



NEWS from the Corner



First United Methodist Church—600 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214

Online at: fumc-clarion.org

June/July 2024 Edition

Worship Services

**Sunday mornings
8:30 and 11:00am**

Sunday School

**9:45am
Classes for all ages**

Live Stream

**Both services streamed
live on YouTube**



Pastor Jodie's Jottings . . .

It is surely spring outside. Since this is our first spring at the parsonage, one of the joys for me this year has been watching to see what flowers bloom around the house. We have had bountiful daffodils, forsythia, hyacinths, purple tulips and now the white iris are in full display. It's a blessing to enjoy these beautiful flowers as they sprout, bloom and surprise us because we didn't know they were there! I'm grateful for all those parsonage families who planted the flowers for the ongoing pleasure of all who live there! I love flowers and fresh vegetables, but I am not a gardener. I must say that it's a blessing to reap what someone else has sown!

So why am I writing about flowers and vegetables? Because it is a sign of a new life cycle, a chance to see things come to life. It is a chance to be reminded of the new life we have in Christ. Just as the snow often reminds me that we are "washed as white as snow" (Ps. 51:7), we have an opportunity to see in spring the truth of the resurrection.

Everything during the winter seems dead, as it goes into dormancy, but with spring it seems the outdoors have been resurrected, to borrow a term from the scriptures.

Sometimes Christians can seem to have a spiritual dormancy, when the things of the church don't seem to matter. That seems to most often happen in the summer. The weather is warm; there are so many options in the way we can spend summer weekends that attending church falls way down on the list of priorities. And while some of the ministries of the church wind down in the summer, the church is worshipping, the church continues to have financial needs. The church never goes on vacation!

Don't allow your faith to become dormant in the summer months. Here are some ideas on how to keep your faith alive and blooming in the coming months:

- ♦ Attend worship!
- ♦ Read the Bible; choose a book that you're not familiar with and read through it.
- ♦ Read a book (a good beach read!) on Christianity or spirituality. Our library is full of them and I would always recommend Adam Hamilton or Max Lucado.
- ♦ Continue to be faithful in your prayers!
- ♦ Find a way to serve Jesus during the summer.
- ♦ Join us for a six-week Bible Study beginning in July on the book, *Wrestling With Doubt, Finding Faith*. We all have our doubts. Join us as we talk through them and strengthen our faith because of them. More information will be coming about this class.

These suggestions might help us to continue to bloom in our faith in the months to come!

See you in church!

**CONSIDER GIVING TO
THE MEMORIAL FUND**

When a loved one dies, keeping his or her memory alive is a way of honoring his or her life and finding comfort in your own life as a survivor. Consider contributing a gift to your church's Memorial Fund as a tribute to someone you loved or have known.

Memorials April 16 - May 15, 2024

In memory of Stephen Santus

Given by Ruth McGreevey (Memorial Fund)

Given by Janice Hartle (Memorial Fund)

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keen (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)

In memory of James Pfaff

Given by Mary Brooks (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)

In memory of Gib Sloan

Given by Mary Brooks (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)



Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Nancy Busch**. Nancy passed away at the age of 87 on May 7.



Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Stolzenbach Fotos**. Libby joined our church on May 14, 1967 and passed away at the age of 91 on May 8.



Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Richard McMaster**. Richard joined our church on December 8, 2013 and passed away at the age of 76 on April 26.

Please call the church office for an address if you wish to send your prayers and cards.

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the gifts on confirmation Sunday. We enjoyed our time during the class and church service. We love the blanket and bracelet.
Love,
Alexis and Olivia McCormick

Thank you to everyone at FUMC for the many cards and prayers shared with me at this difficult time.
Roberta Laird

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Pastor Jodie,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful memorial service for my dad, Gib Sloan. Every word, hymn and prayer were lovely and perfect. I could not have hoped for more. Please also thank your lunch crew for us. The meal they served us was delicious, with special thanks for the chocolate cake with tons of peanut butter frosting! It brought back some childhood memories.

Your church is beautiful, the slide show was emotional. and everyone we met was very kind.

Thank you all again.

Terry Williams

Thank you to everyone who donated to Kids2Kids' summer care packages. We were able to pack and distribute 50 care packages to our very grateful Love Cupboard participants.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kids2Kids

Many thanks to the **Garden Club of Clarion County** for all the hard work completed in the two gardens on the front of the church. Both areas were cleaned up and new flowers have been planted for everyone walking down Wood Street to enjoy!



