

**REMEMBERING BEN IN PRISON:** Benjamin Fowler has moved to his new prison in Camp Hill. This is a temporary address where he can receive mail. His address is:

**Benjamin Fowler**  
NA4780  
SCI-Camp Hill  
PO Box 200  
Camp Hill, PA 17001-0200

**BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:** 10 people came out to donate with 7 successful donations. That saves 21 lives! The Central PA Blood Bank sends a word of thanks to First Church and to all who came out to donate!

**INVITATION TO GENESIS:** You are invited to join Pastor Kerry beginning on Monday, September 11, 2017, to study the book of Genesis. Invitation to Genesis is one of the short-term studies offered in the Disciple Bible study series. The option is open to attend either Monday mornings from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, or Monday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. The class meets on the following dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20. The participant book for the study costs \$18 and should be paid for at the first class. Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church and “Genesis” should be written in the memo line. No reading is expected to be completed prior to the first class which is an orientation session to the study. However, come to class with your ideas, thoughts and questions about Genesis. To sign-up for the class please contact Pastor Kerry at [kleeper@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:kleeper@engagegodfirst.org) or you may call him in the church office at 717-394-7231 ext. 306.

**BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY:** You are invited to join Pastor Joe DiPaolo as he leads a 26-week study on “Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.” This class is an introductory course to studying the Bible. The class incorporates both group and personal study along with a video component, to take you from Genesis to Revelation. No previous experience in studying Scripture is necessary. The class runs in two 13-week study sessions (13-weeks on the Old Testament and 13 on the New Testament) on Monday nights from 7:00-8:45 PM. The first 13-week session begins on Monday, September 18, 2017 and runs consecutively on Mondays through December 11, 2017 (Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11). The second 13-week session begins on Monday, January 29, 2018 and runs through April 30, 2018 (Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30). The cost of the books for each 13-week session is \$18 (\$36 total for both sessions). Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church with “Disciple 26-week” placed in the memo line. Books should be paid for at the first session. Questions should be directed to Pastor Joe DiPaolo at [jdipaolo@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:jdipaolo@engagegodfirst.org). To sign-up, email Pastor Joe to let him know you’ll be joining him, or call the office at 717-394-7231.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:** Today, Pastor Eddie continues the study, “Christianity: One of Many Faiths,” focusing our time and conversation on the Islamic faith. This intergenerational study will focus on the similarities and differences of faiths in and around Lancaster City, and the world. Future conversations about Buddhism will follow in the coming weeks. Please join us this summer during the 9:30 hour in room 214/215 as together we deepen our faith in God through dialogue, prayer, and fellowship. On September 3, Rev. Mutwale Ntambo wa Mushidi and his wife Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine will share about their ministry in Tanzania. Come hear how God is working through them to further the kingdom here on earth!

# Contemporary Worship at 9:30

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor. – 1 Chronicles 16:29*

Worship Music:  
*Better Is One Day*  
*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*  
*Forever Reign*  
*Holy Spirit*

## What’s happening at First Church!

Prayer Pastor Kerry Leeper  
The Word **Matthew 14:22-33**  
Sermon *“The Power of God’s Presence”* Pastor Kerry Leeper

Offering  
*You Are My All in All*

Blessing

## First United Methodist Church

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Methodist Church of Lancaster

**August 13, 2017**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Mission  
Connect People to Jesus Christ  
Grow Disciples  
Relieve Suffering

Prelude *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* arr. Mark Albrecht  
Dot Lippart, Flute; Allen Popjoy, Piano

Announcements & Greeting Pastor Kerry Leeper

\* Call to Worship  
Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.  
**We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus’ call.**  
Look again. Jesus is calling to you.  
**Lord, help us hear your voice.**  
Come, place your trust in Jesus.  
**Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives. Amen.**

\* Hymn *We, Thy People, Praise Thee* No. 67

Common Prayer Liturgist  
8:15- Pastor Eddie Cameron 10:45- Joanne Young Stephan  
**Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love.**  
**Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.**

Anthem *Pachelbel’s Canon of Peace* Patrick Liebergen  
Summer Choir; Brian Norcross, Conductor

Scripture Reading **1 Kings 19:8-18** (Pew Bibles, OT, page 311) Liturgist

Children’s Sermon (10:45) Laura Sambrick

Concerns of the People

Choral Call to Prayer (10:45) *This is My Song* (stanza 3) No. 437  
**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Kerry Leeper

The Lord’s Prayer (10:45)

The Sacrament of Baptism No. 39

\* Hymn *Come, Let Us Use The Grace Divine* No. 606  
\* please stand if able

Prayer for Illumination Pastor Kerry Leeper

Scripture Reading **Matthew 14:22-33** (Pew Bibles, NT, p.15) Pastor Kerry Leeper

