

1st UCC News



September

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 02– Roland Makibbin & Richard Shires

September 04– William Anderson

September 05– Faye Hain

September 07– Karen Blackledge & Taylor Rynard

September 08– Darlis Simonton

September 10– Tracy Bauer & Heather Bowman

September 11– Emily Kramer

September 12– Ann Eckman, Reid Herman, Connie O’Neal, & Joanne Shoff

September 13– Meghan Green

September 16– Alan Karper, Rachel Schwab, & Trisha Shellenberger

September 17– Sarah Roley

September 18– Shirley Schell

September 19– Laura Gish

September 20– Hayley Delucio & Orren Piper

September 21– Barry Bowman & Greg Lewis

September 22– Karen Schroeder

September 23– Richard Hockley & Samuel Hollinger

September 24– Hayley Diodato

September 25– Elyjah Brode, Ed Eckman, Maeve Kane, & Aiden McQuillen

September 26– Ellen Coats

September 27– Thomas Geiger

September 28– Ralph Sheely

September 29– Nathan Petula

September 30– Dylan Petula & Dawn Walp



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Martin & Alice Carlson– September 04, Married 42 Years

William & Gretchen Hoffman– September 09, Married 61 Years

Roger and Dorothy Coady– September 14, Married 54 Years

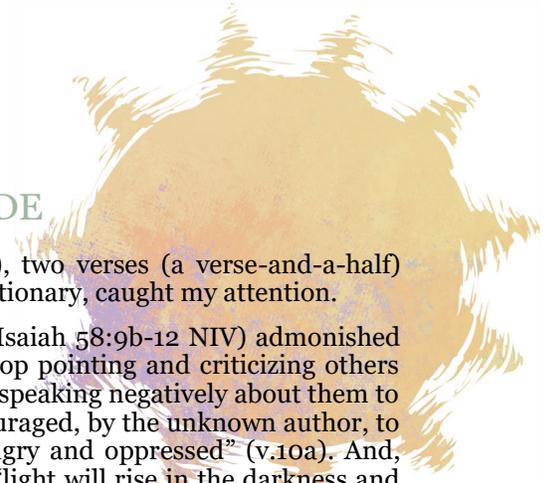
Brian & Tracy Bauer– September 24, Married 5 Years

Dallas & Georgann Bailey– September 26, Married 41 Years

Jason & Michelle Brode– September 30, Married 28 Years

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KEEP ON THE SUNNY SIDE

This past Sunday (August 21, 2022), two verses (a verse-and-a-half) from our United Church of Christ Lectionary, caught my attention.



The unknown author of the “Third” Isaiah 58:9b-12 NIV) admonished the people and instructed them to stop pointing and criticizing others by pointing their fingers at them and speaking negatively about them to others (v. 9b). The people were encouraged, by the unknown author, to begin working on “behalf of the hungry and oppressed” (v.10a). And, they were told that if they did, their “light will rise in the darkness and [their] night will become like the noonday” (v.10b). They were assured that the Lord would always satisfy their needs and strengthen them (v.11a). They would be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail (v.11b). They were instructed to “rebuild the ancient ruins and rise up the age-old foundations (12a). They would be identified as the Repairer(s) of Broken Walls and Restorer(s) of Streets with Dwellings” (v. 12b).

“Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood...emphasized the importance of being kind, being good neighbors, and looking out and taking care of one another...Won’t you be my neighbor.”

DON’T POINT!

How many of us have ever been told not to point at people? Was it because you were criticizing or speaking negatively about them? Was the pointing to emphasize their behavior was improper, so they would stop doing whatever it was that led to them being rebuked? My research about the “pointed finger” indicates that it is a gesture – of scorn, scoffing, scrutinizing, accusing, and blaming, etc. – all negative behavior. I know I grew up being told not to point at people, it was impolite do so.

I find it interesting that the “unknown author” chastises the people telling them to stop pointing and criticizing [others] by pointing their fingers at them and speaking negatively about them (v9b). What exactly was occurring that led to his criticism?

