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To the Members of the Kittanning First United Methodist Church!

This letter is from Pastor Wade, a slave of Christ Jesus. I am writing to all of God's holy people in Kittanning who belong to Christ Jesus,

including the elders and deacons. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Okay, I have to admit, I borrowed those words from the Book of Philippians. Paul opens his letter with those words. He wrote in the midst of being in prison and faced with his own death. Amazing that he can share such words of encouragement and grace in the midst of his own fears. He writes to inspire and he writes to try and bring about unity—Christian unity. Paul writes in Philippians 1:27, "Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News."

I offer the same encouragement and the same request. This time of year has become the traditional time for the "stewardship letter". Each year we share facts and figures and make a plea to help the church meet its annual budget. But this year is different. Our church stands in a place that almost feels like the prison Paul was in. Please read the article in this newsletter that was written by the Finance Committee. Faced with a mounting financial obligation and monthly shortfalls that continue to push the bounds of being unable to meet certain obligations. And just like in your family, when things begin to overwhelm us we start to wonder, we start to doubt, and we start to look for ways to tighten our belt. Often we find ourselves squabbling over things that do not matter or things that we ought to be unified with each other. Sometimes we end up cutting out things that are important and necessary.

Our church faces a financial struggle. Giving has not equaled spending for some months now. The church leaders have been good stewards of the monies in the treasuries—that is they have been very faithful in using the money that you have shared in a way that is honorable to God. Now you are probably saying, here it comes, another request for money. Nope!

I want to ask you for a number of other things. (But, if you want to give, please don't let me stop you!!)

First, if you haven't been to church lately, I invite you to come back! We miss you!

Secondly, I ask you to consider this—Paul says, "You must have the same attitude as Christ" (Philippians 2:5). The attitude of Jesus is an attitude of prayer, presence, giving, serving, and witness.

- Prayer be in prayer for your church and the church leaders. Praying for the church seems self-evident, but to grow in our faith it means to immerse ourselves in each other's lives and stand as one.
- 2. Presence Hope floats when you are present. The younger generation looks to the older generations to keep them challenged and growing. The older generation needs to look to the younger generation so that they know the church and its ministries will continue when they are gone. Strength and commitment stand when you are present.

- 3. Gifts Jesus talked more about money than anything else in all of Scripture. Giving and money issues are the most pressing spiritual need or issue of the American church.
- 4. Service If you believe in something, typically you do something with what you believe. Faith leads to action. Where people serve they stay. Where people serve, they love and give and share.
- 5. Witness If you are experiencing something good, wouldn't you want to share it? Talk to others about the good you are experiencing at the church. Talk to others about the good things you find God doing in your life. Our faith grows as we witness to what God is doing. Our church will grow as we declare the saving power of Jesus Christ.

My encouragement for you would be simply this, let us work together as one. Let us find the unity that Christ has called us to share and look to the future together. As such, the pledge card looks a little different this year. This card is a covenant that you will make with God! It asks you to consider these five areas of commitment for 2015. Pick one, two, or all five! But remember this is a covenant that you are making with God. Place the card in your bible, your devotional book, or on the refrigerator to remind you daily of the commitment that you have pledged to God in the coming year.

Paul said this in the third chapter of Philippians, "I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us" (Philippians 3:12-14). We have such a grand history at First Church. There were countless other times when we needed our faith and God's strength to get through. In the almost 200 years of ministry that this church has shared in, I imagine that these conversations took place about money or any number of other issues. I am asking that we press on toward the goal, and that goal is to be one in Jesus.

First United Methodist Church has been blessed to have the support of friends like you for many years. I thank you for the ways in which you have offered yourself to the church. Please know, we are working hard to keep the expenses to a minimum. Please feel free to talk to any Church Council member, the Finance Committee, or you can speak freely to me as well regarding the things we are doing to be faithful stewards of the money entrusted to us.

Thank you again for your prayers and your faithfulness. I encourage you to read Paul's letter to the Church at Philippi, The Book of Philippians, and be blessed by those words of encouragement and unity. Possibly those words will speak to you in other ways as well!

See ya in church!!







October 5, 2014

11:00 AM, World Communion Sunday Matthew 21:33-46, Philippians 3:4b-14

October 12, 2014

11:00 AM

Matthew 22:1-14, Philippians 4:1-9

October 19, 2014

11:00 AM, Charge Conference Matthew 22:15-22, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

October 26, 2014

11:00 AM,

Matthew 22:34-46, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

We are excited to announce that we will be starting a Children's Church program October 12. Children 4 years and up will be dismissed from worship after Pastor Wade's children's message for a special time in the upstairs Sunday School rooms. We will not meet the first Sunday of each month so everyone can participate in Communion. We will need adult volunteers to make this program a success. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office, Carolyn Gallaher, or Sue Hankey. We are hoping that we have enough volunteers so each person will only need to lead children's church for about 3 weeks during the year.

