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It's Homecoming Sunday!

September 15 — *Come One, Come All!*

On September 15th, we'll celebrate **HOMEcoming SUNDAY!** Let us all re-gather after the joys and rest of the summer for Worship at 10:00 am followed by an extended Coffee Fellowship to share our joys and hopes in this day of celebration in the life of the church! The service will feature a special recognition honoring church members, who joined in 1969 and now have fifty years of membership at FUMc! We'll also welcome guest instrumentalists, who will play, and our Chancel Choir back, who will sing!

Mark your calendar to gather September 15th after being spread out during our summertime excursions and celebrate Homecoming Sunday, as we begin an exciting new church year in ministry together! Everyone is welcome...so invite your family and friends too to this special worship time.

As our missionary, Belinda Forbes, will be with us on Sunday, September 22nd, it has been decided to postpone the annual Homecoming Luncheon until then. Belinda is "coming home" to us, and a potluck luncheon is planned. It will be a nice time to celebrate both events!



Schedule for Sept. 15:

- 8:30 AM - Community Breakfast
- 9:00 AM - Books Distributed
- 9:15 AM - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - Worship Service
- 11:00 AM - Extended Coffee Fellowship
- 7:00 PM - Young Adults Bible Study

Choir News

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
all the earth...*



♪ Chancel Choir:

On Thursday, Sept. 5th, at 7:00 pm, the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church will begin another choir year. Rehearsals are held in Fellowship Hall. We welcome singers in all voice parts.

♪ Handbell Choir:



On Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 6:45 pm, the First United Methodist Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals, held in the Music Room on the 2nd flr. Openings are available to serve on the choir or as substitutes.

If you're interested in becoming a member of either choir, please contact Dominick Giaquinto, our Music Director, at 518-374-4403 ext. 104.

FUTURE SUNDAYS

- 8:30 Community Breakfast
- 9:00 Books for Children & Adults
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 Sunday Morning Worship
Infant & Toddler Care available
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 11:30 Second Hour Programs:
Adult Forum
Luncheon Fellowship
Intergenerational Activity
Ministry Meetings
- 7:00 Bible Study



Worship Text:

- Sept. 1 Psalm 104; Genesis 1:1-2:4a
"Creator God"
- Sept. 8 Micah 6:6-8; Leviticus 19:9-18
"The Bible Doesn't Tell You to Be Nice"
- Sept. 15 **Homecoming Sunday**
Revelations 21:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12
"Central Goal of Life"
- Sept. 22 Dr. Belinda Forbes, *Preaching*
Our Missionary in Nicaragua
- Sept. 29 Psalm 139:1-18; Matthew 10:26-31
"God With Us"

Second Hour Programs:

- Sept. 15 **Extended Coffee Fellowship**
- Sept. 22 **Forum & Homecoming Luncheon**
w/Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary
Intersectional Justice Comm., *sponsor*
- Sept. 29 **Forum: Building Use Presentation**
Board of Trustees, *sponsor*

Welcome New Staff Member.. Farewell Wishes to Martin

Staff Parish and the Trustees are pleased that Rajiv Persaud is doing a fine job, performing the maintenance duties associated with the Sexton position. Raj has completed 4 weeks of training with Martin. Martin has kindly offered to be available on an "as needed" basis to assist. Martin has completed his last week of work with us. We wish him well. Anyone wanting to make a gift in Martin's honor can designate that gift to the Breakfast Program or SUSTAIN. Cards and letters of appreciation are welcome. Honoring Martin's wishes, there will be no specific celebration, but please do make a point of thanking him personally.

Join us in welcoming Raj and in thanking Martin for his years of work and dedication to the Church!

"CHURCH NIGHT" Resumes Tuesday, September 10

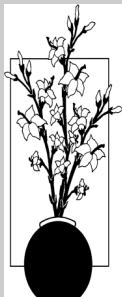


Ministry Teams are invited to hold their monthly meetings on *Church Night*, and everyone is always welcome at the council meetings. The schedule is:

- 6:30 pm Ministry Teams meet
- 7:30 pm Church Council meets

(notices will go out to teams meeting.)

ALTAR FLOWERS



We are grateful for the Altar flowers given during the summer:

- July 7 in gratitude and love
- July 14 in celebration of the baptism of Anthony Bruce Williams
- Aug. 11 in memory of Jean Boggs
- Aug. 18 as a reminder that goodness & mercy shall follow you
all the days of your life

If you would like to give altar flowers for Sunday Worship, please see the signup poster located on the hallway bulletin board or contact the church office.



