

First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City February 2020 Newsletter

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Wednesday, February 26, 2020 7:00 pm

First United Methodist Church Ellwood City 416 Crescent Ave. Ellwood City, PA 16117 724-758-6278

Everyone is Welcome!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." ~ John 3: 16-17

INTERCESSORY PRAYER



"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

Please pray for all spoken requests, all those afflicted among us with health concerns, our shut-ins, our nation, our ministry leaders, our pastor Rev. Angelique Bradford, Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the continued growth of our church family both spiritually and physically.

If you have any specific prayer requests that you would like to be included within the weekly bulletin, please contact the church secretary by calling 724-758-6278 or email secretary@firstumcec.org. Thank you!

Opportunity to Serve In Ministry ~As believers in Jesus Christ we seek to live out Christ commandment which is to "*Love one another just as I have love you...by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another*" John 13: 34-35 NRSV

If you are interested in Caring & Visitation Ministry which provides hearing and responding to the care related needs of our Congregation, please contact Pastor Angelique for further details.

Visitation ~ If you would like a Pastoral Care visit or know someone who is homebound, in a nursing homes, or has experienced social or spiritual isolation. Please call our Administrative Office at 724-758-6278 to request a Pastoral Care visit from our Pastor, Rev. Angelique Bradford.

Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before/after worship

DAILY READINGS

The daily readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily citations for the full three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. These readings complement the Sunday and festival readings: Thursday through Saturday readings help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead; Monday through Wednesday readings help the reader reflect on and digest what they heard in worship.

Saturday, February 1, 2020: Sunday, February 2, 2020: Monday, February 3, 2020: Tuesday, February 4, 2020: Wednesday, February 5, 2020: Thursday, February 6, 2020: Friday, February 7, 2020: Saturday, February 8, 2020: Sunday, February 9, 2020: Monday, February 10, 2020: Tuesday, February 11, 2020: Wednesday, February 12, 2020: Thursday, February 13, 2020: Friday, February 14, 2020: Saturday, February 15, 2020: Sunday, February 16, 2020: Monday, February 17, 2020: Tuesday, February 18, 2020: Wednesday, February 19, 2020: Thursday, February 20, 2020: Friday, February 21, 2020: Saturday, February 22, 2020: Sunday, February 23, 2020: Monday, February 24, 2020: Tuesday, February 25, 2020: Wednesday, February 26, 2020: Thursday, February 27, 2020: Friday, February 28, 2020: Saturday, February 29, 2020:

Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25 Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6 Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26 Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5 Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18 Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10 Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30 Psalm 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16 Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17 Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Psalm 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8 Psalm 119:9-16; Deuteronomy 23:21-24:4, 10-15; James 2:1-13 Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 19:1-12 Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7 Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28 Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13 **Transfiguration Sunday** Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34 Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6 Ash Wednesday Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7 Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17 Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7

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FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP



Special Sundays are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. These special offerings are earmarked to support designated ministries. On these Sundays, we empower our congregations to give toward causes and organizations that promote sustainable life change. These offerings help provide refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere. These Special Sundays are part of our denomination-wide effort we call connectional giving. It is one of the most powerful vehicles for generosity we have. Together, our churches are making an impact all over the world.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Umcor Sunday ~ March 22, 2020 Native American Ministries Sunday ~ April 26, 2020 Peace with Justice Sunday ~ June 7, 2020 World Communion Sunday ~ October 4, 2020 Student Sunday ~ November 29, 2020

Don't Forget to Use Amazon Smile for Your Online Shopping

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon.com, a portion of your purchases can be donated back to the church? Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City. Just visit our unique charity link at <u>https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1223330</u>, sign into your amazon.com account and make your purchases as usual. Thank you for participating! Support your favourite charitable organization

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Youth Mission u

July 16-21, 2019 California University of Pennsylvania



Learning together for the transformation of the world

Young Adult Ministry

-Are you looking for a way to help the young adults (18-35 years) in your congregation?

-Do you want to draw young adults into the life of your church?

- Are you looking to start a college or young adult ministry?
- -Are you a young adult looking to make a difference?

