



## First United Methodist Church



As a United Methodist Church Leader, I invite you to join in daily prayer with sisters and brothers in Christ throughout Western Pennsylvania during the days leading up to the February 23-26, 2019 Special Called Session of the General Conference. I encourage you to use the prayer below seeking God's help and guidance as delegates from across the world gather in St. Louis to consider legislation designed to find A Way Forward for our denomination.

**LORD, WE NEED YOU. OUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU. OUR WORLD NEEDS YOU.**

**We acknowledge that we often feel that we are right and others are wrong. Forgive us for treating those we disagree with poorly.**

**We ask that you would protect us from ourselves. Help us see only you, help us to seek only you. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We lift General Conferene 2019 before you and ask that your Spirit would lead the delegates. We pray that the way we respond would not harm anyone, but rather would point them to you. Help us to show the world your love through the ways we work with one another. AMEN.**

## **“STRENGTH TO LOVE”**

Please come and join local area ministries for a  
Worship & Celebration Service  
in honor of

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

You and I can do something constructive to dissolve social and cultural barriers in our community.

Attend the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Worship & Celebration service. This is a positive gathering to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King as well as diffuse racial tensions and overcome social injustices' in our culture.

Help us spread the word about this all important event and let us together put some action to Dr. King's vision to bring about substantive change not only in our community but in America.

**Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 4:00PM**

A Light Dinner will follow



If you are interested in attending the Lay Servant Ministries School 2019 please pick up a brochure located on the table underneath the bulletin board. Classes will be held at the Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church on Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 pm on March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 2019.

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### **ALL IN MEN MINISTRY**

A Ministry of Christian Sports International

Sat., February 9, 2019 8:00 – 10:30 am

“The Man’s Battlefield”

Featured Speaker: Pastor, Dr. Ed Glover

The Founder & President of Urban Impact, Global Impact and ManUp Pittsburgh & Charlotte. He is a highly respected and sought-after speaker in churches both locally and nationally. Once you hear him speak you will never forget him, a man after the heart of God.

REGISTER ONLINE [www.TeamCSI.org](http://www.TeamCSI.org)

Register by February 4, 2019

Location:

Harmony-Zelienople UM Church  
123 N. Pittsburgh St., Zelienople, PA



The United Methodist Women will be holding their spring rummage sale in April. So as you are cleaning & you find things you can no longer wear or want, we will be happy to take them from you. The money we make from this project goes to missions and many are local missions. Look for more information at a later time.

#### **UMW UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

February 16 - Speaker Kathy Gordon. Kathy will present a report about the National UMW Meeting held last May in Columbus, Ohio.

March 16 - Speaker Patti Hutchinson about our health. We will also pack and deliver gift bags for our shut-ins.

April 20 - Baby Shower for People in Need.

May 18 – TBD

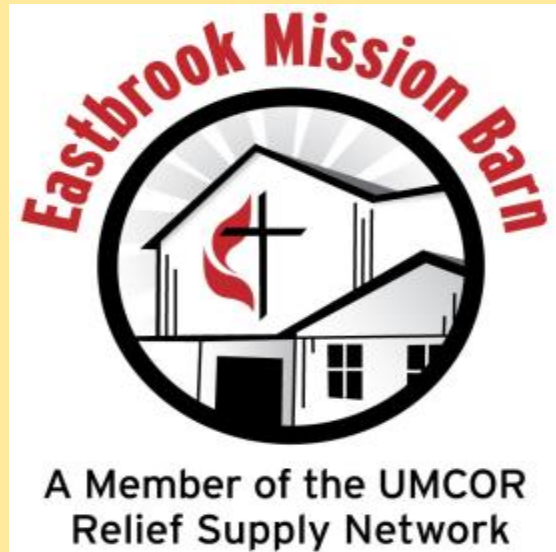
All meetings begin at 9:30 with a brunch, meeting and program to follow

## Mission & Evangelism Committee News

Holy Redeemer Social Services Food Party is in need of the following items. During the month of **February** we will collect:

- Jars of applesauce or canned fruit or vegetable
- Boxes of pasta
- Tomato sauce
- Cake or brownie mixes
- Paper products

Please place items in the bin located near the entry way in the church library.