Although we don’t know how the people followed the instructions of the “unknown author” of the “Third Isaiah,” we do know that in our society today we read in our local newspapers how people are rebuilding, raising-up foundations, repairing broken walls, and restoring streets with dwellings (v.12a&b).

Although I did not see any articles in our local newspaper specifically reporting “fingers being pointed” at individuals, there were some news articles where individuals were criticized because they were perceived as not doing their jobs the way the frustrated individuals believed their jobs should/could have been done.

From a “praise perspective,” I did find articles about the positive work that is taking place in our local communities. For example, there was a news article describing how a mural found hidden behind synagogue walls was rehabbed. Also, I read how a business hosted a car wash fundraiser; Holy Spirit Medical Center was recognized for its’ patient care; the Market Street Bridge in Harrisburg is being upgraded (restoring arches, sidewalks, etc.). Other news articles included how an agency, focused on services for older adults, recently launched an exploitation unit to deal with elder fraud, etc.; how school districts and schools were making plans for students and teachers returning to schools this Fall; and several other projects organized and implemented to restore communities were described in the newspaper.

From my perspective and presence as a community chaplain, it seems to me that people in our communities are sensitive to the myriad of problems individuals are experiencing in these extremely difficult days of dealing with Covid-19 and other social and economic situations.

Being older, I am fortunate to remember Mr. Rogers and his television program “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” (1968-2001) where he emphasized the importance of “being kind,” “being good neighbors,” and “looking out and taking care of one another.”

Jesus said: Matthew 7:12 (NIV) “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

The next time we see each other, let us greet each other as neighbors.



NEIGHBORLY LOVE



SELF CARE WITH PASTOR RACHEL

Dear members and friends of First United Church of Christ...

As I write this, we are halfway through Chris's sabbatical journey. It has been a humble privilege to be able to serve as your sabbatical pastor while Pastor Chris has been on his 6-week sabbatical study, from which he will be returning to the office after Labor Day weekend. I have been focusing on serving the members still as your Visitation Pastor, visiting and calling on members, as well as preaching a series on Healing and Faith.

As we enter the fall season, I will be returning to my regularly scheduled visits and duties. Please, keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming classes, events, and more special guests sharing their faith stories, studying scripture and the reinstatement of the Care Teams – members visiting our homebound members. I have also been spending time leading services at the nursing homes in the area and building connections there and opportunities for volunteers to assist me!

If any members are interested the following let me know:

- ◆ Being a part of a caring team – visiting our members in the nursing homes and community at least once a month, with me or with a partner.
- ◆ Volunteering to assist at worship with pastor at Greenridge Village or Claremont assisted living facilities.
- ◆ Be a speaker/presenter for adult education hour -9 AM Sunday mornings.
- ◆ Have a passion for mental health and wellness.

Just as the fall brings a new season, we are in a new season at church. New programs, new ideas, new possibilities.

“With Christ all things are possible!” -- Peace be with you

It's time for something new...





FROM THE EDITOR

Adjusted Schedule...

With baby Emma joining the work environment, Lyndsey will be working Monday through Wednesday in the office from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Thursday and Friday Lyndsey will be working from home from 8:00am to 2:00pm. If assistance is needed on those days, please email Lyndsey (Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org) and she will respond from home.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Caring Fellowship Council would like to invite everyone to join us for our first **Church Picnic** in two years on **Sunday, September 25th, 2022**.

The picnic will be held downstairs in **Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 AM service**. A Woodwind Quartet from the West Shore Symphony will be offering special music during the service.

***COUNCIL WILL BE PROVIDING ALL FOOD AND PICNIC SUPPLIES.**

You will not need to bring anything except your presence. We just ask you **sign up on the sign-up sheet** outside the church office by **Sunday, September 18th** to help council determine a count for the food. If you cannot make it into the church to sign up before the deadline, please call into the church office (717 243 -2512) to have Lyndsey add your name to the sign-up sheet. Any questions regarding the picnic, you can contact Gail Havens at 717 249-5198.

COME JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 25th FOR SPECIAL MUSIC, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!



