



First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City September 2019 Newsletter

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Payer at the beginning of a New School Year

At the beginning a new school year, O God of wisdom,
We offer thanks and praise for the gift of new
beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to
wonder. We pray for teachers, students, and staff that
this year might be rewarding for all. Be with us as we
face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the
expectations of parents, friends, and self. In our
learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to
others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ
our Savior. Amen. (U.S.A., 20th CENT.ALT)



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



INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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”

God Answers Prayer

QUESTION: God answers prayer - But why not the way I want Him to?

God answers prayer! The beauty of God answering prayer is just that; He answers us! God, in His ultimate and unfailing love desires nothing less than our absolute best. Sometimes, what we think is best is definitely not beneficial for us. Often, we aren't able to see that until time passes and we can look back and see how the situation played out. God knew what was best for us all along!

If a father takes his daughter into a candy store and tells her she can have anything she wants, the little girl would walk wide-eyed into the store eyeing all the sweet treats. The father, knowing his daughter is allergic to chocolate, wouldn't offer her a chocolate bar even if she asked for it. Does the father not care about his daughter's desire? No, the father is bearing the responsibility of parenting and doing what is best for the child.

In this same way, God always answers our prayers with our best interest at heart. God stands to gain nothing from us, but we stand to gain everything from Him!

So, next time you fail to get the answer you want or the next time you feel like God is simply being quiet, set your concerns aside and trust Him. With time, you'll see His protection and divine hand in your situation.

1 John 5:14-15 says, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him."

<https://www.allaboutprayer.org/god-answers-prayer-faq.htm>



UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS

- Christian Education – September 8, 2019
- World Communion Sunday – October 6, 2019
- Volunteers in Mission Awareness – October 20, 2019
- Laity Sunday – October 20, 2019
- Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday – November 10, 2019
- UM Student Sunday – November 24, 2019

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 <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1223330>, sign into your amazon.com account and make your purchases as usual. Thank you for participating!!



Youth Sunday!



First United Methodist Church

416 Crescent Ave., Ellwood City, PA

September 29, 2019

11:00 am

If you are interested in sharing your talents and gifts for the Youth & Young Adult worship service that will take place Sunday, September 29, 2019 please see Pastor Angelique for details

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

FALL CRAFT SHOW

September 21, 2019

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

First United Methodist Church Ellwood
City

We are looking for craft vendors for our 3rd annual craft show on September 21, 2019 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please call Kathleen for details at 724-971-0965.



The NEXT UMW meeting will be held September 21 (Fall Craft Show)

Fall Rummage Sale



Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale

The United Methodist Women will be holding their annual fall rummage sale on October 10, 11 and 12. Keep us in mind as you are cleaning out items you no longer are in need of.

We support many local missions with the money earned. More information will follow closer to the time of sale but if you have any question you contact Carolyn Sarver at 724-971-2679

Thank you!

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org



MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Mission & Evangelism Committee News

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

- Soup and crackers
- Juice
- Bath and hand soap
- Body Wash and Lotion

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



A Member of the UMCOR Relief Supply Network

something easily done by even those with handicapping conditions.

The facility has also served as a center for building UMCOR-design modular handicap-access ramps for residents of Lawrence and Mercer counties.

For more information visit <https://www.wpaumc.org/missionbarn>

The Eastbrook Mission Barn is one of six UMCOR Relief Supply Network depots across the United States. In 2000, Eastbrook United Methodist Church acquired a former dairy barn as part of its purchase of a new parsonage. In 2008, the church began using the heated office space to store UMCOR cleaning buckets. Today, it is dedicated to storing relief supplies year-round, as well as to providing a work space for volunteers.

Teams of volunteers show up every week at the barn to verify kits, make kits from scratch, sew tiny nightgowns for infants or school bags for children in some far off place. There are teen-agers, elderly women and men. Sitting and sewing or checking kits is



**When You
Volunteer,
We All Grow!
Be a Mission
Volunteer.**

 **Global Ministries**
The United Methodist Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Rally Day

September 8th is our Back To School Rally Day Celebration!
Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:45.

There will be an inspiring speaker during Worship, teachers will be recognized, and children will receive Bibles. There will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following Worship. Goodies will include pizza, salad and cookies. There has been a sign-up sheet on a clipboard being passed around during Worship. Please invite your family to attend Sunday School & Worship that day, and stay afterwards for a yummy lunch. Monetary donations will be accepted.