Join us for our **summer Bible Study**, using the book:
Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith by Adam Hamilton.

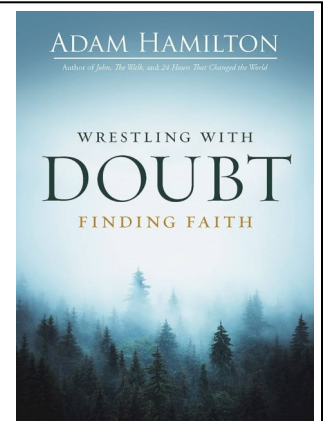
We will meet on the following days and times:

Mondays, July 22 & 29 and August 5, 12, & 19 at 9:30am

Wednesdays, July 24 & 31 and August 7 & 21 at 6:30pm

(The Wednesday evening class will meet on Thursday, August 15 due to a conflict with the Garden Social on August 14.)

The cost of the book is \$14. If you prefer, you may purchase your own book or Kindle edition. **Please register in the church office by July 14.**



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During the month of June, Pastor Jodie's worship service messages will have a theme of "Dining with Jesus." With that in mind, June 30 is a fifth Sunday, which means we will have one **celebration style worship** service at **9:30am**. After worship, the Fellowship committee would like to host a **church brunch**. We need to know how many to cook for, so please let the church office know if you would like to attend, no later than June 23.

Beginning June 9 and throughout summer, the church office would like to give the congregation the opportunity to **pick the congregational hymns** for the 8:30am worship service. If you have a favorite hymn, or if you would like us to sing a hymn in memory/in honor of someone, please call the church office (814-226-6660) and let us know.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE HEARS UPDATE ON THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Pastor Alex McConnell of the Sigel United Methodist Church shared his mission trip to Ukraine with the Missions Team on May 14. He brought into stark relief the devastation of civilian targets. He described the resiliency and courage of the Ukrainian people determined to maintain a semblance of normalcy amid chaos and destruction.

Last year his congregation partnered with a church in Slovakia to carry out a mission that helped widows, orphans and families of Ukrainian soldiers killed in action. They provided financial aid and comfort supplies such as bedding and quilts. As the fighting continues, Pastor Alex and his congregation maintain contact with several people he met in communities near Kiev. His presentation demonstrated how small churches working together can make a positive difference in people's lives.

Over the summer, we will sponsor a special offering to benefit the church in Slovakia that provides aid to Ukrainian families in need. There is no practical way to send supplies such as those Pastor Alex delivered in person. Shipping costs are prohibitive and delivery unreliable, but monetary donations are very much needed to reach inside Ukraine.

Love Cupboard Food Pantry

Our guests coming to our food pantry remain very strong. In May we served 91 households, which represented 197 individuals living in these dwellings and benefiting from our efforts to share nutrition, paper goods, and hygiene items. That equates to around 1 ¼ to 1 ½ ton of goods. We experienced having 10 new households visiting, bringing our total since July of 2023 to 218 households. We have reached 518 different individuals with our efforts in this time frame. Eighty percent of this month's visitors were households of 1 to 3 persons. The other twenty percent are households of 4 to 6 persons. Each of these statistics is important to stay on top of, so we can purchase proper amounts of products. We continue to have great success by giving the visitor "shop by choice" freedom to select individual items out of 14 different categories that are on display. In the past, we have seen a slight decline in warmer months. That trend is not apparent at this time. Your continued support with funds, time, and energy is deeply appreciated. This month a special Care Package of goodies was passed out to individuals with children in their lives. Thanks go out to the Kids2Kids program for this special effort. In July, we are planning on having a representative from our YMCA have a blood pressure station set up for those who would like a quick monitoring.

Join the Love Cupboard effort and FEEL THE LOVE.

The donation item for the month of **June** is **DISH SOAP**.

The donation item for the month of **July** is **EGG NOODLES**.

Please place your donations in the wooden box located in the Gathering Area.

Please Note: Perishable items are now available. Distribution occurs on the **3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:00pm-5:30pm**.



