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NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2019**



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Senior Pastor: Rev. Deb Kociban

Associate Pastor: Brenda Sommerville Schall

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 – 4:00 PM **Website:** firstchurchkittanning.com

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Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM **email:** fordmemc@windstream.net

Office Hours: Website:

Manorville United Methodist Church-P.O. Box 174, 800 Water Street, Manorville PA 16238

Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM

Office Hours: Website:

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Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM **email:** unionaveumc@windstream.net

Office Hours: Website:

**MARCH
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE,**

Please get articles to Audrey no later
than February 18th. Thank you



Pastor Deb's Message



“I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one.” John 17: 22

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One year our daughter received a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle for Christmas. Once assembled the picture would reveal several brown and white horses standing against a rocky, brown and white background. As a family we began to put together the pieces on Christmas night. We quickly realized how much time it would take to complete it. This was not going to be easy!

Before his crucifixion Jesus prayed for his disciples. At the crux of his prayer was his request for unity among not only the disciples, but also among the believers that would come later. Jesus gave us tools to do this: patience with one another, forgiveness for one another, joy in worship together, learning from the Word together and most importantly a common mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Jesus still prays for unity among his disciples. Without unity we cannot be an effective witness for the gospel of love and grace embodied in Jesus Christ. As the ARC charge unity is our goal, not unity found in one church building, but unity in the love of Christ lived out in each of our communities. If you have been given a passion for feeding others join Ford in feeding their neighbors through their Soup and Sandwich ministry. If you love to worship in unique and exciting ways join Manorville in their Casual Worship service. If you desire a deeper walk with Jesus join the Heavenly Daughters at First as they dig into the Word of God. If you are gifted with the love for children join Union Ave. as they teach the Word of God to the neighborhood children.

Whitney’s puzzle eventually was put together but not before it spent about 6 weeks on my dining room table. It took the efforts of many, family and friends helped put the pieces together. It was not easy by any stretch of the imagination but when the pieces came together as one the picture was beautiful. In the same way when we come together in Jesus Christ, we will be a beautiful picture of the kingdom of God.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb



Pastor Brenda's Message

My, how time does fly by! It is almost Feb and I’m not sure where the time has gone. I must say that I have enjoyed the time that I have spent with all of you at different

events so far. I am excited to see where God will lead us in the near future. Pastor Deb and I have a few things up our sleeves yet. As I was reading my daily devotion the other day I read something I needed to share. It is called SHORT CUTS. They continue saying things that mean nothing, thinking that God will hear them because of their many words. MATT. 6:7 Here is what it had to say about this. Pray all the time. If necessary, use words. God forgets the past. We need to imitate him. Greed I have often regretted. Generosity-never. Don’t ask God to do what you want. Ask him what is right for you. NO one is useless to God. No one. Nails didn’t hold Jesus to the cross. LOVE did. You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you. This touched me and I wanted to share. We seem to forget things that we do not want to do. We get way toooo busy. Let’s start this year with the Love of Christ. Let’s take more time with God in prayer and in his Word. Just wait to see what God can do.

Pastor Brenda

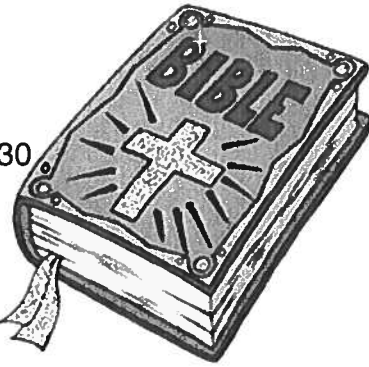
FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS

February 3, 2019

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

February 10, 2019

5th Sunday after Epiphany
**(Pastor Deb and Pastor Brenda
exchange pulpits today)**
Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11



February 17, 2019

6th Sunday after Epiphany
Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26

February 24, 2019

7th Sunday after Epiphany
Genesis 45:3-11, 15,
1 Corinthians 15:35-48, 42-50
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40, Luke 6:27-38

(First Church)

