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## ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE

Senior Pastor: Rev. Deb Kociban

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Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM **Email:** [fumchurch@windstream.net](mailto:fumchurch@windstream.net)

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:00 – 4:00 PM **Website:** [firstchurchkittanning.com](http://firstchurchkittanning.com)

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**Ford Memorial United Methodist Church**-1024 Fourth Ave, Ford City PA 16226 724-763-1540

Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM **Email:** [fordmemc@windstream.net](mailto:fordmemc@windstream.net)

**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

**Email:** [mumc@windstream.net](mailto:mumc@windstream.net) 724-763-1254

**Union Avenue United Methodist Church**-421 Union Ave, Kittanning PA 16201 724-543-5012

Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM



**JUNE & JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE,**

Please get articles to Audrey no later than

**SUNDAY, MAY 19TH.** Thank you





## Pastor Deb's Message

**If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He (Holy Spirit) does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans.**

**Romans 8: 27 The Message**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have an annoying habit. I sigh. I sigh when I am bored. I sigh when I am frustrated. I sigh when I am overwhelmed. I sigh when I have to do something I would rather not do. I've never counted but I would bet that I sigh many times throughout the course of the day.

Maybe that's why I love these verses from the book of Romans. I find great comfort in knowing that God knows what my sighs mean. God knows why I am frustrated. God knows why I am sad. God knows why I don't know which way to turn. God knows why I am sighing and more importantly God interprets that sigh and uses it to answer my unspoken prayers. Prayers that I did not even know I was making.

What confidence we can have knowing that because of the Holy Spirit those things for which we have no words, those circumstances that cause us deep wordless pain, those relationships that escape our understanding, have been placed before our great God who can handle them. Without even thinking about praying, we have an Advocate who hears our prayers made in the silence of our hearts. How utterly amazing and loving our God is!

Scientists at Stanford University have discovered that we all sigh about 12 times an hour. It is not just a reflex to stress, sadness or despair. Two tiny clusters of nerve cells in the brain stem automatically trigger our sighs. The study has discovered that the sigh is actually a life-sustaining reflex that preserves our lung function.

Funny how scientists have just discovered what we knew all along-that our sighs are very much life-sustaining. But you and I know that it has little to do with our lungs! Blessings,  
Pastor Deb



## Pastor Brenda's Message

May the Blessings of the Lord be with you. If Jesus were to give you a "nickname" to describe your faith, what would it be. And why? Would it be (the marshmallow, maybe, the blaze, the wimp, the core,)

think about this for a while. Who do you say He is or do you? We need to tell others about our Lord, and what he can and has done for us and others. I pray that this Easter has helped to remind you of that great Love He has for his people. Jesus is calling his people to Love one another and help one another. Are we doing this as much as we can?

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God: and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is Love.

1 John 4:7-8 Easter is about the LAMB OF GOD not the bunny.

Pastor Brenda

# MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

**May 5, 2019**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, Psalm 30

Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

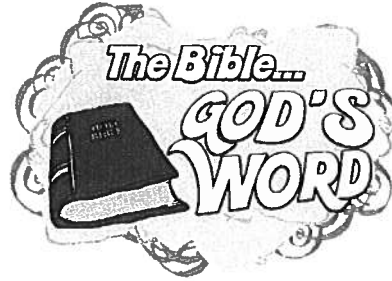
**May 12, 2019**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

(Sandy McKee will speak at Manorville)



