



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
301 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET
KITANNING PA 16201



Hello, October!

The only month where
jumping into a pile of dead
leaves is considered fun and
not weird.

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ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE

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Union Avenue United Methodist Church-421 Union Ave, Kittanning PA 16201

724-543-5012 **Worship 9:00 AM**

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please get articles to Audrey no later than

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

Please have your articles on time. Thank you



OCTOBER LECTIONARY READING

October 5, 2025

17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalms 137,
2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10



October 12, 2025

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalms 66:1-12,
2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalms 119:97-104,
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

October 26, 2025

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Joel 2:23-32, Psalms 65,
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

OCTOBER SIFT

The October SIFT Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at noon in the covenant Center. The menu will be Wedding Soup with crackers, and a Chicken Salad Croissant. Dessert will be a lemon cookie tart. The program will be a travelogue of Italy presented by Donna Lazan. Reservations can be made from Wednesday, October 1st through noon on Monday, September 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 us the parking lot door. See YOU there!



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that attended and helped with the Charge Picnic on Sunday, September 7th. Worship, Fellowship with friends, old and new, and good food. A Great Tim to praise God!
Cindy Volek, Charge SPRC Chair

PASTOR APPRECIATION OCTOBER 2025

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and the Staff Parish Committee asks that you show your love and appreciation to Pastor Terri.

The Allegheny River charge churches have been blessed by the presence of pastor Terri and as Paul tells us, **“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.” (1 Timothy 5:17)**

Please set aside some time, especially this month, to express your gratitude for all that Pastor Terri does. Perhaps you can send a personal note or better yet express your thanks in person, and as always, we ask that you remember Pastor Terri in your daily prayers.

Be sure to let Pastor Terri know that you appreciate her labor in the name of God.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT ARMSTRONG REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Would the churches be interested in a community outreach project? Donating items to our Mock Auction. We get Activity Bucks to bid on all kinds of items donated by people for us to use. Items such as body wash, shampoo, socks, sweatpants, sweatshirts, T-shirts, nightgowns, slippers, snacks, pop, hairbrushes, combs, toothbrushes, etc.. It is one of our most favorite activities, topped only by bingo. You can donate collectively as a group, church or individually. Just drop off at the front desk of Armstrong Rehabilitation and Nursing Center- former Health Center (where I now live). 265 South McKean St., Kittanning.



FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

COUNTERS

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



USHERS

5 Oxford
12 Asbury
19 Asbury
26 Epworth



ACOLYTES

5 Olivia Green
12 Hallie Hoffman
19 Caden King
26 Caitlyn Kachur

LIVE STREAM

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



BELL RINGERS

5 Cecilia Rearigh
12 Adalie Rearigh
19 Olivia Green
26 Chris Hankey



WELCOME CENTER

5 Sarah Heckert
12 Melissa Bureau
19 Marybeth Dean
26 Carolyn Hancock



SCRIPTURE READER

5 Carolyn Hancock
12 Sarah Heckert
19 Melissa Bureau
26 Dan Wolfe



SOUND SYSTEM

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



IT IS TIME FOR CHOIR!

If you enjoy singing, please join us at 9:40AM in the library room before church and immediately after church for brief rehearsals. We'd love to have you! Rehearsals start on October 5th.

OCTOBER MISSION

The October mission will be collecting funds to support HAVIN, the domestic abuse shelter in Kittanning. We can also donate gift cards to Walmart, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Sheetz or Visa cards to help as well. Any questions, please see Emily.



Dear First Church Family,

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This is a time to show your thanks and appreciation to our pastor. The First church Staffing Team asks that you prayerfully consider celebrating pastor Terri through a monetary gift. We ask that you make your **CASH ONLY gift by Sunday, October 19th**.

You may place your gift in the offering plate on Sunday morning, bring it to the church office, or mail you gift to the church at 301 N Jefferson St., Kittanning PA 16201.

We Appreciate Our Pastor!