Please, also, remember that the nursery is available for those children ages 4 and under, so that means the parent of a 4-year-old can choose to allow their child to remain in the nursery or attend children's church.

Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin.





ACOLYTE

- 5 Hannah Hoffman
- 12 Peyton Zielinski
- 19 Havley Hoffman
- 26 Cierra Hoffman

READERS

5 Janet McKelvev

12 Mert Hellein

19 Pat Wolfe

USHERS

- 5 Wesley/Roy Williamson & Communion
- 12 Albright/Dan Wolfe
- 19 Albright/Dan Wolfe
- 26 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski

SOUND SYSTEM

- 5 John Yankasky
- 12 Janessa Muir
- 19
- 26 Greg Lemons



COUNTERS

- 5 Scaife
- 12 Krozely
- 19 Thomas
- 26 Muir

WELCOME CENTER

- 5 Melissa Flanders
- 12 Karen Scaife
- 19 Kathy Coleman
- 26 Mary Jo Lipski



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Please congratulate the following Sunday School members who were recognized on Rally Day.....

PERFECT ATTENDANCE from September 2013 thru August 2014 (they all received an attendance pin and certificate).

- 1 year Christopher Christy
- 2 years Riley Potts
- 3 years Hallie Hoffman
- 6 years Abby Yankasky
- * 10 years Hannah Hoffman
- 10 years Hayley Hoffman
- 35 years Jim Ternent
- 40 years Alice Ternent



FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE (they received a certificate)

- * Ashley Yankasky
- * Carlee & Chelsea Beers
- * Brad & Mert Hellein
- * Dan & Ashlee Christy
- * Joe & Sarah Heckert

- * Linda Powell
- * Melissa Flanders
- * Kelly Hoffman
- * Audrey Green
- * Sue Hankey



SUNDAY

Perfect attendance means they only missed a couple Sundays during the year (being sick does not count against you!). Faithful attendance means you were very regular but missed more than a couple Sundays when there was an opportunity available to you. Many of these faithful attendees were very close to Perfect!

The following Third Graders received their own special Bible on Rally Day.



- * Bella Aires
- * Dante Aires
- * Joseph Kachur
- * Brianna Kotora

************Thank you to all the parents or grandparents who helped the children get to Sunday School each week*********

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets each week from 9:30 to 10:30 AM and there are classes for all ages.

- *Adults—Traditional Bible Study/Discussion or Alternative Video/Discussion series— Both meet in the Covenant Center
- *Youth—Grades 7 thru 12 meet in the church basement—variety of music, videos, discussion
- *Children—Ages 3 years thru 6th grade—meet in the upstairs of the church (3 different age groups)
- *Nursery is available during both Sunday School (babies and toddlers) and Worship (babies thru 4 year olds)





FUMC Finance Snapshot - August 31, 2014

As shown in the table below, we have accumulated an \$18,746 (or 15%) shortfall in stewardship income through the first eight months of 2014. It has continued to widen since May, when the shortfall was roughly 13%. If stewardship continues at this rate, by the end of the year the shortfall will be roughly \$28,000. As a direct result, we currently have a negative balance (-\$9,785) in the general fund. This has become a serious problem! For the first time in roughly 13 years, FUMC may need to forego paying part of its mission share to the conference.

While our members have always been generous in supporting special building and mission projects, it is critical that we not do so at the expense of regular stewardship, which is the main source of funding for our daily operations. Indeed, spending our resources on utilities, staff salaries, taxes, and insurance may not be terribly gratifying, but it is necessary for us to continue in our current form.

October is traditionally Stewardship Month at FUMC, when we reflect on how we are called to support our ministry. At this time, we should remember that what stewardship really means is managing things that aren't ours in the first place. We should think about what God has given us and what we are called to do with it. This includes our time, money, and talent. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

General

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Stewardship Income ¹	\$108,110	\$126,856
Budgeted Expenses ²	\$159,655	\$156,520

Ideally, the actual stewardship income should be equal to or greater than the budgeted income. Ideally, the actual budgeted expenses should be less than or equal to the budgeted expenses. NOTE: Since there are other sources of funding other than stewardship income, there is no direct correlation between stewardship income and expenses. That is, stewardship income need not equal expenses in order to have a balanced budget.

