

SEPTEMBER 2026

MEADVILLE,
PENNSYLVANIA

* *The Messenger* *

MINISTER'S
REPORT

A PUBLICATION OF

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 2026

**You don't have to fix your
life before coming to Jesus.**

You just have to come.



Find *place*
YOUR

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

**Sunday, September 20th
Breakfast at 9am
Worship at 10am**

The time is quickly approaching! September 20th is only days away! Pray! Invite! Remember, our breakfast is on the 20th as well! We have an insert included in the Messenger that you can use to hand out for the Kids Carnival AND Back to Church Sunday!!!

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Join us Sunday, September 20th
for breakfast!

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

GAMES & snacks

Kickoff Party For Sunday Night Youth Group!

7th-12th Graders
Sunday, September 20th
6-7pm
Youth Room, Downstairs



Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship	Evening
8/2	81	141	no classes
8/9	81	152	no classes
8/16	110	167	no classes
8/23	78	147	no classes

Offering

Weekly Budgeted Needs - \$5,503.89

	Budgeted	Designated
8/2	\$6,374.00	\$5,065.00
8/9	\$4,086.75	\$30.00
8/16	\$5,747.00	\$1,970.88
8/23	\$2,586.00	\$0.00

Online giving for the month of July

This amount is in addition to the amounts printed above.
\$1,655.00



Hi Kidz,

Guess what is right around the corner?

CARNIVAL!! JESUS IS THE LIGHT!! is this year's Carnival Theme. The carnival is **FREE** to attend! Invite your friends to come join you on **Sunday, September 13th, 5-7pm**. There is going to be food, games, crafts, blowups, face painting, tattoos, train rides, live little piggies and TONS OF FUN!! Kidz, you will not want to miss this!! Invite everyone you know! 😊 Please help spread the word and grab a flyer or two from the display table in either Heritage Hall or by the Check-in Counter. Also, there are still items needed for carnival. **Please sign-up, if you can help us out with any of these items. It is greatly appreciated.** Thank you!

Sunday Night Programs will be starting up again soon. **All kidz ages 3 year olds to 6 graders, join me every Sunday, 6-7pm**. We have a great time learning about Jesus and building friendships with each other. 😊

Summer Memorization will soon be ending. However, that does mean to stop learning facts and verses from your Bibles. Keep learning and keep bringing your Bibles, Kidz!!

There are exciting fall and winter activities being planned. 😊 Keep checking out KidZone for all upcoming events. Make sure you sign-up for each Fall event.

Kidz, you will be starting back to school. Always remember how much Jesus loves you! Keep sharing Jesus with everyone! I can not wait to see everyone at church on Sunday! Kidz, have a great week!

God Bless,
Miss Lori



Sunday Evening Programming Begins September 20th at 6pm!



Kidz, join us for
Moose Mountain on
Sundays from 6-7pm!
Age 3 - 6th Grade
Meet in KidZone



FCC
TEENS

7th-12th Graders, Come hang out
& learn about Jesus!

6-7pm in the Youth Room, Downstairs

New Members Class
With Kurt VanTuijl



Adult Bible Study
With John Guth

6-7pm
Downstairs

6-7pm
Heritage Hall



10TH FAMILY REVIVAL

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2026

FRENCH CREEK VALLEY CHILD CARE
420 NORTH ST
SAEGERTOWN, PA 16433

"OUT OF THE DUST"



Coria Brock
Life in Christ Ministries
One Voice Rising



Tarone Claybrook
Pastor, Author



Joshua Weidman
Commander, U.S. Coast
Guard, NOLA

GENESIS 2:5-7
DOORS OPEN AT 7AM
EVENT STARTS AT 9AM
\$10 PER PERSON
CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST INCLUDED

LIKE US ON FB: MOGAR - MEN OF GRACE ALLEGHENY REGION

Forever Young Seniors

POTLUCK DINNER & HOBBY NIGHT

Tuesday, September 15th

5:30pm

Heritage Hall

This is a **surprise** potluck dinner!
No need to indicate what surprise
dish you plan to share. Tableware
and drinks will be provided.

If you would like to share your
hobby, please sign up in Heritage
Hall. We will provide a space for
you to show your hobby,
handiwork, collection, etc.

Please invite a friend!

FALL CAMP SCHEDULE

Youth Retreat OCT 9-11
(Grades 6-12)

Women's Retreat OCT 16-17

Fall Family Festival NOV 7
(Free)

Men's Retreat NOV 13-14



CHECK OUT DEEP VALLEY
CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP
FOR SOME FUN, COMMUNITY,
AND BEAUTIFUL FALL
WEATHER!

MORE INFO ON THEIR WEBSITE:
DEEPPALLEYCAMP.ORG

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Smart
Start school supply drive this year! We were able to
bless six local schools with an abundance of
supplies! We couldn't have done this without your
support! Please prayer for the schools and students
as they begin this new year ahead! Thank you for
making this a wonderful success!

Chris Fraker and Lindsay Kohler



PCOM
PREGNANCY CENTER
OF MEADVILLE

Last Saturday
In September

Roche Park
9:00 a.m.

Patricia Drive, Meadville, PA 16335

BENEFITING
Pregnancy Center
Of Meadville



PCOM



5K

FUN Run/Walk 4 Life

AWARDS • RAFFLE BASKETS • REFRESHMENTS

♥♥♥♥♥ Thank you!! ♥♥♥♥♥

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers in
memory of my Dad's passing. Thank you for
your prayers.

Love, Chris Stainbrook

FCC Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH
8-10AM
HERITAGE HALL

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

3RD ANNUAL FALL INTO AUTUMN CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH
10AM-1PM

JOIN US IN GOING TO THE
CRAFT SHOW AFTER OUR
PRAYER BREAKFAST!

