

HAPPY

NEW

YEAR!

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**First United Church of  
Christ Newsletter**



# Happy Birthday to:

**January 01-** George Allan & Sal Carrera

**January 03-** Elise Moran

**January 04-** Shawn Keen

**January 06-** Michael Rynard

**January 08-** Jeanine Fisher

**January 11-** George Boyer & Alyssa Everly

**January 12-** Shirley Ahlers

**January 13-** Scott Benfield, Cecelia Day, Carol Wagner

**January 15-** Marjorie Mowery

**January 16-** Joan Dickinson

**January 17-** Evan Dickinson & Ethan Lear

**January 18-** Darcy Bradley

**January 19-** Natalie Rynard & Kirk Wilson

**January 20-** Amber Klunk

**January 21-** Michael Diodato, Sally Herman, Aidan Kane, James Miller

**January 24-** Tanis Monroy, Garrett Orr, April Reed

**January 26-** Patricia Lewis

**January 27-** Ryan Bonshock

**January 28-** Cory Adams

**January 29-** Alan Reich & Nancy Wise

**January 30-** Jaden Shay

**January 31-** Betty Shatto



**January 6– Larry and Barbara Kell– 5 years**

Happy  
Anniversary!

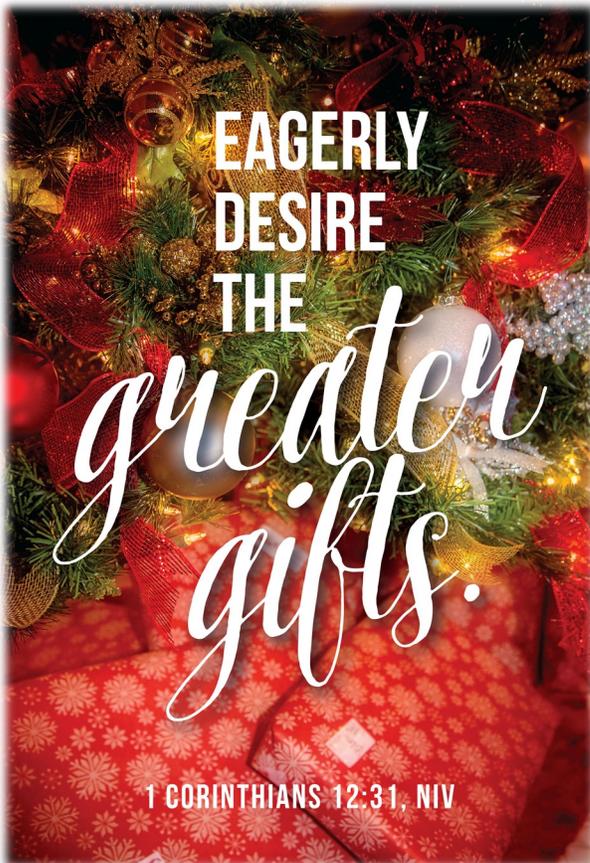


## Adopt a Family for Christmas

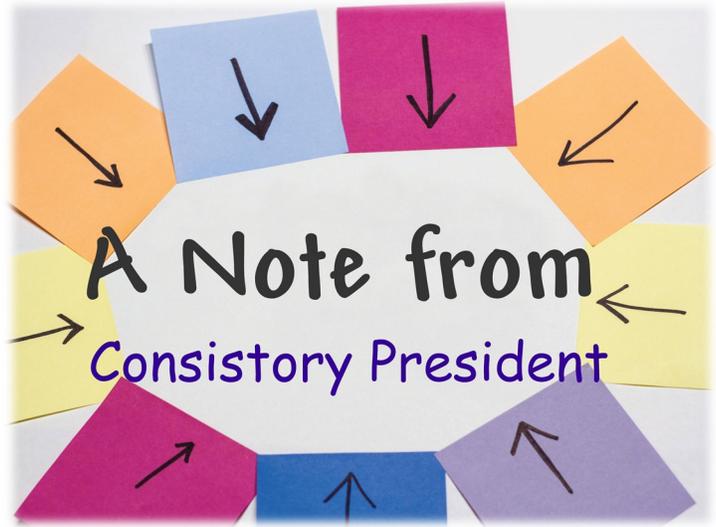
Thank you to everyone who contributed their money and time to the Adopt a Family Project this year! We were able to raise \$1,200 and helped 7 families with 12 kids in the Community CARES program.