**May 19, 2019**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

**May 26, 2019**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67

Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

Pastor Deb and Pastor Brenda will switch pulpits on Sunday, May 19th

 **(First Church)**

## WELCOME CENTER READERS

5 Sarah Heckert

12 Melissa Flanders

19 Karen Scaife

26 Beverly Patton

5 Lynn Haught

12 Mert Hellein

19 Dan Wolfe

26

## SOUND SYSTEM

5 Bill Lemons

12 Gabe Smith

19 Tim Scaife

26 Dave Yanoschick

## COUNTERS

5 McKelvey

12 Scaife

19 Williamson

26 Ternent

## USHERS

5 Epworth/Melissa Flanders & Communion

12 Epworth/Melissa Flanders

19 Oxford/Mark Ferguson

26 Oxford/Mark Ferguson

## ACOLYTE

5 Ryan Bish

12 Hallie Hoffman

19 Dane Dimond

26 Isaac Zielinski

## BELL RINGERS

5 Max Dimond

12 Carlee Beers

19 Dane Dimond

26 Chelsea Beers

 **(Manorville)**

## FINANCIAL TEAMS

5 Jim Boarts & Jack Bennett

12 Judie Reesman & Luella Bennett

19 Bob & Dianna Brocious

26 Lynn Sibley & Sandy McKee

## GREETER

Jim Boarts

## USHERS

5 Sandy McKee & Lynn Sibley

12 Chuck Coffman & Jim Boarts

19 Bob Brocious & Mike Snyder

26 Lois Hawk & Nancy Gaul

## DONUT SPONSORS-2019

May-Lisa Czapor

June-Chuck Coffman

July-Steve Arblaster

August-Bob & Di Brocious

September-Nancy Busch

October- Jack & Lu Bennett

November-Mike Snyder

December-JB& Nancy



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



## INDIANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Indiana District Conference will be on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30 PM at First UMC in Marion Center.

# UPDATES ON MINISTRIES

## CASUAL CHURCH

(Manorville)

6:00 PM second Wednesdays of the month. Everyone is invited and are welcome! Food fun, fellowship, worship.

**Wednesday, May 8th**

**6:00 PM**

Sloppy Joes, Macaroni Salad

**Musical Program:**

*The Gospel Truth*

## SIFT LUNCHEON

(First Church)

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

**12:00 Noon-**

**Covenant Center**

**PROGRAM:** Annual Talent Show

**MENU:** Hot Dogs & rolls, baked

beans, sauerkraut. Everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish to share.

**Reservations by**

**Monday, May 13th**

## RAINBOW ROAD PRESCHOOL

(First Church)



Rainbow Road is accepting applications for 2019-2020. We have programs for 3 and 4-year-old children. If you have any questions, please call Linda Scaife, Registrar, at 724-664-5347.

**Thank You! Thank You!**

Rainbow Road Preschool would like to thank anyone who went to Subway on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> for the fundraiser for our preschool. We greatly appreciate your support! Sounds like we kept them pretty busy throughout the day. We are blessed with a wonderful church family that always supports our preschool so well!

## VBS 2019

(First Church)

Mark your calendars, grab your camera strap and buckle your seat-belts. **VBS 2019** will take you on a wild adventure—with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles. As we seek out exotic animals, we'll also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture. Kids will go from bewildered to believing as they get **In the Wild** at this summer's VBS.

**June 17-21. 9:00-noon** Children ages 3 years thru 6th grade. Helpers and help needed in all areas from coloring and cutting decorations at work days or at home ahead of time, planning games, making nametags, being a crew leader to teaching the lessons the week of VBS. We hope to see you there!



## VBS SNACK LIST

The following is a list of snack items needed for this year's VBS.

Gold Fish Crackers

Swedish Fish

Graham Crackers

Grapes

Pretzel sticks

Microwave Popcorn

We will also need lots of Ziplock Sandwich Bags (not the snack size please), napkins and cups 5oz for the little kids and 9oz for the older kids and adults. There will be a box in the library room for donations. Please have your items to the church before Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> or let Sarah Heckert know they are coming. Thank you

# MANORVILLE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(Manorville)

Manorville Vacation Bible School will be held August 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> from 5:45-8:45 PM. If you can help out, please call the church at 724-763-1254 to let Pastor Brenda or Luella know. *Giddy Up Junction* is the theme. We will schedule at least two work days in July to work on the decorations.



## MARGARET M. PATTON/JEAN ELGIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Attention High School seniors and college students—applications for the 2019 Margaret Patton/Jean Elgin Memorial Scholarships are available from the church office. Application deadline is Friday, May 31, 2019.

**Note: in order to qualify for the scholarship you must:**

- 1.) Return the completed application in its entirety on time.
- 2.) Be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Kittanning.
- 3.) Participate in or help with at least three church activities during the last 2 years.

