

1st UCC News

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 01- Rita Burgett
 November 03- Tony Concepcion & Patricia Frey
 November 04- Abigail Miller & Donald Mowery
 November 06- Thomas Snyder & Kenneth Stirling
 November 07- Braedyn Diodato & James Miller
 November 08- Zander Delucio & Judith Perrine
 November 09- Ryan Bailey, Frances Sanders, & Aisley Shultz
 November 10- Phyllis Spengler
 November 11- Jordan Coulson, Isabel Petula, & Connor Petula
 November 12- Jack Bailey
 November 13- Alan Blackledge,

Larry Kell, & Wendy Martson
 November 14- Todd Dickinson
 November 15- Brenda Davidson & Susan Parker
 November 16- Connie Miller & Maggie Moran
 November 18- Mark Wise
 November 19- Melissa Blackledge & Linda Kendall
 November 25- Michael Shultz
 November 27- Allison Fry
 November 29- Gary Hoff & Corinne Miller
 November 30- Andrew Hockley



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Lisa & Michael Clark– November 1, Married 19 Years
 Greg & Patty Lewis– November 3, Married 16 Years
 Lynn & Karen Schultz– November 9, Married 20 Years
 Amy & Sean Shultz– November 10, Married 15 Years
 Alan & Tracy Reich– November 12, Married 28 Years
 Linn & Bonnie Black– November 22, Married 29 Years
 David & Karen McKibben– November 25, Married 50 Years
 Donna Hale & Tom Austin– November 26



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ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

It's that time of year again! Time to bless some families in the Carlisle community for Christmas.

These families have struggled this year and need help providing some Christmas Cheer for their kids. The mothers have provided lists of needs, clothing sizes, and wish-lists for the kids. Thank you for pulling together every year to make Carlisle community families' Christmas dreams come true.

We are looking for your support again this year. We have a group of potentially 3-5 families from the Carlisle community who are in need this year.

If you would like to volunteer to help shop, wrap, or help distribute gifts, please email Lyndsey (Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org) or call the church office (717-

243-2512). If you would like to make a donation to help purchase these gifts, please send your checks to the church office and write "Adopt a Family" in the memo line of the check. The check should be made out to 1st UCC. We will be collecting donations until the beginning of December. There will be more specific dates sent out to you after the planning committee meets on November 10th.

Adopt A Family



KEEP ON THE SUNNY SIDE

As a Community Chaplain, I seldom hear people speak about praying. I am a member of several community boards; and, unless they are affiliated with a religious group, no prayer, no acknowledgement of a higher power, or any power at all, is acknowledged.

So, wondering why there is little mention of prayer, I began to “brainstorm” (to myself) reasons why people pray. I thought of the following:

- Communicate with God asking blessings for family and friends.
- During difficult times and thanksgiving for all God has done.
- Peace
- Requests for self—help/assistance during difficult times.
- Ask for guidance.
- We, in Church, have a relationship with God – A God who listens to us and responds in the “forms” of our Holy Scripture, Sunday school programs, sermons, retreats; and, by the kindness of individuals both in church and community.

Next, I thought of examples of prayers; the ones we are most familiar with in church:

The Lord’s Prayer—Jesus taught the disciples who wanted to learn to pray.

- Jesus went off alone and prayed regularly.
- The Serenity Prayer
- 1 Thessalonians: to “pray continually.”
- The Apostles Creed
- Prayers during Communion.
- Prayers of Thanksgiving.
- God is always available for prayer. It’s free—no cost.

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God.

Based on my examples of prayers, I decided to create an acronym for prayer; a short acronym that everyone could remember. It is CORD(s):

- C = Pray Continually (1 Thessalonians)
- O = Obstacles – Prayer clears obstacles out of way for God to hear us.
- R = Relationship – Prayer connects us to GOD who is only a prayer away. We can pray 24/7 because GOD is always there for us.
- D = Devotion – Devote ourselves to prayer and be thankful. (Colossians 4:2)
- S = We Send up our prayers to GOD.