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace and bring glad tidings of good things." Romans 10:15

HOHO HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

The First United Methodist Church is having a fundraiser for Rainbow Road on October 25, 2025 from Noon to 6:00 PM. Come meet Santa and have your holiday photo take. A suggested donation of \$25.00 will support Rainbow Road. The photos will make great Christmas Cards, family gifts, and social media posts. Location: Covenant Center, 332 N Water St, Kittanning.





FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

THIS MONTHS CAN COUNT

August 15 - September 15
4,431 cans
This year's total
12,561 cans

TOUCAN CAN COUNT

Keep up the Good Work

Keep on bringing in the cans. We accept soft drinks, juice, powder drinks, tea and beer cans. Aluminum only can be dropped off on the ramp or in the bin by the garage.
Thank you. Melissa Bureau



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Brandon Schrecengost
6 Patrick Wolfe
7 Matthew Kachur
10 Frank Kiss
11 Melissa Bureau
13 Connie Bish



14 Harry Waldenville
15 Brad Volek
21 Rowan Vandevort
22 Lance Zielinski
30 Hayley Hoffman
31 Violet Green-1 year



3 James & Diane Weibel
8 Ryan & Sally Cornman-14 years
30 Rob & Sue Hankey-44 years



THANK YOU

Tim and Melissa would like to thank this church and all those who supported us in this difficult time with your prayers and concerns. Our loss is great, but with God's help and friends that continue to support us, we will get through this time.



FORD MEMORIAL LINK PAGE

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Brenda Berrett
6 Caleb Berrett
9 Jeanette Dotts
9 Page Reesman
11 Lowell Simmons



13 Maria L. Brocious Corbett
14 John Czapor II
27 Brodie Lemmon
29 Dianna Brocious
30 Clara Beckett



23 Amanda & Dave Dingey

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER

Pancake & Sausage lunch (11:00-1:00) & supper (4:30-6:30 PM) on October 14th. Adults \$10 and children under age 10, \$5. Dining room service, or, take-outs can be ordered at 724-763-1540.

Sponsored by the churches in the Allegheny River Charge.
Benefit: Rainbow Road Preschool at Kittanning First UMC.





UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE

UNION AVENUE UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The September 8, 2025, meeting was held in the Community Room with 9 in attendance. The meeting opened with the reading of "Our Vision, Our Mission, and Our Local Purpose." Hostess: Ellen Nelson, Devotions: Lynn Sibley-Fellowship, Minute Missions: Ruth Gallaher-UWF in Ashbury, Ohio-Chocolate Fair and Soup Sale. The Secretary's and Treasurer's were read. No additions or corrections.

Old Business:

1. Copy of donations for 2025 to date given to each member.
2. Louella brought more coloring books etc. for the Emergency room bags that she donated. Thank you so very much.
3. Heifer International-First Church will notify us when they will be making a donation so we may also make a donation with them.
4. Annual UWF meeting will be October 18, 2025, from 9AM to 3 PM.
5. District annual Fall meeting will be held in Punxsutawney, PA on September 20, 2025. Sandy McKee will be the speaker.
6. Thank you's received from the following: Church of God in Kittanning, Blessings in a Backpack, Mission Barn, Ruth M. Smith Home, Habitat for Humanity
7. Lynn and Sandy will be going to the Mission Barn on October 4, 2025. If we want to donate anything, Lynn will take to the Mission Barn.

New Business:

1. Henderson Settlement has many different missions. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to put a donation on hold for now.
2. Need to decide on an amount for pledge for District Conference for 2026. Donna Shaffer made motion to pledge \$25. Seconded by Carolyn Ingram and motion passed with 1 dissenting vote.
3. Donna Shaffer gave a report on Connections in Kittanning.
4. What do we want to do for a mission for September? We will skip this month and decide on a mission project for October.
5. Rise Against Hunger-Will see about sending a donation from the church.
6. We will be selling Miller's hoagie coupons for September fundraiser. Peggy will get the coupons for us.

The meeting closed with the reading of "Parting Prayer."
Secretary, Ellen Nelson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Claire Brown
20 Dave Wolfe
21 Carolyn Ingram
30 Peggy Say



HALLOWEEN I SPY

