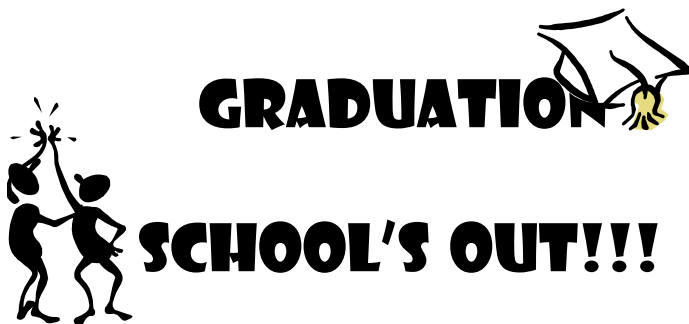




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SCHOOL'S OUT!!!



JUNE 2008

Weekly Worship Schedule

Join us Sunday
mornings for...

SUNDAY SCHOOL
IS NOW IN
SUMMER RECESS!

Worship at 10:30
a.m. in our
Sanctuary UNTIL
JUNE 15th

BEGINNING ON
JUNE 22nd we
begin our Summer
Worship Schedule
at 9:30 a.m. in the
Air Conditioned
Parlor

Join us as we host
the HERITAGE
DAY COMMUNITY
WORSHIP
SERVICE HERE on
Sun. July 13th at
9:30 a.m. in the
Sanctuary with a
time of Fellowship
following the
service.

Everyone is invited to
all our worship
services!
(And bring a friend!)

What God Tells Us...

When You Say... "I can't solve this..."
God Tells You... "I will direct your path"
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

When You Say... "It's impossible..."
God Tells You... "Everything is possible"
(Luke 18:21)

When You Say... "I feel all alone..."
God Tells You... "I will never leave you;
never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5)

When You Say... "I can't do..."
God Tells You... "I can do everything
through him who gives me strength"
(Phillipians 4:13)

When You Say... "I don't deserve forgiveness..."
God Tells You... "I have forgiven you"
(1 John 1:9, Romans 8:1)

When You Say... "I am afraid..."
God Tells You... "Do not fear, for I am
with you; I will strengthen you and help you;"
(Isaiah 41:10)

When You Say... "I am tired..."
God Tells You... "Come to me, all you
who are weary & burdened, & I will
give you rest." (Matthew 11:28-30)

When You Say... "No one really loves me..."
God Tells You... "I love you"
(John 3:16, John 13:34)

When You Say... "I don't know how to go on"
God Tells You... "I will show you the path"
(Psalm 32:8)

When You Say... "What path does God have
for me?"
God Tells You... "My beloved Son, Jesus
Christ" (Psalm 32:8)

*When you want to know everything else God
wants to tell you... Read the Bible (2Tim. 3:15-17)*

Upcoming June Events...

Sun., June 1st ~ MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY - Everyone is encouraged to bring some nonperishable food or other household need to help restock the local Food Pantry.

Sun., June 8th ~ MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.



**IRON PIGS OUTING planned - 3 p.m.
watch for more info.**

Mon., June 9th - CONSISTORY meets at 7:30 p.m.

Sun., June 15th - FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST at 9:30 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. (last til Sept.)



Mon., June 16th - STEEPLE NEWS Deadline

**Sun., June 22nd - SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS!
MORNING WORSHIP at 9:30 a.m. in the Air-Conditioned Parlor**

Sun., June 29th - SUMMER WORSHIP in the Air-Conditioned Parlor at 9:30 a.m.

Fri., July 4th - INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Sun., July 6th - SUMMER WORSHIP in the Air-Conditioned Parlor at 9:30 a.m.

Sun., July 13th - HERITAGE DAY! COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE HELD HERE at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



A time of Fellowship & Friendship to be held in the Parlor following the service.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Sun., May 11th was a very busy day here at First UCC! We started off the morning with our Annual Mother's Day Breakfast prepared & served by our Men's Club for all our ladies & their families.