In the future, the Adopt a Family Project will continue to partner with Carlisle community programs, like Community CARES, Domestic Violence, and local schools, to provide Christmas for families or individuals in need. This is the best way to steward your generous donations and help our local community. Perhaps, in time, we may be able to grow and help more programs in Cumberland county.

Thank you all for your wonderful kindness! One of the greatest gifts in life is to give to others. These families felt incredibly blessed to receive such a lovely gift from 1st UCC!



With 2021 winding down, I want to take a moment to thank the pastors, the staff, Consistory and the council members for all they did to get us through another tough year. I am looking forward to 2022 being a better year for First Church. Doctor



Greg Lewis has diligently been monitoring the Covid activity in our area and will continue to, and when it is safe for all vaccinated worshippers to un-mask we will do so. Craig Kern and his committee have come up with a new audio/visual system which will make the experience more enjoyable for both in-house and virtual worship. Dallas Bailey and the Property Management Council have been extremely busy keeping our building standing and safe so we can continue to worship here. Pastors Chris and Rachel, Sharon Maurer, and Dave Rohrer and the Church and Ministry Council have continued to provide beautiful and meaningful services despite all the challenges.

And last but not least, a special big shout-out goes to our Office Administrator, Lyndsey Hendricks. In addition to all the duties that go with that position, she is also the main contributor, editor, and publisher of this wonderful newsletter that you are reading. I personally find the newsletter to be informative and inspiring, and it often causes me to pause and think about things a little differently. In addition, many people have told me and others that they are so happy she produces this newsletter as they find it the most valuable link to each other during these times when we cannot be together physically. Keep up the good work, Lyndsey!

To everyone in the Congregation, Happy New Year!

Mike

# Keep on the Sunny Side

**“New Year Resolutions: Look I Am Doing A New Thing!”**

**By: Chaplain Donna Hale**



Whew! The “2021 Year” just flew by very quickly. I’m not sure why it went so fast? Maybe the pandemic, full schedules with both professional and personal commitments/obligations—perhaps just “growing older” and moving more slowly and carefully?

Whatever, the reason(s) for the “time” flying, I’m grateful to continue my work as “Chaplain Advocate,” albeit mostly by “Zoom” rather than face-to-face in the community.

One of the reasons I love to read the “Old Testament” is God’s promise that we are never alone—in “all times”—no matter the situations we find ourselves.

I especially find reassurance in the two verses from Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV) where God reminds us to: “Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you perceive I am making a way in the wilderness and streams?”

As “Chaplain Advocate” I am blessed that God leads me to opportunities to participate with local agencies, churches, and other organizations (either directly or indirectly) that provides avenues/services for individuals struggling in the “wilderness” to find shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and other social services.

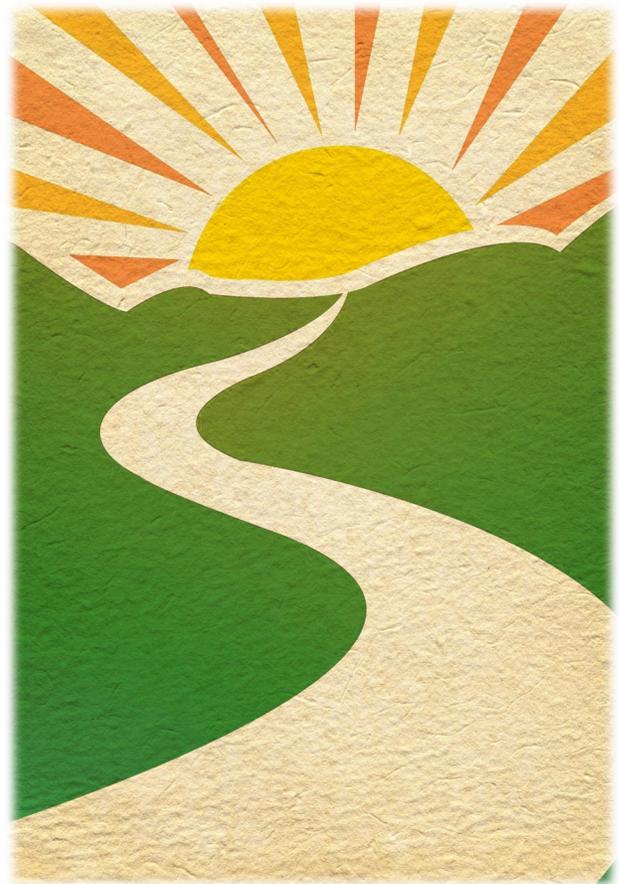
Most of the time, I am not directly involved as a “provider” of the services. I serve as an “affiliate,” a “collaborator,” a board member; and, yes, a “volunteer.” I am not included in decision making or as a member of the “team.”