Our upstairs teachers are shifting around in the classes, but will continue to work together and use their gifts to encourage, nurture and inspire our children.

Preschool - 2nd Grade - Sandi Rectenwald
3rd - 5th - Beth Miller
6th - High School - Lori Teh Rectenwald
Music - Jerry Rectenwald

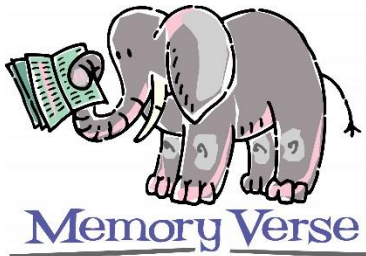


The Adult Class will meet in the Altruistic Room.

And..... Junior Church will begin again on the 8th. We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers who maybe could take turns spending time with our kiddos. Thank You So Much to Mindy for her dedication to that ministry for so long.

Safe Sanctuary

Lori Teh Rectenwald is our Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator. She is collecting Clearances from anyone in the church who volunteers with the children. Please don't hesitate to ask her any questions about Safe Sanctuary.



Memory Verses

September 8th, beginning with Noah Rhodes, our talented and amazing kiddos will be reciting Bible Memory Verses each Sunday. A sign-up sheet will be upstairs on a bulletin board. Thanks for encouraging our kids in this inspiring and important ministry.

Food & Fellowship

The Education Committee plans to continue sponsoring a time of food and fellowship once a month following Worship. Gathering together, breaking bread, or pizza together, and sharing our time with one another is an extension of worshipping the Lord together with our beloved church family.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Super Saturday

The second Saturday morning of each month from 10:00-noon we will continue to hold Super Saturday for the children of our church and the community.

Ages 3 - Adult are welcome. Adult, you ask????

YES!

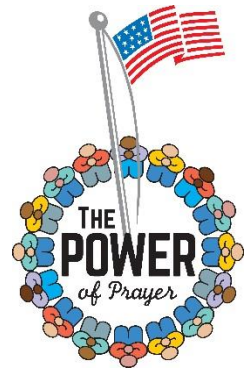
This year, Kathy Gordon will shift gears and teach an Adult Study while our kiddos are having their own activities. Kathy is excited about this new adventure. Please spread the word on Facebook and to your friends & family, and come out and support her.

GO KATHY!

Though we are excited about the Adult class, we can also use some man, woman or teen power to help with the kiddos. Please pray about how YOU can be involved in the coming year, even if it's just committing to one month. We could use some new ideas, and sharing of talents. If you have an experience or an activity you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to offer your help. Thank You So Much!

See You At The Pole

SYATP is a yearly event in September. At 7:00 am, on September 25th, students across the country will gather around their school flagpoles and pray together. Often teachers attend, and community members. This event has been well attended over the years by Lincoln High School students. As "The church across from the High School", we have supported it by donating muffins or treats to those who are participating. We plan to continue the tradition this year. Please join the students around the country in prayer, and feel the power of the Lord at work throughout our Land.



**Thanks to our
SUMMER
VOLUNTEERS!**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH
VBS THIS SUMMER IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM.
YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!**

Our next Christian Education Meeting will be on Sunday, September 15th, following Worship.

DID YOU SEE THIS.....

We're honored to be named to the Festival Committee's Hall of Fame!

Ellwood City United Methodist Church



Who could forget those warm, cinnamon sauce covered, gooey, apple dumplings topped with rich and divine vanilla ice cream. Ellwood City's First United Methodist Church was known for years for the comforting dumplings. Suggested by Peg Kimpel, during a time when the church was trying to find their iconic contribution, the apple dumplings have gone down in history as one of the favorite deserts served on the Ewing Park grounds.

Steven Miller, who served as the church's food booth chair for 12 years, said those dumplings met the mouths of between 1,800 to 2,500 Festival goers each year and many were repeat customers year after year.

Boots recalls the dumplings being a nearly yearlong "labor of love." She said the church's preparation for the Festival began in early fall when the coveted apples for the dumplings were chosen and transformed into the beloved product that Festival goers delighted in. She said that yearlong process included constructing the dumplings, freezing them in preparation for the Festival, then bringing the thousands of scrumptious treats to the park to be cooked on the grill and served to awaiting customers.