WELCOME CENTER

3 Sarah Heckert
10 Melissa Flanders
17 Karen Scaife
24 Beverly Patton



READERS

3 Brad Hellein
10 Karen Scaife
17 Mary Jo Lipski
24 Sarah Heckert



SOUND SYSTEM

3 Gabe Smith
10 Tim Scaife
17 Dave Yanoschick
24 John Yankasky



COUNTERS

3 Flanders
10 McKelvey
17 Scaife
24 Williamson



USHERS

3 Oxford/Mark Ferguson & Communion
10 Albright/Dan Wolfe
17 Albright/Dan Wolfe
24 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski



ACOLYTE

3 Hallie Hoffman
10 Ryan Bish
17 Isaac Zielinski
24 Joey Kachur



BELL RINGERS

3 Carlee Beers
10 Ashley Yankasky
17 Madelyn Smith
24 Evva Yanoschick



(Manorville)



FINANCIAL TEAMS

3 Jim Boarts & Jack Bennett
10 Judie Reesman & Luella Bennett
17 Bob & Dianna Brocius
24 Lynn Sibley & Sandy McKee



GREETER-February

Jim Boarts



USHERS

3 Jim Boarts & Jim Orton
10 Lois Hawk & Nancy Gaul
17 Steve Arblaster & Mike Snyder
24 Sandy McKee & Lynn Sibley



DONUT SPONSORS-2019

Feb-Mike Snyder
Mar-Lois & Hyatt
Apr-Lynn & Sandy
May-Lisa Czapor
June-Chuck Coffman
Jul-Steve Arblaster
Aug-Bob & Di Brocius
Sept-
Oct- Jack & Lu Bennett
Nov-Jim Orton
Dec-JB & Nancy



Cost is \$25, donuts have increased in price to \$26.97. You are asked to please clean up afterwards. Thank you.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Brenda and Pastor Deb will be offering the study *Final Words* by Adam Hamilton. Pastor Brenda will be teaching at Manorville on Mondays at 10:00 AM. Pastor Deb will be teaching at the Covenant Center on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Everyone in the charge is invited to participate. You may attend either session. Please see Pastor Brenda or Pastor Deb to order your book.

Monday session dates are: March 4th, 11th, 18th and April 1st & 8th

Thursday session dates are: March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and April 4th and 11th.



UPDATES ON MINISTRIES

YOUTH GROUP

(Union Avenue)

On December 18th the Chain Reaction Youth Group, K-6th grade, had their Christmas program. I talked to people and they said it was wonderful-9 children were there. Some others have attended but were not there. God has been there now for over 20 years. He speaks thru the hearts of those leaders and helpers. Thanks goes first to the Lord, Donna Shaffer, Bruce Shaffer, Karen Wolfe Pastor Deb and Jodie Anderson. And to everyone who supports this group with food, desserts, prayers and financial support. "He lives, He lives Christ Jesus Lives today".

Amen

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

(First Church)

It is time once again to begin to think about our next Lenten Devotional! We need 40 plus devotions for our 11th edition of this inspirational daily guide for Lent, 2019. Let God lead you as you say "YES" to contributing to this worth while ministry. All devotions need to be received in the church office no later than **February 11th**. You can mail, hand deliver or email your devotional. Any questions, contact Sarah Heckert 724-543-1083 or

joeheckert@yahoo.com. God Bless

FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

(First Church)

Thursday, February 7th
1:30 PM in the Library Room
We will be making
valentines for the
shut-ins

SIFT LUNCHEON

(First Church)

Thursday, February 21, 2019
12:00 Noon-Covenant Center

PROGRAM: Bruce Matthews,
Kittanning Chief of Police

MENU: Homemade chicken noodle & stuffed
pepper soups, Jello salad, crackers, rolls
& butter, ice cream sandwiches

Reservations by Monday,
February 18th

RAINBOW ROAD

(First Church)

Rainbow Road Preschool is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. There are classes two days a week for 3-year-olds (by September 1st) and three days a week for prekindergarten students. To receive an application or more information, contact the First United Methodist Church office at 724-548-4312 or go online at www.firstchurchkittanning.com.