Chaplains are “called” to listen to what others want to share with us. We are not trained as counselors or social workers. We are “ordained.” We listen to “others”—not “preach.” But, be present in the moment—during the times when individuals request us to accompany them in uncertain times. To be present when difficult decisions are necessary and they find themselves in the “wilderness” of grief, guilt, and/or anxiety needing someone to listen and provide nonjudgmental comfort as they navigate the “wasteland” they struggle.

Chaplains, through compassionate presence and listening, provide the assurance—the reassurance—that individuals are not alone; there are better days ahead; and to “forget the former things, [and] not dwell on the past.”

In this New Year 2022, may our resolutions include remembering that the God of our faith is “making a way” for ALL of us through the wilderness and streams in the wasteland” (Isaiah 43:18-19). as we journey to eternity.

“Glory be to God We Serve.”





## Self-Care with Pastor Rachel

Happy New Year!

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, [a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”” -Revelations 21:1-3

Are we ready to embrace a new heaven and new earth? I think every year, there is that moment of “we made it” or more recently, “we survived” our second year of pandemic concern and suffering. It is challenging to find the balance. It is easy to go to the element of fear or emotions or opinions that then steal the joy and gratitude that we think we deserve, earned, or feel entitled to experience, or we should have experienced in 2021 and now carry over to 2022.

This pandemic has taught me a lot about self-care. I have found focusing on the good moments makes the new year ahead more hopeful. Good things that have helped our family has been the ability to include more people in our ministry through social media; spend time on cooking more at home with our son, who has become quite a master chef; time learning new skills; and taking more walks or exercising with my spouse, to name a few.

Stress is still very much woven through my daily life, and my mind seems to want to take over — can our son can go back to school safely, can we plan events and create new opportunities for our church and the community? Can we be kind to each other? Can I safely visit our members and not put others or my family at risk? Checking my own temperature daily, checking CDC numbers and staying away from negative news is also a constant up and down challenge.

Every year there is an opportunity to experience a new Heaven and a new Earth — and yet, we often cannot help but be bombarded by messages that keep us from seeing the possibilities for newness and feeling the gratitude. I have made it a practice to write down three things I am grateful for everyday, and express gratitude to those I live, work and pray with. This practice has increased my compassion and patience. It has lessened my own anxiety and uncertainty about what is to come.

For example,

- ◆ I am grateful for my ability to breathe.
- ◆ I am grateful for the Christmas lights I see on my drive home in the evening.
- ◆ I am grateful for my family and having dinner together each night.

What are you grateful for? Take time this year to do this every day. I guarantee that a new heaven and earth will make its way once again into your heart.

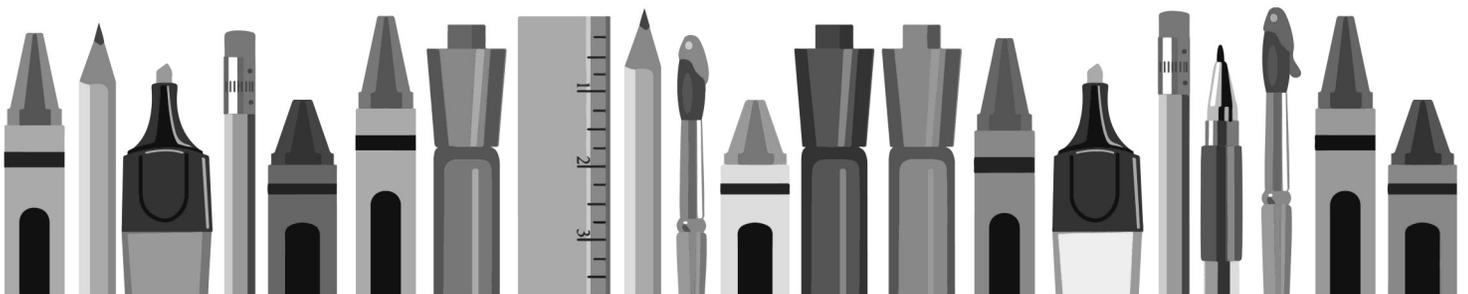
Many blessings and gratitude to you and yours this new year!