If you never had one, you are truly missing something," Boots said.

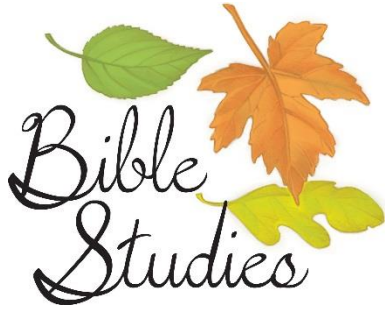
Unfortunately as times have changed and years have passed, a lack of help has forced the church to give up their apple dumpling selling at the Festival. Boots said apple dumplings are available at the festival, but not through the church. They are a memory that must live on in history.

Miller said it was mostly the elements (heat) that has prevented an aging congregation from having a physical presence at the Festival. He did say that the dumplings aren't completely lost though, for those who must have a dumpling, there is a sale at the church on Saturday July 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. Miller admits the sale at the church won't be the same as being part of the Festival.

"We are sad that we aren't going to be there," he said. "We are going to miss it. It's been a lot of fun."

(ellwoodcity.org)

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS and NEWS



NEW MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

Greetings! We will be starting a new Bible Study for adults to run in conjunction with the Super Saturdays for kids. This will be the second Saturday of the month, from 10-12. NOTE: there will be homework! I envision a time where we can talk about the passages we read during the month, ask questions, exchange ideas, etc. We will not be using a specific book – other than our Bibles. Anyone who is interested I would appreciate hearing from you. I would like to hear what ideas you might have for this group, what you might like to read or learn. Together we will come up with a plan and work on executing it. Looking forward to this new venture!

Kathy Gordon
412-427-0529
kjgordon02@gmail.com

Church Charge Conference

September 17, 2019

7:00 pm

Homewood United Methodist Church
127 First Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010



Civic Chorale Concert
First United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 1
7:00 pm

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS and NEWS

**Please share some words of encouragement with some of our members
who are homebound or suffering illness**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Marynelle Kness
Rochester Manor and Villa
174 Virginia Ave.
Rochester, PA 15074

Ms. Pat Seaburn
279 Portersville Rd.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ms. Carol Bash
174 Bash Lane
Portersville, PA 16051

Mrs. Darlene Patterson
910 Dolter Ave.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Mrs. Carol Kingston
1082 Woodside Ave.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Mr. and Mrs. Philip and LaRoda Smilek
417 Wood St.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ms. Anna Mae Hall
Northview Estates
945 Border Ave.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Mr. Ted Householder
Northview Estates
945 Border Ave.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ms. Dot Buquo
235 Country Club Dr.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ms. Virginia Purnell
425 Loop St.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ms. Jody Miller
2504 Anna St.
Beaver Falls, PA 15010



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

416 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117
Phone: (724) 758-6278 Website: www.firstumcec.org
Rev. Angelique 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.

___ Christian Education

___ Worship Planning

___ Greeter

___ Mission/Evangelism

___ Intercessory Prayer Ministry

___ Counters

___ Youth & Young Adult

___ Hospitality

___ Liturgist

___ Administration

___ Stewardship

___ Visitation

___ Communion Steward

___ Usher

___ Altar Guild

___ Sound Ministry

___ Communications

___ Newsletter

___ Food Bank Coordinator

___ Outdoor message board

___ Family Nights

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

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.

WPAC BUTLER DISTRICT NEWS

EVANGELISM LEADER'S TRAINING EVENT

The Conference Evangelism Team is holding an Evangelism Leader's Training (ELT) event in our district. A maximum of fifteen persons from the district will participate in a two-week course on evangelism using an online educational platform. The course will be completed at home with time flexibility. Following the online course, you will attend a one-day, on-site practical training at a location on district. The day will focus on leading a local church Evangelism Team. John and Christine Zimmerman of About Face Church Outreach will facilitate all the training.