FEBRUARY'S LIBRARY NEWS

(First Church)

LOVE
the LIBRARY

These books have been donated to our church's library:

"Hope from Acorn Hill" by Melody Carlson

"No One To Trust" by Lynette Eason

A new series called Annie's Secrets of the Quilt has been given to our library. The following 5 books are part of that series.

"Castle of Whispers" by Elizabeth Penney

"Decadent Deceit" by DeAnna Julie Dodson

"A Dangerous Tide" by Kristi Holl

"Highland Treachery" by Elizabeth Penney

"Mist on the Moors" by Elizabeth Penney

Cold night...Large sweater...Warm tea...Good book...Soft socks and a Box of Chocolate!!

Carol Wolfe, Librarian

We invite all churches to come and use our library!



EASTER CANDY ORDERS

(Manorville)

We will be selling Easter candy starting at the Spaghetti Dinner (**February 16th**). Milk chocolate, white chocolate, and krispy. All sizes of crosses and Easter symbols. Proceeds go towards the powder room. Support your church and fill your kids' Easter baskets.

TRUSTEE

(Manorville)

Our next Trustee Work day is **Wednesday, April 3rd** at 1:00 PM. All hands on deck. Lots of things need fixed up-inside and outside. Your assistance would be appreciated.



SAVE
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VBS 2019

(First Church)

We will have VBS the week of

June 17th-21st

9:00-12:00 PM

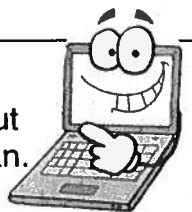
Watch for more

information coming soon



EVANGELISM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Has God given you a passion for sharing the gospel but don't know where to start? Check out these online classes being taught by Conference Evangelist John Zimmerman. Beginning Jan. 21st and being offered throughout the year these courses will direct your passion. For more information, please contact Rev. John Zimmerman at john@af180.org or call or text to 814-490-4197.



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2019 FAITH NIGHT AT PNC PARK

7th Annual Faith Night next season is going to be held on **Saturday, June 22, 2019**. It will be a 4:05 PM game vs. the San Diego Padres. With it being an earlier presentation and on a Saturday, we're expecting the largest turnout that we've ever had. Group reservations of 10 or more will begin next week. It is highly recommended making your group reservation as soon as possible due to the popularity of this event. You don't need to know the number of tickets right now. They are just taking deposits towards a block of seats (10 or more seats). You'll then have until Friday, May 17th to let them know our final number, at which point you'll also pay the balance. For group reservations: Chad Glover 412-325-4756. (NOTE: This was discussed at Manorville's Church Council with the possibility of renting a bus for the Charge churches. If you are interested let the pastors know and don't wait!)



PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER

(Ford Memorial)

We will have our pancake & Sausage Dinner on **Tuesday, February 12th** from 11:00-1:00 PM and 4:00-7:00 PM. The price is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.



ALL-U-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

(Manorville)

February 16th 4:00-6:30 PM-Adults \$8.00, youth 6-12 years \$4.00, age 5 and under free. Includes salad, bread, drink and dessert. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Proceeds go towards the new accessible powder room to be built off the sanctuary. We need helpers! Call Luella to sign up to work and/or bring desserts. Financial donations are also accepted.



6 LENTEN FISH DINNERS

(First Church)

Our first Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on Friday, **March 8th** and will continue through Friday, April 12, 2019 at the Covenant center from 4:30-6:00 PM.

MENU: Baked or Fried Fish or Sloppy Joe Sandwich
Baked Potato, Curly Fries or Macaroni & Cheese
Cole Slaw or Applesauce, Roll, Beverage & PIE
Adult \$9.00 Children \$4.00



Come and eat, bring your family and friends.

We need pie bakers and workers to help for all 6 Fish Dinners. Can you help? If so, please fill out the sign-up sheet in this newsletter and let us know if you can help and which weeks. Keep the top half as your reminder and return the bottom half to the church. Thank you!