**From the Editor**  
By: Lyndsey Hendricks

## Baby Update...

I know a few people have asked if or when I will find out the gender of the baby. Mark and I found out December 6th we will be having a little girl. We've already received little girl gifts for Christmas and can't be more happy or excited.



## Advent Stories

### A Tale of Two Christmas Trees

**By: Harold Shepler**

On a very snowy day, I was heading North on Rt 131 in Michigan to a Christmas tree farm feeling very confident about my new Firestone snow tire retreads. They were advertised as, "If you get stuck in the snow, we'll pay the tow." I had volunteered to get two Douglas Fir trees for my church. A company co-worker, Gary Berry, told me to come up any time I need a couple trees and cut them myself. He was a partner with his dad operating a Christmas tree farm.

Driving on a dirt road in a field covered with several inches of snow went smoothly. Two nice Douglas Fir trees were found, cut and tied to my station wagon's roof. Then, it happened backing out. I was in some deeper ruts and got stuck.

I trudged about a half mile through snow covered fields to reach the major highway. Then, I walked to the gas station I remembered passing before. They towed me out. Wow, I was lucky.

That great feeling left me when I approached Grand Rapids and suddenly saw red lights flashing in my rear view mirror. I was driving cautiously in heavy snowy conditions when the car pulled me over. The State Agriculture Inspector was on the lookout for stolen Christmas trees asked for my bill of sale, which was required by law, and I, of course, had none. He had me. I suddenly said, "Hi Bob" when I recognized him as former fruit inspector at apple storages.

Bob believed my story and let me off the hook. The two trees were finally delivered to the church as promised. Whew! Someone believed that a good deed warrants a reward. Most people never knew what those tow Christmas trees endured to finally wear their bright decorations sending a silent message of Hope, Peace, and Love for all to see.

### Christmas Traditions

**By: Kathy Zeiders**

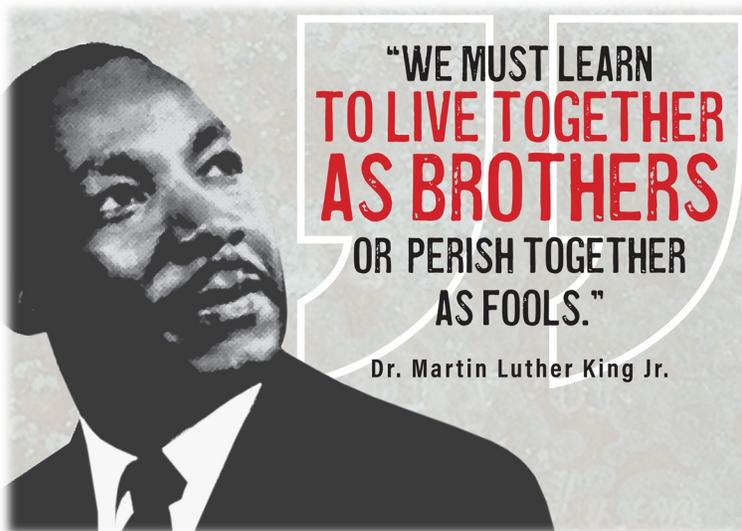
We have been sending Advent calendars to our grandchildren since they were born. That's 25 years for the oldest one. They never cease to enjoy them. Recently, the grandchildren in Europe started sending me one with Belgian chocolate inside each window. You never get too old for traditions.

## MLK Commemoration Events

The MLK Commemoration Committee will again this year celebrate the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a service on January 16th at 4 PM at The Meeting House in Carlisle. The keynote speaker will be Drew Hart, the worship leader Marcellus Taylor and recorded music will be provided by the Monumental Church of Steelton Choir. The event will be in-person and live streamed. Those wishing to attend in-person must be vaccinated and wear masks. There is a flyer with all the service information posted on the bulletin board by the back gray door.

There will also be a civic program of community leaders, which will be pre-recorded and posted on January 17th at 10 AM. More information will follow about that event.

In addition, Carlisle Bridge Builders, a group of individuals from the faith community, local businesses and organizations whose mission is to bridge the gap between all aspects of our community, will be participating in a MLK Day of Service. The group will be collecting socks, hats, and gloves/mittens to give away to those in need in our community. The drop off location for the items is the Carlisle Police Department located at 240 Lincoln Street. Donations can be made between now and January 15th. Then, on January 17th, members of the group will distribute the items between 11 AM and 3 PM in the courtyard of St. John's Episcopal Church on the square in Carlisle. Anyone is welcome who wants to donate items and also please share this information with those in need of these items to stay warm for the winter. There is also a flyer posted on the bulletin board by the back gray door for this event.





