



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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## ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE

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724-543-5012

**Worship 9:00 AM**



## AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please get articles to Audrey no later than

**SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025**

Please have your articles on time. Thank you

## The Day the Church Fan Saved the Day

### A Lighthearted Tale of Faith and the Summer Sun

Once upon a sweltering Sunday in the small town of Harmony, the temperature outside rose so high the birds wouldn't even bother to sing—they just sat on the telephone wires with their beaks open, hoping for a breeze. Inside Harmony Gospel Church, the congregation was wilting faster than the flowers on the altar.



Pastor Williams stood at the pulpit, determined to deliver his sermon, but even his Bible looked tired, the thin pages curling at the edges from the humidity. The ceiling fans spun valiantly above, but mostly just pushed the hot air around, like a well-meaning deacon who can't quite get the hymn right.

Sister Mabel, the oldest member of the church, had come prepared. She always brought her trusty church fan: a cardboard masterpiece featuring a smiling Jesus and the words "Come Unto Me, All Ye That Labor and Are Heavy Laden." She waved it with the rhythm and commitment of a conductor at a gospel choir, creating a small, blessed breeze that wafted toward her pew-mates.

Soon, the pew behind her caught on, fanning in unison, and by the third hymn, a ripple effect of fluttering fans moved through the sanctuary. It looked like a congregation of butterflies, all worshipping with a little extra vigor that day.

As Pastor Williams reached the point in his sermon where he usually called for an "Amen," he paused, wiped his brow, and said, "Brothers and sisters, today's message is about the fire of the Holy Spirit, but I pray the only thing burning in here is our faith!"

The whole congregation burst out laughing, grateful for a moment of levity—and also, possibly, for the promise of lemonade and shade under the oak tree after the service.

When the final "Amen" rang out, everyone agreed that never had a sermon about "enduring the heat" felt so literal—or been so memorable. And from that day forward, Sister Mabel's fan wasn't just a symbol of faith, but a mighty instrument of mercy on the hottest Sundays of summer.

Note from Pastor T: Sometimes heat and other distractions can interfere with the worshiping of God. It is easy to say it is too hot to go to church today. But as Sister Mabel showed in the story, it only took one person to start a movement. Before you knew it the whole congregation was disrupting the distraction of heat to let in the spirit of God. Together, through fellowship great things can be done. AMEN

# ***JULY LECTIONARY READING***

**July 6, 2025**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalms 30,  
Galatians 6:7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

**July 13, 2025**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Amos 7:7-17, Psalms 82,  
Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37*

**July 20, 2025**


**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Amos 8:1-12, Psalms 52 or 82,  
Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42*

**July 27, 2025**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Hosea 1:2-10, Psalms 85,  
Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13*



### Forensic Bible Study

Join us as we uncover the scripture in a new and exciting way. We are going to start at the New Testament and answer the questions: Who, What, When, Where and Why? The second part of the class we will be looking at Questions we could be presented as disciples of Jesus, and what the bible tells us on how to answer these questions. This will be a structured class that will devote the First 45 minutes to the scripture of the week and the last 15 min uncovering answers to the question of the week.

July's FBS study will be held at First UMC  
July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM

## **HELP NEEDED FOR FOLK FESTIVAL**

The successful Lenten Fish Dinners let us give \$300 to Grace Presbyterian Food Bank, \$300 to the Ford Memorial Food Bank, and \$300 to UMCOR domestic disaster from the \$6716 proceeds. It is now time to begin preparations for the food booth at the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival. Festival schedule is Thursday July 31, 5:00-10:00PM, Friday, August 1, 12:00-10:00PM, Saturday, August 2, 12:00-10:00PM and Sunday, August 3, 12:00-6:00PM.

Help is needed for the First Church food booth as outlined below. Please help when you can, where you can and as often as possible.

Saturday, July 26 from 9:00-12:00-Help is needed to set up the booth and tent for the festival. This takes many, so all are welcome, no need to sign up.

Booth workers needed: please call Melissa Bureau (724-859-2607) to schedule a time to work in the booth or watch for the schedule at a church service.

Thursday, July 31, 9:00-11:30 AM need help to set up tables and chairs outside, move refrigerators, freezers and other equipment to booth.

Thursday-Saturday festival evening cleanup- starting about 9:30PM-carry items from booth inside, clean booth and tables, wash all dirty containers and utensils, empty garbage cans...

Sunday Evening Clean up—Many people will be needed to clean up and put away after the festival ends at 6:00 PM on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. No need to sign up. Everyone is welcome. Will do some cleanup starting at 5:30 PM.

Please make sure you **SIGN IN** any time you are working. Thank you

Tim Scaife, Activities Chairman 724-664-5346

## **VBS 2025 STAFF LIST      Road Trip**

We would like to thank the following for their help before and during Vacation Bible School. VBS could not happen if we didn't have the dedicated volunteers listed below. Some helped just a day or two but many helped every day.