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HELPING TO END HOMELESSNESS

On May 14, the Missions Committee voted to sponsor a room at The Refuge, an emergency shelter in Erie for homeless families with children that is run by the Erie United Methodist Alliance (EUMA). By sponsoring a room for one year, our church provides for the families who stay in that room and helps them transition into permanent housing.

The room will bear our church's name, and as a congregation we can supply it, paint it, decorate it, and renovate it. Any one of us who travels to Erie can visit and share meals with our sponsored families. We can provide toys for the children and diapers for babies. We can support the families as they prepare to move on. The Refuge keeps families together through difficult times in their lives. It is the only shelter in the city that allows fathers to stay with their children. The average stay is 30-45 days.

In the coming months, we will trim the Caring Tree with ornaments that indicate needed items and suggest gift ideas such as bedding, toys, and more. If you would like to participate in a group that will visit The Refuge, let Pastor Jodie know.

SAVE THE DATE

The church's annual picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 25** at the Eagle's Pavilion.



Mark your calendars for the next bus trip to
Sight and Sound's production of

Daniel

October 9, 2024

Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice.

Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith?

From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, Daniel is a spectacular theatrical experience. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life in this brand new original stage production.

The trip includes Fullington motor coach transportation, theater ticket, and dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord.

Cost: \$230 to \$304, depending on number of participants.

For this trip to occur, at least 25 people are required. Costs will go down if larger numbers of people attend.

Final day for reservations and payment: **September 3**

Please submit a check for the full amount made payable to First United Methodist Church of Clarion, marking the payment for the Sight & Sound Trip. Include names and phone numbers for each person in the reservation. If the trip has to be canceled, you will receive a full refund from the church.

7:00am Depart Clarion (church parking lot)

11:00am Arrive at Kitchen Kettle Village

Lunch On your own & time for shopping

2:15pm Arrive at Sight and Sound Theater

3:00pm Showtime, *Daniel* (included)

6:00pm Dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord (included)

11:00pm (approximate) Arrive back in Clarion



Birthdays of the Month

June 1

Edward Hale

June 2

Janet Finch
Cameron Meterko
Brian McIlwain

June 3

Andrew Banner
Linda Book
Cole Kinney
Susan Pellegrino

June 4

Derrick Cherico
Gretchen Hess
Melanie Lenk
Grace Matson

June 5

Dawn Williams

June 6

Kristin Klingler

June 7

Stephanie Beichner
Ethan Burns

June 8

Pastor Jodie Smith

June 9

Lindsay Banner
Tyler Beatty
Dylan Cartwright
David Kiser
Tracy Milliron

June 10

Tina Gulnac
Brenda Smathers

June 12

Gracelyn Keener
Phyllis Morrow
Lisa Williams

June 13

Christian Anderson
Boone Dehner

June 14

Alan Cumo
Vaughn Curll
Michael Phillips
Victoria Horner

June 16

Sandra Foster
Haylee Roman
Chelsea Sierko

June 17

Benjamin Fleming
Lisa Scilla
Alice Marie Spindler

June 18

Deon Knickerbocker

June 19

Ann Allaman
Brianna Bennett

June 20

William Craddock
Jill Greenawalt
Gavin Hoover
Michael McCormick

June 21

Alison Sexton

June 22

Shelley Allen
Jack Fiscus

June 23

James Bolinger
Kelly Dotterer

June 24

James Arner
Ashley Isar

June 25

Debra Rankin
Becki Weaver

June 27

Eric Funk Jr.
James Kifer
John Moore
Derek Phillips
Deborah Whisner

June 28

Kathy Murphy
Susan Patton

June 29

Jodie Acey

July 1

Margret Lehnortt
Dana Rudesyle

July 2

Deborah Best
William Brosius
Connor Lyle

July 3

Linda Pappas
Dylan Shekell

July 4

Kenneth Minich

July 5

Erin Songer

July 6

Raymond McBride
Marilee Phillips

July 7

Nathan Brosius
Dorothy Elliott
Mary Horner
Matt Long

July 8

Clara Belloit
Deborah Money
David Schwab
Amy Wolbert

July 9

Douglas Evans
Jodi Kesner

July 10

Airc Casserly

July 11

Kathy Dovenspike
Peggy Jo Staab
Matthew Wayland

July 12

Eunice Aaron
Heather Lechner

July 13

Brooks Bennett
Donald Niederriter

July 14

Matthew Barger
Madelyn Danko
Dana Wolbert

July 15

Kathy Daugherty
Christian Holmes

July 16

James Reynolds
Kayla Wurster

July 17

Justin Anthony

July 18

Kayleigh Buskirk
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Richard Elliott

