



Messenger

June 2026

A publication of First Christian Church, Meadville, PA

On Memorial Day, my family attended a service in Cochranon honoring those who served in the military. Three of my children participated in the marching band, and my wife was with them while my youngest son, Mikey, and I met them at the cemetery where the service was held. As we walked, Mikey began stepping in front of the graves, and I gently explained that people who have passed away are buried there and that, out of respect, we do not walk over graves—we walk around them. Later, he wanted to run through the cemetery to the service, and again I reminded him that this was a place deserving reverence. Even as children learn respect for places of honor and memory, we are reminded that reverence matters because it reflects what we value. The Bible says, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 9:10 NIV)*. This fear is not terror, but holy awe, honor, and deep respect for who God is.

If we instinctively show honor in a cemetery because of the memory of people who served and sacrificed, how much more should we approach the living and holy God with reverence? God is not common or casual; He is majestic, sovereign, and worthy of our deepest respect. Scripture reminds us, *“Let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our ‘God is a consuming fire.’” (Hebrews 12:28–29 NIV)*. Reverence for God is seen not only at church during worship but in our hearts; in the way we speak about Him, obey His Word, pray, and live for Him each day.

At the same time, reverence does not push us away from God; it draws us closer with humility and gratitude. Just as Mikey learned there are places and moments that deserve special respect, we too must remember there is no one more worthy of honor than the Lord Himself. The Psalmist declared, *“Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling” (Psalms 2:11 NIV)*. May we never treat God casually, but instead come before Him with hearts full of worship, respect, and awe, remembering that the One who invites us near is also the holy King of Heaven.

In Christ,

Robert

Welcome New 7th Graders!

Join us for Sunday School in the Youth Room, Downstairs, Sundays at 9am!



Sunday Night Youth Group will return in the Fall!

Attendance

| | <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>Sunday Worship</u> | <u>Night</u> |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 04/26 | 68 | 132 | 28 |
| 05/03 | 78 | 162 | 27 |
| 05/10 | 82 | 162 | no classes |
| 05/17 | 65 | 137 | no classes |
| 05/24 | 87 | 155 | no classes |

Offering

Weekly Budgeted Needs - \$5,503.89

| | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Designated</u> |
|-------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 04/26 | \$3,267.00 | \$266.00 |
| 05/03 | \$4,159.25 | \$1,723.32 |
| 05/10 | \$6,442.00 | \$388.29 |
| 05/17 | \$5,401.00 | \$0.00 |
| 05/24 | \$2,267.00 | \$435.00 |

Online giving for the month of April

This amount is in addition to the amounts printed above.

\$1,685.00



Hi Kidz,

School will be out soon! Yeah!! Which mean **Summer Memorization** will be starting up soon!! ☺ Kidz, get ready to jump into God's Word...the Bible! Pick up an age appropriate packet and start memorizing verses and facts from the BIBLE! As you learn then you will earn rewards!

June 7th will be **Promotion Sunday**. Kids entering a new class will go to their new class on this Sunday. We have two awesome individuals that will be leaving KidZone and heading to the 7th -12th grade, Youth Group. **Corey McGuire** and **Ariana Liller**, it has been a pleasure watching you grow in your walk with our Lord! I am proud of the young people you have become. Keep growing in the Lord!!

Looking ahead... everyone mark your calendars now!! You won't want to miss out on all the fun!! ☺

July 19th

All Church Picnic

Aug 1st

Family Swim & Picnic at Reffner's House

Sept 13th

Free Carnival-"Jesus Is The Light"

Remember to check-out the KidZone counter for all the upcoming events! You can sign up there!!

There will be no Sunday Night Programs through out the Summer. Programs will resume in the Fall. Enjoy the Summer evenings with family and friends.

KidZone have a great week! I can not wait to see everyone at church on Sunday! Don't forget to bring a friend! Everyone needs to know how much Jesus loves them!!

God Bless!

Miss Lori

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Join us on Sunday, June 21st
for breakfast!

Breakfast will be served during Sunday
School hour, beginning at 9am.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Meadville, Pennsylvania

**Celebration of Life for Becky Miller
(Mother of Janice Price)**

Saturday, June 20th at 4pm
Stainbrook Park, Shelter #2 at
21762 German Road, Meadville

**FATHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH AT 8:30AM

FATHERS OF THE CHURCH,
IT IS YOUR TIME TO BE
SERVED A MEAL.

Enjoy!

Thank you!!

Kurt and I would like to thank our Sunday School class and church family for all your love and support. The loss of Kurt's father was a long, difficult process of many months. The encouragement, help and love felt by our Lord and church family got us through it all.