From Our Pastor

The 2005 book “Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers” by Christian Smith with Melinda Lundquist Denton discusses what average American teenagers believed in 2005, which relates to people who are now 30±4. Their premise was that the belief system of teenagers was really a reflection of the generic belief system of the United States. There was, of course, a wide range of beliefs, but the most interesting ones came from those who weren't an active part of any faith community.

The authors named their belief system “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism” and it haunts me. It is a set of commonly held spiritual beliefs:

1. A God exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
4. God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

These 5 statements are the generic spirituality of our society. It really strikes me how different they are from our faith tradition as well as from any other faith tradition I know. However, looking around, I see no evidence to dispute the author's conclusions. Worse, I think a lot of churches end up saying this stuff without noticing. Certainly in my own faith upbringing, I was taught to be nice. As an adult, I believe in being kind and seeking justice, but I'm far less convinced about the value of “nice.”

A sermon I recently heard focused on Romans 12:2a, which in the Message says, “Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.” It got me thinking about church itself. In seminary we were trained about the various perspectives the church can have on culture – liking it, loving it, hating it, etc. In a lot of ways, we at FUMC Schenectady love and embrace our culture. In other ways, we are horrified by it. But how is it that we stand out from it?

Are we too well-adjusted? Are we not well-adjusted enough? When people meet us, can they tell that we are people of a God of Love, who participate in a community that lifts us up, and energizes us to move the world towards justice? I hope so!! I really hope that people paying attention to us can see the difference God and being in this faith community makes in our lives. I hope we don't look like moralistic therapeutic deists.

Yet, this seems worth further conversation. How does our tradition deviate from moralistic therapeutic deism? How do we deviate from our tradition? How do we relate to that “spirituality” and how do we let the ways we've been transformed by Love/God shine out in the world?

These are the questions I'm going to focus on in September, particularly in preaching. I hope you'll engage with me in them. They feel worthy of some consideration.

Peace,
Sara

Enjoy Fellowship before Sunday Worship

- **Community Breakfast**—8:30-9:30 am in Fellowship Hall on all but first Sunday of a month
- **Books for Children & Adults**—Books available during the Sunday breakfast; 9-9:30 am.



Programs Resume

Everyone is welcome to participate

► CHANCEL CHOIR—9/5

Rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. We welcome singers! See front page for more information.

► YOUTH GROUP—9/7

All youth ages 13-18 are welcome to gather for fellowship on Saturdays at 12 noon in the Roof Lounge.

► COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—9/8

Following worship, enjoy some coffee & fellowship time.

► BIBLE STUDY—9/8

The Young Adults Bible Study, led by Pastor Sara, on Sundays from 7-8:30 pm, resumes. See details below.

► CHURCH NIGHT—9/10

"Church Night" is usually held the 2nd Tuesday of each month and offers time for our ministry teams to hold their monthly meetings prior to the Church Council meeting.

► HANDBELL CHOIR—9/11

Weekly rehearsals are held Wednesdays from 6:45-8:00 pm. For details, see front page.

► WOMEN'S LUNCHEON—9/18

Resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 18, and is held at the Glen Eddy every other month at noon. Details on pg. 5.

► SUNDAY SCHOOL—9/22

All elementary age children are invited to gather for Sunday School from 9-9:45 am on each Sunday except the first Sunday of each month starting on Sept. 22.

► BOOK STUDY—9/30

Our Adult Education Team is sponsoring a 4-week book study Monday evenings from 7-8:30. Details on page 7.

► ORFF INSTRUMENTS—10/6

Intergenerational Activity: On Family Sundays, the 1st Sunday of each month, everyone of all ages is invited to enjoy learning and playing our Orff Instruments.

Trustees Look at Space Use

Frank Gilmore, architecture from Stracher, Roth and Gilmore, has presented us with a proposal to study space use and/or improvements in the church education wing.

Space in education wing is an asset that we might be able to turn into an income stream to support current expense and staff. The Trustees continue to study this issue and hope to be able to move in the direction of space rental. With continued growth in downtown and given our location, we think there is a market for office space.

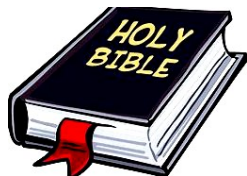
Please save the date of Sunday, September 29, second hour - to learn more about this issue. And on Monday, September 30, at 7:00 pm, plan to join a group discussion based on the book, "A New Day in the City, Urban Church Revival." (Refer to the Adult Education article on page 8 for more info.)

—Elaine Troy, Trustee Chair

A Stephen Ministry Moment

"You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love."