**Pre-School:** Brittany Willyard, Vicki Groff, Chelsea Beers, Reagan Shulz

**PreK:** Brenda Beers, Carlee Beers, Marley Bowser, Caitlyn Kachur, Mary Alice Bryant

**Kindergarten:** Lori Goepfert, Wyatt Green, Brianna Reitz

**First Grade:** Melissa Bureau

**Second Grade:** Donna Lazan, Caden King

**Third Grade:** Steph Hankey

**Fourth Grade:** Cindy Volek,

**Fifth & Sixth Grade:** Hallie Hoffman

**Bible Lesson:** Lu Bennett

**Lesson Application:** Ray Johnson

**Crafts:** Sue Hankey, Diane Thomas, Lynn Sibley

**Games:** Donna Shaffer, Kim Fello, Logan Green

**Music:** Emily King, Valerie Kachur

**Snack:** Sarah Heckert, Kim Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Brenda Buzzinotti

**Can Crew:** Melissa Bureau, Ken Lazan, Bruce Shaffer, Stan-Toucan

**(Drop cans off at the ramp anytime all year)**

**Floaters:** Morgan Kachur

**Offering Counter:** Audrey Green

**Opening and Closing:** Pastor Terri Wells, Navigator-Ray Johnson, Scout-Steph Hankey

**Photographer:** Greg Toth, Lynn Toth

**Registration:** Carolyn Hancock, Sandy McKee, Audrey Green

**Scenery/Decorations:** Audrey Green

**Sound System:** Carlee Beers

**VBS Coordinator:** Sue Hankey

### **THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**Workday:** Audrey Green, Sue Hankey, Lu Bennett, Valerie Kachur, Caitlyn Kachur, Lynn Sibley, Donna Shaffer, Lori Geophfert, Donna Lazan

**Took work home:** Brenda Beers, Carlee Beers, Chelsea Beers, Melissa Bureau, Donna Shaffer, Lori Goepfert, Donna Lazan

**Set up Day:** Audrey Green, Sarah & Joe Heckert, Sue & Rob Hankey, Valerie & Caitlyn Kachur, Donna & Ken Lazan, Kim, Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Lu Bennett, Emily King, Jocelyn King, Logan Green, Wyatt Green, Olivia Green

Also, Thank You to the **Congregations in the Allegheny River Charge** for the generous offerings and the donations of snack items, and CANS, CANS, CANS.

And finally, THANK YOU to the **parents and families** of the children for bringing their children each day, they are the reason we all had such a good week.





## FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

### COUNTERS

6 Melissa Bureau  
13 Melissa Bureau  
20 Tim Scaife  
27 Tim Scaife



### USHERS

6 Oxford  
13 Oxford  
20 Asbury  
27 Asbury

### ACOLYTES

6 Chris Hankey  
13 Jocelyn King  
20 Hallie Hoffman  
27 Caden King



### LIVE STREAM

6 Steph Hankey  
13 Ray Johnson  
20 Brenda Beers  
27 Sue Hankey



### BELL RINGERS

6 Emersyn McGregor  
13 Chris Hankey  
20 Eliana McGregor  
27 Jocelyn King

### WELCOME CENTER

6 Sarah Heckert  
13 Melissa Bureau  
20 Marybeth Dean  
27 Carolyn Hancock



### SCRIPTURE READER

6 Melissa Bureau  
13  
20 Brenda Beers  
27 Sarah Heckert

### SOUND SYSTEM

6 Jeff Hankey  
13 Chelsea Beers  
20 Carlee Beers  
27 Tim King



## COVENANT CENTER ART SHOW 2025

### Important dates to remember

Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>-applications due

Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>- bring in 11:30-1:30 PM and hang 1:30 PM

Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>-meet and greet 6:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>-festival and show opens

Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>-show over. Take down Art 5:00-6:00 PM

Applications available in the church office or website <https://firstchurchkittanning.com>.

Two new awards will be available "Best In Animals" and "Best in Armstrong County History"  
Melissa Bureau



## 2025 VBS ALUMINUM CANS-FINAL REPORT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Aluminum cans received during 2025 VBS year (7/1/2024-6/27/2025)

Cans received VBS June 23-37—8057

Total cans received 2025 VBS year—55,461

Many thanks to everyone who saved aluminum cans and brought them to the church.

This is a year round mission so keep bringing in those cans.