July 19

Randy Stewart

July 21

Judy Curll

July 22

Raylene Gourley
Hunter Wayland

July 23

Jovie Grabigel
Jesse Keen
Michael Patton

July 24

Mary Jo Ford
Benjamin Johns

July 26

Wyatt Dehner
Karen Fenstermaker
Shirley Markle
Arrington Pollock

July 27

Jason Brosius

July 28

Kristina Hilyer
Tricia Phillips
James Smathers

July 29

Jessica Kitchen
Kelsey Wolf

July 30

Janelle Sloan

July 31

Kennedy Kopp
Jesse Lewis

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Sunday June 2, 2024

Graduate Recognition Sunday

11:00am Children's Chimes Practice
6:30pm Youth Group Meeting (Room 001)

Monday June 3, 2024

5:30pm Kiwanis (Room 102)

Tuesday June 4, 2024

5:00pm Youth Group Movie Night (Room 001)
6:30pm Christian Education Meeting
(Conference Room - 2nd Floor)
6:30pm Council Meeting (Room 102)

Friday June 7, 2024

4:00pm Wedding Rehearsal Dinner (Dining Room)

Sunday June 9, 2024

6:30pm Youth Group Meeting (Room 001)

Monday June 10, 2024

9:00am Vacation Bible School (Various Rooms)

Tuesday June 11, 2024

9:00am Vacation Bible School (Various Rooms)
2:00pm Fellowship Meeting (Room 102)

Wednesday June 12, 2024

9:00am Vacation Bible School (Various Rooms)

Thursday June 13, 2024

9:00am Vacation Bible School (Various Rooms)
12:00pm United Women in Faith - Naomi Circle
(Room 102)

Friday June 14, 2024

9:00am Vacation Bible School (Various Rooms)

Sunday June 16, 2024

Father's Day

6:00pm Youth Group Work Camp Meeting
(Room 001)

Monday June 17, 2024

5:30pm Kiwanis (Room 102)
6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 51 (Various Rooms)

Tuesday June 18, 2024

6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Room 102)

Wednesday June 19, 2024

3:00pm Love Cupboard Food Pantry

Sunday June 23, 2024

Celebration Sunday Brunch Registration Deadline
Youth Group Work Camp

Monday June 24, 2024

Youth Group Work Camp

8:30am Women's Fellowship Breakfast
(Perkins Restaurant)

Tuesday June 25, 2024

Youth Group Work Camp

6:30pm Trustees Meeting (Room 102)

Wednesday June 26, 2024

Youth Group Work Camp

Thursday June 27, 2024

Youth Group Work Camp

10:00am Second Harvest Delivery
10:45am Senior Food Box Pickup

Sunday June 30, 2024

9:30am Celebration Sunday Worship Service
(Sanctuary, YouTube)
10:30am Fellowship Brunch (Dining Room)
6:30pm Youth Group Meeting (Room 001)

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship Service
(Sanctuary, YouTube)
9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Contemporary Service
(Sanctuary, YouTube)

Monday

6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 51 (Various Rooms)

Wednesday

8:00am Journey for Men (Room 102)
1:15pm Recovery 'n Motion (Dining Room)
6:30pm The Messengers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday

6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 51 (Various Rooms)
6:15pm NA Setup (Room 102)
6:30pm NA Group (Room 102)

Friday

9:00am Sit 'n Stitch (Room 102)

***All dates are subject to change.
Please check the website for current schedule.***



Independence
HEALTH SYSTEM

CLARION HOSPITAL



Multiphasic Blood Screening

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024
7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Health and Wellness Center

330 North Point Drive, Trinity Point, Clarion

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. No walk-ins accepted.



To register for this screening,
scan QR code, call 814-226-1673, or visit
indereg.independence.health/screenings

This screening is not covered by Medicare or Insurance.
Prepayment, credit cards, or check only.

NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**A special thank you to the Clarion Rotary Club
and Clarion Forest VNA.**

Multiphasic Blood Screening Test **\$75**

- Hemoglobin
- Hematocrit
- Red Blood Cell Count
- White Blood Cell Count
- Red Blood Cell Indices (MCV, MCH, MCHC, RDW)
- Platelet count
- Albumin
- Albumin/Globulin Ratio
- Anion Gap
- Bilirubin Total
- BUN/Creatinine Ratio
- Calcium
- Carbon Dioxide
- Chloride
- Creatinine
- Calculated Osmolality
- EGFR
- Globulin
- Glucose
- Phosphatase, Alkaline
- Potassium
- Protein Total
- Sodium
- Transferase Aspartate Amino (AST)
- Transferase Alanine Amino (ALT)
- Urea Nitrogen (BUN)
- TSH
- Cholesterol
- HDL Cholesterol
- Triglycerides
- LDL Cholesterol
- Cholesterol/HDL Ratio
- Non-HDL Cholesterol

Optional Tests

- A1C - \$25
- Prostate Specific Antigen - \$25
- Vitamin D - \$25

12 hour fast is recommended

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Tuesday July 2, 2024

5:00pm Youth Group Movie Night (Room 001)
6:30pm Christian Education Meeting (Room 102)

Sunday July 7, 2024

Deadline to Register for Bible Study

11:00am Children's Chimes Practice
6:30pm Youth Group Meeting (Room 001)

Monday July 8, 2024

6:30pm Membership Care Meeting (Room 102)

Tuesday July 9, 2024

6:30pm Trustees Meeting (Room 102)

Wednesday July 10, 2024

5:30pm Wednesday in the Garden
(Memorial Garden)

Thursday July 11, 2024

12:00pm United Women in Faith - Naomi Circle
(Room 102)

Sunday July 14, 2024

6:30pm Youth Group Meeting (Room 001)

Tuesday July 16, 2024

6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Room 102)

Wednesday July 17, 2024

7:00am Youth Group at Cedar Point
3:00pm Love Cupboard Food Pantry

Thursday July 18, 2024

12:00am Youth Group at Cedar Point

Sunday July 21, 2024

12:15pm Youth Group Miniature Golf/Lunch
(Cook Forest)

Monday July 22, 2024

8:30am Women's Fellowship Breakfast
(Perkins Restaurant)
9:30am Bible Study: *Wrestling with Doubt*,
Finding Faith (Dining Room)

Wednesday July 24, 2024

6:30pm Bible Study: *Wrestling with Doubt*,
Finding Faith (Room 102)

Thursday July 25, 2024

10:00am Second Harvest Delivery
10:45am Senior Food Box Pickup

Sunday July 28, 2024

12:15pm Youth Group Cook Forest Lunch/Tubing
(Cook Forest)

Monday July 29, 2024

9:30am Bible Study: *Wrestling with Doubt*,
Finding Faith (Dining Room)

Wednesday July 31, 2024

6:30pm Bible Study: *Wrestling with Doubt*,
Finding Faith (Room 102)

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship Service
(Sanctuary, YouTube)
9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Contemporary Service
(Sanctuary, YouTube)

Monday

6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 51 (Various Rooms)

Wednesday

8:00am Journey for Men (Room 102)
1:15pm Recovery 'n Motion (Dining Room)
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6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 51 (Various Rooms)
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Friday

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**First United Methodist Church of Clarion invites you to be a part of
Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God**

Children age 4 through those completing 6th grade are invited to come to an exciting week of Vacation Bible School (VBS). Camp Firelight is the perfect location for every camper's favorite summer activities! During each session, campers learn to face their fears while trusting in God. With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and our campers explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. The children will explore Bible stories, participate in games and crafts, sing great songs, and of course, eat snacks!

Join us at 9:00am each morning in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church as we begin our day with a gathering time for all ages.

The daily activities will end in the sanctuary at which time children may be picked up at 12:00pm.

Everyone is asked to enter First United Methodist Church through the main doors off the parking lot.

On Monday, June 10, please stop at the registration table to register your child(ren) or to pick up your child(ren)'s name tag(s).

After proceeding to the sign-in/out table, join the line to get a VBS photo taken before entering the sanctuary. Children will need to be signed in and signed out daily. Thank you for helping us in caring for your child(ren)'s safety.

This year's VBS mission will be collecting monetary donations to purchase an animal from Heifer International (www.heifer.org). Giving an animal gift is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more.