I like the image of our prayers traveling up to GOD as Cord(s) of prayer; and GOD sending back answers to our prayers down the Cord(s)

I feel comforted by the image of PRAYER as a cord connecting us daily to God like an umbilical cord connects infants to their mothers for life subsistence. Like the roots of plants and trees sustaining their growth. Like the water we drink is necessary to live.

Let us remember: CORD(S) beginning on November 1, 2022: “All Saints Day.” Continue praying through the Season of Advent: November 27, 2022-December 24, 2022. Pray during Lent—Ash Wednesday, February 22-Thursday, April 6, 2023.

To God Be the Glory! AMEN.



CORDS!

A shorter version is CORD(s):

- C = Communicate
- O = Our
- R = Requests
- D = Daily to God.
- S = GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS.



SELF CARE WITH PASTOR RACHEL

The fall and winter seasons engage the five senses in so many ways... through the scent of pumpkin bread and spices in the air, the sound of crunchy leaves beneath our feet and the beauty and wonder of the many colors as leaves move from green to red and golden yellow. As the seasons change so do we – we experience the change of weather, the change of seasonal décor and clothing, maybe we take fall walks and maybe outdoor hobbies move indoor. The change of seasons is a wonderful opportunity to witness how God is changing us to serve in new ways. First Church has seasons too! Instead of just remembering what happened before this season, we can focus on the new possibilities and begin to create hope for new adventures at church and for our community.

My prayer is that we will create space in our church for fellowship and Bible study... sign up for the Advent Bible study beginning Monday, November 28 from 10-11:30 AM. Please sign up in church office.

How about a healing prayer group? Contact Pastor Rachel if interested.

God makes all things new. We are all called to a new direction, a new path and a new way to celebrate Christ in our lives this season!

Thank you for being a part of First UCC!

HEALING HANDS & PRAYER SESSIONS AVAILABLE



SABBATICAL REFLECTION

Robert Putnam wrote a book several years ago called *Bowling Alone*. The basic premise to the book is that “both civic engagement and organizational involvement experienced marked declines in the second half of the twentieth century.” Essentially, there are fewer people joining groups and organizations and being involved in community. The book looks at the possible why’s as to the reasoning and the so what’s as to the consequences of these trends. While there is a decrease in joining and being involved, this book does not contest the benefits of belonging to an organization. I suspect we can all identify positive aspects to being affiliated with a group of people.

“I believe the benefits of belonging are rich and long-lasting for all people who participate and are involved...Having a common goal is always helpful to bringing people together and allowing individuals to be more connected to others.”

We can start with the blessings and positives to being a part of a church. We can likely speak on what we gain from being a part of something that is bigger than ourselves. We can gain at a physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual way when we are a part of an establishment. This was part of my motivation to study community for my sabbatical. I believe the benefits of belonging are rich and long-lasting for all people who participate and are involved. This is true for being a part of church, but it can also be seen in other events happening in the world today. There are events and gatherings out there that we can see are special, unique, and even sacred.

I won’t be able to talk in depth about all the places I visited. I can mention some observations I witnessed. Music has the potential to make any group in one place draw closer together. The festival and concerts I attended certainly point to the value of music, and the way music can reach inside each of us and touch the core of our being. Having a common goal is always helpful to bringing people together and allowing individuals to be more connected to others. There is a week set aside in Memphis to highlight parts of Elvis Presley’s life. I attended and participated in the candlelight vigil for Elvis. Thousands of people gathered in this one segment of Memphis, to remember and to recollect the “King.” Even though he has been gone for 45 years, the powerful emotions people felt were obvious, from the memorials people created, to the massive line waiting to go up and visit the grave.

When people have similar priorities and rules, community can form and flourish. I visited several sites called communities and they were intentional about what was important and valuable to the people gathered, and the values of people could be seen in how they acted and interacted with other people.

