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ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE

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Lay Minister: Terri Wells



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Worship 9:45 AM

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724-543-5012 Worship 9:00 AM



MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please get articles to Audrey no later than
SUNDAY, April 17, 2022. Thank you



Pastor Deb's Message

They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" Luke 24: 34



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

She approached me as we were getting in our car to join the funeral procession. She was somewhat puzzled. "That was the most unusual funeral I have ever been to. I have never seen a pastor cry during the service. I have never heard such singing. I have never experienced so much joy at a funeral."

The disciples have not believed the report from the women that Jesus is not in the grave. Peter ran to the tomb to confirm their silly story and found only the linen cloth. He has returned home, shaking his head and wondering about what has happened to Jesus.

In the meantime, Jesus is walking along the Emmaus road with Cleopas and another disciple. They do not know who he is until Jesus sits to eat with them. As Jesus takes the bread and breaks it, their eyes are opened, they see Jesus and he disappears.

Cleopas and the disciple race back to Jerusalem where all the disciples are now excited and proclaiming that Jesus is really alive. He has appeared to Simon and now they hear the story of Jesus on the Emmaus Road. There is a joy among them that has never been experienced before. The One who was dead is Risen! The One who was lost to them forever is now alive forever! What was a funeral became a joyful party, celebrating God, celebrating life, celebrating God's mercy and grace. Over the course of the next few weeks, Jesus would appear to many who came to believe that he was indeed alive.

I knew what she meant about the unusual funeral. I did cry at the loss of this brother in Christ whose faith towered over my own. Many testified as to how this brother touched their lives with his joy in Jesus. And yes, we sang. We sang, "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone." His daughters sang, "My Tribute." We laughed, we cried, we sang, we cried as we sang. We sang with all the hearts the closing hymn "Because He Lives." In the midst of a funeral, there was an abiding peace and joy because our Savior Lives!

As Lent comes to a close, we are already straining to hear those words, "The Lord really has risen!" On Easter morning, we too will celebrate our Risen Lord. Because He Lives, we can face our tomorrows, with unending joy and love. May Easter joy be yours, always.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb



April 3, 2022
5th Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126,
Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

April 17, 2022,
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,
1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16,
Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

April 24, 2022
2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150,
Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31



ALL CHARGE MARCH MISSION PROJECT

We've collected many, many items. THANK YOU!

The bags have been decorated. THANK YOU, RAINBOW ROAD STUDENTS AND STAFF!

NOW IT'S TIME: SAVE THE DATE!!! Saturday, April 9

Everyone is invited to join together on Saturday, April 9th to fill the Easter Treat Bags for the residents of Armstrong Premier Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. We will meet at 9 AM in the basement of Ford Memorial United Methodist Church. We need to fill 80 bags so many hands will make the work quicker and more enjoyable.

You WILL WANT to be part of this exciting fellowship activity that will spread our love of God to others. SEE YOU THERE!

Of course, there will be doughnuts. Please join us.



CHARGE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY- on line service TBA
GOOD FRIDAY- 7:00 PM at Union Avenue UMC



ALL-CHARGE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

7:00 AM Easter morning

followed by a continental breakfast at Ford Memorial UMC.



FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

SOUND SYSTEM

3 Tim King
10 Gabe Smith
17 Tim Scaife
24 Dave Yanoschick



COUNTERS

3 Bureau
10 McKelvey
17 Scaife
24 Ferguson

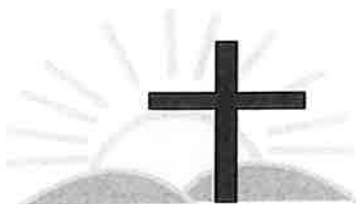


USHERS

3 Epworth/Melissa Bureau
10 Epworth/Melissa Bureau/Communion
17 Oxford/Mark Ferguson
24 Oxford/Mark Ferguson



SCRIPTURE READERS



BELL RINGERS

3 Billy Mauger
10 Logan Green
17 Wyatt Green
24 Olivia Green

WELCOME CENTER

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





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FIRST CHURCH APRIL MISSION FOCUS

Once again, First Church will be participating in RISE AGAINST HUNGER. We will begin to accept your monetary donations to cover our share of this activity as our April Mission Project. Packing of the food packets will be in September. More information will be available as we move closer to the date.

Thank you for your support, Janet and Meaghan

FISH DINNERS

First Church will resume our Lenten Fish Dinners starting on Friday, March 4th. Unfortunately, we find it necessary to increase the price of a dinner to \$12.00 with a child's meal being \$5.00. Meal will include choice of fried or baked fish, choice of curly fries, baked potato, or macaroni & cheese, coleslaw or applesauce, roll and pie. Dinners will be served from 4:30-6:0 PM. Takeout will be available. We hope to serve dinners on each Friday, March 4-April 8th if fish remains available.