To register your child(ren) for VBS, please visit the church website and click on VBS or pick up a registration form from the church office. If you have additional questions, please call 814-226-6660.

**COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEK OF FUN!
FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



The Youth Group of First United Methodist Church of Clarion is a ministry for all youth ages 12 (7th grade) - 18 (senior year). We welcome church members and their friends to join our ministry. If you are interested in joining our Youth Group, please contact the Youth Director at youthdirector@fumc-clarion.org.

The Youth Group is participating in our annual **C & A Trees fundraiser**. Gift certificates are available in the church office. 20% of all sales go to the Youth Group and will be used for their activities. If you support this wonderful local business, please purchase a gift certificate that can be used for trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, and the gift shop. Certificates expire on June 30, 2024.

Work Camp 2024

The summer months are upon us and what better way for the youth to start it than to do our yearly mission work camp. We have put the word out to identify possible projects and have received some good feedback from different sources. We have had to stop adding projects to our lists at this time. Here is a summary of what we have lined up:

1. We will construct and install four combination landings and stairways at the four apartments adjacent to our parking lot. Each project will have handrails installed to code, giving each unit an emergency exit which has been missing.
2. We have identified two people needing some adaptations and cleanup made to some ramps and porches.
3. We will be remodeling a wraparound porch for a long-term member of our church. This project will include demolition of handrails, all decking material, and stairway material. Skirting will be removed, power washed, and reinstalled at the end of the project. New synthetic decking will be installed, existing porch posts will be covered with vinyl wrappings, short handrail posts will be covered with vinyl covers, and new vinyl handrails will be installed.

Our youth will have the opportunity to stay at the church for four nights and have the reward of helping others in a mission experience. Meals will be prepared at the church, which will require a group of volunteers helping meal coordinator, Barb Krupnik. Food preparation is definitely an area you can help with, one time or multiple times.

Additionally, we need gofers and carpentry assistants at each of the project sites. You are welcome to join us for a morning, an entire day, or during the Monday through Thursday mission experience. You will get tired, probably ache a little, but you will have a great sense of accomplishment and reward. Share your talents and skills or join in and learn some new ways of enjoying a summer day with our youth. You can also bring along your chair and watch us make some changes in our community through mission work.

Finance at a Glance

The **Capital Fund** is the next finance layer to be covered. Last month we addressed General Fund, which is our primary fund account that covers the ministry, church building, and parsonage cost of FUMC. The Capital Fund is the account that covers major expenditures and major projects. The following are examples:

1. Purchase of office copier
2. Purchase of floor scrubber
3. Replacement of furnace or boiler
4. Repointing of exterior stone
5. Roof replacement
6. Window replacement

The major expenditures and major projects are under the umbrella control of our Trustees.

They meet monthly and review the upkeep, control, and maintenance of the assets of the church, parsonage, property, and any building on our church campus.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxes of Church Offering Envelopes are available for those who would wish to have a set.

If you would like to have a set, please notify the church office (814-226-6660). A box will be prepared for you. Please let us know the name and address you wish displayed for your envelopes.

If you missed picking up your envelopes at the beginning of the year, they are still available.

Please notify the church office and your envelopes will be provided.

Using the church offering envelopes greatly assists in the processing, counting, and accounting of the gifts, donations, and tithes to the church.

David M. Hauser

Financial Secretary

Summertime E-Giving Stewardship

Make summertime giving a breeze by setting up recurring electronic gifts! Many of you support the congregation with your time, talent, and financial contributions throughout the year. But since many of our members travel or spend time visiting family and friends during the summer, it can be hard to keep up with weekly gifts. That's why we encourage you to set up regular, recurring donations.

It takes just moments to set up. Visit fumc-clarion.org/donate and find our online giving page or speak with Dave Hauser or Darren Mackenzie in the church office (814-226-6660). Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

A NOTE FROM FINANCE

The Finance Committee meets monthly to review income and expenditures. We are not in the red ink, but pretty close when it comes to the church's operational expenses. It has been nothing less than phenomenal to witness how our members and contributors respond to needs that arise. Lately you have responded by furnishing cleaning supplies for areas hit with disasters. You have been faithful when projects such as the church garden wall rebuild and parsonage garage replacement were proposed. These projects were completed with your generous support and without the need to acquire debt. As individuals and as a church, we are called to respond to needs that arise. I am proud to be a part of a church in mission, both to our community and to the world. Please remember your regular tithes and offerings should continue unaffected by other needs that arise. These are the lifeline on which the church relies to pay its weekly and monthly bills. My prayer is that you continue your generous response to the many needs that come before us. We would ask that you consider supporting this with second mile giving which is in addition to your usual weekly or monthly gifts. By doing this, we might straighten the rollercoaster line that represents weekly church giving and allow those who make up your finance committee the opportunity to sleep soundly knowing we're all pulling on the same rope.

