

**Last Week's Attendance and Giving**

Attendance .....	35
Regular Giving.....	2,799.00
Plate/S.S.....	42.00
Total Giving for administrative/operating expenses.....	2,841.00
<b>Average weekly total needed to continue offering the ministries/administrative objectives of FUMC.....</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
Designated Giving for ministry/projects (not for operating objectives)	
Lumina.....	40.00
Matthew 25 .....	585.00

**Calendar**

<u>T</u> oday	9:30 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 <b>Facebook Live Rainbow Bell Choir</b>
<u>M</u> onday	7PM New Ray of Hope
<u>W</u> ednesday	1:30PM Bible Study at Freedom Ave UMC based on "Ten Men of the Bible" by Max Lucado
<u>T</u> hursday	6:30PM Bell Choir 7:30 Sanctuary Choir 8PM AA
<u>S</u> unday	9:30 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 <b>Facebook Live Rainbow Bell Choir</b>

**Altar flowers are in loving memory of Jim Dulis. They are presented by Lauri Dulis.**  
**Koinonia will be at Celebration Villa for Bingo! on Monday February 17 at 1 PM. Bingo starts at 1:30 PM. Koinonia is providing refreshments (root beer floats and cookies) and small prizes. Lisa Heckman is the coordinator and can be contacted at 717-250-9539.**  
**Cemetery and Church Trustees meet February 18 at 7PM.**  
**Good Eggs will meet on February 20 at 10:15 AM to clean kitchen and tools.**  
**Ministry Council meets February 25 at 7PM.**  
**Pastor Steven Small is planning a date for a mission trip to the Georgia area through the conference Emergency Response Teams, March 23-29. Monetary donations can be mailed to Rhodes UMC (500 Highland Ave, Lewistown) with Mission Trip on memo line.**  
**Bus Trip to Sight & Sound to see "Noah" is planned for Good Friday, Apr. 18, 2025. If interested, please contact Darla Rickert at darla.f.rickert@gmail.com or provide your contact info to Pastor Steve.**  
**The Lumina Center is in need of volunteers and van drivers for the After School Program held Tuesdays and Thursdays. If interested, contact Kraig Kratzer at 717-994-2020.**



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**200 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**  
**Lewistown, PA**  
**February 16, 2025**



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**Office Manager:** Jamie Strawser

**Liturgist:** Rev. Karen McCachren **Children's Message:** Pastor Steve

**Worship Leaders:** Chris Ferencz and Austin Glick

**Music Director:** Katie Becker **Organist:** Lauri Dulis

**PowerPoint:** Doug Lynch **Technical Coordinator:** Jared Lynch

**Jr Church:** Laura and Christine

**February 16, 2025 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

Announcements 9:30  
*(We welcome all who are worshipping with us on Facebook live.)*  
 Prelude “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” Williams  
 \* Call to Worship  
 Blessed are those who trust in God, who delight to meditate on God’s law.  
**We long to hear the Word of God and let the Word shape our lives.**  
 Blessed are all who seek the realm of God, who hunger to find meaning in their lives.  
**We intend to give our best to our Creator, bearing fruit in all we say and do.**  
 Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,  
 who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.  
**We come now to worship and find new life,  
 to receive healing and empowerment for our journey.**  
 \* Opening Hymn “This Is My Father’s World” UMH 144  
 Special Music “When the Saints Gather Round” Sanctuary Choir  
 Invocation (in unison)  
**O God, whose presence fills this place of gathering, we bow before your majesty in awe and wonder. When we consider the vast universe of your dominion, we are humbled by your attention to us. Your steadfast love and faithfulness amaze us. Your care for the lowly gives us a sense of our own dignity and worth. Show us the tasks we can accomplish for you and grant us the courage to reach out in your name to do them. Amen.**  
 Passing of the Peace  
 Dedication of Handbell Chimes  
 Special Music “I’m Just a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger” Bell Choir  
 Special Music “I’ve Got the Joy” Rainbow Choir  
 Children’s Message Pastor Steve Portner  
**Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world, Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand, Jesus loves the little children of the world.**  
*Children ages 4-10 may go upstairs for Jr. Church. Parents should come upstairs to pick up their children after the service is over.*  
 \* Hymn “Blest Are They” TFWS (Black) 2155  
 \* Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical Version” UMH 882  
 \* Scripture Reading: Luke 6:17-26

*L: This is the word of our Lord!*

Message “Living For the Kingdom of God” Pastor Steve Portner  
 Tithes/Offering  
 Offertory “When God Seems So Near” Gaither  
 Doxology UMH 94  
 \* Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 Prayers of Intercession W/ Lord’s Prayer UMH 895  
 \* Hymn “Blessed Assurance” UMH 369  
 \* Call to Commission  
 Turn to God each day to delight in the Word and meditate on God’s law.  
**We will trust God to provide all we really need.  
 We seek to bear fruit in all we say and do.**  
 Be assured that the kingdom of God is ours.  
 God knows us, loves us, and blesses us in Christ.  
**Christ is the first fruits of those who have died.  
 We shall rise with Christ to new life.**  
 \* Benediction  
 \* Postlude “Come, Thou Almighty King” Giardini  
*(\*Please stand as you are able)*

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**Prayer Squares:** Tracy Loucks *If you know of someone who would like a Prayer Square, please contact Chris Ferencz at 717-250-1600 or caf6@verizon.net.*

2/23/25 -- Scripture: Luke 6:27-38 “Loving Our Enemies”

**Our prayers for peace, health, and wholeness are shared with: Judy Headings, Larry Searer, Sandy Havice, Pam Bell, Vicki Elmer, Donald Libby, Paul & Nadine Bryan, Ruth and Bob Broome, Karen Chesla, Stacy Mohr, Troy Gro, Bill and Rosemarie Baumgardner, Ruth and Darl Miller, Brenda Reeder, Estella “Sis” Smith, Rebecca Knepp, Mike Schieber, Bobby Costello, John McKnight, Jean and Jim Walker, Katie Setzle, Carrie Stuft, Toby Sweigart, Esther Heider, Karen Doberneck, Chris Havice, Bonnie Harbst, Schamburg family, Kyle Smith, Dan Demskie, Bill Buffington, Brianna Renshaw, Robert Beers, Roger Searer, Becky Scholl, Randy Snyder, Scott Noss, Tammy Lucci, Barry Bargo, Nick Dickson, Brian Decker, Allen Kratzer, Phyllis Snyder, Pete Marsh, Robert Benner, Jr., Cara Walters, Tibby McClure, Julie Sieber, Tom Fletcher, Jon Zimmerman, Hope Collective Prayer for our community: Junior High Schools**