



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
301 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET
KITTANNING PA 16201



ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE

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Youth- 8:30-9:30 AM

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Union Avenue United Methodist Church-421 Union Ave, Kittanning PA 16201
724-543-5012 Worship 9:00 AM



FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please get articles to Audrey no later than

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

Please have your articles on time. Thank you



New Year, New Changes, New Commitments Notes from Pastor T

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

(Lamentations 3:22-23)

2025 is here. It seems like all things are new this year. Pastor Dayton has started his new adventures into retirement, and we pray for his continued health. There are preaching moments awaiting him, that he has yet to uncover, where his discipleship to bring the light into the world has only turned the corner and has not ended. Our thanks and prayers for him and his family will be ever ongoing. Our churches, in our charge, have undergone many changes in 2024 and are blazing a new trail for 2025.

Manorville United Methodist has merged with Ford Memorial United Methodist to join forces as a stronger and new formation of delivering God's message. The Allegheny River Charge is now a charge of three and although our number has reduced, our hearts have increased. The charge is working together as brothers and sisters to a level I have not witnessed in the 3 years I have been here. With these changes comes blessings for all. Since we are reduced to a three-point charge, it means there is the opportunity, with a few concessions, that one pastor can provide service to all three. Union Avenue will start at 9:00 AM, First Church will start services at 10:00 AM and Ford Memorial Church will start services at 11:15 AM. I have been truly blest to become that pastor for the next six months. This lifts the financial burdens on the three churches by a significant amount. I will be in the office, at First Church, every Tuesday and Thursday. I will have an open-door policy. Any appointments can be made with Audrey at any time on those days. She will have a master list of all schedules and is free to schedule any meetings or appointments for me to attend on those days.

Change means different things to different people. Some people embrace change, while others resist it. Based on your mindset, you can control what effect change will have on your life. If you embrace change, you will find the benefits of it. Change is something we tend to fear and become anxious about because we do not feel in control of life. The good news is that God has a plan for our lives that includes hope, future, and prosperity. We need to trust in God and allow the change to grow us to become more like Jesus Christ. We are promised that all things will work together for good for those who love Him and keep His commandments! God is walking this life journey with us - His presence is always with us and guiding us. Here is a list of Bible verses and stories of change that will give you peace and encouragement as you face the ups and downs in life.

2 Corinthians 5:17

2 Peter 3:9

Deuteronomy 31:6

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Hebrews 6:19 1

Hebrews 13:8

Isaiah 43:19

James 1:17

Jeremiah 29:11

Joshua 1:9

Corinthians 6:11

Proverbs 19:2



Terri Wells

JANUARY LECTIONARY READING

January 5, 2025

Epiphany Sunday

*Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14,
Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12*

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

*Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29,
Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*



January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Human Relations Day

*Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10,
1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11*

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19,
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21*

NEWS FROM THE CHARGE SPRC

BEST WISHES PASTOR DAYTON!

Best wishes are extended to the Mix Family as they begin a new chapter in their life. Due to continuing health problems, Pastor Dayton retired from active ministry as of January 1, 2025. Pastor Dayton, Gay, Josh and Elizabeth will certainly be missed. We pray that God will continue to bless Pastor Dayton and his family with only good things! The Charge presented Pastor Dayton with a retirement gift during his final worship service at First Church on December 22.

WELCOME PASTOR TERRI!

Pastor Terri Wells has been appointed as Senior Pastor to the Allegheny River Charge. Terri will hold this position from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, when appointments for the next church year are made. There will, of course, be changes as the Allegheny River Charge will only have one pastor moving forward. Pastor Terri will be sharing her vision for the Charge over the upcoming months.



FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

TIME CHANGE FOR WORSHIP

Remember, our worship time will change to 10:00 AM beginning Sunday, January 5, 2025. Sunday School time will be announced.

COUNTERS

5 Melissa Bureau
12 Melissa Bureau
19 Tim Scaife
26 Tim Scaife

USHERS

5 Epworth
12 Epworth
19 Oxford
26 Oxford

ACOLYTES

5 Jocelyn King
12 Hallie Hoffman
19 Caden King
26 Caitlyn Kachur

LIVE STREAM

5 Brenda Beers
12 Sue Hankey
19 Steph Hankey
26 Ray Johnson

BELL RINGERS

5 Chris Hankey
12 Jocelyn King
19 Emersyn McGregor
26 Eliana McGregor

WELCOME CENTER

5 Sarah Heckert
12 Melissa Bureau
19
26

SCRIPTURE READER



SOUND SYSTEM

5 Carlee Beers
12 Tim King
19 Jeff Hankey
26 Chelsea Beers



FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

2025 ALUMINUM CAN COUNT



We continue our aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity *Cans Received November 15th—December 15th—2,730*
Total cans received through December 15th—21,568

