

## PRAYER LIST

If you have names to be put on the printed Prayer List for the bulletin, please call the office and give the information to Terry. **These names will be listed for a period of 4 weeks and then automatically removed.** If continued prayer is still needed, please call and have them re-listed.

**9/2/18**

Peggy E. (Friend of Marilyn O.)	Ellen Hines (Charlie Steele's sister)
Rev. Tom Dougal (Cancer)	Bob Venturini (Dee's neighbor)
Janet Astolos (John Martin's sister)	Nancy Lamison (Phyllis' SIL)
John Sisneros (Rose H's Nephew)	Sharyn Taylor (Crohn's)
Summer Nicole Conner (Ron Stewart's niece – struck by lightning)	

**9/9/18**

Ron & Lois VanDervort	Derek Koehler (Judy Wright's son)
Judy Nolf	Collin Feeney
Larry Odille (Sheldon's father)	Dan Baer (Pat West's cousin)
Richard Shoemaker (Carol W's brother)	Brenda Mator (Erin's mom)
Evan Knepshield (vision problems)	

**9/16/18**

Helen Highfield (Pat D's sister)	Mike Namey (Ward Kepple's friend)
Nicole Vasil (Friend of PJ)	Dave Coyle
Ben Weimer (hip surgery)	

**9/23/18**

Sue Ellen Brown (Cancer)	Joe Kocon Family
Laurel Klingensmith	Rebecca Sulava (Lymes disease)
Todd Hubert (Rachel Curfman's dad)	George Lebetz (Cancer)
Brian Neale (Jo-Anne Ross' Son)	Jo-Ann Ross (health issues)
Allen Weimer (heart catheterization)	Teddy Peterson (epilepsy)

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## FLOOD BUCKETS

LFUMC United Methodist Women will be putting together flood buckets that will be delivered to the Mission Barn. Many people in Pittsburgh and the surrounding area have been dealing with flooding this summer. The supply of cleaning buckets is running low. The cleaning materials in these buckets enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood. If you wish to donate materials for the buckets, please place in the plastic bin marked for flood buckets. The list for the Flood Bucket Materials is on the shelf at the Information Center.

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**Readers and Greeters Needed** – Your help is needed as a Reader and/or a Greeter to assist with our services. There are signup sheets at the information center if you would like to help with this ministry.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Week of September 23, 2018

**A memorial has been given to Current Expenses in loving memory of:**

✠ **Alice Birch**

by Dennis & Pat Smail

**Memorials have been given to Missions in loving memory of:**

✠ **Ruth Duff & Margaret Gatty**

by Dennis & Pat Smail

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**Calling all Kids!!! Turtle Day Is Coming!!!** On Sunday, October 14 at the 11:00 Worship Service we will be celebrating Children's Sabbath with a special worship service by and for our children. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, neighbor kids, or anyone you see on the street. If you have a piece of clothing with a turtle on, wear it, and if you have any kind of turtle, bring it along! I'm going to let you wonder how sea turtles relate to scripture!

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**Charge Conference** is Sunday, October 21 after the 11:00 worship (12:00). Conference is important for conducting business in our church. All committees in the church exist to carry out the wishes of this one meeting for the year.

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**Ethnic Potluck Lunch** will be held on Sunday, October 21 after our Conference. Let's celebrate our differences by sharing a dish that is either something we grew up eating or is an ethnic dish that we learned to prepare! Drinks and place settings will be provided.

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**"Sharing Table"** ~ You will find a table set up in the Fellowship Hall to accept donated items available for a small donation. There is a list of guidelines to follow when making donations to this project. Please feel free to pick up a copy of these guidelines and donate your items or look over the items and make your purchase. ALL proceeds from this Sharing Table will help fund the Dr. Earl A. Rose Scholarship program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elaine Ciuffoletti at 724-568-3160. This will start the first part of September.

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**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** are being held during the Sunday School hour upstairs in the Chapel Classroom. These sessions are for anyone **12 years and older** who are interested in becoming members of Leechburg First UMC, **OR** anyone who might be interested in learning more or brushing up on the United Methodist Church. There will be 5 sessions (September 16 through October 14<sup>th</sup>). Those who decide to join the church will be taken into membership on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested in attending these sessions, please contact Terry in the church office at 724-845-8761. He will need to know so that enough material can be prepared.



**NOTE FROM PASTOR ~ HOME & OFFICE APPOINTMENTS:**

If you desire a home visit or wish an appointment with me in my office, please add your name/phone in a slot that best suits your schedule. Please call me at 814-547-9165 to set up an appointment outside of regular office hours. Please note: in case of an emergency or unexpected obligation, I will call you to reschedule. These signup sheets are at the information center.



