

# THE UNITED MESSENGER

## FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## DONATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

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September, 2023

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### FROM THE PASTOR....

#### September Devotional

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4 ESV

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4 NRSV

Where has the summer gone? I had such good intentions of doing so much this summer. I did not do near what I wanted to and a lot of things I did not plan on. How about you?

In one of my readings this summer, I came across the above scripture from the English Standard Version of the Bible. I personally like and use the New Revised Standard Version, so I shared both with you.

This summer, I found myself immersed in the Summer Lunch Bunch program. Shopping each week for items for the lunches for the kids, some craft items and for items to be included in the book bags. Going to Little League games to watch my son, Richie, coach and watch Brittny's nephews, Brody and Liam, play (which is the reason Richie was coaching). I also helped Richie with some landscaping around our house in Altoona along with the lawn work at the parsonage. It was not a bad summer but, at times, it was busy. On top of all of that, I came down with shingles. The shingles didn't care that I didn't have time for them.

So here we are getting ready to delve into fall with a memorial dedication service, an upcoming Bible study and preparing for church conference and, of course, Advent and Christmas and all the activities that surround the holidays. Now some of you may think, "enough Pastor, we have months before the holidays", but as of September 1st, there is only 115 days till Christmas. Have you started your Christmas Shopping yet?

You probably wonder what any of this has to do with Philippians 2:4. Well, I like to read around a verse and not just take one verse out of context. This particular verse is in a section that is subtitled in my Bible as Imitating Christ's Humility (Philippians 2:1-11). It shares about Christ and how he gave himself up to do the will of his Father. While I read those verses, I am reminded that my time is not my time but is to be Christ's time. My resources are not just to be used for me, but for others. My life is not mine but God's to use as He wants. It's really not about me, but about others. He set Himself aside or as Philippians 2:7-8 says, "He emptied Himself", "He humbled Himself", "became obedient to the point of death... on a cross so that He could give Himself up for all of us."

I am by no means living up to the example of Christ. I make mistakes. I fail to do things I should and I do things I shouldn't because I am human. However, I am trying to answer when He calls. How about you? Do you give of yourself to others? Do you answer when God calls? That's what being a disciple is all about. It's not about being perfect. It's about being obedient when He wants to use us! May God bless you as you answer His calling on your life.

Pastor Barb



**HOLY COMMUNION**  
Donation and 15th Street UM Churches  
Sunday, September 3rd  
9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sympathy Is Extended To The Family Of

**BRENDA SWOPE**

who entered life triumphant  
on Thursday, August 17, 2023.





## FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2023

- September 3, 2023**      Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28  
Sermon: "Who Are You?"
- September 10, 2023**      Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Memorial Dedication Sunday At 15th Street UMC  
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20  
Sermon: "God Sightings"
- September 17, 2023**      Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35  
Sermon: "Forgive How Many Times?"
- September 24, 2023**      Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 16:2-15; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16  
Sermon: "Complain, Complain, Complain"

### 15th Street United Methodist Church

#### BIRTHDAYS

September 1	Connie Mateer	September 15	Kelly (Scott) Young
September 2	Renee Lucas	September 21	Howard Reitenbaugh
September 2	Sean Weaver	September 23	Amy Merritts
September 5	Dessie Zeek	September 25	Kevin Weaver
September 7	Ginny Mansberger	September 26	Polly Streightiff
September 9	Irene Grissinger	September 27	Jack Servello
September 14	Fred Querry	September 27	Bill Speck
September 14	Rachael (Reed)	September 30	Anna Campopiano

#### ANNIVERSARIES

September 18 Orvis and Judy Wagner

### Donation United Methodist Church

#### BIRTHDAYS

September 1	Tilda Thomas	September 27	Amy Johns
September 8	Sandi Dysard	September 30	Nancy Hoffmaster


#### ANNIVERSARY

September 16 Randy and Patti Larson

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### Huntingdon Area High School Football Season - 2023

The football season has started with one game already played away, Friday, August 25th. For away games, the Twentieth Century Men's Sunday School Class prepares and serves their famous spaghetti dinner for the players and coaches. The away game dates are September 15th, September 22nd, October 6th, and 13th.  

SAVE THE DATES – Thursday-October 19th, Friday-October 20th, 1:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Saturday-October 21st, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Universal Church Directories will be here to do a pictorial directory for 15th Street and Donation UM Churches.

Sign Up Information Will Be Available At Each Church.

You will get a free directory and 8x10 portrait, just for participating. An opportunity to buy additional portraits will be available.