At this point, my hope is to keep learning, seeing what makes communities meaningful and powerful to the people who attend. And perhaps there will come a time when the church itself can learn how to improve the bonds and blessings of connection and community.

COMMUNITY



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

I am happy to announce our in- person Advent Bible Study beginning **Monday, November 28th, 2022 AND December 5, 12, 19 from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM Monday mornings in the upper room at First United Church of Christ.**

You must register with Lyndsey at church front desk before **November 14th.**

NO PREVIOUS BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Looking forward to studying with you!

-Pastor Rachel

THEOLOGY PUB

For the month of November, we will be meeting at **Market Cross on November 6, from 4-6 pm.** All people and conversations and opinions are welcome at this event. Look forward to seeing you there.

S'MORES & THANK YOU!

More S'mores Please!

We had a successful first event in October offering S'mores for dessert. In November, we will meet at the **Schwab house** for S'mores on **November 13, from 8-9 pm.** Please bring a chair and some warm clothing, the dessert items will be provided.

Thank You!

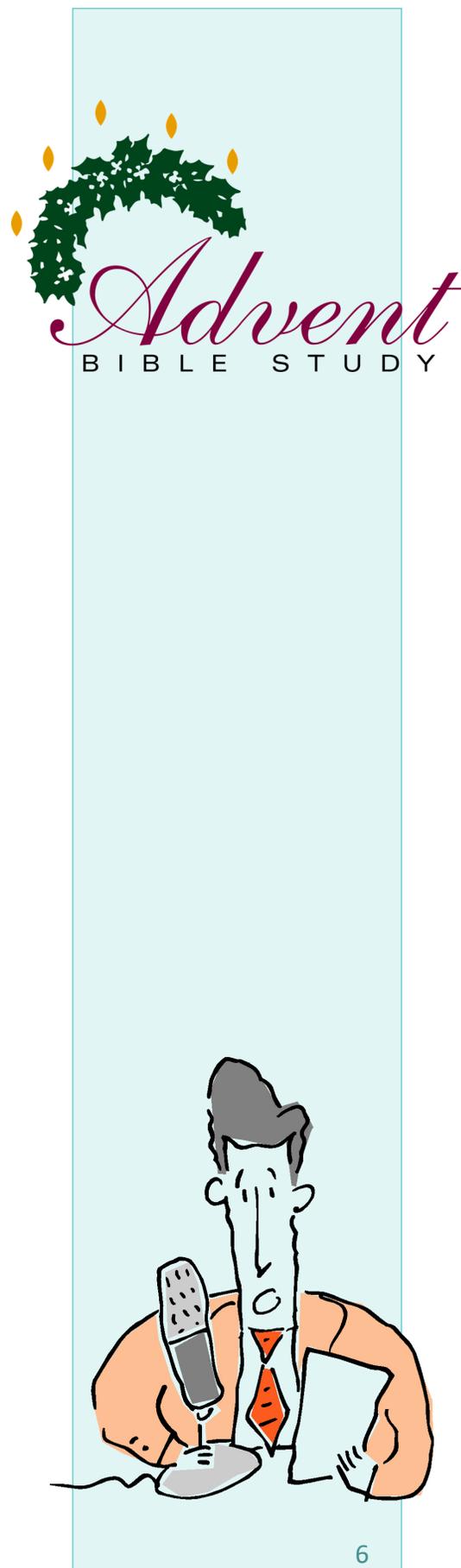
A big thank you to everyone who helped contribute to the Trunk or Treat at the church on October 31st. We also want to thank everyone who participated in the event, as well as everyone who stopped by.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note the following message that will be seen periodically in the church bulletin, as well as posted on the sanctuary doors:

Good day to you! We are glad that you are choosing to worship with us today. Please note that the time before, during, and after the worship is livestreamed and videotaped. There is the possibility of anything you say may be recorded, and your image may be captured by the video depending on where you are in the sanctuary. By attending or participating in any event in the sanctuary, you are giving your consent to be photographed and/or video recorded, and you are waiving all claims regarding the use of your image and voice by 1st United Church of Christ – Carlisle. We tell you this so that you may be fully informed. Blessings to you.