**Pastor Beverly** asked everyone to bring a piece of “thread” about 24 inches long: not a tiny thread but a piece of string, rope, wiring, yarn, ribbon, lace, a shoestring, or even a piece of cloth that represents you personally. There are baskets on the back windowsills of the sanctuary for your contributions.



**Bible Discovery** will be starting up again this fall. We are in need of people to help in various areas of the program. Please contact Joanne Gibson, Brenda Miskinis, or Lori Klingensmith if you would be willing to volunteer 2-1/2 hours for one week or all six weeks. All volunteers must have Act 33 and 34 clearances. If you need to get clearances, please see Terry.

**Mark your calendars!** The Outreach/Missions committee will be hosting its second Pork Slider/ Baked Potato Bar Luncheon on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Join us in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service for a time of fellowship, joy, and laughter. Enjoy a great meal for only \$7.00 per person! Proceeds will benefit our Connectional Apportionment obligation. Please use the sheet in the vestibule to sign up by September 30<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank you for the support of our church’s missions! Tickets are available...see Dianne LeSueur. Thank you!!



**Safe Sanctuary Training** – September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m. Leechburg FUMC, 251 Main Street, Leechburg, PA 15656.

ANYONE who participates in children’s activities must attend this training and have up-to-date state clearances. This includes those who volunteer for VBS, Sunday School, Family Game Night, youth events and any other activity where children are involved. It does not matter whether you are a teacher, assistant, a music leader, or snack coordinator. Thanks for helping our church to be a safe place for children, youth, vulnerable adults, and families! For more information contact Pastor Bev at 814-547-9165 or Ann.



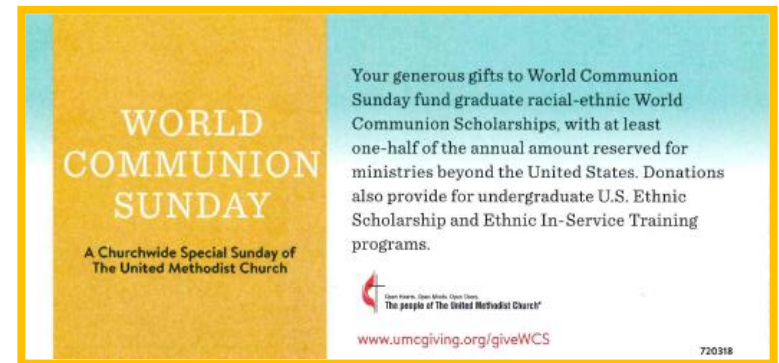
**Bible Study** on Paul’s Letter to the Philippians is being offered each week on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am and 6:30-7:30pm. If you miss one of these sessions, the same class will be offered the following Thursday at the Friendship Apartments Social Room on Main Street at 2:30-3:30pm. Sessions here at the church will be held in the Chapel Classroom. You do not have to sign up...just show up!!



**CROP WALK** – Sunday, October 7  
Gilpin-Leechburg Park – Pav. #5

25% of all proceeds come back to the Leechburg Food Bank, and the rest is donated to Church World Service. See Terry Snyder for your registration and donation envelope.

**Donors...**make checks payable to CWS/CROP. **Walkers...**do NOT bring your donation envelopes to the park the day of the walk.



Offering Envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex if you wish to make a donation to **World Communion Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**.




**Pastor Beverly's Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
(Except 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.) Others by appointment.



2018 Connectional Apportionment Asking - \$21,688  
Amount received as of 9/16/2018 - \$ 8,015.94 (37.0%)  
Amount still due Conference - \$13,672.06


Renovation Fund Phase II Loan - \$60,000  
Amount still due Credit Union 8/31/2018 - \$36,513.17



Organist  
**DR. DAVID A. BILLINGS**  
*in concert*

**Sunday, October 14 — 4:00 p.m.**  
**FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
358 Main St. Leechburg

*A free concert sponsored by the  
Alton Bush Memorial Trust.*



First Lutheran Church in Leechburg is proud to welcome organist Dr. David Billings for a free concert on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Dr. Billings is the accompanist for the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale and Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, and has performed throughout the North America and Great Britain. A reception of light snacks will follow. For more information, see the poster in the Vestibule.