## NEWS FROM THE EASTBROOK MISSION BARN:

January 6, 2019 We celebrated an Epiphany or Three Kings Festival with over 100 people who came from around Lawrence County. We hosted close to 75 of them who have relocated to our area from Puerto Rico, after Hurricane Maria forced them to leave their homes. Throughout 2018 and there have been close to 50 families who have made New Castle home. Each family who attended received a variety of fun and useful gifts, as well as a nice meal and pinatas – full of gifts. We had a wonderful time of sharing God’s love together through worship, food, and fellowship.

### MAGNET SALE

*Support Eastbrook Mission Barn by purchasing a United Methodist Magnet for your car, office or refrigerator Suggested Donation: \$5 each*

### T-SHIRT SALE

*Eastbrook Mission Barn t-shirts are on sale for suggested donation of \$15 each. 100% of the profits support the Mission projects within the Eastbrook Mission Barn*

*For more information and/or to order magnets please contact Katie Peterson at 724-856-8241 or [missionbarn@gmail.com](mailto:missionbarn@gmail.com) Thank you for your prayers and support!*

*Please make checks payable to Eastbrook Mission Barn, 226 Church Lane, New Castle, PA 16105*

## Assistance Help

The Salvation Army Ellwood City Service Unit has now been initiated as of January 1 2018. This means that anyone within the 16117 area code may seek services from our Service Unit. The way people receive services from the SA Ellwood City Service Unit is by calling and making an in-person appointment:

### **THE SALVATION ARMY 16117 PHONE NUMBER IS (724) 691-8012**

The Salvation Army may help with basic needs like groceries, clothing, utility bills, rent assistance, or even transit costs like one-night motel stays. If they live in 16117 and are willing to set up and keep an in-person appointment with our Service Unit, there is a good chance we will be able to help them

Last month, the Christian Education Committee had a very creative and exciting meeting. In 2019, we plan to continue most of the traditional activities, and we also discussed the importance of times of fellowship with our church family.



This month, on February 17th, when the silence of winter calls for celebration, we will host a Lunar New Year Chinese Luncheon immediately after Worship. We will head downstairs where Taste of China will have a yummy lunch waiting for us. A basket will be out for a suggested donation of \$5, or whatever you can give. If able, please RSVP on the church clipboard, so we can get an estimated count. Last-minute attendees are more than welcome! Mark your calendars for this fun time of fellowship.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 9** - 10:00 - noon - Super Saturday!

**February 15** - WINTERJAM at the PPG Arena. We will meet at the church to car pool at around 5:00. Lori Teh will arrive early to save us seats. Please let her know how many you have attending. Thanks!

**February 17** - Lunar New Year Chinese Luncheon and meeting

**March 9** - Super Saturday!

**March 17** - Stay after church for a fun St. Patty's Day Celebration. Complete with Tea sandwiches, cookies & punch. Prepare for all things green!

**April 13** - Super Saturday!

**April 14** - Easter Egg Hunt & Palm Sunday Prelude.

**April 21** - EASTER!

Spring work visit to the Eastbrook UMCOR Mission Barn. Time to be determined.

**May 11** - Super Saturday!

**May 12** - Mothers' Day

**May 19** - Last Day of Sunday School. We will have a tureen lunch after Worship.

**June 2** - Honoring of High School & College graduates, with special surprises planned for all of the children. A Tea will follow Worship.

