

## Sunday Evenings in the Sanctuary

Beginning this evening and continuing through Lent, we are introducing a new format for Sunday evenings at First Church.

- Instead of the traditional worship service, the sanctuary will be open for prayer on Sunday evenings from 7:00 until 8:00 pm.
- Members of the prayer team will be present to facilitate the gathering, if they are needed.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to be quietly and prayerfully present in our magnificent sanctuary, to pray for yourself, your families and for our church and our mission in Mechanicsburg and around the world.

Psalms 150 services will continue on the third Sunday of each month, the next one on March 21.

**FUMC Clothing:** Looking for something different for the Easter Basket? In search of a graduation or confirmation gift? The youth department is taking orders for hoodies, sweatpants, magnets, etc. See order forms in narthex for more information. Orders and money due to Lisa by March 14. Delivery will be March 28.

**VBS Planning Meeting** on Tuesday, March 23, in the upstairs conference room (207). We will have two VBS meeting times — 10 am and 6:30 pm. Please attend at the time which is most convenient for you. All are invited to come and participate!

**Mark your calendars** and get ready to eat! Hoss's Community Night to raise money for this year's Youth Mission Trip is taking place on March 27.

**First Church Book Club** will meet at 7 pm on March 30 in the church library to discuss *END OF THE SPEAR* by Steve Saint. Light refreshments will be served — all are welcome! Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at 796-0809 or [jjgbowen@yahoo.com](mailto:jjgbowen@yahoo.com).

**Peanut Butter Eggs:** Christian Fellowship class will again be making peanut butter eggs. The cost is \$5 for 6 eggs. Order forms are at the information desk. Thank you for your support.

**Library Books Missing:** "90 Minutes in Heaven" and the audio book of "True Light". Please contact a Librarian if you have either of these books. If you are in the library when it is not manned, please check your book out on the paper on the desk.

**Ham Loaf Dinner on March 20** from 4:30-7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$3.50 for children (4-12), under 3 eat free. Chicken nuggets also available. Tickets available from Helping Hands Class or at the door. Takeout available.

**FirstLink Prayer List:** If you do not have a computer/email, but would still like to receive our weekly FirstLink Prayer List, you can pick up a copy in the Prayer Room (located on second floor next to the elevator).

**Summer Camp Event!** For all 1st-6th graders on March 14 from 9:30-10:30 am in the multipurpose room. Students should report to their classroom and their teachers will bring them to the event. Anyone is welcome — especially if you have camp questions.

## Missions

**Items for health kits** for Haiti can be put in the Mission Central bin in the tower hallway. Flyers with details are on the Missions table.

**Mission Opportunity:** FUMC grocery bagging for Bethesda Mission at Mission Central on Wednesday March 17 at 6:00 pm. Contact Eric King 697-0933 or [eking@verizon.net](mailto:eking@verizon.net) for more info.

## Youth Announcements

**Combined Youth Retreat** is April 23-25 at Rhodes Grove. Permission Slips are due to Lisa McCaffrey by April 4.

**FUMC Youth** have a Facebook page! This group was created as a space for encouragement, discussion, and fellowship among the youth at First UMC. To join, go to our church's Facebook page and follow the link to the youth's page.

## Lenten Breakfast Schedule

<b>Time:</b>	All breakfasts start at 6 am
<b>Reservations:</b>	Please call the hosting church office the Monday prior to the breakfast
<b>March 10</b>	Not scheduled
<b>March 17</b>	Hope United Methodist Church 6260 Carlisle Pike, Mech. 766-3072
<b>March 24</b>	Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren 301 Gale St., Mech. 766-8880



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**Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paul, Pollie & Margaret Himes and Ivan Shenberger, placed by the family.

A **maché basket** is given to the glory of God and in memory of Jaime Washburn, placed by Mom and Dad.

**Hospitalized:** Michael O'Hara is in Hershey Medical Center.

**Recovering at home:** Doris Dougherty.

**Blood pressure checks** will be available next Sunday in the Library between worship services.


**Staff Parish Committee** is pleased to announce that Wayne Rainelli and George Canonizado will job-sharing the position of custodian. Roger Walton will also be providing support as needed.

**Thank you!** We now have all the paper towel tubes we need for VBS this summer.

**Widows/Widowers Group** will dine at the Black & Bleu Restaurant (6108 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg) on March 9 at 6 pm. Please contact Bonnie Guyer, 766-0145, if you plan to attend.

**Hoss's Community Day** to benefit our bell choirs will be held on March 11. Pick up a card in the Narthex or from a bell choir member.

**Input for the April Newsletter** is due to the office by March 15. You may email your information to [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com)



**Mission Meal TODAY!**  
After the 10:45 service to benefit UMW local missions. Menu includes chili, corn-bread and dessert. Takeout available after Sunday School.