Thank you for your support!  
God's blessings,  
Pastor Jim Arter

Greensburg District United Methodist Women  
Fall Meeting  
Saturday, October 6, 2018  
Leechburg First United Methodist Church



Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., allowing time to enjoy a continental breakfast and browse the book tables before gathering at 9:45 a.m. for singing. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. We're blessed to present the following program and featured speakers as noted below:

TOPIC: "Understanding Addiction & Its Impact on Women, Children, Families, and Communities"

SPEAKERS: Panel Presentation by Elizabeth Comer Westmoreland (Drug & Alcohol Commission); Vanessa Sebetich (Greenbrier Treatment Center); Susan Soroko (SPHS D&A Case Management); Katrin Schall (SPHS Certified Recovery Specialist); and Dawn Hennessey (Faith Forward, Inc., Angel Arms)

LUNCHEON: Please note that we ask you to bring one salad of your choice for every three persons attending from your church, as we plan to "break bread" together by sharing our signature salad luncheon following the service. For those bringing children, please bring a bag lunch for each child. Childcare will be provided—Please advise the number of children attending when calling/emailing your reservation.

Please RSVP by September 30, 2018, to: Diane Helms, Treasurer  
Phone: 724-454-1883  
Email: [geebefof4@gmail.com](mailto:geebefof4@gmail.com)



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

One of the children's Sunday School mission projects is putting together Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children in other countries. A single shoebox may be the only gift they receive. To do this, we need your help. We are asking that you donate items for the boxes (including plastic shoeboxes). If you wish, you can put together your own filled shoebox. We start with a plastic shoebox and line it with a bandana or fabric and fill it with hygiene items, toys, and school supplies. If you have prepared shoeboxes in the past, there has been a change-no toothpaste or any type of food. Suggestion lists are on the side of the donation boxes.



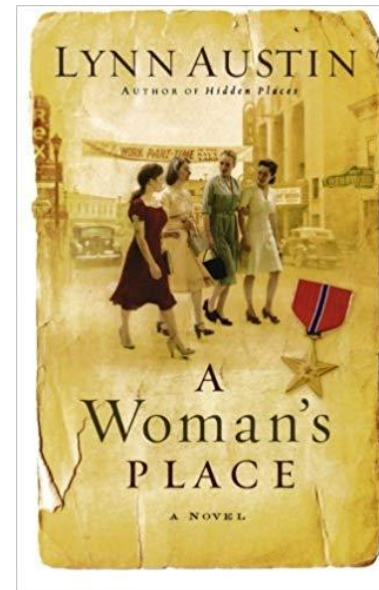
We need 25 bandanas. For the next few weeks we will be collecting school supplies, i.e. pencils, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, coloring books, note pads, markers, crayons, etc. We did 30 boxes last year. We're trying for 50 this year. Donation boxes are in the main vestibule and in the Sunday School hallway. Monetary donations are also appreciated. We will use the money to buy the plastic boxes, items for in the boxes and to cover the \$9 shipping cost per box to mail.

We will be putting the shoeboxes together on **November 18 during Sunday School so we will need the items before 9:30am that morning.** The shoeboxes will then be placed on the altar to be blessed during the 11:00 worship service and delivered to the collection center after service.

Any questions, please contact PJ Wasylink (724-882-0091) or Destiny Senjan.



**Women's Prayer Group** ~ Our church is very blessed to have a group of women "prayer warriors" who gather every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the upstairs Chapel to lift up prayer requests from our congregation and community. If you have a special prayer request for them, please fill out a prayer slip and place it in the jar on the book stand in the Main Vestibule. All requests are kept confidential among the group. If you would like to join the group, please feel free to meet us Tuesday evenings.



## Plan Ahead for October

*Submitted by Chris Steele*

United Methodist Women's Book Club will be meeting on October 22 to discuss [A Woman's Place](#) the thought-provoking and eye-opening novel by Lynn Austin.

The women watched their sons, their brothers, and their husbands enlist to fight in World War II. And when their nation asked, they answered the call as well. Virginia longs to find a purpose beyond others' expectations. Helen is driven by a loneliness money can't fulfill. Rosa is desperate to flee her in-laws' rules. Jean hopes to prove

herself in a man's world. Under the storm clouds of destruction that threaten America during the early 1940s, this unlikely gathering of women will experience life in sometimes startling new ways as their beliefs are challenged and they struggle toward a new understanding of what love and sacrifice truly mean.

*Adapted from review on Amazon.com*

Racism, gender roles, overcoming a difficult past and forgiveness are topics addressed in the novel that will be discussed. The meeting will be held at 2:30 in the overflow area of the church. You do not need to be a member of UMW to attend. All members and friends of the church are invited.



## How Many of You Are Aware?

Leechburg First United Methodist Church has a Facebook page!! Check us out! Like our page!