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This year's **VBS mission** will be **collecting monetary donations to purchase an animal from Heifer International** (www.heifer.org). Giving an animal gift is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs, and more. On June 16, the congregation will be challenged through a special offering to meet or exceed the monetary donations given by the VBS kids. If you would like to be a part of this challenge, please send your monetary donations to the church office, labeling the memo line VBS Missions.

A part-time position open in our church—Director of Christian Education

This part-time and paid position *averages* ten hours a week. This position was formerly held by Marlene Steiner. Initially retiring from teaching, Marlene found being director of education an ideal way to do something meaningful while serving her church. This opportunity is great for a person of faith who would enjoy sharing the gift of our faith with others, while also learning more themselves! Although you are welcome to help teach, teaching is not required. This position is primarily a coordinating and equipping position. You would work with and be assisted by our Education Committee and our Church Council. You would assist and help lead the Education Committee and our teachers in setting up the programs of Sunday School, Adult Education, and Vacation Bible School. One of the key areas would be helping to identify and select study topics and curriculums, and help our teaching staff understand the curriculum strengths. You do not need to be a member of our church in order to apply. Feel free to share this opportunity and refer quality people our way. If interested, inquire through the office or contact Mr. Bill Bailey, chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee (our committee for paid personnel).

Staff Opening—Lead Nursery Coordinator

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is now taking applications from those interested in the position. The nursery, for infants and children through the age of 4, is open on Sunday mornings and on some special occasions. Those interested are encouraged to ask for a Job Description. Clearances are required before starting this job. Staff Parish thanks Carrah Campbell for serving so capably as interim coordinator.

Come check out **Sit 'n Stitch** on **Friday mornings** from 9:00 to 11:00am in room 102. It's a fun fellowship time to work on your own crafting project or work on a requested project. Anybody is welcome to join.

Women's Breakfast

The United Women in Faith will be having our next meetings at **Perkins** on **Monday, June 24** and **Monday, July 22** at **8:30am**. **Come enjoy the fellowship and bring a friend. EVERYONE is welcome!**

The Ruth Circle of the United Women in Faith met on Monday evening, May 20th.

This meeting was our last one until fall.

Molly Greenawalt and Mary Brooks shared information about their April trip to Providence, where they heard some amazing speakers, met old friends, and made new friends.

A lot of time was spent discussing the workshop that Molly attended, Climate Justice: Faith and Fashion. It was all about the clothes we wear and then discard. Very interesting and thought provoking.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday** evening, **September 16**. We will start a book entitled *Hello, Beautiful*. It is an interactive devotional journal for women. We will discuss devotions from that book, along with continuing to hear about the mission work of United Women in Faith—locally, in our country, and around the world.

We would love to have you join us. For more information, contact Mary Brooks, Molly Greenawalt, or Mary Jo Ford.



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PLEASE NOTE "MAILER" SCHEDULE

Upcoming Mailers: Items for the **August newsletter** need to be submitted by **Monday, July 15**.

Thank you!

To submit information: If you would like to submit information for the mailer, please contact the church office at 814-226-6660 or by email to churchoffice@fumc-clarion.org.

The **Adult Bell Choir** is looking for a few more ringers to join in on making a joyful noise unto the Lord. If you would like to ring or learn how to ring, please contact the church office or see one of the ringers. We meet **Monday evenings** from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the bell room behind the balcony.

Acolytes and Liturgists

If you would like to be an acolyte at our 8:30 or 11:00 worship service or a liturgist at our 8:30 service, notify the church office with a date and time.



HOSPITALIZED? If you or a family member is going to be placed in the hospital, or have upcoming surgery, please notify the church office so that the church and pastor may come and minister to you. You may call the church office at 226-6660.