

THE CALLER

A NEWSLETTER FOR FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Reverend Gary Dimovitz, Pastor

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PASTORS CORNER

Hello First UMC Family,

So, here we are heading full swing into the summer and a lot of us are super excited for the summer and all the fun days it has in store for us. There have already been some warm and toasty days on the calendar and I'm certain there will be many more before the summer is through. I love these days because that's what makes the vegetable garden thrive. Always love the food! And there are a few folks who have already taken vacations as well. Summer is definitely a time to enjoy our days in the sun as we embrace all of God's creation and everything it has to offer.

Which makes me think of a particular text from the Word of God. The scripture that I am reminded of comes from Psalm 118:24 (NKJV):

**This is the day the LORD has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is such a fitting text for summer. Summer is a time of joy and rejoicing and gladness and fun. It is a time of celebration as well with Independence Day just a couple of days away. Summer is a magnificent reminder that God has given us these days in all their glorious splendor and we should rejoice and be glad for each and every one of them. There is no better time to live out this text than summer because everyone and everything is so vibrant and active and alive during the summer. It is a time where we get to truly enjoy God's creation the way God always wanted us to.

I write you all today to bring you a simple reminder. Enjoy your summer and remember that all of creation and every day we spend in it is a gift and a blessing from above. God is poised to give us a whole lot of beautiful days this summer.

Rejoice and be glad in them! Stay safe and God bless...

Sincerely,

Rev. Gary Dimovitz

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (otherwise known as VBS)

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 of the Church School teachers!

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.

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!! Prayerfully consider your involvement, we look forward to working with you!!

Lyn Wilhelm

LESTER BAHRT FOOD PANTRY NEWS

As the fiscal year for the pantry comes to a close, we reflect on our 2021-2022 year. We have made some changes. Masks are not required. We still ask patrons to use the hand sanitizer and we try to use social distancing.

As a pantry, we were able to serve 635 households. That breaks down to 823 children, 1072 adults and 446 seniors. The following was in the Bucks County Courier Times on May 29th,

Nancy Funk, manager of the Lester Bahrt Food Pantry at First United Methodist Church of Fairless Hills, said that, fortunately, their donations haven’t dropped, but they are busier. “We’re seeing between 55 and 65 families per week now, where before we fed 30-40,” she said. “And about a quarter of these families are new to us. Some are older folks and they say they’re coming because of the high prices at the grocery store.”

As for food, we still go to the cooler in Doylestown and the help center in Bristol. We received food from the Post Office and I would like to thank Peggy for coordinating the pickup of the food at the post office. The pantry still receives donations from the Falls Township Fire Marshal and from Incarnation Church. The pantry also helps making bags for the homeless on Shared Meals nights. If anyone is traveling this summer and staying in a hotel, please collect small toiletries and donate them to the pantry. The homeless love to receive them.

In closing, I would like to thank Elsie, Diane, Lyn, Bonnie, Sue, Andrea, Sue McC, Sandy, Dawn, Lisa, Lenny, Brian, John, Ernie and Pastor Gary. If you would like to volunteer or if your child is not working during the summer, send them to the pantry. We could use the help.

"For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalms 107:9

Yours in Christ,
Nancy Funk

“LET’S TALK”

The “Let’s Talk” discussion group has started meeting again for the summer and you are all invited. We meet every Thursday at 6:30-7:30 PM in the lounge. There are no assignments or homework involved. We simply read a devotional together and afterwards, we discuss how that evening’s devotional fits into our lives and current affairs. We also talk about how we might incorporate what is discussed into our personal faith journey. Through our meeting together and our discussions, we grow in our faith as well as in our relationships with one another. Come on out and “Let’s Talk.”

JULY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

- 3 Maggie Leffler
- 5 Barbara Swenson
- 8 Susan Swida
- 10 Richard Spickler
- 11 Dawn Miller
- 12 Ronald Wilhelm
- 13 Willow Blakley Yeager
- 16 Avaline Pearl Capelli
- 18 Betty Oates
- 19 Joann Williams
- 21 Trevor Schadler
- 22 Jeanette Vanhandel
- 23 Rebecca Slack
- 23 Monica Wilhelm
- 24 Abigail Allen
- 25 Leonard Nikoden
- 26 Elizabeth Leffler

JULY ANNIVERSARY CELIBRANTS ARE:

- 7 Leo & Karen Herrmann
- 25 Ryan & Allison Harrison

AUGUST BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

- 5 Joan McGhee
- 6 Joseph Krushnowski
- 8 Greyson George Shapiro
- 10 Giuliana DiCarlantonio
- 22 Blake Kane
- 27 Karen Herrmann
- 31 Joseph Wilhelm

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS ARE:

- 14 Matthew & Christy Wilhelm
- 18 Keith & Audrey Cavanagh