Then we gathered in the Sanctuary to celebrate Pentecost, the Rite of Confirmation & the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Four of our young people joined their First Church Family as full members of the Body of Christ. Though they have been part of the family for many years, we welcome them as our newest Brothers & Sisters in Christ.

Abigail Corr mentored by Kristen Skillinge

Brynn Hilsenbeck mentored by Tara Cooke

Christian Kmetz mentored by Gary Rapp

Megan McGinley mentored by Doreen Arnold

We congratulate our Confirmands & thank their mentors for their dedication & commitment.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith journey.



Sunday School is in Summer Recess!



Our Sunday School program is now in Summer Recess. We are organizing an outing to an **“Iron Pigs” game on Sun., June 8th**. We’ll tailgate & then head into the “Pig Sty” to enjoy a great game! Please watch the Sun. bulletins for more info about this event.

Moving our Sunday School time to 10:30 & starting off with the children joining the Congregation in worship worked out great! We thank all of our teachers for their continued dedication to the Christian Education program & offer thanks to those who filled in when we needed. Thanks also to the parents for bringing their kids to learn about Jesus!

We will see you in the Fall! Don’t forget to keep reading your Bibles!!!

Musical Notes

Everyone is invited to join any of our choirs, no experience is necessary. Our Senior Choir has begun their summer schedule & will practice on Sun. mornings before church. Please see Sheila Cooke for more info.

Choir Appreciation Sunday ~ June 1st

Senior Choir

Sopranos

Linda Wright
Denise Cardinalli
Mae Rapp
Barbara Dailey
Kathleen Dowd
Wendy Wandersee

Altos

Belva Fuhr
Marjorie Harron
Nancy Amore

Tenors

James Wright
James Harron

Bass

Carl Lunger

Praise Choir

Belva Fuhr
Linda Wright
Carl Lunger
Nancy Amore
James Harron
Denise Cardinalli
Marjorie Harron
Barbara Dailey
Mae Rapp
Wendy Wandersee
Kathleen Dowd

Guitars

James Wright
David Kmetz

Keyboard Trumpet

Amanda Kmetz

Adult Hand

Bell Choir

Marjorie Harron
Sue Beling
Nancy Amore
Wendy Wandersee
Bill Arnold
Kim Kmetz
Carl Wandersee
Barbara Dailey
Warren Corr
Daelyn Corr
Leslie Kmetz
Christian Kmetz



Youth Hand Bell Choir

Helpers ~ Janice Hilsenbeck & Kris Skillinge

Brynn Hilsenbeck
Kelsie Hilsenbeck

Leslie Kmetz
Christian Kmetz

Lauren Skillinge

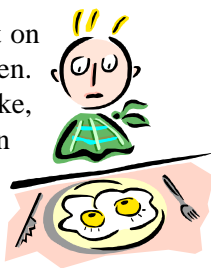
Thank you all for sharing your musical gifts to bring glory to the Lord!

A BIG THANK YOU also to
Sheila Cooke, our Music Director, for her dedication in bringing these
musicians together to bless our congregation with beautiful music!

Father's Day Breakfast

Sun., June 15th, 9:30 a.m.

First Ladies will be hosting the Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 15 in honor of all our fathers & special men. Help is needed for the breakfast. If you can help cook, bake, serve or clean up to help honor our Dads, please sign up in Memorial Hall, where you will also find the sign up sheet for all our Dads and their families. Come join us for some good food and fellowship, and bring the gang, and stay for the service. What a wonderful way to celebrate Dad's special day!



There will be a sign up sheet in Memorial Hall and we ask that people sign up so we can plan on having enough food. Through the generosity of Shop-Rite of Phillipsburg who is donating all our supplies, there will be no cost for the breakfast so we will collect a **free will offering for Bethany Children's Home** that morning at the breakfast & at the service so please give generously to Bethany Home which provides loving homes & family guidance to children without family support.



