

THE CALLER

A NEWSLETTER FOR FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Reverend Gary Dimovitz, Pastor

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May 1 - June 30, 2022
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PASTORS CORNER

Hello First UMC Family,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter celebration. Well, the next couple of months have a few more dates for us to celebrate. Two of those dates are Mother's Day on May 8th and Father's Day on June 19th. We will be hosting special events for each of these holidays so please mark your calendars. The dates are posted in the Special Events section of this Caller.

But I want to be certain we don't forget the big Christian holiday coming up. That is Pentecost on June 5th. Pentecost marks the day Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. I want to encourage you to read the story for yourselves in Acts chapter 2. This text gives an account of what is possible when someone is filled with the Spirit. The disciples spoke in different languages, they performed miracles and signs and they boldly preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They were filled with the Spirit and approximately three thousand people were saved and the church grew because of it.

You see, while we are going to be celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day and Pentecost, what I hope we can celebrate is the mighty works you are able to do for God's church because you have been filled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit will do amazing things in your life just like it did with the Apostles. And I want to testify to this fact. You have heard me say many times that I am just a regular guy. And this is the absolute truth. But the reason I am writing this letter to you as your pastor today is because the Holy Spirit grabbed a hold of my heart to share the Gospel just like the Spirit filled the Apostle's hearts on Pentecost. People needed saving. People needed Jesus. I conceded to the Spirit and said I will go.

The question is, are you conceding to the Spirit? What does God have in store for you and the church if you too concede and say, I will go? We will all leave behind a legacy. Will your legacy be Spirit filled like the Apostle's? You see, the Pentecost story of people being filled with the Spirit and building up the church is still being written today. I pray that your name may be recorded within its pages as accomplishing great things through the Spirit of God at work within you! Just like the Apostles.

Sincerely,
Rev. Gary Dimovitz

ANTIQUA ROAD SHOW

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 TIME: 6 - 9 PM

\$25.00 FOR ONE ITEM, \$35.00 FOR TWO ITEMS

LIMIT 2 ITEMS

NO JEWELRY BUT "WATCHES" WELCOMED

PLEASE CONTACT: PEGGY MALANDRA FOR TICKETS

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PROCEEDS TO BE USED: FOR THE CARE AND REMOVAL OF SOME OF THE TREES ON OUR GROUNDS.

FLEA MARKET

We are having our annual outdoor flea market Saturday May 21 from 9am to 1pm.

Rain date is June 4. Tables are \$20. Payment must be made in advance to reserve your spot. If you wish to donate food, see me for a list. If you want to volunteer your time, please see me for a list of that as well.

Thank you. Nicole Dempsey

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AN UPDATE FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM!!!

Thank you to everyone who came out for our first Community Game night on March 25th. It was so much fun, and we cannot wait to do it again!

A big thank you to Kelly Jo and everyone who made our Easter Egg-Stravaganza held on April 10th such a success! Everyone had a blast and all the kids left with tons of candy and treats. And a special shout out to the Easter Bunny, the kids loved seeing you and getting their pictures taken with you. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time, talents and candy to this event.

Sunday, May 1 beginning at 1pm will be our Mother's Day Manicure and Movie event. Spoil your Mom, or the mother figure in your life, with some quality time that will include painting your Mom's nails (nail polish will be provided or bring Mom's favorite color), light refreshments and watching "Clifford The Big Red Dog" together. Donations snacks and/or homemade goodies would be greatly appreciated.

Sunday, June 12 beginning at 1pm we will be celebrating Fathers with our Legos (the movie) and Laughs with Dad event. Treat your Dad, or the father figure in your life, to some fun with a pudding eating contest and other games along with light refreshments and watching The Lego Movie together. Donations of snacks, beverages and/or homemade goodies would be greatly appreciated.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (otherwise known as VBS)

Our VBS theme this year is "Food Truck Party" and who doesn't like to eat! How does this deal with God, the Bible and Jesus you ask? Well, the goal is to help the children see that our daily needs are still being met by Jesus. Using daily prayer is a way of asking for the help we need while at the same time, being the hands that can help God meet the needs of those around us. We use examples from the Bible that refer to meeting our personal needs as well as the needs of others.

Right now, we have most of the teachers we need but we will also need a team of volunteers to provide daily snacks, who will be willing to serve as assistants to the teachers, and especially those who are good at decorating. All of you "Pinterest People," we need you!!

VBS will take place in the evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The dates include July 18, 19, 21, 22, and during Sunday morning service on July 24. We are skipping the Wednesday night because our Fellowship Hall is used that day as a Pantry to serve the community. We can use all the volunteers we can find and working together can be a lot of fun, for the adults as well as the children. Teens looking for something to do are also encouraged to volunteer. If you would like to help out, please call the church office and leave your name and contact information. You can also give your name to any the Church School teachers!