**June 16** - Fathers' Day

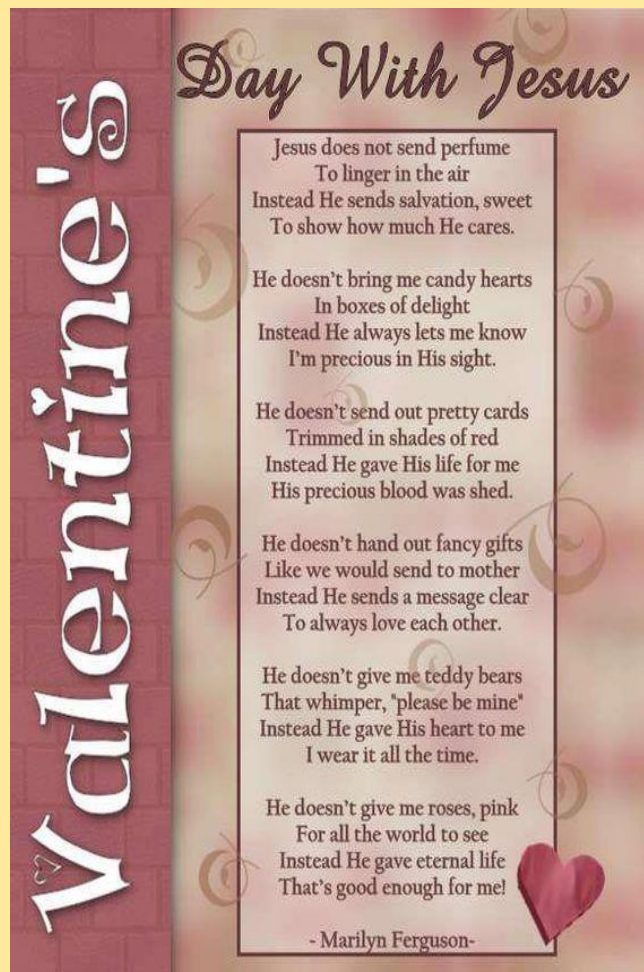
**June 10-14** - VBS, 9:00-noon. Mini-Wednesdays to follow.



Please continue to pray daily for the children of our church, that we may share the love of Christ and help lead them in a positive and effective way. THANK YOU to EVERYONE for your support of our Christian Education Program!

Our next, informal, meeting is Sunday, February 17th.

We are now connected with the broadcasting stations (WPXI, WTAE, & KDKA) inclement weather systems. If the weather is bad, please tune into your local broadcasting station for any cancellations.



### GriefShare Program

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. A GriefShare seminar/support group is being hosted and sponsored by Calvin Presbyterian Church. The program will be facilitated by Ginny Brest. The first session is scheduled for Sunday, February 3 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the church parlor. The group will meet each Sunday afternoon for 13 weeks, concluding on May 5. (We will not meet on Easter.) While participants are encouraged to complete the 13-week program if possible, attendance is not mandatory each week. The program is free and open to anyone in the community (and beyond) because we understand how deeply grief and loss hurts people and families. This is a place where many people have found they can begin to put their lives back together again. The program is open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one to help them through the grief process. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from this program, please contact Ginny Brest at 724-758-3838 or the church office at 724-758-4258 or by email at [calvinellwood@gmail.com](mailto:calvinellwood@gmail.com). You can also view the GriefShare website at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) for additional information.

### 7th annual Faith Night at PNC Park



Come out to PNC Park on Saturday, June 22 for the seventh annual Faith Night and root for the Pirates as they take on the San Diego Padres at 4:05 p.m.

Following the game, you'll relocate to sections 1-13 and 101-115\* along the first base line to hear manager Clint Hurdle and your favorite Pirates players and coaches share their personal experiences with how their faith has impacted both their lives and their careers in baseball specifically.

For more information or groups of 10 or more, contact Chad Glover at [chad.glover@pirates.com](mailto:chad.glover@pirates.com) or 412.325.4756 or Ryan Vizzini at [ryan.vizzini@pirates.com](mailto:ryan.vizzini@pirates.com) or 412.325.4777.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

416 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117  
Phone: (724) 758-6278 Website: [www.firstumcec.org](http://www.firstumcec.org)  
Rev. Angeliqe Bradford, M. Div., Senior Pastor

## Our Mission

The First United Methodist Church is a community of believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached, sacraments are administered, and the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.

“Willingness to Serve”

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in serving in the following ministry or committee of the church:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in serving but would like more information about the following ministry or committee of the church:

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address: \_\_\_\_\_

The best phone number to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_

My e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to serve in the area of \_\_\_\_\_ and welcome the opportunity to use my gifts for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Planning             | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission/Evangelism    | <input type="checkbox"/> Intercessory Prayer Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Counters      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth & Young Adult   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgist     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration        | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Steward     | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Ministry        | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications               | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor message board        | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Nights |

Please list your gifts, trainings, and experience in the area of ministry that you are interested in:

Please return this form to the church office. Thank you kindly!