The leadership of 1st United Church of Christ – Carlisle





FROM THE EDITOR

Schedule Update

Starting in November Lyndsey will only be working Tuesdays and Thursdays for 4 hours each day. The remainder of the week will be a flexible schedule around baby Emma's needs.

Lyndsey can still be reached by email (Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org) and by phone (717-243-2512). Please do not hesitate to reach out. Although Lyndsey may not be in the office as often, she can still be reached to support the church.

FALL TIME CHANGE

This will be the last time we fall back! Remember to fall back an hour on the night of Saturday, November 5th.

Catch that extra hour of sleep while you can!

PARKING LOT UPDATES

Due to safety concerns, the parking lot entrance on Louthier Street will be chained off starting **Tuesday, November 1st**. The parking lot is still accessible through the alleyway off Pitt Street. We understand that this will impact people, but it is intended to keep people safe and healthy in the church parking lot.



WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATES

Update on In-Person Services

◆ Colossians 3:12- Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

◆ Mark 12:31- You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Based on the fact that Covid cases continue to decrease in our community, Consistory decided at its February 21, 2022 meeting that starting this Sunday, February 27, 2022, not only will we return to in-person services, but those who have been fully vaccinated and boosted have the option to unmask if they so desire. They may remain masked if they want. Those who are not fully vaccinated and boosted are asked to remain masked while in the church. All attendees are asked to continue to social distance at all times, and when in the pews should stay at least six feet from other attendees who are not a part of their immediate family. Consistory feels that First Church can do this at this time if all remain careful, follow this policy, and do what is right for everyone. If you have any questions, please call Mike Coulson at 717-574-4595.

◆ Philippians 2:4- Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.

“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”- Colossians 3:12

Update on 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 or call the church office. 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.

COVID Updates Provided by
Dr. Greg Lewis of 1st UCC.



COVID-19 UPDATES

As of Monday, August 15th...

- ◆ 3216 cases were reported in PA. 1 in 4 in PA have been infected and 1 in 276 have died.

In Cumberland County:

55 cases of Covid were reported on 8/15/2022. This is an underestimate since many people who test positive at home do not report the results of their test. 1 in 4 people in the County have been infected. 1 in 276 have died from Covid. 24% have tested positive (an underestimate--see above).

72% of all ages in the County have been vaccinated and 95% of those 65 and over have been vaccinated.

Pfizer is working on a vaccine that contains some protection against the previous Covid virus (Delta and Omicron) and the most recent Covid subvariant called 5-A. If their testing is successful, the new booster may be available this Fall.

Reminder to all to get your flu shot relatively soon since it is predicted that the Flu possibly will be more widespread and may present earlier than usual.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Consistory– 3rd Sunday Every Month

Church & Ministry– 1st Sunday 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– Samaritan Fellowship

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Everyone Welcome! Free Community Event!

Downtown Carlisle Joyful Noise Carol Sing!

- ◆ When: Saturday Afternoon - Dec 17 1:00-2:00 PM
- ◆ Location: JFC Employment Parking Lot at corner of West High and North Pitt Streets - right across from The Hamilton Restaurant.

Community Caroling to Spread the Christmas Spirit! Please join us!

First United Church of Christ Men's Quartet will be there to help us stay in the key of "JOYFUL NOISE"!

Song sheets provided. All ages and abilities welcome.



COMMUNITY CARES AND PROJECT SHARE DONATIONS

On the **1st Wednesday** of every month from **10am – 12pm**, 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 **2nd Wednesday** of every month from **10am – 12pm**, 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.

Food Drive for Project Share

We will be holding a food drive for Project Share, beginning immediately and ending Monday, November 28th (delivery to be made to Project Share on November 29th).