Your conference young adult council is here to help! This council is composed of young adults (and some slightly older) from across the conference. We meet several times a year to start laying some foundational pieces for conference young adult ministry.

If you would like more information and to see where young adults are already connecting within our conference, click here. Do you have a question or need resources? Contact Amanda Gilligan, coordinator of young people's ministry or Sydney Widdersheim, Young Adult Council Chair.

For youth in 6th-12th grade! July 20-24, 2020 Jumonville Camp and Retreat Center



YOUTH INFORMATION: on the web at https://www.wpaumc.org/youthevents

Check out all of the Youth news at https://www.wpaumc.org/Youth

The Next Youth and Young Adult Sunday will be March 29, 2020 If you are interested in participating, please see Pastor Angelique

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



ROSALIND CANDY SALE

We are selling Easter Candy Order forms for our annual candy fundraiser are located on the table in the library. Orders and money will be due March 26 and candy will be available for pick up at church on April 5.

Clean out those closets!

The Spring Rummage Sale will be held April 2, 3 & 4.

Additional information about donations will be posted soon!



We are still collecting new pillows for the Lawrence County Crisis Shelter.

Please place your pillows in the Alturistic Room.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2020 All meetings begin at 9:30 with a brunch, meeting and program to follow

https://www.wpaumc.org/UMWomen

Mission & Evangelism Committee News

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

- Applesauce or canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta and Sauce
- Cake or browing mixes
- Paper products



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A Member of the UMCOR Relief Supply Network

Sponsor a Child Today!

When you sponsor a child, you'll be personally connected with a boy or girl who will know your name and treasure the thought that you care. Your support of \$38 per month provides life-changing opportunities such as:

- an opportunity to attend or stay in school
- medical care, which often saves lives
 - nourishing food
- mentoring and a safe environment through a local evangelical church
 - and most important, opportunities to hear the gospel.

Compassion child sponsorship works! Millions of children have "graduated" from our program and are now responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. Allow God to work through you in the life of a child in poverty. Sponsor a child today!

www.compassion.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SUPER SATURDAY Saturday, February 8, 2020 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Ages 3 years – 6th grade

New children are always welcome!

The Christian Education Committee is making plans for a special Lenten Service featuring an Easter Presentation by the children and planning is underway for this summer's VBS.





The Education Committee is planning a "Winter Blues Pick-Me-Up Picnic" to be held after Worship on February 16, 2020 at 12:30 pm. Invite your family and friends to this wonderful time of fellowship. We will be cooking hot dogs, and eating picnic foods. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during Worship.

"I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth." ~ 3 John 1:4 NRSV

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS, NEWS & INFORMATION

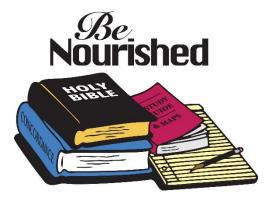
A special Thank You to all who attended and/or participated in the MLK worship service held on January 19! We look forward to seeing you at next years' service – January 18, 2021.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, February 8, 2020 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

If you missed the last meeting, you can get the study guide on the www.firstumcec.org website.

Even if you have not been able to attend yet, the door is always open. We hope to see you there!



Sanctuaries of Safety Seminar

Raising awareness of safety concerns within the local Church and Community Sunday, February 9, 2020 ~ 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm 416 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117 For more information contact Rev. Angelique Bradford at 724-758-6278

Visionary Leadership Seminar

March 7, 2020

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Crossfire Campus of Butler First UMC

We ask that all leaders of the church consider attending this seminar. There will be a session titled "Moving Toward a "Single Board" Administration Structure" that will be presented. You may sign up by contacting the FUMC church office.



If you are interested in attending the Lay Servant Ministries School Spring 2020 please pick up a brochure located on the table underneath the bulletin board or see Jerry Rectenwald. Classes will be held at the Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church on Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 pm on

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

*We are looking for a newsletter editor. If you have some interest, please contact the church office.