Sermon “*The Power of God’s Presence*” Pastor Kerry Leeper

\* Affirmation of Faith Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39 No. 887

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

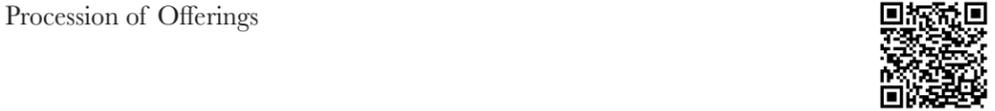
\* Gloria Patri *How Great Thou Art (refrain)* No. 77

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!**

<b>8:15 ONLY</b>		
Invitation to The Lord’s Supper		Acolyte
Confession and Pardon		
<b>We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.</b>		
<i>(All pray in silence.)</i>		
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.		
But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news:		
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!		
<b>In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.</b>		
* Passing the Peace		

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory *Prelude on Psalm 100* Charles Callahan  
Dot Lippart, Flute; Allen Popjoy, Organ



\* Doxology *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night (stanza 5)* No. 682  
**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte  
8:15-Malini Sakrudkar 10:45- Grace Lehman

<b>8:15 ONLY</b>		
The Great Thanksgiving		No. 9
The Lord’s Prayer		
<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</b>		
Anthem	<i>Siciliano</i>	J.S. Bach
	Dot Lippart, Flute; Allen Popjoy, Organ	
Prayer after Communion		
<b>Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.</b>		

\* Hymn *Sent Forth By God’s Blessing* No. 664

\* Blessing

Dismissal *Let Us Now Depart* No. 668

**Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God’s love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.**

Prelude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Mark Hayes  
Allen Popjoy, Organ

	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	W: N:	Brenda Troop, Barb St. John, Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahrn	W: Dick & Majorie Stewart N: Beulah Jones
Ushers	Lisa Allison, David Hayward, Frances Hayward, Craig Schonour, George Adams, Martha Adams, Fred Clark, Patrick Clarke, Sarah Clarke, Heather Herr, Shawn Herr, Jean Kahler.	Brenda Troop, Barb St. John, Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Throbahrn	Lisa Allison, David Hayward, Frances Hayward, Craig Schonour, George Adams, Martha Adams, Fred Clark, Patrick Clarke, Sarah Clarke, Heather Herr, Shawn Herr, Jean Kahler.
Sound Tech	Tim Benton	Chris Reindollar	Mark Reth
Liturgist	Pastor Eddie Cameron		Joanne Young Stephan
Communion Assistant	Karen Hoey		
Acolyte	Malini Sakrudkar		Grace Lehman
Welcome Center	Herrs	Griswolds	Deb Richer
Fellowship Time	Don & Ann Banzhof	Thorbahn & Mearkle Families	
Safety & Security	Lincoln Newell		

# FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## August 13, 2017

We welcome all to worship today. To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the “Connect Card” that is found in your bulletin. This card helps the church track changes in email, phone, address, and more. On the card you can tell us your areas of interest by checking all that apply. Be sure to share your prayer requests with the staff by writing them on the card. Staff members pray for each request on Monday afternoon. Place the card in the offering plate today. Thank you for helping us to get to know and stay connected with you!

**BAPTISM:** Today Sawyer Douglas Ryndock, son of Eric and Bethany Cherry Ryndock, will experience baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Assisting Pastor Kerry with the Sacrament will be Sawyer’s great-grandfather, The Rev. Bill Cherry.

**SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR LABOR FOR LANCASTER: HOPE HAPPENS HERE!** Labor for Lancaster: Hope Happens Here is a community-wide Day of Service designed to share God’s love with our city and its residents through acts of compassion, grace, justice, and peace. This is the 4th year for Labor for Lancaster and our partners are excited to have us come back! This year we are partnering with Clare House, TLC, YWCA, Ross Elementary School, Lancaster City Parks Dept., and other non-profit organizations in our community to do small projects like trash clean-up, painting, yard work, and organization for schools. All we need is for you to volunteer! Here’s the scoop:  
**Sunday, September 3, 2017 from 1:00-5:00 PM www.LaborforLancaster.com**  
Please take a moment to register your participation this year by selecting the places you’d most like to serve. We will try to meet your request the best we can. And don’t forget to share with others the website and date! We hope you’ll join us to make a difference in our community as we serve those around us with the hope and light of Jesus Christ. Thanks, and let’s get laboring for Lancaster! - Pastor Eddie

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Stephen Ministry is all about responding to the jagged line in a person’s life. That jagged line can be any of the worst experiences in life: death of a loved one, bitter divorce, devastating disease, drug addiction, loneliness, or loss. When life draws those jagged lines, a Stephen Minister can be there to respond with Christ’s healing love. Stephen Ministry is about the one-on-one relationship of care-giver to care-receiver, a relationship that really is one-on-one with Christ. Talk to any of our pastors to learn more about Stephen Ministry.