## Church Events

### Truck Stop Ministry Christmas Cookies

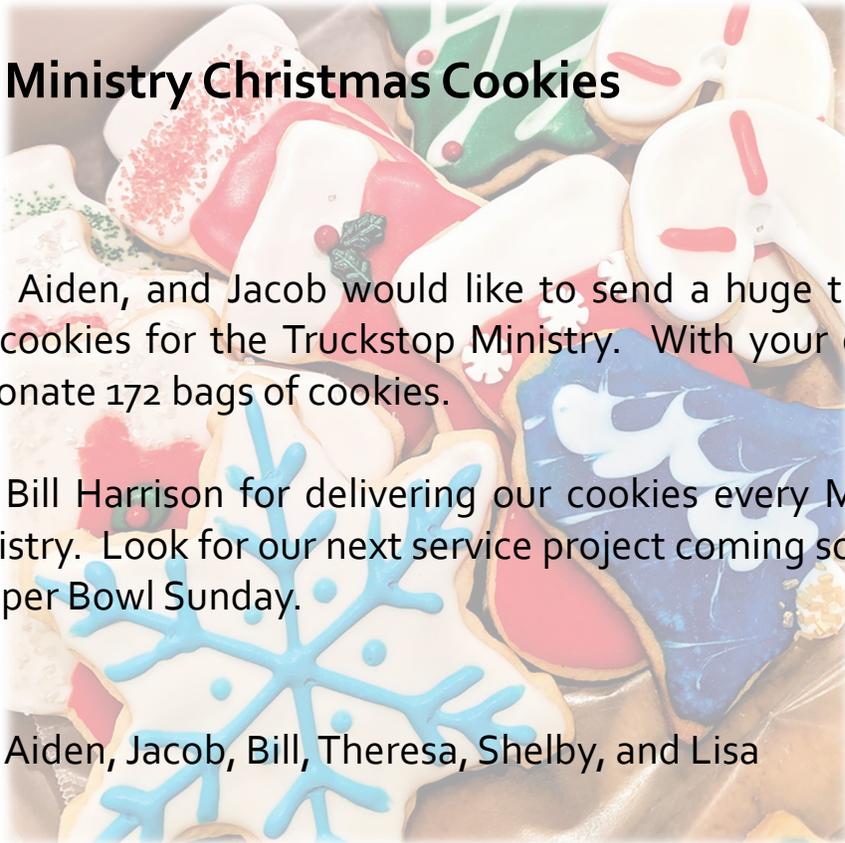
#### Update:

Sydney, Ryan, Aiden, and Jacob would like to send a huge thank to those who donated cookies for the Truckstop Ministry. With your donations, we were able to donate 172 bags of cookies.

Thank you to Bill Harrison for delivering our cookies every Monday to the Truckstop Ministry. Look for our next service project coming soon for Project Share and Souper Bowl Sunday.

Thank you!!

Sydney, Ryan, Aiden, Jacob, Bill, Theresa, Shelby, and Lisa



## Worship Service Update

\*Update on Celebration of Life Service, Locked-Door Procedure, and 8am Service



## Celebration of Life Service

This year's Celebration of Life Service will be held Sunday, January 9th at 10:00am. If you would like to include anyone in the service, please let Pastor Chris or Lyndsey know.

## Locked-Door Procedure

Please know there is only one entrance to the church for office hours and worship days. It is the gray parking lot door.

Once the worship service begins, that door will be locked. If you happen to arrive slightly late to service, you can ring the church office doorbell to be let inside. This will be monitored for up to 15 minutes into the worship service.

After 15 minutes, the church office will be empty, so please try to be timely when it comes to attending church services.

## 8am Service

A survey was taken about the 8am service. Data was collected and compiled from 23 people to help assess the needs and wants of the congregation regarding the earlier service. These people were polled to get a sense of opinions and perspectives of the church. Apologies to anyone who has attended the earlier worship and was not polled. These results were given to the Church and Ministry Council.

Based on the results of the survey and the recommendation from this council, Consistory decided, at this time, the church will continue to offer one worship service at 10am. This is a decision based off of the results of the survey, the pandemic concerns, and dynamics of the congregation. This decision will be re-visited at a later time. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Chris, or any member of Consistory. Blessings to the entire congregation as we move into the year 2022!