WPAC BUTLER DISTRICT & ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

Upcoming Important Dates

General Conference 2020 May 5-15, 2020 Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN https://www.resourceumc.org/churchwide/general-conference-2020

> 2020 Annual Conference June 11-13, 2020 Grove City College 100 Campus Dr Grove City, PA 16127 <u>www.wpaumc.org</u>

The Northeastern Juridsction Jurisdictional Conference July 13-17, 2020 Hunt Valley, Maryland <u>www.nejumc.org</u>

WPAC BUTLER DISTRICT & ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

General Conference History & Highlights



1870

2016 Where is God calling us to go from here?



founding of Africa University, the first private university in Zimbabwe serving young people from all over Africa.

General Conference approves



1972 The first General Conference of The Church meets in Atlanta, Georgia.*



The first lay delegates (non-clergy) attend General Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*



1956 Methodist Church officially adopts full clergy rights for women after years of female preachers, teachers, and leaders.



1803

The first conference of the Evangelical Association ordains Jacob Albright to Lead them * lead them.

1800

1988

William Otterbein and Martin Boehm found Church of the United Brethren that held "General Conferences" annually.*



1773 The first conference of American Methodist preachers meets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 3 years before the United States becomes a nation.

1784

The Christmas Conference at Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland officially forms the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1800

Methodist Episcopal General Conference issues pastoral letter on abolishing slavery.



1792 General Conference begins cycle of meeting once every four years.

1744

John Wesley hosts first conference of Methodist preachers in London.



*Historical branches of The United Methodist Church named above

- listorical branches of The United Methodist Church named above 1968 The United Methodist Church was founded when the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren joined. 1946 Evangelical United Brethren formed through uniting of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church. 1939 The Methodist Church was founded when the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church united.

- the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the way from the Evangelical 1894 United Association 1844 Methodist Episcopal Church, South forms when congregations leave the Methodist Episcopal Church over the issue of slavery. 1828 Methodist Protestant Church forms after congregations separate from Methodist Episcopal Church over issues of church governance.

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SCHOLARSHIPS There are a variety of scholarships at www.umc.org/resources/scholarships and at www.wpaumc.org/scholarshipforms.

Keep Up With Upcoming Events - WPAUMC Conference

The website for upcoming events is: <u>http://www.wpaumc.org/events</u>.

Western PA Conference The United Methodist Church Butler District 1204 Freedom Road P.O. Box 5002 Cranberry Township, PA 16066-0002 Phone: 724-252-3198



AA Meetings are held every Thursday at 1:00 pm at HUMC

OPEN DOOR FELLOWSHIP

Join Homewood United Methodist Church each week on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for "Open Door". This is a time of sharing the Love of God with our neighbors and offering Radical Hospitality.

Mission Statement of Homewood United Methodist Church

"To spread the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by means of fellowship and discipleship, from our loving hearts through our giving hands"



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<u>FEBRUARY</u> BIRTHDAYS

- 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
- 25 Rebecca Lance
- 25 Debbie Miller
- 26 Bruce Bellissimo
- 26 Kristen Irwin
- 26 Austin Robinson
- 26 Sophie Wright
- 27 Gretchen Turner
- 28Jaden Miller





Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit Romars 15:13

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 Rod and Beth Dwyer
- 17 Doug and Joanne Smith

*Our records need updating....Please contact the church office via telephone or email with any birthday/anniversary updates. Thank you

FUMCEC CALENDAR

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC 12:30 pm-Christian Ed. Meeting	3 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	4 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg 6:30 pm	6:30 pm-7:30 pm	6 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Program at HUMC-6:00 pm	7	8 Super Saturday Bible Study 10:00 am-12:00 pm
9 Scouting Sunday 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC 3:00 pm-Safe Sanctuaries Seminar	10 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	11 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	13 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 UMW Meeting 9:30 am
16 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC 12:30 pm-Winter Blues Picnic	17 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm President's Day	18 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	20 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Program at HUMC-6:00 pm	21	22
23 9:00 am-Choir Practice 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	24 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg 6:30 pm	25 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	Worship Services at FUMC 7:00 pm Ash	27 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	28	29

