensed a call into pastoral ministry and is now appointed among us as a local pastor.

To say that Pastor DG will be missed is an understatement. Pastor DG has a deep heart for Christ. She has served tirelessly in whatever capacity she was asked to serve. She has added a voice of wisdom and passion among our staff and in the direction of First Church. She has been the hands and feet of Christ for so many in nursing homes, in people’s homes, and in the hospitals.

In her role as Pastor of Care, Pastor DG has raised up other leaders with a similar passion to offer care. She has helped form the first step of our current Disciple’s Journey pathway. She has reached out consistently to those we have not heard from to express care and concern to them. Pastor DG has the true gift of speaking the truth in love.

These are just a few of the ministry needs Pastor DG has cared for and which we appreciate. Today Pastor DG will be sharing her final sermon with us. It is fitting on this Mother’s Day that Pastor DG, as a mother of three, will be sharing God’s Word with First Church. It is also fitting to note that the reason that she and her husband Guy are moving to Colorado is to be closer to two of their three children. We have been so incredibly blessed by Pastor DG in her time with us. Would you make it a point over the next number of weeks to seek Pastor DG out and thank her for all she has done in service to Christ at First Church? Would you also be praying for her as she transitions to this next stage of her life?

Pastor DG has been a tremendous partner in ministry. We give thanks for her and will miss her. We also pray every blessing upon her and Guy as they make this transition. We are always grateful for whatever time God gives us in various seasons of life—in this case we have been particularly grateful for time with Pastor DG. We now send her to continue “Transforming Lives In Jesus Christ, Changing Lives Inside and Out.”

In Christ,
Pastor Matt

PS—Pastor DG’s final official day with us will be June 30.