MANORVILLE NURTURE COMMITTEE NEWS

Our next fellowship lunch will be **March 17th**. Hope you can all stay and join us in fellowship and fun. Thank you for your support.
In Christ, Judie Reesman

LICENSING SCHOOL

(Manorville)

Manorville will be hosting the Licensing School beginning February 28th weekend, then Saturdays (excluding April 20) with graduation April 27th. Prayers are asked for the students who are on the road to being a pastor on some level-Local, CLM, ordained, or anything in between.

February 28th-3:00-9:00 PM March 1st-9:00-9:00 PM March 2nd-9:00-5:00 PM
March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th-9:00-5:00 PM April 6th, and 13th-9:00-5:00 PM
April 25th & 26th-9:00-9:00 PM April 27th-9:00-5:00 PM

LAY MINISTRY SCHOOL

Do you want to dig deeper into your faith and your opportunities for service? Consider attending Lay Servant Ministry School at Homer City UMC, February 24th – March 31st from 2:30-5:30 PM. Classes are open to all laity. For more information please see the pastor or go to <http://indianadistrictism.org/homercity2019/>.



MISSIONS AND MISSIONS UPDATES

2019 VBS ALUMINUM CANS

(First Church)

Our aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity continues.

In 1995 a project was started in First Church Vacation Bible School to teach our children about missions-helping other people. Collecting aluminum cans to raise money for Habitat for Humanity has been our VBS mission emphasis ever since.

In those 23 years, through June 22, 2018, we have collected 705,440 cans, giving \$11,996 to Habitat. After several years, our collection effort was expanded to all year long. Cans are dropped off at the ramp in the back of our church, are counted and sold.

Over the years several other churches, firehalls and community individuals have joined in.

We invite our sister churches to join in our aluminum can collection. I will supply a collection container for each church that is interested and pick up their cans monthly. If your church is interested, let me know 724-548-7124 or 724-859-0819.

Cans received (December 15-January 15) 2,774

Cans received since end of VBS 2018 (June 22) 17,259

Please continue or start saving aluminum cans of all sorts (pop, tea, fruit juices, health drinks, power drinks, beer and any other type of aluminum cans).

Drop them off at the ramp behind the church at any time. Thanks to the folks at Arc Manor for continuing to save their 355 drink cans and to be in Mission with us.

Thank you, The Can Man (Jim Ternent)



MISSIONS FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY

(First Church)

FUMC church family will focus its mission care on Ramps of Hope. This active building project is coordinated by Lynn Sibley & Tim Scaife who serves as the team leader. Last year this talented, hard-working team provided 17 ramps mainly in Kittanning and Ford City also including five surrounding areas.

Ramps, often "life-savers" for families, enable persons access to, more easily, go to a doctor's appointment, physical therapy, church, etc. They give the wonderful ability to go outdoors for a person who is more homebound. One lady often uses her ramp to walk back and forth with her walker-giving her more exercise and independence.