The Financial Summary that normally appears on this page of the newsletter will not be included this month. On Tuesday, August 8th, when I was working in QuickBooks, for whatever reason, the two check registers that I work out of on a daily basis that handles ALL our financial reports disappeared. The last backup the system had done was April 20, 2023. As a result, I will need to re-enter all transactions, including, deposits-checks-transfers, etc., manually from that day until the present date. There are no current balances on any of our accounts at this time until that is completed. Miriam Fetzer

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Below, you will find our current Endowment Accounts with their balances as of June 30, 2023, and an explanation of how each account is designated for spending. If you have any questions concerning this report, please see Randy Rennell, Finance Chairperson or Pete Sellers, Endowment Chairperson.

The Endowment Fund is a permanent investment account under the supervision of the Endowment Fund Committee. The Endowment Fund was established to provide members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts to the Church that will become a permanent endowment of financial support and living memorial. The Endowment Fund is intended in most cases for purposes which are NOT part of the church's established programs supported through the annual operating budget. The principal of this fund will be kept intact, except as directed by persons making the gifts and bequests to the Endowment Fund. This assures donors that each gift will make a lasting contribution to the life of the Fifteenth Street United Methodist Church.

#### RESTRICTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS OF ENDOWMENTS AND INVESTMENTS AT THE UM FOUNDATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AS OF JUNE 30, 2023.

FHGD1	E.M. FOSTER TRUST – Trustees, Interest Only To Be Used, Est. 2010	\$ 58,971.72
FHGD2	RALPH AND ANNA HOOVER FUND – To Be Used For Energy Costs Of The Church - For The Next 3 Years, 50% Of Earnings and After 3 Years 90% Of Earnings Used For Energy Costs, Est. 2010	\$ 37,245.59
FHGD3	15TH STREET UMC MUSIC MEMORIAL FUND – For Use By The Memorial Committee For Church Music, Est. 2011	\$ 11,381.85
FHGD4	ORGAN FUND – For Organ Repairs, Est. 2011	\$ 2,055.15
FHGD6	HEADINGS ESTATE – For Trustees Use Only, Est. 2011	\$ 43,095.59
FHGD7	BERNICE CREMER ESTATE – General (current) Account, Interest Only To Be Used, Est. 2012	\$ 230,072.91
FHGD9	MEMORIAL COMMITTEE SAVINGS – Est. 2015	\$ 1,748.22
FHGD10	JOHN POWELL ESTATE – General (current) Account, Est. 2017	\$ 6,888.70
MITE1	IVAN MILLER CD'S – Interest Only To Be Used 75% For General Account - 25% For Trustees, Est. 2010	\$ 213,457.78
TOTAL AMOUNT		\$ 604,917.51

DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS AND INVESTMENTS  
NOT AVAILABLE FOR DAILY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES



# SEPTEMBER ~ 2023

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<p><b>FOOD BANK NEED FOR SEPTEMBER</b>  <b>exciting news</b> - The Food Bank will be moving into their new facility this month. If you are still interested in donating, you may place your contribution in the offering plate or mail to: Food Bank- PO Box 582-Huntingdon PA 16852.</p>		<p>15th Street UM Church            9:30 a.m.-Sunday School            10:45 a.m.-Worship</p> <p>Donation UM Church            9:15 a.m.-Worship            10:45 a.m.-Sunday School</p>		1	2
<p>Holy Communion 3            9:15 a.m.            Donation UMC            10:45 a.m.            15th Street UMC</p>	<p>No Community Choir 4</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. 5            Committee On Lay Leadership (Nominations)</p>	<p>NO Chancel Choir 6            NO Bell Choir</p>	7	8
<p>10:45 a.m. 10            Memorial Dedication Service            15th Street UMC</p> <p>3:00 p.m.            Day Of Remembrance            Smithfield Fire Hall</p> 	<p>6:45 p.m. 11            Community Choir</p>	12	<p>6:45 p.m. 13            Chancel Choir            8:00 p.m.            Bell Choir</p>	14	<p>2:30 p.m. 15            Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class            Serving The Football Team</p>
17	<p>6:45 p.m. 18            Community Choir</p> <p>6:00 p.m.            Administrative Council Meeting            Donation Church</p>	19	<p>6:45 p.m. 20            Chancel Choir            8:00 p.m.            Bell Choir</p>	21	<p>2:30 p.m. 22            Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class            Serving The Football Team</p>
24	<p>6:45 p.m. 25            Community Choir</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. 26            Church Council</p>	<p>6:45 p.m. 27            Chancel Choir            8:00 p.m.            Bell Choir</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. 28            Donation UMC            Preparing/Serving Soup Kitchen</p>	29
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