

Allegheny River Charge United Methodist Churches

Union Ave
421 Union Ave.
Kittanning PA 16201
(724) 543-5012
Service @ 9:00 AM

Ford Memorial
1024 4th Ave.
Ford City, PA 16226
(724) 763-1540
Service @ 11:15 AM

First United Methodist
301 N. Jefferson St.
Kittanning PA 16201
(724) 548-4312
Service @ 10:00 AM

First Church - Sunday School 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

**ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE
NEWS TO USE**

PASTOR / LAITY QUARTERLY VISITATION

In March we are starting Quarterly Visitations. We will need a Laity Member to visit with the Pastor from your church on your day. Dates are as follows, March 12 (First), March 19 (Union), March 26 (Ford). Please contact First Church Office with a list of names for visitation. We will need **Name to be visited, Home or Nursing Home visit, and Who is suggesting** the visit then the **Volunteer from Laity** to join. Those that are making the referral must clear the visitation with the party being visited.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS AT FIRST CHURCH

The Lenten Fish dinners will be March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the Covenant Center with meals served from 4:30 to 6:00. The meal will be: Fried or Baked fish or sloppy joe sandwich or Chicken Tenders, baked potato or curly fries or mac & cheese, coleslaw or applesauce and a slice of pie, coffee, iced tea or lemonade. Help will be needed from 4:00 to 7:00 to set tables, seat people, complete takeouts, deliver food, serve drinks, clear & reset tables, wash dishes and clean up when people are done eating. Help cutting and boxing pies at 12:00 is also needed. If you haven't already let us know you can help, please text or call Tim Scaife, 724 664 5346, Activities chairman First Church

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES / LUNCHEONS

The Kittanning Ministerium is hosting Lenten Services and Luncheons during Lent. Services are held on Tuesdays with the Luncheon following on Wednesdays. Below is a list of the Service locations which will be held at 7:00PM. All luncheons will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church at 12:00PM.

Service Date	Location	Luncheon Dates at Grace Presbyterian
March 10 th	Kittanning Church of God	March 11 th
March 17 th	Living Water Church	March 18 th
March 24 th	St. Lukes Church of Christ	March 25 th



**Allegheny River Charge of the
United Methodist Church**

MEDIA SONG Hope Darst - Never Walk Alone (Official Lyric Video)

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE WORSHIP BELL

3rd Lent Reading

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: -Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

People: We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts!

People: We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, from the beginning of time, you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. Amen.

* HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 301

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

MORNING ANTHEM "Hope of the World" Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 279

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-11 NT p.155

SERMON "We never walk Alone"

COMMUNION

OFFERING/OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of Hope, you have called us to rejoice in the grace that sustains us through suffering, the love that meets us in struggle, and the hope that does not disappoint. As we bring these gifts, may they testify to your presence among us. Make us bold in our sharing, joyful in our worship, and confident in your grace. In the name of the one who died for us and lives within us, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 298
*Altar rail is open for prayer during the closing hymn.

***BENEDICTION**

Go now in the blessing of God's mercy that companions us all on the journey, opening our hearts to receive and share God's steadfast love until all creation resonates with the joy of new life. Amen.

*Please stand in spirit or in body.
Ask an usher for a large print hymnal or bible or personal hearing device

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Lenten Fish Dinners

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Meals served 4:30PM to 6:30PM

**** Fried or Baked Fish, Sloppy Joe or Chicken Tenders then include one of each of the following:**

- Baked Potato or Curly Fries or Mac n' Cheese
- Coleslaw or Applesauce
- Slice of Pie
- Coffee, Iced Tea or Lemonade

**First United Methodist Church
Covenant Center
322 N. Water Street, Kittanning
Office ph. 724-548-4312**

We will see you there !!

FIRST CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>SUNDAY, March 8th</u> <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:45 AM Sunday Bible School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Choir 2:00 PM Camp #43 - CC	<u>THURSDAY, March 12th</u> <u>FRIDAY, March 13th</u> 4:30 PM Fish Dinner - CC
<u>MONDAY, March 9th</u> <u>TUESDAY, March 10th</u> 6:30 PM Rainbow Road 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC	<u>SATURDAY, March 14th</u> 7:00 PM We Surrender-CC
<u>WEDNESDAY, March 11th</u> <u>SUNDAY, March 15th</u> <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 8:45 AM Sunday Bible School 10:00 AM Worship	

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the Glory of God.

THANK YOU to the following individuals for assisting with today's service:

<u>Usher Team:</u>	Epworth
<u>Scripture Reader:</u>	
<u>Worship Sound System:</u>	Jeff Hankey
<u>Bell Ringer:</u>	Emersyn McGregor
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Caden King
<u>Live Stream:</u>	Steph Hankey

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lenten Devotionals are available on the altar rail. Pick one up for yourself, your neighbor or even a friend. You should have received a copy emailed to you if you get the newsletter emailed to you. It will also be on our Facebook page each day.

ALTAR FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE IN 2026

These dates are still available for altar flowers in 2026. The arrangements will be \$35.00 each. Please let the office know if you are interested in any of the dates. Thank you.

MARCH 15, 29	APRIL 19, 26
MAY 24, 31	JUNE 28
JULY 5, 12, 19	AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
SEPTEMBER 6, 20	OCTOBER 18, 25
NOVEMBER 1, 29	DECEMBER 13, 27

WINTER IS HERE but ENDING SOON

The Trustees have arranged for snow plowing for the winter, but we are in need of someone to clear the walks around the church and Covenant Center. If you would like to help or know someone who would be able to help, please let us know by calling Ken Lazan at 724-664-4037 or contact the church office at 724-548-4312.

MARCH MISSION

The March Mission will be to help Union Ave. Church fill the bags they deliver to the hospital for children. They need children's reading books, pencils, small tablets and small packages of Kleenex. You can drop off your items in the baskets in the sanctuary. Any questions, please see Emily.

EASTER FLOWERS

Please see order form in Bulletin
Orders due March 15th

MEMBERS and VISITORS

When you enter First Church, you will now be asked to sign the visitors'/ members' log. This log is being kept for security and insurance purposes. Please note the time you arrive and leave the church as well as your purpose for visiting. This applies to visitors when the office is open and staffed as well as non-staffed hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.

You will **Not** need to sign the visitors' log when attending Sunday School and/or Worship, as well as schedule meetings.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -- 2026

VBS will be held the week of **June 15-19 from 9-noon** at First United Methodist Church. The theme this year is Cokesbury's **SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE**: Find Your Strength in God focusing on the Bible Verse "I can do all things through him who strengthens me". (Philippians 4:13).

As always, we need a lot of "strength" to be able to bring VBS to the many children who regularly attend. We will need leaders for Lessons, Science, Music and Games in addition to helpers in each of those areas and lots of "CREW LEADERS" who ensure that the children safely get from one station to another! We also need some extra hands helping with decorations, snacks and crafts and, of course, prayers!

If you are able to help in any way (even if you can't be there physically that week), please contact Sue at robandsue104@comcast.net or 724-822-1640 (new phone #) or call the church office 724-548-4312.

Watch the bulletin and newsletters for more information!
THANK YOU!

NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING

Next trustee meeting is March 17 if needed
Then again on April 7