It was a humbling experience to be on the receiving end of such compassion. We thank all of you.

Kurt and Jan VanTuil

FCC Fireside with Family & Friends:
Friday, June 26th, 6:30-9:30ish PM
24445 Gravel Run Road Cambridge Springs PA

**STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL**

Forever Young Seniors next event
will be on **Friday, June 12th**. We
will attend the Grove City
Strawberry Festival.

Come join church family for exciting Friday night out. Bring your family, your bikes, chairs, snacks to share, riding toys, swimsuits (if you plan to go for evening swim), nature hikes, songs, stories and more!

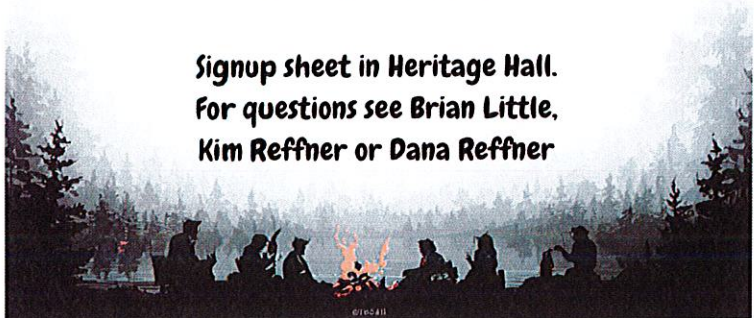
Please note that this is a date change from June 5th. The church bus will leave at 10:44am and leave the festival at 2:29pm.

Come sit by a fire & enjoy the warmth of campfire and God's creation.

There is a \$5 fee for the transportation and sign up is required on the sheet in Heritage Hall. Wear comfortable shoes.

Signup sheet in Heritage Hall.
For questions see Brian Little,
Kim Reffner or Dana Reffner

Over 70 vendors
Strawberries
Food
Live Music
Strawberries





MARCH FOR JESUS MEADVILLE

2026 Theme:
In Jesus We Trust
-Psalm 20:7

Will you join us?

themarchforjesus.org

HELP WANTED

The women would like to reciprocate the favor and serve the fathers of the church a special Father's Day breakfast. The men served the mothers of the church at the Mother's Day Event and Luncheon, so now it's their turn to serve.



We need women that are willing to cook and serve breakfast for fathers of the congregation on Saturday, June 20th at 8:30am

If you are willing to help, please be here by 7:30am.
Contact Barb Smith at 931-216-6139.

Women's Ministry

is saving you a seat at the
2nd Saturday of the
month

Prayer Breakfast

Please bring a breakfast item to share

2nd Saturday each
month

8:30AM



Heritage Hall
First Christian Church



GARAGE SALE

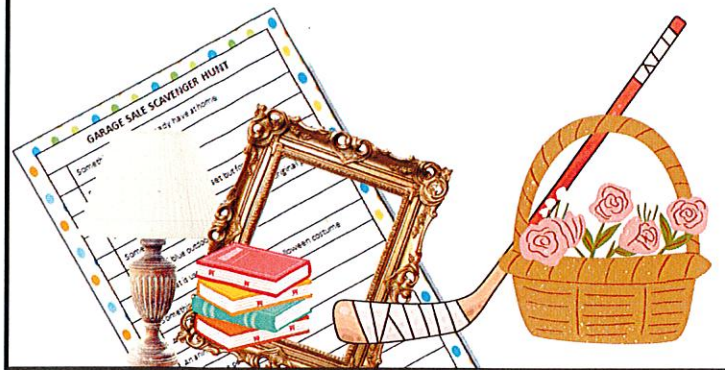
SCAVENGER HUNT!

Women's Ministry time for fun!
Church Bus to CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS COMMUNITY SALES
looking for strange or unusual items on a custom list!
Whoever finds the most on the list will win a prize!

Meet at FCC, 8:30 am,

Saturday June 27, 2026

Please RSVP! This is a no cost event!





Giana Gracey

Giana is the granddaughter of Kim Burson. Giana has 3 full siblings and 5 half siblings. In high school, Giana was in the Co-Op program working at PennDOT as a Clerical Assistant. In the future, Giana will be attending Allegheny College to major in Psychology with a minor in Communications. Giana's goal is to become a life coach.



Grace Sorger

Grace is the daughter of Rich and Jennie Sorger. She has been studying Forensics at the University of Albany. She graduated with her Masters of Science in Forensic Investigation and Management. Grace has been applying for jobs in the Albany, NY area.



Counters

- 6/07 Dawn Fronce
Candi VanTuil
- 6/14 Katie Heiner
Michelle Glenn-Pennino
- 6/21 Sherry Manuel
Jan VanTuil
- 6/28 Eileen Smith
Marci Dickson

Need a Ride to Church?