**Failure to do these three things will result in disqualifying you from receiving scholarship funds.**

## RUMMAGE SALES

### FIRST CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

The annual First Church Rummage Sale will be **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** from 8:00-1:00 PM in the Covenant Center. Donations will be accepted Wednesday, May 22 to Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in the Covenant Center. We accept most donations except clothing and electronics. Please call or text Kim Yankasky 724-664-6867 to drop off donations if needed. Our kitchen will be open during the sale as well for hot dogs, baked goods, beverages, etc.. Donations of baked goods will also be accepted. Please let Kim know if you would like to drop off the baked goods other than early Saturday morning. We will be pricing on the following dates and appreciate any time you are able to help:

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM and 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM and 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM-11:30 AM and as needed

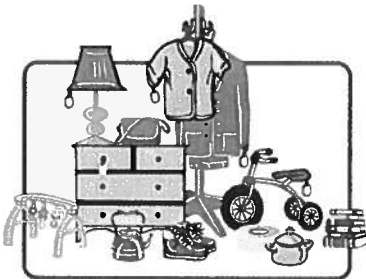
Assistance is needed the day of the sale from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM and for clean up at 1:00 PM. Thank you in advance!



### MANORVILLE'S RUMMAGE SALE to support VBS activities

Just a reminder that **June 1<sup>st</sup>** will be the church's basement rummage sale, being held along with the Manorville Community Yard Sales. Start saving your "stuff" to bring in not before May 19<sup>th</sup>. No clothes or electronics please. Let Luella know if you can help the day of the sale. Church will be open May 30 & 31 evenings 6:00-8:00 PM for deliveries or call Luella at 724-525-5115 to make other arrangements.

Manorville Nurture will have the kitchen open with lots of goodies for our enjoyment. They will need hot dogs, kraut, buns, macaroni salad, potato salad, pies and baked goods. Donations are accepted. Ham, cabbage & potato soup will be sold. Please let Judie know if you can help out Nurture in the kitchen. This is the only fundraiser of the year for Nurture so your support is greatly appreciated.



## MAY'S FUM LIBRARY NEWS

The following books have been donated to our church's library.

"Anne Frank: The Biography" by Melissa Muller

"The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson

"Easy Guide To The Bible" published by Fall River Press

The next 3 books belong to the Chicken Soup for the Soul series.

"Miracles and More" compiled by Amy Newmark

"Soul of America" compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen & Matthew E. Adams

"Older & Wiser" compiled by Jack Canfield & Mark Victor Hansen (Large Print edition)

The next 4 books belong to the Sugarcreek Amish Mysteries series.

"Strange Things Have Happened" by Amy Lillard; "In a Jam" by Elizabeth Adams

"A Play On Words" by Emily Thomas and "Digging Up Doubts" by Olivia Newport

**"Everyone is a reader...Some just haven't found their favorite book yet."**

Carol Wolfe, Librarian



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (Union Avenue)

*Dear Ladies,*

*We enjoyed your visit very much. Thank you for the basket of food and treats. The cookies were delicious. Love you, Dot and Hap Cornish*

The April 1, 2019 meeting of the UAUMW was held at the Kittanning Cottages Community Room with 8 in attendance. President Karen Wolfe opened the meeting with the reading of The Purpose of the UMW.

The hostess was Ellen Nelson. Devotions by Peggy Say entitled Women Witnessing to New Life. Minute Missions by Karen Wolfe entitled Young Women Fly High in Faith, and the Prayer Calendar was also by Karen Wolfe.

The secretary's and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Donna Titus will pick up hoagie coupons for us as a fund raiser. The coupons are \$5.00 each and are for a Miller's Small Hoagie. You can buy coupons from any member of the UAUMW. Remember how delicious those hoagies are and can't be beat by any other type of hoagie. Do you think I may be partial to Miller's Hoagies?

### **Some reminders for us:**

1. There is a garbage can at the church for the collection of aluminum cans. They will be collected once a month to help with Habitat for Humanity.
2. We are collecting pill bottles [without labels] for Manorville.
3. We are collecting gently used shoes to go to Conference in June.
4. Casual Church at Manorville is every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM.
5. Our Mother/Daughter banquet will be on May 6, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the church. Our program for the evening will be presented by Penn State Master Gardeners.

### **New Business:**

A suggestion was made to give a donation of \$25.00 for each mission trip to be made by Sandy McKee and Lynn Sibley, our Mission Ambassadors. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$100.00 to this endeavor.

The meeting closed with the reading of the UMW's prayer.