# COVID-19 UPDATES



## Covid Update

Submitted by Greg Lewis

October 2021

I have continued to review Covid statistics as published in the Sentinel this month and would like to give an update on where Cumberland County stands and the implications for First UCC.

The statistics for Tuesday, October 21st are the most recent ones that I have at the time of this update but realize that these numbers fluctuate daily—sometimes up and sometimes down. As a general trend over the past several weeks the number of cases in adults and children have trended slightly lower. The CDC still puts Cumberland County as a high transmission County.

For this Tuesday there were 33 deaths in Cumberland County in October—the highest since there were 36 in February. 114 people are hospitalized in Cumberland County hospitals and 22 are in the ICU and 15 are on ventilators. These numbers are high but slightly improved over the past several days. Only 10 of 113 ICU beds are available to patients. In children during the 7th school week there have been 118 cases of Covid and 1070 for the school year. The percent of cases testing positive is 11.5% (Under 5% is recommended for showing that the Covid is beginning to go away). The incidence of new cases per 100,00 population is 198.1 and under 50 cases is recommended for good Covid control. About 71% of eligible patients in our county are fully vaccinated.

In the UPMC's 4 hospitals—approximately 18 to 20% of fully vaccinated people have been admitted with Covid. Most of these breakthrough Covid cases are mild and in general do not require ICU admission or ventilators—but there are a few exceptions to this.

I would like to make several points about the current Covid environment in Cumberland County. First the cases are slowly diminishing, but case counts are still high, and some fully vaccinated people are being admitted to the hospital. Second, there are several children with Covid and although they usually don't become seriously ill, they can carry the virus home and infect their parents and grandparents and possibly their family's friends—even infecting those who have been fully vaccinated. Remember that many of us have been vaccinated 6 or more months ago and our immunity is diminishing. Also, since many of us are older, we have a higher susceptibility to the virus. For this reasons Booster shots have been recommended and Flu shots for the coming Flu season.

In summary, because of the Covid situation in our County and the Covid numbers among the adults and children, I believe the Science dictates that our Church continue to take preventive Covid measures and continue to wear masks in Church and socially distance. I also believe with more vaccinations and Booster shots that soon we can relax some of these restrictions and maintain a healthy environment, although with an increased awareness about how vulnerable we are to some of these more serious infectious diseases.



## Church Update

### Council Meetings

Consistory– 3rd Monday Every Month

Church & Ministry– 1st Monday Every Month

Advisory– Quarterly

Caring Fellowship– 2nd Tuesday Every Month

Christian Ed– 1st Sunday Every Month

Church & Community Connections– 2nd Tuesday Every Month

Property Management– 4th Wednesday Every Month

Stewardship– 2nd Wednesday Every Other Month

Special Mission– To be announced in February.

\*You can find all council reports on the church website ([www.1ucc.org](http://www.1ucc.org)). If you would like a copy, please email Lyndsey ([Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org](mailto:Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org)). Check out the “Council News” for highlights!

### Project Share and Community CARES Collections

**Don't Forget!**

**Project Share (Spaghetti and Sauce) and Community CARES (Ramen noodles) collections!**

- ♦ On the **first Wednesday** of every month from **10 am – noon**, there will be a table at the parking lot door of the church where **Project Share** donations can be dropped off (or handed to a volunteer). This is the day when we will receive packets of **Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce** for the organization.
- ♦ On the **second Wednesday** of every month from **10 am – noon**, there will be a table at the parking lot door of the church where **Community CARES** donations can be dropped off (or handed to a volunteer). This is the day when we will receive packets of **Ramen noodles** for the organization.



## BRING YOUR GOOD, USED CLOTHING, PURSES, AND SHOES TO CHURCH TO BENEFIT PROJECT SHARE

First United Church of Christ is still collecting good used clothing, purses, and shoes year-round to benefit the community and our Community Aid Partner, Project Share.



Remember when you're organizing your closets and drawers, First UCC is accepting year-round donations of good, used or new clothing, coats, boots, shoes, socks, purses, hats and gloves for all ages. Place your items in the bin across from the Church Office during hours the building is open.

First UCC earns a monetary percentage of items donated to Community Aid. More importantly, our donations are made available free or at low cost to people who shop at Community Aid in Mechanicsburg.

When we hear of a specific need from Community CARES, our donations are taken to them directly. This winter First UCC donated numerous coats and cold-weather wear for all ages, which was greatly appreciated by CARES and the people they serve.