Apple Pickin' & Picnic at the Park

Guided tour of Heagy's Orchard
\$10/person

Includes picking ½ peck of fruit,
Admission to KidZone,
& Sample of Cider

**Followed by a picnic lunch at
Cochranon Lions Park**

Saturday, September 26
9am-12:30pm

Sign up in Heritage Hall



COMING TO FRANKLIN



HEATHER DIXON
Author & Bible Teacher



TAMMY WHITEHURST
Comedian



JAME JAMGOCHIAN
Singer/Songwriter

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 • 6PM

CHRIST CHURCH FRANKLIN
1135 Buffalo St Franklin, PA 16323

WWW.ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.COM

🌸 See Barb Smith For Details 🌸

Join us
& invite a
friend!



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Counters

- 9/06** Dawn Fronce
Candi VanTuil
- 9/13** Katie Heiner
Michelle Glenn-Pennino
- 9/20** Sherry Manuel
Jan VanTuil
- 9/27** Eileen Smith
Marci Dickson

Anniversaries

- 7 Benjamin & Dana Reffner
19 Robert & Ashley McGuire
Dave & April Linz
24 Bill & Mary Sherrod
28 Cameron & Bonnie Guffey

Birthdays

- 1 Cindy McWright
5 Dana Reffner
6 Elijah Reffner
7 Aaliyah Ritteger
8 Amber Crosley
10 Val Smith
11 Alecia Palmer
12 Jared Slaughter
13 Aidan Robinson
14 Ila Williams
15 Natalia Hetrick
16 Keith Bishop
19 Arthur Daily, Sr.
20 Shawn Hollabaugh
Carolyn Lawrence
21 Aly McGuire
22 Eileen Smith
23 Jacob Williams
Jennie Sorger
24 Bruce Lawrence
26 Mark Manuel
27 Sue Keppler
29 Beverly Nutter
30 Robert McGuire



September

Communion Preparation

Ric Fraker

Communion Servers

Kurt VanTuil
Bruce Lawrence
Brian Little
Todd Carlson

Communion Meditation

9/06 John Guth
9/13 Bob Gears
9/20 Denny Weaver
9/27 Delbert Liller

Greeters

Heritage Hall

9/06 Eileen Smith
9/13 Bill Hunt
9/20 Robert & Ashley McGuire
9/27 Cheryll Hodges

KidZone Check-in Counter

9am Shawn Hollabaugh
10am Cameron Guffey

KidZone

Sunday School

3's
3's-K Kim Reffner/Lori H.
4's-K
1st
1st-3rd Marci Dickson
2nd-3rd
4th-6th Jenni Torok

Nursery

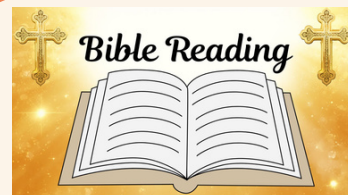
9/6 Alyson Carlson
9/13 Barb Smith
9/20 Breakfast
9/27 Levina Hunt

Worship

Bonnie Guffey
Lindsay Kohler
Hope Hollabaugh
Rich & Jennie Sorger
Bill & Mary Sherrod

Worship

Jenna M./Arianna L.
Anastasia J./Marina L.
Amanda B./Amber C.
Tammy M./Alyse B.



1. Ezekiel 1-4
2. Ezekiel 5-9
3. Ezekiel 10-13
4. Ezekiel 14-16
5. Ezekiel 17-19
6. Ezekiel 20-21
7. Ezekiel 22-24
8. Ezekiel 25-28
9. Ezekiel 29-32
10. Ezekiel 33-36
11. Ezekiel 37-39
12. Ezekiel 40-42
13. Ezekiel 43-45
14. Ezekiel 46-48
15. Daniel 1-3
16. Daniel 4-6
17. Daniel 7-9
18. Daniel 10-12
19. Hosea 1-6
20. Hosea 7-14
21. Joel 1-3
22. Amos 1-5
23. Amos 6-9, Obadiah 1
24. Jonah 1-4
25. Micah 1-7
26. Nahum 1-3
Habakkuk 1-3
27. Zephaniah 1-3
Haggai 1-2
28. Zechariah 1-7
29. Zechariah 8-14
30. Malachi 1-4

Soup Kitchen

Marabeth Geiger,
Ernestine Steinberg,
Linda Karns,
Randy & Denise Guy

Baptismal Ministry

Male Assistant:

Brian Smith

Female Assistant:

Barb Smith



September



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon, 7:30pm	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9	10 Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon, 7:30pm	11	12 Women's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00-10am Followed by Trip to Craft Show from 10am-1pm
13 Kids' Carnival, 5-7pm	14	15 Forever Young Group, Potluck Dinner & Hobby Night, 5:30pm	16 Soup Kitchen, 10am Council, 7pm	17 Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon, 7:30pm	18	19
20 Back to Church Sunday Fellowship Breakfast, 9am Evening Programs Start at 6pm	21	22	23	24 Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon, 7:30pm	25	26 PCOM Walk/Run, 9am to Noon Women's Ministry, Apple Pickin' & Picnic, 9am-12:30pm
27 CCCC Worship, 2pm Evening Programs, 6pm	28	29	30			Men of Grace Doors Open 7am Begins 9am



Need a ride to Sunday School and Worship?
Call the church office at
814-336-3540 by Friday at noon.



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Meadville, Pennsylvania
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Meadville, PA 16335
814-336-3540

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Services:

Sunday School.....9am
Worship Service.....10am
Sunday Evening Programs.....6pm
(Beginning September 20th)

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

