

# 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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## CONNECT WITH US

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First Church Williamsport

*October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## \* Transform (Oct. 18-20)

- The deadline to sign up for the last Transform event of 2018 is tomorrow! Visit the tables after worship, or [firstchurch.cc/transform](http://firstchurch.cc/transform) today to learn more and sign up!

## \* Columbus Day

- The church office will be closed tomorrow for Columbus Day.

# GROUP LIFE

## Life Groups

Life Groups are a great way to grow in our relationships with God and with each other! Visit [firstchurch.cc/life-groups](http://firstchurch.cc/life-groups) to find a group for you!

## Women's Step Study: The Journey Begins

The Journey Begins will help you experience peace, develop stronger relationships with others and God, and find freedom from life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. This group meets Wednesdays starting Oct. 10 at the North Campus. Contact Sandy Hartle Krise (570-916-8731) or Ellen Derr (570-337-4241) for more information!

## Grand Friends Halloween Luncheon

The Halloween Luncheon is Oct. 30 at 12:00pm in the FEC Fellowship Hall. Contact Mary Ann Munro (570-322-4078) by Oct. 25 to sign up. The cost is \$9.

# KIDS AND YOUTH

## SOCKTOBER

fuse\* Student Ministries is partnering with Curtin Intermediate school to Knock the Socks off of poverty by collecting new socks. If you are interested in helping, a basket for donations is on the stairs to the fuse\*box in the FEC, or simply give your donation to any fuse\* student or volunteer staff.

## fuse\* C.6-8 Retreat

fuse\* Student Ministries invites all 6-8th grade and CYF students to the Nov. 2-4 retreat at Wesley Forest. Students will experience a weekend away to connect with God and learn about the Holy Spirit. Registration is \$50 per person and is due by Oct. 22. Scholarship requests can be discussed with Josh Tobias ([jtobias@firstchurch.cc](mailto:jtobias@firstchurch.cc), 570-322-3572). To register, visit [firstchurch.cc/fuse](http://firstchurch.cc/fuse).

# BEING THE CHURCH

## Backpack Ministry for Cochran Students

Each week First Church partners with the Central PA Food Bank to provide child-friendly food backpacks to kids in need. There are three times to help:

\* Wed. morning unloading/organizing

\*Thurs. evening at 6:00pm packing backpacks

\*Friday at 2:00pm distributing backpacks (Clearances required)

Sign up to help on the communication card, or contact Yvonne Shenuski (570-546-7786) or Jenny Hoover (570-560-5559) for more information.

## Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are available each Sunday to pick up and return, until the final collection date on Nov. 11. Each shoebox costs \$9 for postage, and checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church. We hope you will help us bring joy to the children who will receive these boxes!

## 5:17 Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17 reminds us to "pray continually". In seeking to live into our vision, remember to pray each day at 5:17 for First Church to be faithful in creating multiplying disciples of Jesus.

## #BuildUp429

One way we live into our vision of Transformation in Christ is by building one another up. We encourage you to share words of affirmation or encouragement to your First Church community using #buildup429.

## Mission Items Needed

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

\* *Local Food Pantry: coffee, tea (regular), powdered milk, sugar canned milk*

\* *Shepherd of the Streets: gel shaving cream (men & women), disposable razors (men & women), toilet paper*

## 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.