Secretary Ellen Nelson

## RED ALTAR FLOWERS

(Manorville)



Manorville Worship Committee would like to have red altar flowers on **May 26<sup>th</sup>**, Memorial Day weekend Sunday. Red carnations always look nice. So if you are willing to help make that happen, you can donate \$1.00 for each one you would like to see on the altar. Please give your donation to Luella BY **May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Then Pentecost Sunday is June 9<sup>th</sup> so we will also have the red altar flowers for that Sunday, also.

## WOMEN'S BANQUET

(Manorville)

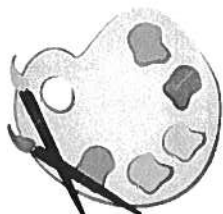
Manorville's Women's Banquet will be held on **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** at Kings Restaurant at 6:00 PM. We'll be having an auction to raise funds for our powder room. Pastor Brenda will serve as our auctioneer! How great is that?!? Please consider donating goods (fun stuff-flowers, gift cards, something that you think someone else can't live without), wrapped (pig in a poke?) Or unwrapped. If wrapped give Pastor Brenda a note of what is inside. Or donate services (volunteering to babysit, do yard work, cook, etc.) write on a paper with specifics listed so people know exactly what they are bidding on. Reservations need to be turned in to Lynn or Luella BY **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** so the number attending can be turned in to the restaurant so they have adequate servers for us. Our banquet last year started our fundraising for the powder room so let's see how much more we can raise this year. **Men of Manorville**, you can also donate a service or item for this auction and give details to a woman friend. It ALL goes to our powder room.



## ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

The First Church-sponsored Covenant Center Art Show (our 26th) will be August 1st thru August 4th in conjunction with the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival. Application blanks may be picked up at the church office or by calling the church 724-548-4312 to have one put in the mail to you or on our website at [www.firstchurchkittanning.com](http://www.firstchurchkittanning.com).

***NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BUSY WITH BRUSHES AND CAMERAS.***



## MANORVILLE GRADUATES

High School, tech school, college-please let Luella know of any graduates from church. We know of Ashley Zolocsik and Stephanie Anderson. We hope to honor them at service on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



## TIME AGAIN TO GET OUT AND VOTE!!

(Ford Memorial)

Ford Memorial will be having their Election Day Deli on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Serving homemade sandwiches, sides and desserts. A working democracy takes everyone!!



Pastor Brenda will be on vacation May 6<sup>th</sup> thru May 12<sup>th</sup>. Our prayers go with her for a relaxing, restful vacation.

# **MISSIONS AND MISSIONS UPDATES**

## **2019 VBS ALUMINUM CANS**

(First Church)

Our aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity continues.

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 (March 15-April 15) 3,025

Cans received since end of VBS June, 26,842

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 168 drink cans and to be in Mission with us.

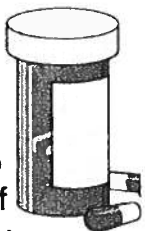
Thank you Union Avenue for accepting a collection container.

*Thank you, The Can Man (Jim Ternent)*



## **PILL BOTTLE MISSION (Manorville)**

Manorville is continuing to collect empty pill bottles of all sizes and colors. They will be collected at least thru the summer.



I have delivered 36 activity bags to the ACMH emergency room this year for the children who go in for treatment and have to wait on test results. Those workers who receive the bags are most appreciative of our efforts to aid them in their job to help the children get well. Bags include a Bible coloring book, pack of crayons, small notebook, pkg of tissues, stickers and a card which lists our worship times of the four churches. There is another church in the area doing the same thing now so there is not such a critical need as there had been. But we will continue to take up the bags at intervals to help keep the children occupied while they wait.

Luella

## **MAY MISSIONS FOCUS-UMCOR CLEANING BUCKETS**

**“Early In & Last Out”**

(First Church)

During the last several months, many areas of our country have experienced devastation following floods, tornadoes & hurricanes **AND** the overwhelming task of cleaning up. The need for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) cleaning buckets has become urgent. While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, it stands ready to assist communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a “new normal” is established after a crisis. “Early in & last out” is a guiding principle of UMCOR.