**HELP IS NEEDED ON THE ALTAR GUILD:** The Altar Guild is in need of additional hands. The Altar Guild has the special privilege of preparing the sanctuary for worship. The time commitment is approximately two hours every eight weeks. For more information, brochures are available at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Place. You may also contact Paulie Bird at 717-393-1470 or 717-940-1367.

**HOLY LAND VIA JORDAN – JANUARY 15-24, 2018:** While you are on the Holy Land via Jordan pilgrimage in January 2018 you will visit Caesarea, a city built by Herod the Great between 22 and 10 BC. He made it an important seaport, with excellent connections to all parts of the Mediterranean world. Archaeologists have uncovered public buildings, a theater which still offers concerts today, and hippodrome known for its chariot races, and well preserved aqueducts. Here in Caesarea the apostle Peter preached to Cornelius who became the first Gentile convert to the new religion (Acts 10), and where Paul was imprisoned for two years before being taken to Rome for trial (Acts 26). Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center and plan to visit this once important capital city for yourself. Call Pastor Joe or Katherine with any questions at 394-7231.

## SUPPORT ANCHORAGE!

1.) **BUY COFFEE:** Bags of coffee are still for sale! Are you looking for that perfect back-to-school teacher gift? A bag of coffee would be a great gift. You can purchase coffee (\$10/bag) at the table set up in the Gathering Place. The table is self-serve. Checks should be made payable to FUMC, with “Anchorage coffee” in the memo line. For each bag sold, the \$4 profit helps to fund the Anchorage Breakfast Program. Both decaf and regular are available. Want to buy coffee for your office, or just want to stock up? If you buy 10 bags or more, you can use a credit card – if you wish to do this, please contact Laura at [facilities@enagegodfirst.org](mailto:facilities@enagegodfirst.org).

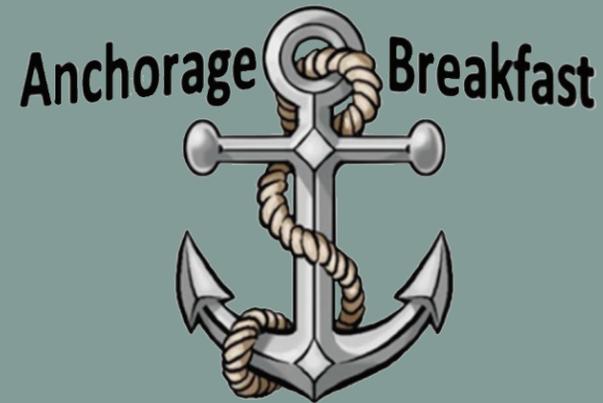


2.) **SAVE THE DATE!** November 17th, 2017. It's the ExtraOrdinary Give! This year, Anchorage Breakfast, LUMINA, and the Shalom Partnership are teaming up to host a Breakfast for Dinner event, from 6 PM to 8 PM, in the Celebration Center at FUMC! Come join us for dinner, donate, and celebrate the ExtraOrdinary Give together!

3.) **DONATE USED SHOES:** You can help the Anchorage Breakfast Program by donating your used shoes. Bring your used shoes to the basket for shoes, near the other donation baskets in the North Lobby outside the church office. Anchorage Breakfast Program is partnering with Community Recycling and their ShoeBox Recycling program. Together we are on a mission to help promote

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the importance of shoe recycling while raising funds to help further our efforts - we can raise up to \$0.50/pound of shoes donated for Anchorage. ShoeBox Recycling is easy, engaging and rewarding for everyone involved. The list of acceptable shoes will be on the box, or you can visit [www.communityrecycling.biz](http://www.communityrecycling.biz) for more information.

Participating is simple. We are collecting gently used shoes for reuse, meaning all the shoes we recycle as a group are destined for another home. From South America and Africa to areas right here in the United States, our ShoeBox Recycling efforts will go to help people and communities in over 50 countries. And what's even better are the many ways that our community benefits. Not only will your recycled shoes help Anchorage Breakfast Program raise funds, but it will also help keep usable shoes out of our local landfills. ShoeBox Recycling also gives us a chance to connect with the people and places that receive our recycled shoes. By writing a SoleMate Note to include with your shoes, you can let their new owner know about where they came from, what they were used for, or even any special memories attached to them. In return, they can write back to us and we can make a SoleMate connection. So start cleaning out your closets and looking under your bed for gently used shoes. Every pair you recycle means extra funds for Anchorage, less landfill waste, and the potential to connect us to a SoleMate!

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