Toucan Crew



## JULY MISSIONS

For July and August Missions, we will be collecting funds for Rise Against Hunger. We will also need some volunteers from the church to work the packing event on September 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information coming on signing up to work. See Emily with any questions





## FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Sally Krozely  
6 Sue Hankey  
7 James Weibel  
8 Ken Lazan  
9 Roy Williamsor  
13 Caden King



19 Jeff Hankey  
19 Ray Johnson  
21 Brenda Buzzinotti  
22 Taylor Toth  
26 Hannah Hoffman  
27 Joe Heckert



### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Tim & Emily King-19 years  
4 Vince & Patty Bruno  
8 Scott & Anne Jamison-37 years  
8 Ken & Donna Lazan-9 years  
10 Brian & Janine Muir-43 years  
13 Dennis & Kelly Hoffman  
14 Alan & Anita Smith  
15 Ron & Pastor Terri Wells  
28 Tim & Linda Scaife-46 years

## RAINBOW ROAD CLASSROOM WISH LIST

#### Household items:

Paper towels  
napkins

toilet paper  
germ-x

tissues

13 gallon kitchen bags

hand soap

Small paper cups

Band-Aids

#### Toys:

10lbs plastic pellets for sensory table \$76.59

Magnetic wonder tiles \$49.99

12 pcs color sorting cups \$14.99

#### Arts and crafts:

Bright splash cardstock \$5.88 (x4)

Colorbok snow white cardstock \$4.97

Paint dauberes \$19.99

Corrugated cardboard paper sheets white \$19.49

Viewmaster Science Viewers (set of 3) \$49.99

Rock n gem surprise \$24.99

Spark create imagine 6 pc animal figures \$4.97

Primary pizzaz cardstock \$4.97 (x4)

Colorbok black cardstock \$4.97

Corrugated cardboard paper sheets red \$16.99





## FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

### UPDATED PARSONAGE LIST AS OF JUNE 14, 2025

Dear FUMC Family Members,

The Trustees are presently preparing the parsonage as a rental property for traveling medical professionals and other business professionals. To provide a comfortable and welcoming environment, we are asking for donations of gently used furniture or soft goods. Or if you prefer to give cash donations for the purchase of items, all would be greatly appreciated. Our objective is to offer a tastefully furnished residence for individuals who are temporarily relocating for job-related purposes. We have identified the following items as essential for furnishing the residence. If you are willing to donate any of these items from your attics, basements, or garages, please contact Kimberley Johnosn to coordinate the details. Kim can be contacted at [Kimmerk0926@gmail.com](mailto:Kimmerk0926@gmail.com) or 661-494-2047.

We have received a Lazy Boy and a small bookshelf as a donation for the parsonage. To create a reading nook, I would like to request book donations that offer light reading for adults, as our anticipated clientele will be adult-only

#### **KITCHEN ITEMS:**

Pots & Pans for cooking/baking

Small appliances (toaster, microwave, etc.)

#### **LIVING ROOM**

High-speed WIFI

Pillows/décor

Throw blankets

#### **BEDROOMS**

3 Full/Queen sets of sheets (preferably white)

2 Lamps      3-24/32 Smart TV

Full Length Mirror

3 Trash Cans

#### **2 BATHROOMS**

2 Trash Cans

Toilet plunger and brush

Hair Dryer

#### **LAUNDRY AREA**

iron, steamer,

Ironing board

Drying Rack

Laundry detergent

#### **CLEANING SUPPLIES (3-4 DAYS WORTH)**

Dishwasher Detergent

All-Purpose Cleaner

Paper Towels

Trash Bags

#### **WHAT WE DON'T NEED**

Live plants

Speakers

Board Games

Excessive décor

Candles



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 Bradley Say

4 Florence Burdett

4 Mary Jane Cooper

8 Lindsey Anderson

8 Betty Clarke

8 Logan Russell Reesman

9 Alice Southworth



18 Amanda Bartel

20 Gary Croyle

20 Lisa Czapor

23 Rich Burdett

27 Dawson Dingey

31 Nikki Query

## FORD MEMORIAL LINK PAGE

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2 Brenda & John Berrett

12 Rick & Linda Orton





# UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The June 2, 2025 meeting of the United Women in Faith of Union Ave. was held at the Kittanning cottages with 10 in attendance. The meeting opened with the reading of "Our Vision, Our Mission, and Our Local Purpose." Hostess: Donna Shaffer; Devotions: Karen Wolfe-Methodist Women Boldly make History; Minute Missions: Donna Titus-Feeding School Children in South Dakota and Kittanning Church of God feeding children this summer.

The secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read with a correction for last month's treasurer's report. Balance for last month was \$940.65.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Annual meeting in Clarion in October-Donna Shaffer will be attending and Karen Wolfe also if able. 8oz bottles of water were purchased for VBS. 320 were purchased and more will be purchased if needed.

First Church will let us know when they are going to donate to Heifer International so we may donate with them also.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Response Magazine will be ordered for 2 years.

A motion was made and passed to buy gifts for children for Christmas thru Community Action Agency. \$250 was allotted for this purpose.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to Community Action Agency for the Turkey Fund.

Kittanning Church of God-Feeding children during summer break. Jodie will inquire as to whether they would like items or a monetary donation. A motion was made and passed to donate \$200 for this purpose either way.

There will be no meetings in the months of July and August. The next meeting will be September 8, 2025.

The meeting closed with the reading of "the Parting Prayer".

Secretary, Ellen Nelson

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Gary Wyant

9 Brenda Rybarik

30 Gary Nelson



## 4TH OF JULY



### Word Search

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