Our church family will respond by filling at least six of these buckets. Since the cost of supplying a complete cleaning bucket is \$75, we will provide options in how you can help:

- 1) Each bucket will have different post-it notes, listing exact materials needed for each bucket. You may choose one or two of the post-it notes, buy those exact materials, and bring them to church.
- 2) If you are motivated to donate a complete bucket on your own, we will provide you with the list of materials.
- 3) If you would prefer to donate money, make checks payable to FUMC. Our mission committee will buy needed materials for these buckets.

Mission Committee, Kathy, Meaghan & Janet







# THANK YOU

Dear members of Manorville UMC,

Thank you so much for your generous donation. It is very helpful and so appreciated! We are currently serving 259 students! With gratitude,

Molly Atwood,  
Blessing in a Backpack,  
Armstrong School District

## GARDEN CLUB

Ford City Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** at the Ford City Public Library. Perennials, annuals, herbs, garden decorations will be available. Benefits the Garden Club for the beautifying of Ford City.



## POT LUCK LUNCHEON

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

**At the Covenant Center**

**12:00 PM**

The Fellowship Committee would like everyone to join in fellowship after church on June 2, 2019. Hopefully we will have lots of amazing dishes to try and enjoy hearing about everyone's summer plans or events that are happening. If your last name is

A-H - Please bring a dessert,

I-Q - Please bring drinks or main dish

R-Z - please bring a side dish to enjoy

If the weather is nice, we may have some activities outside after the meal?? Watch your bulletin to sign up so we know approximately how many are attending.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff & Bill Keane



"Mommy, will you write 'Happy Mother's Day' on here? But don't look at it!"



# MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## FIRST CHURCH

### BIRTHDAYS

- |                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Allie Green       | 21 Roni Luke           |
| 5 Beverly Paulin    | 21 Colton Podvorec     |
| 7 Cody Weibel       | 22 Gail Blaney         |
| 10 Ellen Williamson | 22 Martha Anne Bowser  |
| 13 Jocelyn King-5   | 24 Wayne Beers         |
| 16 Janet McKelvey   | 25 Milly Tarr          |
| 19 Esther Kiss      | 27 Justin Schrecengost |
| 20 Darlene Hebb     |                        |



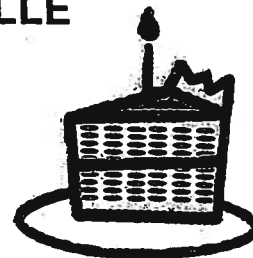
### ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Norm & Donna King-68
- 11 Mark & Christine Porter
- 16 Bill & Laurie Lemons
- 24 Wayne & Brenda Beers
- 26 Edward & Kayla McGregor-7
- 28 Bob & Brenda Buzzinotti

## MANORVILLE

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Justin Hawk
- 4 Paul Shaul, Jr.
- 8 Sean Wrona
- 8 Katy Wrona
- 12 Keith Petrie
- 15 Patrick Arblaster
- 18 Susan Shaul
- 20 Paul Wrona
- 22 Jack Bennett
- 24 Ellen Nelson
- 25 Lorraine Zielinski
- 31 Glenn Lytle
- 31 Carrissa Reitler



### CORRECTION

April 5th birthday should have read Jack Petrosky. Happy belated birthday!



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Rick & Cheryl Anderson
- 23 Randy & Irene Reesman
- 25 John & Cheryl Welch

## FORD MEMORIAL

### BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Kim Fello
- 6 Rev. Ed Clarke
- 9 Jim Hoffman-95
- 9 Merle McKelvey
- 15 Jane Rupert- 107
- 15 Margie Bryan
- 18 Carol Bowser
- 20 Bill Bernot
- 22 Clayton Croyle
- 22 Ashley Neal
- 29 Keith Rumbarger



*If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed and you would like it to be, please let Audrey know. Thank you*

## UNION AVENUE

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Karen Wolfe
- 3 Tyler Michael Villa
- 5 Autumn Rothwell
- 5 Kaitlyn Ann Eberle
- 6 Ruby Ziegler
- 14 Bill Ingram
- 26 John Martin
- 27 Dick Say



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Ken & Nancy Jordan
- 17 Gary & Amy Wyant

## FOR MOTHER'S DAY

(Manorville)

You are invited to bring in a picture of your mother with or without you in the picture (but please include her name and your name) and give to Steve so he can put them on the screen to share with all. They **MUST** be to Steve **BY May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

