

# OUR VISION

***Transformation in Christ,  
Changing Lives Inside and Out***

*(Romans 12:2)*

We live out our vision through the practices of Inviting, Teaching, Sending, and Praying:

By **inviting**, we become a **beautifully diverse** community.

Through **teaching**, we are made into **rugged disciples**.

By **sending**, we are **here for those not yet here**.

With **prayer**, we are made **humbly powerful**.

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### First Evangelical Center

604 Market St.  
Williamsport, PA

Sunday | 8am | Traditional

Sunday | 9:30am | Blended

Sunday | 4:30pm | Celebrate  
Recovery

### Christian Life Center

601 Market St.  
Williamsport, PA

Sunday | 11am | Contemporary

Wed. | 5pm | First Night Meal

*Welcome to*

# FIRST CHURCH




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
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*September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## \* Celebrate Recovery Anniversary Dinner

- All are welcome to join Celebrate Recovery in celebrating their four year anniversary on Sept. 23rd! There will be a worship service at 4:30pm, followed by a dinner and fellowship.

## \* Freedom Sunday

- On Sept. 23rd, we will partner with thousands of churches across the globe as we commit to working toward the end of slavery around the world. You are invited to personally join in this fight!

## \* Emailing Pastor Matt

- As we grow, we need to continually adapt the way we communicate. Effective Sept. 24th, Erin Mowrey, the Office Manager, will assist Pastor Matt with responding to his email. Erin will read all of Pastor Matt's emails, and will honor confidentiality as appropriate. If you are uncomfortable with this process, do not use Pastor Matt's email to communicate sensitive information.

## \* Disciple's Journey Step 2

- If you are a member at First Church and ready to discover your next step of discipleship, join Pastors Matt and Janet this fall for a 6-week class beginning Oct. 9 on Tuesdays from 7-9pm at the North Campus. To sign up, complete the section on the Communication Card or contact the church office. For more information, contact Pastor Janet ([jdurrwachter@firstchurch.cc](mailto:jdurrwachter@firstchurch.cc)).

## \* Pastoral Assistant

- Ben Conrad, a senior at Lycoming College, will be joining our staff team as the part-time Pastoral Assistant. Please be sure to welcome Ben!

# KIDS AND YOUTH

## Moppets Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with the Moppets program (infants through preschool age whose moms are attending MOPS). Meetings are 9:30-11am on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the North Campus, starting this month. Safe Sanctuary clearances must be completed by each volunteer. Contact Kelby Hodge (717-825-8089) for more information and to sign up!

# BEING THE CHURCH

## Operation Christmas Child

This Sunday marks the start of the 25th year of Operation Christmas Child. Our goal is to fill 300+ boxes this year, so stop by the table for more details and to sign up to be a part of Operation Christmas Child!

## Mission Items Needed

Donations for these missions may be left in the baskets at the entrances to either building.

\* *Local Food Pantry: canned fruits, Kool-Aid, oodles of noodles*

\* *Shepherd of the Streets: diapers, wipes, bar soap*

## Second Mile Giving

Helping Hands is a program that provides emergency assistance to those experiencing financial difficulty. To give to this ministry, indicate "Second Mile Giving" on the memo line.

## Birth Announcement

First Church would like to congratulate Kory and Carnie Datres on the birth of their daughter, Tess Lucille Datres, on Sept. 7, 2018.

# GROUP LIFE

## Life Groups (formerly called "Small Groups")

Interested in joining a Life Group? You can learn more about the current Life Groups on the church website under the 'Ministries' dropdown tab.

## Resource Locker

Study guides, DVDs, books, and more are available and free to use at the Resource Locker downstairs in the FEC. Please return unused materials to the marked gray laundry bins in the church office.

## United Methodist Women

First Church's United Methodist Women will meet at St. Paul/Calvary's United Methodist Church for a luncheon on Sept. 19 at 12:30pm. Call Marian Stuempfle (570-322-6893) for your reservation.

## Grand Friends (age 60+)

The first meeting of the year will be September 25th at noon at Hoss's restaurant. RSVP to Terri Sheldon (570-447-7196) by September 23rd.