First Ladies Book Club News

The First Ladies Book Club met at the Amore home on Monday, April 28 to discuss the book, "The Friday Night Knitting Club". The discussion on the intriguing characters was lively, and even those who hadn't read the book enjoyed the fellowship (to say nothing of the food!).

Our next book to be read will be "Mercy" by Jodi Picolt. It is available online, or at Barnes and Noble. We will meet at Janet Caka's home on **Thursday, June 12 at 6 p.m.** for the discussion and a **picnic**. Please bring a generous covered dish to share. Meat and beverages will be provided.

Again, please come, even if you haven't read the book and join in the fun. We really do enjoy being together, and everyone has a great time, so mark your calendars now!



Men's Group Italian Dinner

Our Men's Club will be hosting another of their famous dinners, this time Italiano Style sometime in June. Please watch for the date & time.

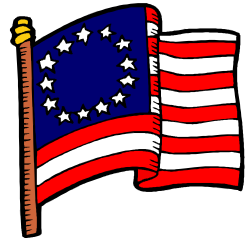
Thanks to our guys for a wonderful Mother's Day Breakfast too!



Heritage Day Community Worship Service HERE on July 13th

Sunday, July 13th we will celebrate Heritage Day here in Easton. The day will begin with a Community Worship Service which will be held here at First UCC beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will follow the service with a time of fellowship in our cool air-conditioned Parlor.

We want to have a warm First UCC greeting ready for our visitors! If you can help bake or serve that day, please see Barbara Dailey, Denise Cardinalli or Nancy Amore. Men, this is open to you too, so how about giving us a hand to make this day a memorable one for the community?



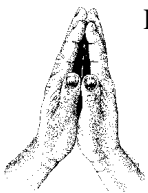
Heritage Day is a wonderful & historic day for Easton & commemorates the first public reading of the newly adopted Declaration of Independence. There are revolutionary war reenactments & camps near Riverside Park, tours of our historic sites, lots of food vendors, games, music & many other interesting happenings & it all ends with an awesome fireworks display at dusk. Come, bring the family & spend the day!



Pastoral Care & Prayer

Please keep in your prayers... The Wrights, The Orsos, Willie Wagner, Carol Fournier, Barbara Wuest (Kim Kmetz's mother) & all those in your hearts.

If you or someone you know is in need of Pastoral Care, please call Rev. William Wightman at 610-252-8316.



Rummage Sale Thank You's

Thanks...

Special thanks to all the helpers who volunteered their valuable time working Rummage Sale week. About 20 untiring volunteers did the work of many, and should be applauded for their efforts. To those of you who didn't give us a hand this year, **please note that the Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8. Help is needed beginning the Sunday before, (Nov. 2) throughout the week, and especially on Saturday around noon for cleanup.** We are all tired from preparing throughout the week, and help to clean up would be a godsend.

This year, under the loving guidance of our new Rummage Coordinator, Wendy Wandersee, the sale touted a new look, which was commented on by several customers. Thanks to the efforts of Mark Cooke, the Parlor looked much neater and less cluttered, thanks to some new clothes racks, made by Mark. This sale is a monumental task, and Wendy lead the group to a \$2400 profit, despite lower customer attendance than in the past. Again, thanks to all who helped in the twice yearly adventure.



Potato & Ham Soup Recipe

Here is the recipe I made for the Rummage Sale kitchen. I had several requests for the recipe, so here it is. Enjoy! *~ Nancy Amore*

5 pounds Russet Potatoes, cut into cubes (no need to peel)	salt & pepper to taste 1 cup half & half
1 thick slice of ham cut into small pieces	1/2 cup sour cream
1 stick of butter	

Cover the potatoes with water in a large cook pot. Don't add too much water, just cover them. Cover the pot. Bring to a boil, then uncover the pot and cook over medium heat for 20 minutes. Reduce the heat and add the ham and butter. Season to taste. (I added fresh chives) Over low heat, add the half & half and sour cream. Keep warm over low heat.

