

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**.

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

CONNECT WITH US

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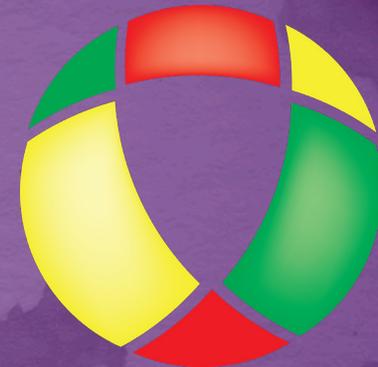
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Welcome to

FIRST CHURCH



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November 11th, 2018

WHAT'S HAPPENING

* Orphan Sunday

- Today we celebrate Orphan Sunday with churches around the globe as we recognize the love of God who defends the cause of the fatherless and calls us to do the same. Visit the tables after worship to learn more about how you can be involved!

* Staff Transition

- First Church is grateful to Aaron Russell for his time spent here, and wish him God's blessing as he feels led to leave and explore new opportunities. While his position is unfilled, contact Mitch Marcello for College Ministries, and Jake Bair for CLC Worship.

BEING THE CHURCH

Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

Please join us in the FEC Fellowship Hall on Nov. 15 at 6:30pm for a short meeting to investigate the opportunity of using our facilities as an overnight shelter this winter during extreme cold. For more information, contact John or Sue Best (570-326-1943).

Food Donations for Thanksgiving

We are collecting grocery bags of food for those in need in our community this Thanksgiving. Bags should be returned to First Night by Nov. 14 or worship Nov. 18.

Fall Clean-up Day

Join us Nov. 17 starting at 9am as we do some fall yard work at the church and parsonage! We'll meet at the FEC fountain. Be sure to bring rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers. For more information contact Ken Durrwachter (570-560-3213).

Operation Christmas Child

Today is the final day for Operation Christmas Child! If you forgot your box at home, you can bring it to the church office this week.

Care Packages for College Students and Service Persons

The deadline to submit items for care packages has been extended to Nov. 18. For more information or to submit addresses for packages to be sent to, contact Barb Wallace (bgwallace6@gmail.com).

BEING THE CHURCH (cont.)

Stephen Ministry

Do you have a heart to care for those who are hurting and in need? Starting Jan. 3, Stephen Ministry will be offering a training class to help you live into this passion. For more information, contact Michelle Dixon (570-772-1430). The deadline to submit an application is Nov. 25.

Coat Collection

We are collecting clean used winter coats and jackets, as well as warm hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for kids and adults in need at First Night. Items can be dropped off at the church office. For more information contact Nancy Somers (570-419-3039).

Second Mile Giving

For the final few months of the year, Second Mile Giving will support two missionary families from First Church; Phil and Linda Byler are serving in South Sudan, and Jordan and Kate Egli are serving in Europe. To give to this ministry, indicate "Second Mile Giving" on the memo line.

Mission Items Needed

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

- * *Local Food Pantry: fruit snacks, mac-n-chesse, chunky soup, tomato soup*
- * *Shepherd of the Streets: toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss*

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 to find a group for you!

Grand Friends

Anyone 60 years or older is welcome to attend the Grand Friends next meeting on Nov. 20 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall of the FEC. Mona Rundio from the United Churches Food Pantry will be presenting, and donations for the food pantry are welcome. The cost to attend is \$8 at the door. Please RSVP to Terri Sheldon (570-447-7196) by Nov. 16.