NURSERY NEWS

Our toys and movies are getting very outdated. If you have any used toys or children's movies that you would like to donate to the nursery, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you, Linda Powell

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School the week of June 20-24th. 9:00-noon each day for ages 3 years old thru 6th grade.

Join us on an adventure to the Knights for North Castle as we explore the Quest for the King's Armor. We'll enjoy Bible lessons, crafts, music, games, snacks and more with both old and new friends. Long range forecasts say we may expect to see some ** SNOW ** show up at the church during that week.



We're expecting a great return to "normal" VBS and will need a lot of hands to help out. If you are willing to volunteer in any way, please contact the church office or Sue Hankey. Remember, all VBS volunteers need to have their clearances completed and Safe Sanctuary training so we need to plan early. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for more information on planning sessions and details.

VBS MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 7:00 PM

**MEN'S MINISTRY
GROUP WILL MEET
SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH
AT 9:00 AM**



**APRIL SIFT LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, April 21, 2022**

PROGRAM: Guitar & fiddle music with Ken Burkett
MENU: Ham Loaf, Buttered Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Brownies
Reservations by Monday, April 18th by calling the church 724-548-4312 or emailing at fumchurchkittanning@comcast.net.



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2022 VBS ALUMINUM CANS

FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We continue our aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity

Cans Received February 15th-March 15th—2944

Total cans received through February 15th—34,616



Many thanks to everyone who is saving aluminum cans and bringing them to the church—at the ramp at the back of the church. If you haven't been saving aluminum cans, please start—soft drinks, juice, power drinks, tea, beer, cat food—**Aluminum only-NOT "TIN CANS"**, food, soup, etc.

Thank you, The Can Man, Jim Ternent

ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

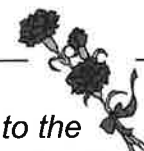
Spring is about to be sprung and thoughts shift to outside activities and summer will be here soon. The Fort Armstrong Festival will be coming as well. Along with that is the famous Covenant Center Art Show. Watch for further update and pick up your brushes and cameras. **READY – SET – CREATE**

Melissa Bureau



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Carlee Beers | 15 Dante Aires |
| 2 Matthew Rush | 15 Tony Green |
| 3 Jolena VanMeter | 15 Emily King |
| 4 Mark Ferguson | 15 Alyssa Krozely |
| 5 Bill Waters | 19 Jane Shuttleworth-98 |
| 9 Herb Coggon | 19 Meaghan Volek |
| 10 Dennis Hoffman | 22 Gregory "Mac" Toth |
| 11 Madeline Smith | 26 Kelly Aires |
| 12 Patty Bruno | 26 Linda Powell |
| 12 Isaac Zielinski | 27 Sally Felton |
| 14 Mary Anne Hankey-90 | 28 Robyn Green |
| 15 Isabella Aires | 30 Wyatt Green |
| | 30 Lynn Sibley |



We extend our Christian compassion and concern to the family of John D. Walbert, Jr. who passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022. He was the brother of Mandy Podvorec and Merinda (Joe) Wills; the uncle of Merissa (Gabe) Smith, Leif (Courtney) Kerr, Colton (Amanda) Podvorec and Trenton Podvorec; And great uncle of Madelyn Smith, Audrey Kerr & Owen Kerr.

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

3 Jeff & Pam Shaffer-51 years



YOUTH NEWS

"Thank You"

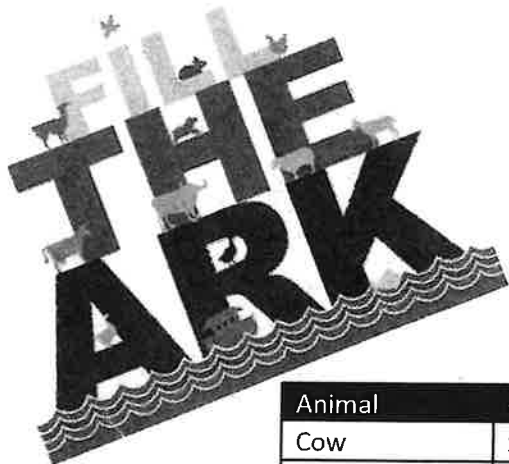
The youth of First United Methodist Church, Brenda and myself, would like to thank you for supporting us by attending our spaghetti/lasagna dinner we held in February. We raised enough to send 2 youth to SPARK 2023. This even inspired and creates a new Love in God. Remember there is also the coffee space in the library. This is a continuous fundraiser that benefits everyone. Who can't use a cup of fresh brewed coffee and a snack.