Food items needed for distribution include:

- ◆ 12-15lb Turkey or Ham
- ◆ 5lb Fresh Sweet Potatoes
- ◆ Frozen Green Beans
- ◆ Canned Pineapple (Light)
- ◆ Spices (Pumpkin, All Spice, etc.)
- ◆ Canned Mixed Fruit (Light)
- ◆ Dinner Rolls
- ◆ 10lb White Potatoes
- ◆ Stuffing Mix
- ◆ Canned Corn
- ◆ Canned Pumpkin

- ◆ 100% Fruit Juice
- ◆ Dessert Mixes

Please bring your items to the church No LATER THAN NOVEMBER 28th. (If you are donating a turkey, it will be kept in the freezer, until delivery date)

Any questions? Contact Karen Byers (717-243-2609).

Thank You!

Church & Community Connections





CommunityAid
THRIFT STORE & DONATION CENTER

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

COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS

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.

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 scoulson@comcast.net; or Lyndsey Hendricks in the Church Office 717-243-2512 or 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!

BOOK DONATIONS

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 the Bosler Friends website (www.boslerfriends.com)

on your computer and click on The Bookery section or call The Bookery at 717-243-3313.

SPY UPDATE

SPY Summer Program for Youth THANKS First United Church of Christ!

This summer, First United Church of Christ became the newest church in Carlisle to be a host church for the SPY Program. SPY stands for Summer Program for Youth AKA "SPY CAMP".

For 6 weeks in June and July, approximately 50 SPY Campers and 8 SPY staffers met in Fellowship Hall for activities, learning, and discussions about important topics like responsibility, kindness, politeness, and respect. Every day after lunch, the campers went outside to play games and draw with sidewalk chalk on the First UCC Plaza. Every Friday the group enjoyed a Field Trip.

Special guests visited to teach the group skills, like ukelele lessons and vocal music. One day, adult leaders helped the children create their own quilt-squares to be stitched into a quilt to help create awareness about homeless people. This quilt will be displayed along with many others on the lawn of the US Capitol in Wash-

ington, DC.

On July 28, the final day of SPY Camp, the children and staff from First UCC, St. John's Episcopal, and St. Paul's Lutheran produced on-stage musical performances at the Carlisle Theater. Many family members and volunteers attended, cheering, clapping, and enjoying the students' performance.

THANK YOU to our First UCC members and friends who volunteered to set-up, serve, and clean-up lunches for the SPY children and staff during the 6-week session. A good time was had by all! Everyone remarked how respectful and responsible the SPY campers were during their stay. It was rewarding to see Fellowship Hall used to help the community in such a meaningful way!

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.

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WANT TO INCLUDE HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR COUNCIL?

If you would like to include any highlights of your council, please email Lyndsey (Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org) within the last week of each month. Your highlights will be included in the next month's newsletter.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

First UCC will collect **WINTER WEAR** in our **BACKDOOR BLUE BIN** during November & December 2022 and January & February 2023. Good Used Winter clothing for all ages and genders is needed.

DONATIONS may be placed in the **BLUE BARREL** right **INSIDE THE PARKING LOT ENTRANCE** of our church. **NEEDED ITEMS** are Coats, Gloves, Hats, Warm pants, Sweaters, Boots, and Socks.

Let's all take a look inside our closets. Help our community in need this winter!

Home Pickup can be arranged by calling Suzy Coulson at 717-245-0651 (landline - leave a message) or 717-580-8063 (cell- call or text a message).

NOTE: This is a **DIFFERENT** collection from our regular Community Aid donation in the Great Hallway. Regular donations may still be placed in the Community Aid bin, with Winter Wear going in the Community CARES Blue Bin.

Call the Church Office for information. (717-243-2512)

THANK YOU!

CHURCH & MINISTRY

- ◆ **Sunday, December 4th– St. Paul's Brass** will be performing special music.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

We have completed the HVAC air conditioning replacement. First UCC now has two separate HVAC systems to cool/heat the Fellowship Hall and to cool the Church Sanctuary.

