

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, April 18

- 9:00 AM - In-Church Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - In-Church & Zoom Worship Services

MONDAY, April 19 ~ OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:45 PM - Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, April 20

- 10:30 AM - Make sandwich lunches for Feed My Neighbors
- 6:00 PM - PPSR Committee (located TBD)
- 6:30 PM - Women's Prayer Group on ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, April 21

- 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts – C (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, April 22

- 7:00 PM - Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, April 24

- 10:30 AM - Prepare Soup & Sandwich Take-out Fundraiser

SUNDAY, April 25

- 9:00 AM - In-Church Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - In-Church & Zoom Worship Services
- 11:00 AM - Soup & Sandwich Take-outs

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**OUR PRESENCE: 4/11/2021**

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| <b>OUR GIFTS:</b> Tithes, offerings, and gifts received                     |            |                                          |              |
| <b>OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!</b>        |            |                                          |              |
| <b>2021 Annual Operating Budget: \$168,891</b>                              |            |                                          |              |
| NEEDED EACH WEEK                                                            | \$3,247.90 | NEEDED TO-DATE:                          | \$48,718.50  |
| RECEIVED 4/4/2021                                                           | \$4,491.50 | RECEIVED TO-DATE:                        | \$46,550.50* |
| RECEIVED 4/11/2021                                                          | \$2,980.00 | <b>(SHORTAGE)/SURPLUS: (\$ 2,168.00)</b> |              |
| <b>Renovation Loan for March 31, 2021</b>                                   |            |                                          |              |
| MONTHLY PAYMENT                                                             | \$624.06   | BALANCE AS OF 3/31:                      | \$16,831.89  |
| RECEIVED IN MARCH                                                           | \$822.00   |                                          |              |
| <b>2021 Connectional Apportionment: \$20,341</b>                            |            |                                          |              |
| MONTHLY PAYMENT                                                             | \$1,695.08 | Total for Year:                          | \$2,542.62   |
| Mo Payment at 50.0%                                                         | 847.54     |                                          |              |
| Payment for March                                                           | 847.54     |                                          |              |
| <b>2020 Final Amount Paid - \$16,946.40 (78.3% of Asking)</b>               |            |                                          |              |
| *Includes \$2,290 PPP from Armstrong Co. and 2 <sup>nd</sup> PPP of \$9,195 |            |                                          |              |

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 25th ~ OUTREACH FUNDRAISER**  
 Following our Worship Service next Sunday, the Outreach Committee will be conducting a Fundraiser to help fund some of their events. There will be Soup in microwave-able take-out containers and Sandwiches available for a donation. Soup will be available in pint (16 oz.) and quart (32 oz.) sizes.



**April 18, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

# First United Methodist Church

*“Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ’s Name”*

Rev. Beverly A. Spore, Pastor

Carla Shaffer, Pianist

Rev. Joel Garrett, Interim Pastor

Lori A. Klingensmith, Choir Director

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## Service of Worship

❖ Congregation please stand, (if you are able).

Prelude

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Greeting and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;

**All: The LORD hears when we call.**

Leader: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

**All: Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD.**

❖ Hymn “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH 454

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Almighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed, and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Gospel

Luke 24:36-48

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I, myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah<sup>[a]</sup> is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses<sup>[a]</sup> of these things.

Message “Staying Alive” Rev. Joel Garrett

Anthem “The Potter’s Hand”

Closing Prayer

**Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the life you give to us in Jesus’ name. As we prepare to leave this place help us to stay alive as we remember your sacrifice of love, as we make greater place for your Word in our lives, and as you lead us to opportunities to invite others to believe. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

❖ Closing Hymn “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” UMH 304

❖ Benediction

Community Blessing “Surely the Presence” UMH 328



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

**Please notify the church office if you  
have any graduates in your family...  
we don't want to miss anyone!**

The following thank you was received from the Al-Anon Group (A New Path AFG):

Thank you, First Church ~ Home Sweet Home

Dear Friends,

Another year has passed, a difficult year but our faith has carried us through. The members of A New Path Al-Anon Family Group struggled when we were not able to meet face to face for long periods, so now we are more than grateful that we are able to be together again in the Fellowship Hall.

We are and always have been grateful to First Church for giving us a "home" for our meetings. A New Path's only goal is to help families that have been affected by alcoholism and other addictions. Happily, more people are finding their way to us, and our group has grown accordingly.

The enclosed check is our way of saying thank you for giving us our Thursday evening home, but it doesn't compare to the gift you've given us.

Sincerely,  
A New Path AFG

A memorial has been given to the General Fund in loving memory of:

✝ **Janet Jones**  
by Tom & Sandra Dougal

✝ **Roy Earl Myers**  
by Andrea Sendry

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An Abiding Memorial has been given in loving memory of:

✝ **Douglas Lindsay**  
by Dennis & Mary Anne Hrivnak

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A memorial has been given to the Nurture Fund (Choir Music) in loving memory of:

✝ **Earl Myers**  
by Bob & Vange Stewart

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We are NO LONGER collecting empty pill bottles or shoes. These ministries have ended. We thank you for your donations to both programs.

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**Camper Registrations** – If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews that would like to go to camp this year please contact Terry, our Camping Steward. There are campership dollars available to help with expenses. If you have access to a computer, go to the following websites and check out the various camps that are available. If you have any questions, contact Terry and he will get you the answers.

<https://www.campalleggheny.org/> 814-754-5122

<https://jumonville.org/> 800-463-7688

<http://wesleywoods.com/> (not a secure site) **814-436-7802**

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The **Choir** will practice tomorrow evening at 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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The **PPSR** will meet Tuesday evening, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Meeting type (i.e., Zoom or in-person) to be determined. Committee will receive a text.

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**COMING TO LEECHBURG  
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021**

**First United Methodist Church  
Parking Lot ~ 12:30pm to 3:00pm\*  
\*or longer**

**Proceeds Benefit LFUMC  
Nurture Committee**



## **Dominican Republic May 15-22, 2021**

Joyce Meyer Ministries will partner with Tommy Miranda Ministries and serve the wonderful people of the Dominican Republic. We can make an eternal impact by sharing our talents and the message of Christ. If you are new to medical outreaches, this would be a great one to consider. The flight time from Miami is only around 2 hours! The Dominican Republic is also the only country in the world to have the Bible on its flag.

We will set up a general medical/dental clinic and treat the patients' needs as they present. We will also pray with every patient and give them an opportunity to receive Christ. The team will be staying at a hotel based near Santo Domingo and traveling to the clinic locations from there.

Lori Klingensmith will be participating in the above mission trip. One item that Lori has been asked to take along with her are reading glasses. There is always a need for glasses for the people in the Dominican Republic. If you would like to collect "cheaters" or "readers" that would be great! The strength can vary between +1.25 to +3.0.

Thanks so much for your servant heart and desire to go above and beyond! Thank your church for us as well.

If you have any questions or wish to make a donation to her mission trip, please contact Lori at 724-845-8109.

Outreach will be collecting kids' clothes sizes 3T to XXL.