Melissa Bureau





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FUMC Missions Heifer International Report

Animal	Cost	Pair	Running Cost	Names	Date Acquired
Cow	\$500	\$1000	\$1000	Hilda/Heidi	January 2020, 2021
Sheep	\$120	\$240	\$1240	Sheila/Shawn	Jan. 2019/VBS 2019
Oxen	\$500	\$1000	\$2240	Herman/Herbert	January 2020, 2021
Water Buffalo	\$250	\$500	\$2740	Walter/Wilma	January 2019
Pig	\$120	\$240	\$2980	Penelope/Percy	VBS 2019
Beehive	\$30	\$60	\$3040	Beetar, Beelinda	January 2022
Goat	\$120	\$240	\$3280	Grady/Ginger	January 2019
Trio of Ducks	\$20	\$40	\$3320	Dawson/Deena	VBS 2019
Trio of Rabbits	\$60	\$120	\$3440	Reggie/Regina	VBS 2019
Flock of Geese	\$20	\$40	\$3480	Gilbert/Gwen	VBS 2019
Flock of Chicks	\$20	\$40	\$3520	Chase/Cora	VBS 2019
Alpaca	\$150	\$300	\$3820	Axel/Alaina	January 2020, 2022
Water for Life	FISH	\$750	\$4570	Frita/Frito	January 2022
Vet Kit	\$200	\$400	\$4970	Axel/Alaina	January 2020, 2021
Hope Basket	\$50		\$5020		January 2022

Year	Raised	Goal
2019	\$1460	\$1000
2020	\$1350	\$1000
2021	\$1200	\$1000
2022	\$1010	\$1000
TOTAL:	\$5020	

Thanks for all your support First Church!

~Walter, Wilma, and Friends!



FORD MEMORIAL LINK

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Ashley Berrett
- 6 tom Bernot
- 7 Scott Kamer
- 10 Carol Kuhns
- 12 John Berrett
- 28 Chet Russell





MANORVILLE LINK PAGE

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Lisa Hawk
- 4 Max Alexander Petrosky
- 5 Jack Petrosky
- 13 Jessica Query
- 14 Tiffany Walker
- 18 Evan Snyder
- 20 Matt Brocius
- 25 Irene Reesman
- 29 Kay Rupp



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Ed & 7 Erika Olenchak
- 4 Hyatt & Lisa Hawk
- 29 Nancy & Ed Gaul



MANORVILLE FINANCIAL COUNTERS

- 3 JB & Jack
- 10 Mike & Lu
- 17 Nancy & Nancy
- 24 Steve & Lu



TRUSTEE WORK DAY

ALL hands are invited to join in sprucing up the church on Thursday, April 7th at 2:00 PM.



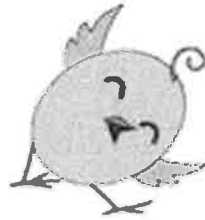
EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower orders are due to Nancy Busch BY Sunday, April. 3rd.



Easter Sudoku

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the grids so that each horizontal row contains each letter exactly once, each vertical column contains each letter exactly once, and each subgrid contains each letter exactly once.



SPRING

SPROUT

TULIPS

DUCKLINGS

BASKET





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING

The March 7, 2022 meeting of the UAUMW was held at the Kittanning Cottages Community Room with 11 in attendance. The meeting opened with the reading of "The Purpose of the UMW", led by President Karen Wolfe.

Hostess: Carolyn Ingram

Devotions: Peggy Say- "Women Helping Baby Moses"

Minute Missions: Karen Wolfe- "United Women In Faith"

Prayer Calendar: Pastor Deb- "Emma Norton Services" in St. Paul, Minn.

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

Thank You's received from:

1. Cadence International-A Hospitality House Ministry for our U.S. Military Service Member
2. Blessings In A Back Pack

Requests received from:

1. Legacy Endowment Fund of UMW
2. World Gospel Missions

Motions were made and approved to:

1. Talk with Terry Wells about support for newer Social Worker's needed supplies-Pastor Deb will talk with Terry.
2. Send Blessings In A Back Pack \$275.00-will wait to send during "Week of Giving" so it can receive a match.
3. Make hygiene kits for UMCOR. Will collect until March 27, 2022.
4. Send Progressive Work Shop \$200.00 during "Week of Giving".
5. Send Ramps of Hope \$250.00
6. Send Ruth M. Smith Home \$200.00. To be donated on May 18, 2022 which is Warren County's Day of Giving.

Meeting closed with the reading of UMW Prayer.

We will not be having our Mother/Daughter Banquet in May. We will instead have a regular meeting in May and cancel the meeting in June.

Our next meeting will be April 4, 2022.

Secretary, Ellen Nelson



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4 Avia Clever

7 Patty Bowser



SOME EASTER EGGS TO COLOR