These two systems run independently of each other and should allow for better performance, efficiency, and comfort in our beautiful 100 year-old facility. Over the next several weeks we will be monitoring and adjusting temperatures (if needed) to find a comfortable temperature for all. This may require a slight learning curve during this time.

The Property Management Council appreciates your patience during this process. Please feel free to contact me for any questions.

EARTH STEWARDS

November Tip of the Month

***PA Interfaith Power & Light** recently partnered with **The Chesapeake Bay Foundation** to provide FREE native trees and shrubs to interested PA residents.

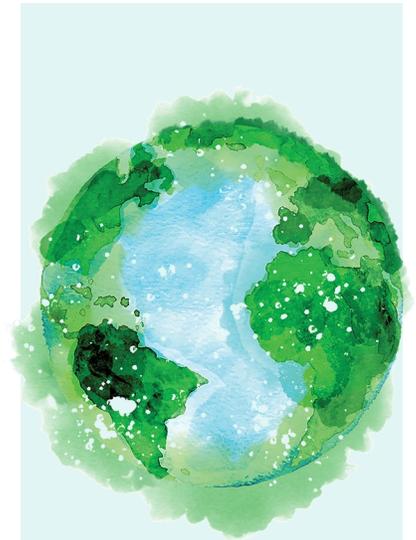
Recipients planted their chosen shrubs and trees, such as Spicebush, Button Bush, Serviceberry, Witch Hazel, Black Cherry, Chokeberry, Pin Oak and many others, to create native habitat for birds and wildlife.

Native trees are valuable because they provide food, shelter and cover, where wildlife can safely live and travel through, in "wildlife corridors". Residential housing developments, shopping malls and businesses are increasingly causing widespread destruction of wild spaces, thus wildlife habitat is disappearing.

We are called to be Stewards of God's Creation. Members of First Church may be grateful for our church's relationship with PA Interfaith Power & Light, for the many ways this organization supports Earth Stewardship.

Want to Get Involved?

Come to "**Gardening With Natives - for Birds, Insects and the Planet**" - A 45-minute presentation by Greg Williams of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Altoona, and of PA Interfaith Power & Light, Sunday November 6, at 9 am and 2 pm, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 22 N Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Learn how you can help our planet, our ecosystems, and our insects and birds by planting natives in your garden. All are welcome.



FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mission: First United Church of Christ is a Christian community of faith united through worship, study, prayer, fellowship, and service by:

Seeking to create opportunities that empower members to grow spiritually and to serve the community.

Live a life of stewardship of God's gifts to us.

Proclaiming God's love as told in the Gospels of Jesus Christ.

Vision: First United Church of Christ strives to:

Foster an environment of intellectual openness.

Encourage members to grow spiritually through study and inspiring worship.

Provide opportunities for the church family to serve the community.

Encourage fellowship of members through activities and service bringing everyone together as one body.

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CHURCH GROUP UPDATES

Book Chat Update:

The Book Chat group is currently reading *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. This is one of the group's longer selections, at 576 pages, but the author has proven to be worth the long read with his two previous novels, which were favorites of the Book Chat group - *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *Rules of Civility*. Set in 1950's America, the central character, Emmett Watson, has just returned from a juvenile prison, to the failing family farm in Nebraska. He and his younger brother Billy make travel plans, but friendly escapees from the prison work farm change these plans into a cross-country journey. Book Chat meets monthly on the first and third Sundays at 11:00 AM in the Upper Room for devotions and discussion.



Color, Craft & Fellowship Update:

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**.



Lunch Bunch Update:

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

December 15th– Red Lobster
January 26th– Hoss's
February 23rd– May's
March 23rd– N. Hanover St. Grille
April 27th– Hamilton Restaurant
May 25th– South Side Deli
June 22nd– Pizza Grille
July 27th– Hickory Ridge
August 24th– Leo's Ice Cream (time change @ 1:00pm)



If you are interested in joining, please call **Barb Simon** at **(717) 258-3250** for reservations.