In an effort to update our membership rolls, directory, and computer database, please fill out the Membership Information and return to the church office.

## Membership Information

	Head of Household	Spouse
<b>Title: (Circle one)</b>	Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev. Other _____	Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev. Other _____
<b>Name: (First - Middle or Maiden - Last)</b>		
<b>Sex: (Check one)</b>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Birthday:</b>	Date: _____	Date: _____
<b>Preferred or Nickname</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	_____	_____
<b>City, State / Zip:</b>		
<b>Alternate Address</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	From: _____ To: _____	From: _____ To: _____
<b>City, State / Zip:</b>	_____	_____
<b>Home Phone:</b>	( ) - _____ Unlisted? <input type="checkbox"/>	( ) - _____ Unlisted? <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cell Phone:</b>	( ) - _____ Unlisted? <input type="checkbox"/>	( ) - _____ Unlisted? <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Email Address:</b>		
<b>Preferred Method of Contact</b>		
<b>Marital Status:</b>		
<b>Anniversary Date:</b>	Date: _____	Date: _____
<b>Membership Status:</b>		
<b>Church Background:</b>		
<b>Sunday School Class:</b>		
<b>Baptized:</b>	yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Date: _____	yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Date: _____

### Children

Name (first, middle, last)	Birth Date	Grade	Baptized	Sunday School Class
	Date: _____		yes <input type="checkbox"/> Date: _____	
	Date: _____		yes <input type="checkbox"/> Date: _____	
	Date: _____		yes <input type="checkbox"/> Date: _____	
	Date: _____		yes <input type="checkbox"/> Date: _____	
	Date: _____		yes <input type="checkbox"/> Date: _____	
	Date: _____		yes <input type="checkbox"/> Date: _____	



## Intercessory Prayer



Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before/after worship

Prayer concerns: Please be sure to submit your prayer concerns to the office so that we can pray collectively for them.

Please pray for all those afflicted among us with health concerns, our shut-ins, our nation, our ministry leaders, the Pastor, and the continued growth of our church family both spiritually and physical.

“And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.

1 John 5:14-15 NRSV”



If you are interested in sharing your time, talents, and gifts in ministry with the Residents at Northview Estates every Tuesday 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Please see Pastor Angelique for details

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## Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference

### Butler District News



**ATTENDING COLLEGE? VISIT <https://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships> FOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH UMC.com**

### District Calendar

January 31, 2019 DCOM

Thursday, February 7 – 10:30 – noon (monthly) UM Conference Center NEW - Clergy Coaching Group

Saturday, February 9 – 10:00 am –noon (monthly) UM Conference Center NEW - District Reading Group

February 10 beginning at 4:00 pm Martin Luther King Celebration rescheduled

The Gathering Monthly Worship with Clergy & Laity - 6:00 pm February 17 at Unionville UMC

February 23 - 26-2019 Special Session of the General Conference

Lay Servant Ministry School Sunday afternoons 2-5 pm, March 10,17,24,31, April 7 Harmony-Zelienople UMC

The Gathering –Monthly Worship with Clergy & Laity - 6:00 pm March 24 – place Faith on 68

The Gathering & District Conference – Sunday, April 28 beginning at 6 pm at Harmony-Zelienople UMC

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Date	Name
2	Kelly Stevens
5	Rachael Sharketti
5	Kraig Woodhead
6	Doug Smith
7	Crystal Biddle
11	Hannah Sutkowski
12	William Fazenbaker
13	Kayla Kingston
13	Sandi Rectenwald
14	Kevin Ritzert
18	Jean Alleman
20	Rusty Campman
21	LaRhoda Smilek
22	Steve Kingston
22	Bill Schilling
23	Lois Hoffman
23	David Irwin
24	Kenneth Brown
24	Evan Tweddell
25	Rebecca Lance
25	Debbie Miller
26	Bruce Bellissimo
26	Kristen Irwin
26	Austin Robinson
26	Sophie Wright
27	Gretchen Turner
28	Jaden Miller



**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Date	Names
17	Rod and Beth Dwyer
17	Doug and Joanne Smith



**Marriage Prayer**  
*Our Vows*

Dear Heavenly Father,

Grant us the strength to hold fast to our vows. When we got married we promised to love, honor, and cherish each other as long as we both shall live.