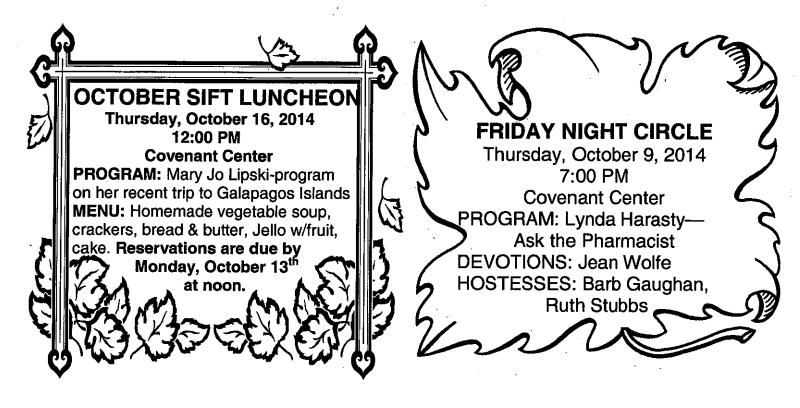


Organ Campaign

Balance	Goal
\$24,687	\$100,000



TURKEY DINNER
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST from 4:30-7:00 PM
Covenant Center
No reservations needed
Adults \$9.00, Children 4-12 years \$4.00
Children 3 and under free



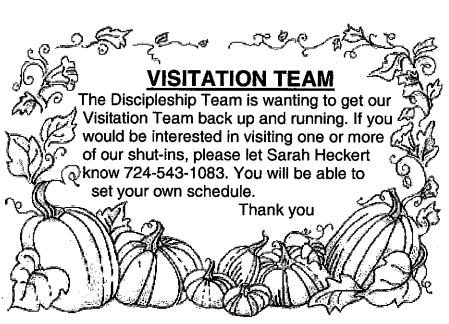
2015 VBS CANS

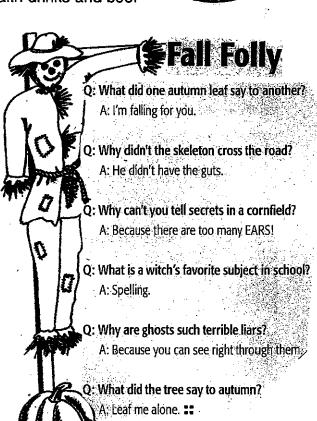
In the six weeks since VBS 2014 (through August 15th) we received 2,935 cans for our 2015 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2014 is 6,253 cans.

Thanks to all of you who saved, collected and brought in cans.

Our collection for VBS 2015 has started-so-KEEP THEM COMING! Please continue or start saving aluminum cans (pop, fruit juice, tea, health drinks and beer cans). Drop them off at the church ramp anytime.

Thank you, The Can Man





OCTOBER MISSIONS FOCUS

Samaritan's Purse INTERNATIONAL RELIEF Our church family will focus on the ministry of SAMARITAN'S PURSE, the non-denominational, evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse - to follow the example of Christ by

helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel. Check out their website at www.SamaritansPurse.org and read of their ministries. You may choose between giving in two different ways:

1. Giving money directly to **Samaritan's Purse**. Your money will go to ministries such as U.S. Disaster Relief, World Medical Missions, Operation Christmas Child, International Crisis Response. Middle East Relief and Animals, Agriculture, and Livelihoods and much more. Make your check out to "FUMC" or "First United Methodist Church" with a memo to Samaritan's Purse. Our church will then write one check to Samaritan's Purse.



2. Provide a completed shoebox for either a girl or boy to **OPERATION** CHRISTMAS CHILD. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun and helpful, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. Use the brochure found in your bulletin or at the church doors for more information. A \$7.00 check must be enclosed to cover the international shipping. The check is to be made payable to "Samaritan's Purse" with "OCC" in the memo. The deadline for

these boxes is November 10.

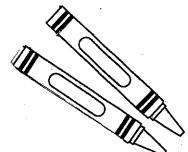
May you be deeply blessed as you pray about this mission opportunity and give cheerfully to it. Missions Committee

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY for all your help for the Stop Hunger Now project. What a satisfying, giving project!

- * On Saturday, September 20 we assembled 31,722 meal packets.
- * We appreciate all the generous monies that were given to fund this great project. Thank you to the children of our summer's VBS who gave a large amount. The total from our church was \$1225.41. The grand total collected to pay for this project was nearly \$7800.00.
- * We had approximately 78 volunteers, 32 of whom were from our church.