Online Course: October 7-18, 2019

On-site Class: October 20, 2019, 2pm-7pm (Location to be determined)

Cost: \$60.00 for everything (Course, books, meal, etc)

Register and more info: www.af180.org

Credit: Laity – Certification as an Advanced Course in Lay Servant Ministries, Clergy – 1.5 CEU's

Mark your calendar now for the 2019 **FALL** Lay Servant
Ministry School

COME AND LEARN

EXPAND YOUR SERVICE TO GOD AND YOUR CHURCH

GROW IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

BUTLER District

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES SCHOOL Fall 2019

Saturdays 9:00 am-1:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 14, 21, AND 28, 2019

*New Castle First
135 Decker Drive
New Castle Pa 16105*

COST: \$35 covers book and materials

Registration deadline

August 19, 2019

"The Gathering"

A Monthly Time of Worship and Connection
The monthly **Gathering** is an excellent opportunity for the people of the Butler District to join together for the purpose of connecting with one another and offering the very best of their praise and thanksgiving to a God who deserves nothing less than that! Our prayer is that, through The Gathering, the Holy Spirit will lead us into a deeper experience of both Christ-centered community and Christ-honoring worship. **Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church, 123 N Pittsburgh Street, Zelienople, PA 16063**
Tara and Eric Park will facilitate worship at this Gathering.

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Keep Up With Upcoming Events - WPAUMC Conference

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

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

Keep Up With Upcoming Events - WPAUMC Conference
<http://www.wpaumc.org/events>

PRAY!

WHEN

Friday, September 27, 2019

WHERE

United Methodist Center - Hickman Room/Bittner Room
1204 Freedom Rd
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

Email

renee.mikell@wpaumc.org

Contact

Renee Mikell

What: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."* Now is the time for God's people to gather and PRAY. Bring your prayer groups, prayer partners, praying families and friends. At his darkest time on earth Jesus asked " Could you not watch with me for an hour?" Please join us in hours set apart for prayer, fellowship, and learning.

Who: Sponsored by WPAUMC Conference and Prayer Team in partnership with the Prayer Institute of Houston Texas.

If you have questions about prayer group organizing, please contact Rev. Chris Kindle, Discipleship and Spiritual Formation at 1-800-866-3382 (ext. 233)

If you have questions about the program details please contact Rev. Renee' Mikell, Assistant to the Bishop at 1-800-866-3382 (ext. 222 or ext. 225 Phyllis)

Total Cost: \$25 each person or \$50 for prayer groups up to 5 people

*Lodging is available at hotels nearby at a discounted rate, but the fee is not included with registration.

FUMCEC & HUMC NEWS



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

**Homewood Church is celebrating 125 years
September 21 and 22**

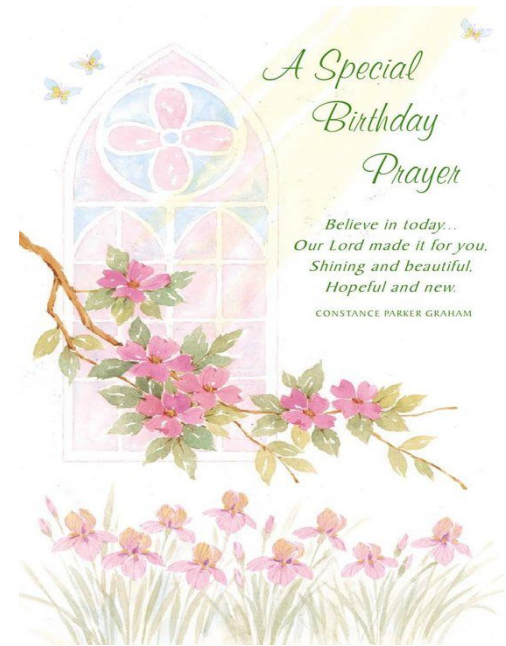
A special Homecoming Church Service Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 pm



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Laura Brodbeck
- 5 Quinn Smith
- 6 Isaac Smith
- 7 Brenda Lance
- 7 John Walker
- 8 Michael Widmaier
- 10 Rachel Kauffman
- 10 Barbara Mohr
- 10 Eryn Ottaviani
- 10 Elizabeth Polojac
- 11 Jessica Gordon
- 12 Zachary Polojac
- 12 Philip Smilek
- 13 Ella Boyle
- 14 Kyle Canterbury
- 18 Sara Gordon
- 18 Lori Hall
- 18 Annabelle Woodhead
- 19 Jax Bender
- 19 Bob Blaine
- 19 Billy Kelly
- 20 Beth Boyle
- 23 Peg Kimpel
- 23 Richard Lance
- 25 Craig Brown
- 25 Blake Michlich
- 26 David Alleman
- 28 Dave Matricardi
- 29 Bob Kimpel
- 30 Herk Hooker