Please Note: I made this the day before the sale, and cooled it, and placed it in the refrigerator over night. The next day, it was extremely thick, so I added milk to it until it came to a good consistency. I think it made about 16 servings.

Christian Witness News



BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME - On Father's Day Sunday, June 15th, we will collect a free will offering for Bethany Children's Home. Thanks to the generosity of Shop-Rite of Phillipsburg, there is no cost for our Father's Day Breakfast so we will open our hearts to Bethany Home.

Bethany Children's Home provides a loving & Christian home environment to children who have no family support. Please give generously. Envelopes will be provided at the breakfast & at worship for your special Bethany offerings.



The next
time you
feel like
GOD
can't use
you, just
remem-
ber...



Noah was most likely a drunk
Abraham was too old
Isaac was a daydreamer
Jacob was a liar
Leah was homely
Joseph was abused
Moses had a stuttering problem
Gideon was afraid
Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
Rahab was a prostitute
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
David had an affair and was a murderer
Elijah was suicidal
Jonah ran from God
Naomi was a widow
Job went bankrupt
Peter denied Christ
The Disciples fell asleep while praying
Martha worried about everything
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
Zaccheus was too small
Timothy had an ulcer... AND
Lazarus was dead!

Now! No more excuses!
God can use you to your full potential. Besides you aren't the message, you are just the messenger.

Our 2008 High School Graduates!



We would love to congratulate our graduating High School Seniors! They are so much a part of our First Church Family. We pray that they will follow the path the Lord has for them & they will let the light the Lord has placed within each of them shine for all to see!



Graduating from Easton High School...

Laura Arnold

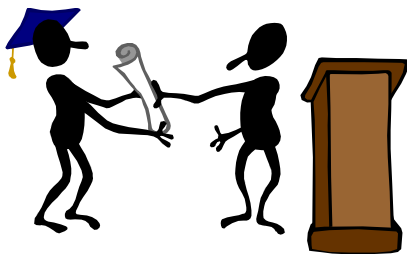
Amanda Kmetz

Matt Phifer



Graduating from Career Institute of Technology & Wilson Area High School...

Jaime Dailey



Please also pray for all of our young people (& their nervous parents) as they attend proms, graduations & parties that they will make wise choices & decisions about their behavior & their driving & for the Lord to keep watch over them all.

Angel Food Ministries at St. John's on Morgan Hill

The **June menu** is available in our narthex, in the office or on-line at: www.stjohnsmorganhill.org.

Please note that the price for the regular unit is now \$30.

If you have been financially blessed & don't have to watch your pennies, perhaps you know of a family that could use a food box? With additional heating costs now, AFM can be a special blessing. Buy a box & give it away!

June order dates are:

Wed., June 11th - 4-6 p.m.

Sat., June 14th - 9 a.m. til noon

**Sun., June 15th - 10:30 a.m.
til 12:30 p.m.**

**June distribution date is
Fri., June 27th -
7-8 p.m. (note time change)**

**Cash, Money Orders or
Food Stamps are accepted.**

(Food Stamp orders must be placed in person at St. John's.)

**Cash orders can be taken by
Margaret in the church office
anytime by Fri., June 14th, or
call her with any questions.**

Whose Light is it?

A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday School presentation.

His mother, sitting in the front row to prompt him, gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it didn't help. Her son's memory was blank.

Finally she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world."

The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud, clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world."



June Bulletins

- 1st** - Albert Kuebler in loving memory of his wife Janice & in remembrance of their wedding day fifty-two years ago on June 2, 1956.
- 8th** - Mildred Firth in loving memory of her sister, Florence Firth.
- 15th** - Bulletins are sponsored this Father's Day by Ray, Sue, Dan & Tyler Roseberry in loving memory of Ray's father, Raymond T. Roseberry, Jr., his grandfather, Raymond T. Roseberry, and Sue's father, Richard McNamee.
- 22nd** - Bev & Ed Lambert in loving memory of Bev's father, William B. Leamon & her brother, William C. Leamon.
- 29th** - Naomi Protyniak in loving memory of her husband, Theodore Protyniak.