* Our vibrant volunteers: Brenda Beers, Ali Berkey, Natalia Berkey, Wade Berkey, Bonnie Bowser, Dan Christie, Kathy Coleman, Sally Felton, Melissa Flanders, Ian Ferguson, Mark Ferguson, Carol Gallaher, Sue Hankey, Brad Hellein, Jenny Hellein, Mert Hellein, Hannah Hoffman, Hayley Hoffman, Sally Krozely, Mary Jo Lipski, Larry McKelvey, Janet McKelvey, Amanda McMillan, June Pollard, Karen Scaife, Tim Scaife, Bob Schaeffer, Sandy Scherf, Chris Thompson, Linda Thompson, Linda VanSicklin, Dan Wolfe.



Just for OLDER KIDS

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

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Make a "harvest treat!"

Roasted ()

Pumpkin

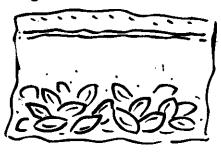
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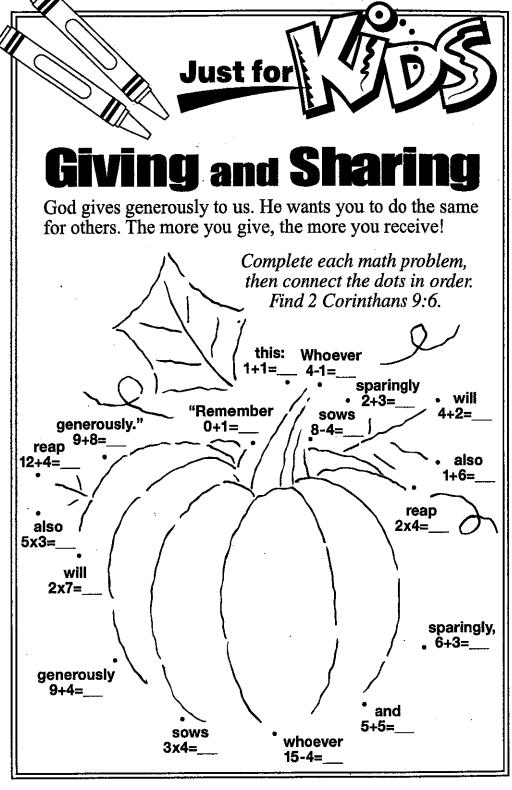
You will need:

4½ cups raw pumpkin seeds
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 teaspoon salt clear sandwich bags

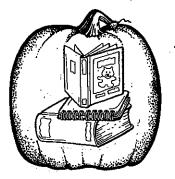
How to:

- Rinse pulp & strings from seeds. Drain.
- Mix seeds, oil & salt in a bowl.
- Spread on a cookie sheet lined with waxed paper.
- Let stand for 24-48 hours, or until dry. Stir once in a while.
- Remove waxed paper and toast seeds in the oven for 40 minutes at 325°. Stir once or twice.
- Drain seeds on paper towel.
- Store in plastic bags for a great treat!





sows generously will also reap generously."



OCTOBER'S LIBRARY NEWS

The following DVD videos were given to the Children's section of our church library:

Happy Feet, Madagascar and Shrek 2

The adult library section has received "The Guideposts Bible Study Program". There are 15 books that pertain to the Old Testament and 15 books pertaining to the New Testament. These are beautiful books! Thank you Kathy Piechowicz for such a generous donation to our church library!

Carol Wolfe, Librarian



FUMC Family,

Thank you for your continued prayer as we go through this time of grief.

God Bless, The McMillen Family

Dear FUMC.

I'd like to thank you once again for your consideration in awarding me the Patton Scholarship. Your generosity means more than I can say as this helps a great deal with my educational costs.

Sincerely, Noelle Lemons

Dear FUMC.

Thank you again for your generous gift for my education through the Patton Scholarship. These gifts have helped me achieve an education since my freshman year and are greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Gregory Lemons

I am in awe of what God can do. Thank you for your remarkable blessing of support to the Pearce family, and thank you Janet McKelvey for leading the way.

God Bless You Richly, Kathy Riffer

A special thank you to Pastor Wade and our church family for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls after my accident. Thanks so much for all your love and concerns.

Sandy Scherf

Trustees would like to say thank you to Dan Wolfe for applying 2 coats of paint to the church basement floor. Again, thank you, we appreciate it very much.

The fellowship committee would like to thank Tom and Carol Thomas for purchasing two new coffee pots for the church to use at our cookie fellowships. The previous ones had started working only intermittently at best. We appreciate their generosity!

Rummage Sale Recap

This year's rummage sale was the biggest and best we've ever had. We made \$2124! That money was put into the general fund to help with the budget shortfall. Thank you to all who donated items, baked goods and/or your time. Your assistance with the rummage sale was GREATLY appreciated. And, yes, we will have another rummage sale next year!