Mark the dates on your calendars now and join our Food Truck Team for VBS! It may be a busy week, but believe me, you will be so glad you did!! We will make every effort to make meetings "user friendly" as far as times and places. Prayerfully consider your involvement, we look forward to working with you!! Lyn Wilhelm

PANTRY NEWS

First, Diane and I would like to thank all of the volunteers, who ran the pantry while we were in the hospital and at home recovering. We are happy to back.

The pantry is seeing about 35 to 45 people each week. As prices continue to increase in the supermarket, I would expect the numbers to go up.

As for food, we continue to receive donations from Incarnation Church, Falls Township and Mitch from Wrightstown. If you are looking to make a donation, we could use kid's cereal. We received two donations of turkeys that were given out at Thanksgiving. We gave out hams at Christmas and currently for Easter. Our patrons are really appreciative of receiving the turkeys and hams.

In closing, I would like to thank Pastor Gary and Len for helping to pack up all the food at the end of Wednesday. Also, a big thank-you to Len, Ernie, Elsie and Brian for going to the cooler for meats and the help center for dry goods. And a BIG thank-you to Diane, Lyn, Dawn, Peggy, Sue McC, Linda, Sue E and Andrea.

Lastly, the Lester Bahrt Food Pantry is looking for more volunteers to help with getting the food put away. Also, anyone interested in volunteering at any time, please contact Nancy.

Proverbs 22:9 "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

In Jesus' name, Nancy Funk

TRUSTEE REPORT

We recently had a joint Administrative Council/Trustee Meeting. Items discussed were the present situation with our heater and the replacement of a circulator pump which supplies heat to the classroom's downstairs. The pump was replaced (cost: approximately \$2,000) and all is working well. The issue with the heater still remains the same and with many prayers is still functioning.

Our hopes are that we will be able to maintain the heater and secure another winter season. Our ongoing campaign to replace this heater is still in motion and money has continued to be donated.

Our profits from the upcoming fund raiser, Antique (Road Show) Appraisers on May 5 will be used towards the removal of one dead tree (next to the exit driveway). Hopefully, you will help support the Trustee's efforts to have our aging trees pruned or removed.

We are asking everyone to be very respectful of the "STOP SIGN" on the Entrance Driveway. Parents are loading and unloading children coming to and from "Children's House." school and visibility around the bend after the "STOP SIGN" is poor. Please be respectful and completely "STOP" and proceed with caution.

We have secured one bid on the cross for the top of the church, we are waiting on one other. Contractors are extremely busy and slow to respond.

The location of the Flea Market was discussed and it was decided that the front of the church lawn will be used as traffic on Trenton Road draws many interested people.

Many thanks to Bonnie Burris for help on Mondays in the Church Office. Many thanks to Barbara Swenson for her help on Wednesdays in the Church Office.

We ask for your blessings and prayers for all jobs big and small. If you would like to volunteer to help clean inside or out, do not hesitate to contact any Trustee or Pastor Gary. There is always plenty to be accomplished. This is OUR CHURCH, and it takes many hands to keep it running. Please don't wait to be asked, VOLUNTEER!

Thank you,
Peggy

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE DIMOVITZ FAMILY

We wanted to extend a special and heartfelt THANK YOU!!! to everyone who donated to Katelyn's lemonade stand for Ukraine. She raised \$700 towards this very important cause and your generosity was simply amazing. Thank you for helping a little girl be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

MAY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

- 3 Wayne Schadler
- 4 Albert Llewellyn
- 6 Holly DiCarlantonio
- 12 Randy Esling
- 16 Katelyn Dimovitz
- 16 Ruth Vannauker
- 19 Victoria Slack
- 21 Rosetta Chesko
- 22 Thomas Delso
- 22 Andrea Evanick
- 24 Giovanni DiCarlantonio
- 31 Ann Carter

JUNE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

- 1 Avery Meree Kane
- 5 Shawn Kane
- 6 John Swenson
- 9 James Anderson
- 9 Elizabeth Harding
- 11 Nancy Funk
- 12 Debra Huxley
- 13 Peggy Malandra
- 13 Mathew Esling
- 14 Rebecca Balasco
- 15 Jesse Balasco
- 15 Travis Wilhelm
- 16 Brandon Schadler
- 19 Rachel Kane
- 20 Giuseppe DiCarlantonio
- 24 Zachary Wilhelm
- 25 Joshua Swenson
- 26 Rydene Stevenson
- 30 Carol Rook

JUNE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS ARE:

- 4 Sean & Nicole Young
- 11 Wayne & Cathy Schadler
- 15 Len & Kitty Nikoden
- 28 Thomas & Nancy Delso
- 30 Jeffrey & Monica Wilhelm