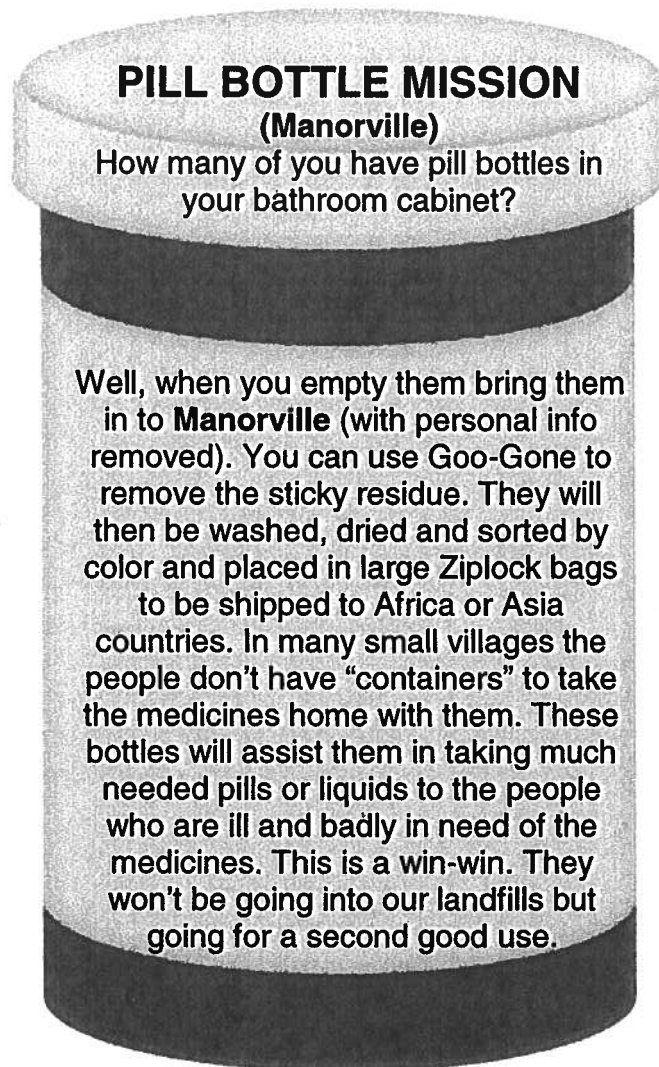
Our financial gifts will buy lag bolts and screws for these sturdy, safe and sometimes very long ramps. Won't you give generously to this life-enhancing project Ramps of Hope? You never know when someone in your family may need this help. God Bless. Missions Committee

PILL BOTTLE MISSION

(Manorville)

How many of you have pill bottles in your bathroom cabinet?

Well, when you empty them bring them in to **Manorville** (with personal info removed). You can use Goo-Gone to remove the sticky residue. They will then be washed, dried and sorted by color and placed in large Ziplock bags to be shipped to Africa or Asia countries. In many small villages the people don't have "containers" to take the medicines home with them. These bottles will assist them in taking much needed pills or liquids to the people who are ill and badly in need of the medicines. This is a win-win. They won't be going into our landfills but going for a second good use.



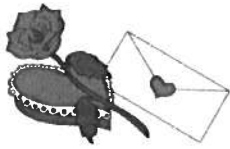
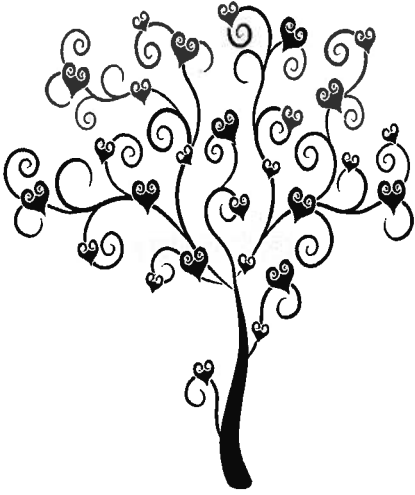
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

(Union Avenue)

That's what God did for us. "For God so Loved the world he gave his only begotten Son. That whoever believes in him shall not parish but have everlasting Life."

UMW decided to go with Vesta's idea and gather socks to GIVE to the Veterans. The Lord worked in the people's hearts. We received 100 pairs of socks. Thank you Lord.

Also, for the young people who attend Lenape Tech our church family gave from their hearts, Snacks of all kinds. We don't know who needs them, but God knows and we believe they will be appreciated. There were 4 nice size boxes full and 2 more bags brought in the following Sunday. God is good all the time. If someone wants to give you something don't refuse it. Don't take their blessing away. It's more blessed to give. Accept it and be thankful. Thank you Lord. That we give as you have given to us.



THANK YOU

(Manorville)



Thank you for your generous Manorville donations to the Food Bank. Bags & boxes of soups and other staples were taken down to Ford City to feed the disadvantaged who are signed up for assistance.

God bless you, Ford City Food Cupboard



(First Church)

On behalf of the Kittanning Salvation Army, we would like to thank you for the generous donation of hats, gloves and scarves. We truly appreciate your gift. It will help keep many people warm this winter.