Kim Yankasky



CTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Brandon Schrecengost
- 6 Sierra Aires
- 6 Norm King
- 6 Patrick Wolfe
- 7 Matthew Kachur
- 10 Frank Kiss
- 10 Mark Porter
- 11 Melissa Flanders
- 14 Laurie Lemons
- 15 Jazmine Hicks
- 15 Michael Luke
- 15 Brad Volek

17John Yankasky

- 18 Carolyn Gallaher
- 18 Kaitlin Edwards
- 20 Lindsay Harkleroad
- 21 Rick Reefer
- 22 Lance Zielinski
- 26 Ada Bowser
- 28 Ryan Cornman
- 29 Fay A Asay
- 29 Donna Hidinger
- 30 Hayley Hoffman



3 James & Diane Weibel 4 Daniel & Ashlee Christie-6 years 4 Jim & Alice Ternent-61 years 6 Jeremy & Jessica Andrews



8 Ryan & Sally Cornman-3 years 8 Cameron & Natalie Vandevort-3 years 12 Larry & Janet McKelvey 16 Ryan & Crystal Zier-4 years 30 Rob & Sue Hankey-33 years





Macy Grace Green was born Thursday, August 28, 2014. She was 6lbs. 10oz, 21inches long. Macy is the daughter of Tara & Derek Green. She is the little sister to Allie and Lila Green, the granddaughter of Audrey & Bernie Green and the great-granddaughter of

Bob Schaeffer.

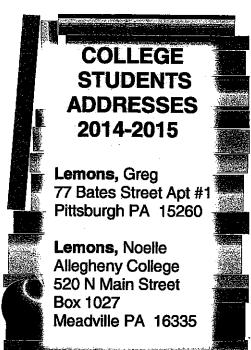


Eli James Rodgers was born Tuesday, September 2, 2014. He was 8lbs. 10oz. 21 inches long. Eli is the son of Jennifer & Dan Rodgers. He is the brother of Lydia, and the grandson of Chris & Mark Porter.



Our Sumpathy.

We welcomed Robert Volk, Marlene Colville Bunny Heddlestun as our new members on Sunday, September 21st.



We extend our Christian compassion and concern to:

Carolyn (Charles) Glendening and her family on the death of her step father, David Elliott.
David passed away on Thursday, August 28th. He was the grandfather to Andrew & Meredith Glendening.

Tara (Derek) Green and her family on the death of her grandfather, Craig E. Troutman. Craig passed away on Saturday, August 31st. He was the great-grandfather of Allie, Lila and Macy Green.

Robyn (Tony) Green and her family on the death of her grandmother, Elvera Martinetti. Elvera passed away on Thursday, September 11, 2014. She was the great grandmother of Logan & Wyatt Green.

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My Faith Promise for 2015!

Dear God,

In sacred trust, total dependence and faithful believing, I choose to give by faith so the world may know Your grace, experience Your

love and surrender to Your Lordship. I am trusting You to enable me to:

	_ <i>Pray</i> daily for my church. _ To be a vital <i>presence</i> in my church. _ To share one new <i>gift</i> that you have blessed me with for my church this year. _ To find one new way for me to <i>serve</i> in my church this year. _ To help me <i>witness</i> about my faith at least once a week.
Thank Amen.	you God for all that you are doing and all that you will do through me in Jesus Christ

Signed: ____

HOUSE FOR SALE 134 QUEEN STREET, KITTANNING

Double Utilities-Electric, Gas, W	/ater
Siding & New Roof	. 2004
New windows	.2007
New first floor furnace	2007
First floor Air conditioner	2008
New water heaters—first floor	. 2004
Second floor	2008

First Floor: 2 large rooms

Full kitchen

Small full bath w/tub & shower

2 utility rooms

Second floor: 2 large rooms

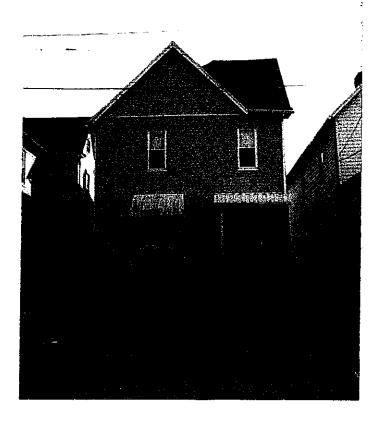
Kitchen area & dining area in 1 room Medium size full bath w/tub & shower

Third floor: Unfinished attic Full size cement floor basement

Appraised value \$33,000 Great buy at \$25,000

2014 taxes are paid

Contact: Jim 724-859-0819



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