**Items needed:** Clothing for all ages and sizes, shoes, and purses. Please put donations in plastic bags, with shoes and purses in separate bags from clothing. Bags are available beside the cart, across from the Church Office.

Home Pick-up of donations is available - call Lyndsey at 717-243-2512 or text/ call Suzy at 717-580-8063.

Thank you for your support of this community project!



**Our cart is ONLY for clothing, shoes, and purses.** If you wish to donate other items, you may take them to the local Community Aid Thrift Store - 4833 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. Please let them know that you are a member of First UCC's Project Share partnership. Ask them to credit **Project Share Partner Number # 10166**, so those donations will count, too. Receipts are available upon request.

**Questions? Contact Susan Coulson 717-580-8063 or [sccoulson@comcast.net](mailto:sccoulson@comcast.net); or Lyndsey Wilston in the Church Office 717-243-2512 or [lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org](mailto:lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org).** For more information about Community Aid go to the website at <https://communityaid.org>.

This is a project of the Church & Community Connections Council of First United Church of Christ. We appreciate your support!

## Looking for a place to donate books, movies, CD's, etc.?

### Bosler Bookery Donations

Are you interested in donating books? Our local Bosler Bookery at 158 W High Street - inside the East Wing of The Bosler Library - accepts a variety of donations year-round. The Bookery sells gently-used or new books, puzzles, games, music, greeting cards, artwork, and many other items that have been donated by the community. Proceeds help the Bosler Library. Bookery guidelines are printed on flyers available in the hallway across from the Church Office. If you are unable to come to the church for a flyer, you may call to request one from the Church Office to be sent to you by mail. Or go to [boslerfriends.com](http://boslerfriends.com) website on your computer and click on The Bookery section or call The Bookery at 717-243-3313.

## Need Help with Difficult Tasks?

### Helping Hands

Lisa Harrison reports to us of a local high school football team of young men who are willing to help our church members in need. Do you need snow-shoveling? Yard-work? Carrying boxes of books, or other heavy items? Moving furniture, or other tasks? Call the Church Office, tell us your Helping Hand need and your schedule, and we will connect you with Helping Hands that can do the job. Church Office 717-243-5124.

## THE BOOKERY'S DONATION POLICY

### WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF:

**Books** – hardback and paperback books in **good, salable condition.**

**Artwork** – All types – for the ongoing art sale

**Audiobooks**

**Books** – hardback & paperback

**Comics**

**Games** – board games and computer games

**The Great Courses** – on CD or DVD

**Greeting cards with envelopes**

**Magazines** – current 3 months

**Movies/TV on DVD**

**Music on CD/DVD**

**Puzzles**

**Records, Vinyl** – up to 25-30, no more at one time without prior approval from Bookery mgr.

**Textbooks** - published since 2016

**Unusual items** – contact The Bookery's manager if you have something else that you would like to donate. From time to time we have sold donated needlepoint pillows, antique teacups, etc.

### WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

**Cassette tapes.**

**Condensed Books.**

**Damaged Books** - that are very dirty, smell, or have been wet. **Rule of thumb - If you would not give us \$1 for the book you are donating, no one else will either!**

**Encyclopedias** – we do not accept encyclopedias.

**Ex-Library Books.**

**Magazines** - older than the last 3 months. Including old Life, Look, National Geographic, etc.

**Old sheet music**

**Records in bulk** – to donate more than 25-30 talk to the Bookery Mgr. first.

**Textbooks** - with a copyright date older than 2016.

**VHS tapes**

### What you can do with some of the things we don't accept:

**Books** - Chambersburg Waste Paper will recycle books 2047 Loop Rd, Chambersburg, PA 17202, 717-264-4890

**Magazines** – you can recycle any type of glossy paper in the Ronald McDonald dumpster generally located in the parking lot of one of the local McDonald's.



## Christian Education

Join us **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at **9:00am** for **Launch Sunday!**

Classes for everyone from Elementary to Adult.

**Elementary** – Bill Harrison and Theresa Martin – Join in Bible lessons, music, crafts, and snack.

**High School** – Lisa Harrison - Read the Bible in a year.

## Church & Ministry

- ◆ 1st UCC's **Celebration of Life Service** will be held on **Sunday, January 9.**
- ◆ January **communion** will be held on **Sunday, January 16.**

## Church & Community Connections

- ◆ CCC Council will be sending a financial donation to support the Mercersburg Association Program called "Chaplains in the Park" and the outreach ministry of Chaplain Tim Bremmer. This program involves Chaplain Tim delivering Gospel to campers in Cowens Gap St. Park and Burnt Cabins Campground.