If you would like to sponsor the bulletins for one of our services, please call the church office at 610-258-3361.

June Flowers

- 1st** - Jacqueline Wogotz in memory of loved ones and in celebration of life & Leo!
- 8th** - Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ritter in loving memory of Rae Lee Foose to commemorate her June 13th birthday.
- 15th** - *Father's Day*
Bev & Ed Lambert in memory of our fathers, William B. Leamon & George M. Lambert.
- Single Arrangement* ~
Mrs. Carol Ann Stem in memory of her father George S. Stem.
- 22nd** - Shirley & Sam Krock in memory of loved ones.
- 29th** - Al Kuebler in memory of loved ones.



If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call the church office at 610-258-3361.

Troop News

Please remember these brave, young men who keep us safe, and are far away from home. Let them know you care. They welcome letters and cards from their friends & church family...



CPL. Dailey, Joshua J.
HHC PSD 1-68 AR
UNIT #6065
APO AE
09378

(Rod)**LCPL Donaldson, Charles R.**
2/8 Echo Co. 2nd PLT
Unit 73230
FPOAE 09509-3230
Iraq

Tom Parry is back in the states, stationed now at Camp LeJeune. His new address is:

LCPL Thomas Parry
2AA BN2 Marine Div.
A Co. 2 PLT BB260
Camp LeJeune, NC 28542

Please keep all of our soldiers & their families in your prayers & continue to pray for peace.

Thank You!

“Greater love has no man than this, that a man **lay down his life** for his friends.” John 15:13

June Anniversaries

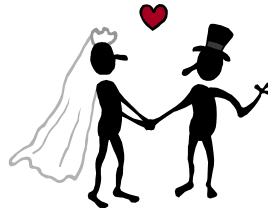
June 2nd, 1956
Robert & Elizabeth Goth

June 3rd, 1989
Richard & Shara Heller

June 11th, 1955
Robert & Dolores Thomas

June 17th, 1995
Robert & Doreen Arnold

June 25th, 1995
Kenneth & Nancy Amore



PLEASE NOTE:

If we have omitted a birthday, anniversary or other special day from our newsletter, please call the church office & let us know. We may not have your special date in our records!



June Birthdays

- 2 - Christian Kmetz
- 9 - Evelyn Ritter
- 15 - Raymond Roseberry III
Melissa Moritz
- 17 - Rich Gearinger, Jr.
- 19 - Carol Riffert
- 23 - Bill Turner
- 25 - Clarence Rutt
Theodore (Teddy)
Protyniak
- 26 - William Richebacher
- 28 - Barbara Dailey
David Wandersee
Tammy Champagne
- 29 - Barrie Fournier
- 30 - Fred Finken, Jr.
Kelsie Hilsenbeck

**Happy Birthday
to you all!**



A special birthday was inadvertently omitted from the May Steeple News.

**Ann F. Harrison
celebrated her birthday**

Tues., May 20th.

We hope it was a
happy one!

June Greeters, Readers & Ushers

June 1st -

Greeters - Ruth Miller &
Helena Rapp

Ushers - Denise Cardinalli, Ruth
Miller, and Sue & Ray
Roseberry

Reader - Denise Cardinalli

Acolyte - Lauren Skillinge

June 8th -

Greeters - Carl & David
Wandersee

Ushers - Dan Redington, and
David, Wendy & Carl
Wandersee

Reader - Carl Wandersee

Acolyte - Brad Corr

June 15th - *Father's Day*

Greeters - Bob & Doreen
Arnold

Ushers - Bob & Doreen

Arnold and Bill & Linda Arnold

Reader - Bill Arnold

June 22nd -

Greeters - Gary & Mae Rapp

Ushers - Gary & Mae Rapp

Reader - Gary Rapp

June 29th -

Greeters - Tim & Pam
McGinley

Ushers - Tim & Pam

McGinley

Reader - Dan Redington