FUMCEC CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 - First Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	2	3	4	5 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Program at HUMC-6:00 pm	6 World Day of Prayer	7 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall Visionary Leadereship Conference - Butler
8 – Second Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	9 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	10 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	11 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	12 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	13	14 Super Saturday Bible Study 10:00 am-12:00 pm
15 – Third Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	16 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	17 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm St. Patrick's Day	18 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	19 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Program at HUMC-6:00 pm	20	21 UMW Meeting 9:30 am
22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	23 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	24 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	25 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	26 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	27	28
29 – Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	30 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	31 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm				

COMMUNITY NEWS

Grief Share 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 9 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the church parlor. The group will meet each Sunday afternoon for 13 weeks, concluding on May 17. (We will not meet on Easter or Mother's Day.) 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 <u>calvinellwood@gmail.com</u>. You can also visit the GriefShare website at <u>www.griefshare.org</u> for additional information.

Holy Redeemer Parish Lenten Pizza Sale

Sponsored by the Holy Redeemer Christian Mothers Friday – February 28 Friday – March 13 Friday – March 27 \$8.00 for a whole Red or White Pizza Must Pre-order between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm on the day of sale by calling 724-752-9350 Pick up at the Holy Redeemer Parish Catholic Center until 5:00 pm



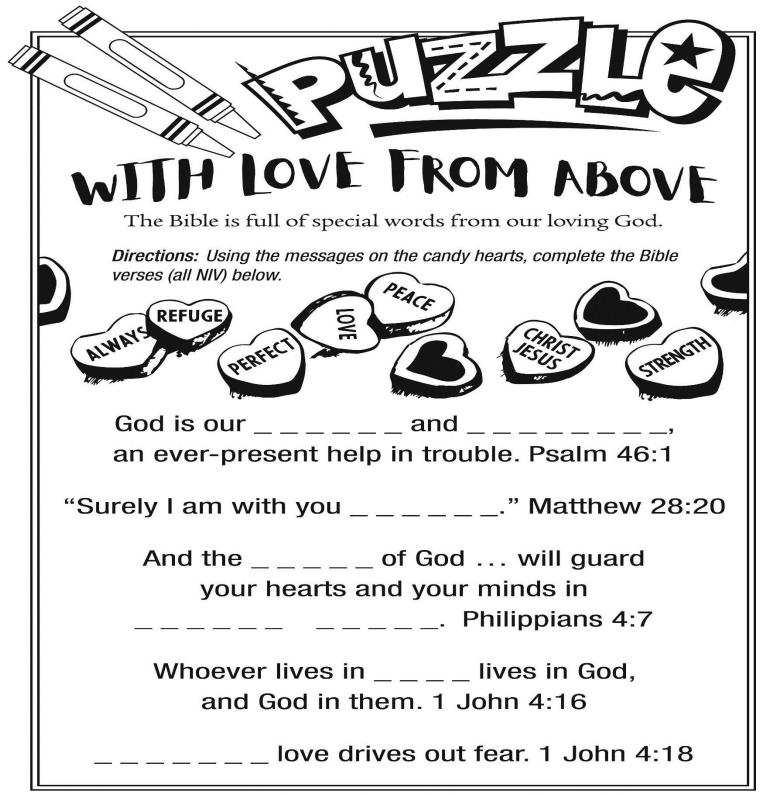
Holy Redeemer Parish Lenten Pierogi Sale

Sponsored by the Holy Redeemer Christian Mothers Frozen potato-cheese pierogis are now available for purchase. Can purchase at the Parish Office or at the above Pizza Sales for \$6.00 per dozen.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect



First United Methodist Church 416 Crescent Avenue Ellwood City, PA 16117



No matter who you are or where you come from You are Welcome Here!

Worship time 11:00 a.m. year-round. Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before worship. Church Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 am-12:00 pm and Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm CLOSED Friday

How to Reach Us...

Rev. Angelique Bradford, Senior Pastor Jennifer Agnew, Church Administrator Office Phone: 724-758-6278 Church Website: http://firstumcec.org/

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.