*Believe in today...
Our Lord made it for you.
Shining and beautiful,
Hopeful and new.*

CONSTANCE PARKER GRAHAM

September ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 P.A. and Dot Harman
- 5 Chris and Brenda Newell
- 13 Beth and Robert Miller
- 14 Jim and Sue Reed
- 18 David and Kari Bender
- 19 Rick and Nickie Eckley
- 21 Dave and Gwen Matricardi
- 25 Paul and Diane Keller
- 27 Bill and Charlotte Keely
- 28 Lance and Tonia Seaburn
- 29 Robb and Beth Miller



FUMCEC CALENDAR

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMCEC Rally Day at FUMCEC with Fellowship and Food to follow worship	9 6:30 pm BS-FH	10 9:00 am Q - QR & FH	11 6:00 pm CS-FH	12 10:00 am Open Door Fellowship HUMC	13	14 10:00 – 12:00 Super Saturday
15 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMCEC 12:30 Christian Ed. Mtg.	16 6:30 pm BS-FH	17 9:00 am Q – QR & FH 	18 6:00 pm CS-FH	19 10:00 am Open Door Fellowship HUMC	20	21 9:00 – 2:00 UMW Fall Craft Show
22 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMCEC 2:00 pm HUMC 125 Years Celebration	23 6:30 pm BS-FH	24 9:00 am Q – QR & FH	25 6:00 pm CS-FH	26 10:00 am Open Door Fellowship HUMC	27	28
29 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMCEC Youth and Young Adult Sunday	30 6:30 pm BS-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

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

FUMCEC – First United Methodist Church



Ellwood City
FALL FEST
Schedule of Events



11 AM - 5 PM FALL FEST ON LAWRENCE AVENUE 4TH-6TH ST.

11 AM - 1 PM WINE & SPIRIT - COMMUNITY PLAZA

2 PM - 5 PM 288 - COMMUNITY PLAZA

11 AM - 2 PM SUPER MIDNIGHT - LAWRENCE & 9TH ST.

LIVE DJ MIKE ROMIGH - LAWRENCE & 7TH ST.

LIVE DJ VIC RANGEL - LAWRENCE & 8TH ST.

11 AM - 4 PM CAR CRUISE ON LAWRENCE AVENUE 6TH-10TH ST.

THANK YOU TO OUR FALL FEST & CAR CRUISE SPONSORS:



9.28.19 | 11 AM-5 PM
LAWRENCE AVENUE 4TH-10TH ST.
ELLWOOD CITY, PA 16117

ARTS, CRAFTS, FOOD, CAR CRUISE, LOCAL BANDS,
LIVE DJ'S, FAMILY FUN, BOUNCE HOUSE

PRESENTED BY:



ELLWOOD CITY AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COMMUNITY NEWS



STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
4:00PM - 7:30PM

EWING PARK, ELLWOOD CITY



Who: Bailey Taylor • Rick Witkowski • Hermie Granati • Greg McLtrot • Rick Clew
Matt Welch • Taylor Sisters • Dan Taylor • Jim Spears • Dave Bufalini • Jeff Davis
Also making a special guest appearance is Club Hope's own, Cara Atkinson,
her sisters, Francesca Nardone and Nikki Rawding, and her mom, Kathy Nardone

When: Saturday, September 14, 2019
Show starts at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Lincoln High School
501 Crescent Ave, Ellwood City, PA 16117

Why: To support Club Hope and all of the wonderful
work they do to help those who have fought or
are fighting cancer



For Ticket Information

Call Cara Atkinson (724) 657-7672
or Dan Taylor (724) 709-3994





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

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 Email: pastor@firstumcec.org

Jennifer Agnew, Church Administrator Email: secretary@firstumcec.org

Office Phone: 724-758-6278

Pastor's Cell Phone: 412-722-2806

Church Website: <http://firstumcec.org/>

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.