God Bless, The Salvation Army



(First Church)

Dear FUMC and Missions Team,

Thank you so much for your Christmas gifts for myself and fellow service members. Many of us are unable to return home for the holidays this year, so your consideration means more than you could believe. All of us here at Creech Air Force base wish you a Merry Christmas and our most sincere gratitude.

Sincerely, Greg Lemons



(Manorville)

Dear Manorville Family,

I would like to thank you for your generous Christmas gift. That has to be at least a few visits to Rachel's! Ha ha! Love you guys SO much.

Blessings, Luella Bennett



(Manorville)

On behalf of the Kittanning Salvation Army, we would like to thank you for your generous donations totaling \$271.00. We truly appreciate your gifts. It will help many families in our community.

God bless, The Salvation Army



(First Church)

Dear Friends,

Wishing all of you the very blessed Christmas & New Year! I am ready for the holidays and I hope you are too. Not very much for me to do these years- Not as much as in past years! More time to just enjoy!

Much Joy to you all, Jean Wolfe



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

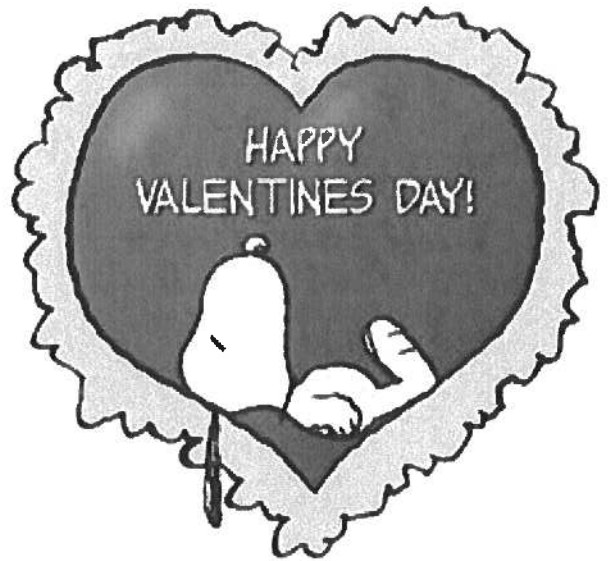
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- Slow Dance
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

FIRST CHURCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Erica Scaife
- 9 Brenda Beers
- 9 Fred Blaney
- 9 Lynn Toth
- 11 Angela Clever
- 12 Tim Hellein
- 14 Bernie Green
- 18 Nash Wolfe
- 18 Ken Gaughan
- 18 Kathy Piechowicz
- 18 Larissa Schrecengost
- 19 Jordan Zier
- 21 Harold Walter
- 28 Edna Heigley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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FORD MEMORIAL

BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Ed Russell
- 12 Lucas Berrett
- 12 Sue Davis
- 14 Dave Dingey
- 19 Alice Croyle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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MANORVILLE

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Chris Toy
- 6 Brennan Toy
- 8 Amy Heilman
- 12 Sandy Arblaste
- 14 Michael Zolocsik
- 15 Mary Campbell
- 16 Maranda Arblaster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 17 Seth Hawk
- 21 Cheryl Welch
- 22 Hyatt Hawk II
- 22 Harry Lloyd
- 25 Hyatt Hawk III
- 25 Mike Snyder
- 27 Mia Arblaster
- 28 Eric Petrosky

UNION AVENUE

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Ben Ulisky
- 15 Carly Ochs
- 21 Lily Mae Kline
- 25 Ken Jordan
- 27 Ruth Shankel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 John & Lisa Czapor
- 22 Gary & Ellen Nelson

ANNIVERSARY

- 17 Paul & Donna Titus

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

(First Church)

Beat the winter blahs with a night out for the whole family. Saturday, February 23 at 6:30 PM, First Church will be showing the movie "I Can Only Imagine" in the sanctuary. We will be showing "The Incredibles 2" for the kids in the library room adjacent to the sanctuary which will be staffed by members of the congregation. Adults are permitted to bring beverages (nonalcoholic), in a spill proof container. Light refreshments will be provided for the children. This is a free event and we hope to see you there.