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-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

The J. Sherwood McGinnis, Jr. War, Peace, and Justice Project will host its Welcome Center & Exhibit Opening

Wednesday, September 7th
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Cumberland County Historical Society
21 N Pitt Street
Carlisle, PA 17013

To Register Go To:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/war-peace-and-justice-project-welcome-center-exhibit-opening-tickets-159257885623?aff=odecpebemailcampaigns&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=ebcampaigns&utm_campaign=9402969&utm_term=ctabutton&mpa=ABIdvVs55MGeADHUTpH7KHcy63L7loaxBj16BXos30BsOthXgxGZoSwq2rs9orAmQP3gADohaBqEW6ooHEJaRcFH3_rkl5oWoeRAjEUaWPhBKotgis6o8IomLgxXVpjNh5bUouBPsW7kTJQ-jwDLnrUUQTJyCWawaCZZw3HuA76jR8zvmXY-T22KegrOzzY14g6HGa-HfhMIUmYVzVUXsCCaMBaVotJM8P2ho_nvAf4vDd-PwaZUuQgNMIJrMFwUYvpQH_fCxqqpyT6NsM-oLvXovCiegA

Rotary Veterans Initiative's BBQ Fundraiser

Saturday, September 10th
4:00pm
Rendezvous Run Farm
806 Alexander Spring Road
Carlisle, PA 17015

To Register Go To:

<https://www.tfec.org/event/bbq-fundraiser-with-rotary-veterans-initiative/>

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.





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.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Due to summer vacations many councils have not met over the summer months, and have no updates to include in this month's newsletter.

If anyone would like to share highlights, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We'll look forward to new council highlights next month!



CHURCH & MINISTRY

- ◆ **Sunday, September 25th**– A **Woodwind Quartet** from the **West Shore Symphony** will be performing special music.
- ◆ **Sunday, October 16th**– The **Buzz Jones Jazz Quintet** will be performing special music.

CARING FELLOWSHIP

Caring Fellowship is hosting the first **Annual Church Picnic** in 2 years! Please see page 4 of this newsletter and bulletin inserts for more details.

EARTH STEWARDS

September Tip of the Month

Preparing for fall? Take a look at these tips from *Earth911* to make your fall cozy and green.

1) Preserve Your Garden Goodies

Before the first frost hits your vegetable garden, preserve as much of your harvest as possible. Canning provides you with fruits and vegetables during the months when they can't be grown in your region. This helps you reduce your reliance on produce shipped in from distant warm-weather climates (which adds to your carbon footprint).

2) Check Your Tires

Cooler temperatures can lower tire pressure and under-inflated tires reduce your car's fuel efficiency. It takes just a few minutes to inflate your tires to the proper pressure and it's well worth the grimy fingers. Also, by regularly rotating your tires, you make sure your tires wear evenly. Regular rotation can extend your tire life and improve your gas mileage.

3) Bring In the Houseplants

If your houseplants spent the summer outside, don't forget to bring them in before it gets too cold. Not only do plants brighten up the interior of your home, but they may reduce stress and improve air quality. Since most of us in cooler climates open the windows less frequently in the winter, houseplants can do a lot to improve your indoor air quality.

4) Do Some Yard Work

If you have a yard, spend some time getting it ready for the winter. Scoop up any fallen leaves and use them in the garden as mulch to protect plants throughout the winter — or add them to your compost pile. Fall is the time to plant spring bulbs and some perennials.

5) Hibernate Responsibly

We all love the coziness that candles provide during the cooler months, but did you know that most candles on the market are made from paraffin wax, a product of petroleum refining? A more environmentally friendly choice is candles made from beeswax — even better if you can find them at a local market or craft fair to avoid the carbon costs of shipping.

Earth911. "Green Living Tips for Fall." *Earth911*, 26 Oct. 2021, <https://earth911.com/living-well-being/green-living-tips-fall/>.



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 took a Summer Vacation to spend time with family, read our own book selections, grow some tomatoes, and just enjoy summer! The group will read The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See, over the summer, and will discuss it at the first group meeting in September 2022.



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:**

September 22nd– TJ Rockwell's
October 27th– Olive Garden
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 Simonton** at **(717) 258-3250** for reservations.