If you need a ride to Sunday School and Church, please call the church office by Friday at noon.
(814) 336-3540

Anniversaries

- 2 Bernie & Tess Skillsky-Irwin
4 Doug & Jenni Torok
6 Ric & Chris Fraker

Birthdays

- 1 Kady Bourbeau
Rafael Ruiz-Makendi
Naelle Ruiz-Makendi
- 3 Pat Peters
- 4 Pearson Pennino
- 5 Corey Stainbrook
- 7 Grace Sorger
- 10 Kathy Bens
Lois Hunt
- 11 Greyson Rodriguez
Alyse Broderick
- 12 Shirley Anthony
- 15 Tierney Palmer
- 16 Delbert Liller
Mariah Bush
- 17 Carina Brown
- 18 Caleb Gregg
Rebecca Gregg
- 20 Dave Linz
- 22 Nathan Maynard
Nolan Maynard
- 25 Mona Heisey
Barb Smith
- 26 Reed Torok
- 29 Layla Pennino

June

Communion Preparation

Steve Hills

Communion Servers

Doug Torok
Todd Carlson
Denny Weaver
Kurt VanTuil

Communion Meditation

- 6/07 Delbert Liller
6/14 John Guth
6/21 Lary Williams
6/28 Robert McGuire

Greeters /First Impressions

Heritage Hall

- 6/07 Eileen Smith
6/14 Bill Hunt
6/21 Cheryll Hodges
6/28 Robert & Tiffany Bolin

Please sign up in Heritage Hall for July

KidZone Check-in Counter

9am Ric Fraker
10am Cameron Guffey

KidZone Volunteers

9:00am Sunday School

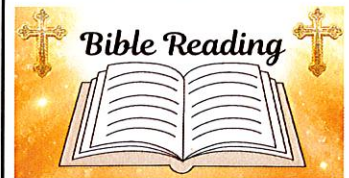
- 3's
3's-K Dawn Fronce
4's-K
1st
1st-3rd Debbie Fronce
2nd-3rd
4th-6th Jason Fronce

10:00am Worship Service

- Dana Reffner
Jessica Kornman
Kim Reffner
Jenni Torok
Rich & Jennie Sorger

Nursery

- | | 9:00am | 10:00am |
|------|-----------|--------------------|
| 6/07 | Chris F. | Bonnie G./ Hope H. |
| 6/14 | Val S. | Emily B./Jenna M. |
| 6/21 | Breakfast | Bonnie G./ Hope H. |
| 6/28 | Levina H. | Tammy M./Alyse B. |



1. Ezra 1-2
2. Ezra 3-5
3. Ezra 6-7
4. Ezra 8-9
5. Ezra 10
6. Nehemiah 1-3
7. Nehemiah 4-6
8. Nehemiah 7-8
9. Nehemiah 9-10
10. Nehemiah 11-12
11. Nehemiah 13
12. Esther 1-3
13. Esther 4-7
14. Esther 8-10
15. Job 1-4
16. Job 5-8
17. Job 9-12
18. Job 13-16
19. Job 17-20
20. Job 21-24
21. Job 25-29
22. Job 30-33
23. Job 34-37
24. Job 38-40
25. Job 41-42
26. Psalm 1-9
27. Psalm 10-17
28. Psalm 18-22
29. Psalm 23-30
30. Psalm 31-35

Soup Kitchen

Ric & Chris Fraker
George Tedesco
Bill & Mary Sherrod

Baptismal Ministry

Male Assistant:
Brian Little

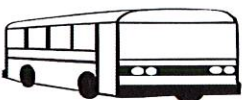
Female Assistant:
Jennie Sorger

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | | Elders 7pm | Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon 7:30pm | | March of Jesus, 10am |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Promotion Sunday | | | | Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon 7:30pm | Forever Young Group trip leave at 10:44am | Women's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30am |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | | | Soup Kitchen 10am Council 7pm | Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon 7:30pm | | Father's Day Breakfast 8:30am |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Father's Day Fellowship Breakfast, 9am | | | | Al-Anon 7:30pm | FCC Fireside with Family and Friends, 6:30-9:30pm | Women's Garage Sale Scavenger Hunt, 8:30am |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |



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Meadville, PA 16335
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Services:

Sunday School9am
Worship Service 10am
Sunday Evening Programs will return in the Fall.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday.....9am - 3pm

Staff:

Robert McGuire - Senior Minister
Lori Hollabaugh - Director of Children's Ministry
Mark Manuel - Custodian
Kelly Wade - Secretary