Many thanks to everyone who is saving aluminum cans and bringing them to the church-at the ramp at the back of the church. Please save cans from soft drinks, juice, power drinks, tea, beer, cat food-**Aluminum only-NOT "TIN CANS"**, food, soup, etc.
Thank you, The Can Man, Jim Ternent

JANUARY SIFT LUNCHEON

The January SIFT Luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at noon in the Covenant Center. The menu will be Pork & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, and a Roll. Gingerbread with whipped cream will be served for dessert. The program will be Trades of Hope presented by Janet Treacy. Reservations can be made from Thursday, January 2nd through noon on Monday, January 13th. Please call 724-548-4312. Phone reservations only will be accepted and will be limited to 75. You will need to give a name for each reservation made along with a contact phone number. Please call to cancel as there may be a waiting list. Doors will open at 11:30 AM. Please use the parking lot door. See YOU there!

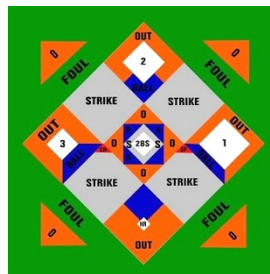
THANK YOU

*Church Family,
On behalf of the FUMC Staffing Team, THANK YOU for your generous donations for Pastor Appreciation and for the Christmas gifts for the First Church Staff and pastors. Your willingness to honor Pastor Dayton, Pastor Terri and the First Church staff is a reflection of your dedication to continue to Know Jesus, Reflect Jesus and Lead Others To Jesus.*

*Thank you once again,
Cindy Volek
Chair, First Church Staffing Team*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Donna King
- 6 Pam Coggon
- 11 Natalie Baker
- 11 Joseph Kachur



DART BALL

We will have a Dart Ball Open House on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. Any questions please call Scott Jamison at 724-525-5371.

WIINTER IS COMING!

The Trustees have arranged for snow plowing for the coming season, but we are in need of someone to clear the walks around the church and Covenant Center. If you know someone available for this task, please let us know as soon as possible. Call Ken Lazan at 724-664-4037 or contact the church office.





FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

JANUARY & FEBRUARY MISSIONS

For January and February, we will be collecting items for the Mission Barn for the UMCOR emergency buckets. There will be index cards on the railing. Take a card and bring the item listed for the bucket. We will collectively build the buckets. Any questions, please see Emily.

PEOPLE UNABLE TO BE HERE

While preparing for the holidays, please consider corresponding with those that are unable to be here. Here are a few along with perhaps unknown addresses. Please make (the church 724-548-4312, Kathy Riffer 724-545-1619 and Kim Johnson 661-494-2047) aware of any that need to be included as we want to be in contact with everyone.

1. Harry & Michelle Waldenville, apt 3D, 280 S McKean St, Kittanning PA 16201
2. Donna King, Rivercliff Terrace, 120 Allegheny Ave, Kittanning PA 16201
3. June Pollard, 187 Indian Hills, Kittanning PA 16201
4. Sally Felton, Apt 2, 500 N Grant Ave, Kittanning PA 16201
5. Edna Heighley, 11386 State Route 85, Kittanning PA 16201
6. Roy Williamson, Concordia At Cabot, 134 Marwood Rd, Lund Building, Room 2020, Cabot PA 16023
7. Marlene Colville, Rivercliff Terrace, 120 Allegheny Ave, Kittanning PA 16201
8. William Waters, 727 Mani St, Ford City, PA 16226
9. Esther & Frank Kiss, 153 State Route 1035, Kittanning PA 16201
10. Ada Bowser, 244 Ridge Ave, Apt 4, Kittanning PA 16201
11. Linda Scaife, The Gardens at Indiana, Room 210, 2720 W Pike Rd, Indiana PA 15701

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to all those people who bought pies, donated baking goods or money in our last fun raising campaign. Through all your pie requests, the youth were able to give First United Methodist Church a large total of \$750.00. WOW! That was awesome.

We are now in our cookie campaign and again the response has been wonderful. Not sure of the number at the time of this submission. I am sure it will be enough to allow our youth several fun activities.

Stay tuned for more details of planned activities.

Again, thank you so much for supporting our youth.

Melissa Bureau & Brenda Beers



SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES HAVE CHANGED
Children's Sunday School will be from 9:00-9:45 AM
Youth Sunday School will be from 8:30-9:30 AM



FORD MEMORIAL LINK PAGE

UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

5 Donna Shaffer



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cheryl Anderson
- 2 Vicki Shaffer
- 3 Nathan Czapor
- 7 Tom Frantz
- 8 Jim Boartz
- 17 Amanda Dingey
- 23 Jerilyn Lloyd
- 25 Joan Russell
- 26 Brooke Arblaster
- 28 Sean Arblaster



Winter Wordsearch



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 SKATE
 SKI
 TOBOGGAN
 COCOA
 SHOVEL
 MITTENS