## Property Management

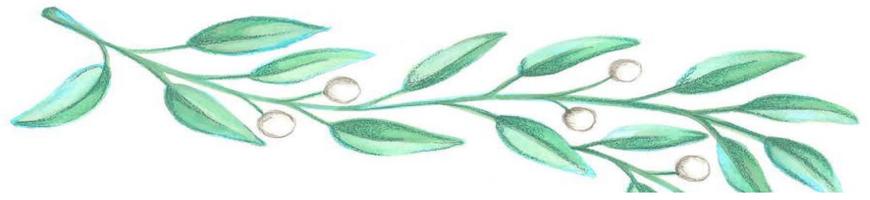
Although COVID-19 has limited the use of our beautiful structure there are ongoing maintenance projects that need attention. It is the intent and responsibility of the Property Management Council to keep our church property safe and attractive.

Here are a few of the projects completed in 2021:

- ◆ Installation of safety "crash bars" on the three front doors in the front of the church at the top of the steps
- ◆ Regular repairs of the central air condition unit that cools the sanctuary and social hall
- ◆ Caulking of the front steps leading into the front of the church and other areas to prevent freezing/thawing issues with the concrete
- ◆ Replacement of a large window in the social hall as the result of a broken seal
- ◆ Placement of a floor model air conditioning unit in the second floor classroom
- ◆ Repair and refinishing of the hand rails on the steps leading into the front of the church
- ◆ Deep cleaning of carpets (back entrance to front of church, church office, and parlor)
- ◆ Monthly sanitization for COVID-19 and Flu viruses of the church building in an effort to help keep everyone safe and healthy
- ◆ Repair of a loose piece of siding on the church bell tower roof

In addition, there are plans to place security cameras on the exterior of the church in early January 2022 and to begin the process of replacing the central air condition unit before the cooling season begins. This unit is approximately 38 years old and has served us well, but it is now time for it to be replaced based on the maintenance issues we experienced this past summer. A new unit will certainly be more energy efficient and reliable!

Please feel free to reach out to Dallas to discuss any issues or concerns you make have regarding the overall maintenance of our church property.



## *Earth Stewards*

### January Tip of the Month

To conserve energy in your home, choose a low setting on your washing machine. You can also save up to 80% of energy by using cold water, instead of hot water.

Using cold or warm water can also save as much as 500 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

Upgrade your old washing machine? A high-efficiency washing machine will use less than 28 gallons of water per load, instead of 41 gallons of water compared to the average washing machine.

“Green Tips.” WWF, World Wildlife Fund, <https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/green-tips>.

**Have an Earth Stewards Tip to SHARE? Email: [sccoulson@comcast.net](mailto:sccoulson@comcast.net) or text or call 717-580-8063. Let's ALL WORK TOGETHER to help the Planet!**





## Church Group Activities Update



### Color, Craft & Fellowship!

Yearning for some fun and fellowship? Well, come join us on **Wednesdays** from **2:00pm to 4:00pm** to **Color, Craft & Fellowship!** Bring your coloring books, markers, paints, crochet hooks, knitting needles, or whatever craft you feel like doing that day! If you are interested in joining, please contact **Lyndsey** at **Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org** or **717-243-2512**.

### Book Chat News!

Our Book Chat group has enjoyed meeting outside, although the wind and chill of approaching winter have now nudged the group indoors for bi-monthly meetings. Members are masked and socially-distanced in The Upper Room on the first and third Sundays of each month at 11:00 AM for fellowship, devotions and book discussion.

The group is currently reading *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. It is a realistic historical fiction chronicle of the life of a multi-generational farm family, experiencing the severe environmental and economic hardships of the Midwest Dust Bowl in the 1920-30's.

Questions about Book Chat may be forwarded Lyndsey Hendricks in the church office.



### Lunch Bunch News!

The Lunch Bunch Ladies will be meeting the following dates at 12pm:

- ◆ **January 29th:**      **May's**
- ◆ **February 24th:**    **Misceno's**
- ◆ **March 24th:**        **North Hanover St. Grill**
- ◆ **April 28th:**         **Snapper's**

If you are interested in joining, please call **Barb Simon-ton** at **(717) 329-0123** for reservations.