And so we ask that you teach us to love the way that we should, with patience and kindness, forgiveness and grace. Show us the best way to bestow honor one to another. Open our hearts to fully cherish each other, and open our eyes to see the blessings we have.

Finally, Lord, may we never take these vows for granted, but rather fulfill them with honor and strength.


In the name of Jesus we pray.  
Amen.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Parents Eryn Ottaviani and Kris Main and Big Brother Maddox on the birth of Paxton Patrick Main born January 29, 2019. Paxton was 7 lbs 6 oz and was 21 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Amy Kingston Ottaviani and the Late Patrick Ottaviani and Great Grandparents are Clarence and Carol Kingston.

*First United Methodist Church Calendar*

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>9:30 am-HUMC</b> <b>9:00 am CP-CL</b> <b>11:00 am-FUMCEC</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm BS-FH 6:30 pm MECM-AR	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Q - QR & FH	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm CS-FH	<b>7</b> 6:30 PCM-FH	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Super Saturday
<b>10</b> Newsletter Deadline <b>9:30 am-HUMC</b> <b>9:00 am CP-CL</b> <b>11:00 am-FUMCEC</b> <b>4:00 pm MLK</b> <b>Celebration and</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm BS-FH	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Q – QR & FH	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm CS-FH	<b>14</b> 6:30 PCM-FH  VALENTINE'S DAY 	<b>15</b> 5:00pm departure from church parking lot for WINTERJAM at PPG Arena	<b>16</b> 9:30 am UMW Meeting
<b>17</b> <b>Yellow Ribbon Girls</b> <b>Collection</b> <b>9:30 am-HUMC</b> <b>9:00 am CP-CL</b> <b>11:00 am-FUMCEC</b> <b>Christian Ed Mtg &amp;</b> <b>Lunar New Year</b> <b>Chinese Luncheon</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm BS-FH  PRESIDENT'S DAY	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Q – QR & FH	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm CS-FH	<b>21</b> 6:30 PCM-FH	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>9:30 am-HUMC</b> <b>9:00 am – CP-CL</b> <b>11:00 am-FUMCEC</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm BS-FH	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Q – QR & FH	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm CS-FH	<b>28</b> 6:30 PCM-FH		

Calendar Index:

AR – Altruistic Room  
 BS – Boy Scouts  
 CC – Church Council  
 CL – Church Lounge  
 CP – Choir Practice  
 CS – Cub Scouts  
 ECM – Education Committee Meeting  
 FH – Fellowship Hall  
 FSCM – Finance & Stewardship Committee Meeting  
 FUMCEC – First United Methodist Church

HUMC – Homewood United Methodist Church  
 L – Library  
 MECM – Missions & Evangelism Committee Meeting  
 PCM – Pack Committee Meeting  
 QR – Quilter Room  
 S – Sanctuary  
 TM – Trustees Meeting  
 UMW – United Methodist Women  
 WPCM – Worship Planning Committee Meeting



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Worship time 11:00 a.m. year-round.  
Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before worship.  
Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am-12:00 pm CLOSED Friday

### How to Reach Us...

Rev. Angelique Bradford, Senior Pastor    Email: [pastor@firstumcec.org](mailto:pastor@firstumcec.org)  
Jennifer Agnew, Church Administrator    Email: [secretary@firstumcec.org](mailto:secretary@firstumcec.org)  
Office Phone: 724-758-6278    Pastor's Cell Phone: 412-722-2806  
Church Website: <http://firstumcec.org/>

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Please feel welcome to call Pastor Angelique to schedule a pastoral care appointment if that is helpful to you.

### The Mission of the United Methodist Church

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”  
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. The people of the United Methodist Church

**The First United Methodist Church is a community of believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached sacraments are administered, and the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.**