Henry Drummond



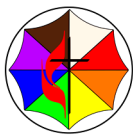
Weekly Bible Study resumes

The Young Adults Bible Study, led by Pastor Sara, resumes on Sunday, September 8th! The study topic is entitled, "Through the Eyes of the Stranger" and is held on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in Wesley Lounge. All are welcome.



Joint Church Meeting


On Monday, September 23rd, everyone is welcome to gather with Scotia United Methodist Church, etc. at 6:30 pm for a joint meeting at Eastern Parkway UMC, 943 Palmer Avenue in Schenectady, as churches in welcoming all of God's people into the United Methodist Church.



September 2019

First United Methodist Church, Schenectady

Calendar updates on website: www.fumcschenectady.org

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1 Family Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Punch Fellowship | 2 Labor Day Church Office Closed | 3 <i>Council Reports due</i> 7:00 pm Adult Education Team | 4 | 5 Public Schools start 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | 6 <div>Mission u Studies @ Silver Bay,</div> | 7 12:00 noon Youth Group |
| 8 8:30 am Breakfast Fellowship 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 11:30 am 2nd Hour Program 7:00 pm Bible Study <div>Mission u Studies @ Silver Bay</div> | 9 2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastor "Drop-in" Office Hours 7:00 pm Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee | 10 1:00 PM Staff Meeting <hr/> Church Night 6:30 pm Ministry Team Meetings 7:30 pm Church Council meets | 11 11:30 AM-1:30 PM SUSTAIN Ministry 6:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 12 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | 13 <i>Spire articles due</i> | 14 Spire articles due 12:00 noon Youth Group |
| 15  Homecoming Sunday 8:30 am Breakfast Fellowship 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Bible Study | 16 2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastor "Drop-in" Office Hours 4 - 8 PM SUSTAIN Ministry: Sorting | 17 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Children & Youth Ministries Team | 18 12:00 pm Women's Luncheon 6:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 19 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | 20 6:00-8 PM UMW: Moon-Bee Project | 21 Church Outing: Canoe / Kayak Adventure 12:00 m Youth Group |
| 22 8:30 am Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School begins 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 11:30 am 2nd Hour Program —Forum: Belinda Forbes 12:00 pm Potluck Luncheon 7:00 pm Bible Study | 23 2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastor "Drop-in" Office Hours 6:30 pm Joint Church Gathering @ Eastern Parkway UMC | 24 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Trustees | 25 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 pm Serve Meal at the City Mission 6:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 26 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | 27 | 28 9:30 AM Youth Serve free Community Brunch 10 AM Albany District UMW Fall Gathering @ Amsterdam UMC 12:00 noon Youth Group |
| 29 8:30 am Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 11:30 am 2nd Hour Program —Forum: Trustee Presentation 7:00 pm Bible Study | 30 2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastor "Drop-in" Office Hours 7:00-8:30 PM Adult Educ. Class: Book Study | |  | | | |

We are in the season of PENTECOST / IN KINGDOMTIDE (green) - Ordinary (numbered) time when we focus on the mission of the church.

Sunday School News!!



Good News!

Sunday School will start again on Sept. 22 from 9:00 until 9:45. Sunday school is held every week except the first Sunday of each month. It will be upstairs in the Sunday School room. All elementary grade children are encouraged to participate.

More Challenging News!

Our Sunday School teachers need backup help. We currently have 2 volunteer teachers for elementary students and 1 volunteer in babyfold. Sometimes one or more of these dedicated women are not available. A few people who are willing to substitute on an occasional basis are necessary if we are to sustain this very important program of the church. A substitute would work with one of the regular teachers and would have a lesson plan with a craft project. To volunteer or to learn more about the program, please contact Elaine Troy, Amanda Taylor or Jan Huston.



Women's Luncheon

Wednesday, Sept. 18

The next Women's Fellowship Luncheon will be on Wednesday, September 18th. at 12 noon at the Glen Eddy in Niskayuna. All church women – friends as well as members – are encouraged to attend, so come if you can and let's enjoy time together. Lunch costs \$17 (a slight price increase) and there is no tax or tip. So that we can let the Glen Eddy staff know how many people to expect, please try to RSVP by Sept. 16, (although even at the last minute is ok) to Carolyn Micklas at cmicklas@twc.com or 518-374-7742. Be sure to put the date on your calendar and plan to come. Hope to see you there!



Global Climate Strike

Friday, Sept. 20

Youth throughout the world are calling adults to join them in acknowledging and addressing the climate emergency we are in. On Friday, Sept. 20, all are welcome to join our youth as they walk out of schools/colleges, to march and rally for a livable future. Locally, this will take place with a march starting at 11:00 am from 79 Sheridan Ave., Albany, to the West Capitol steps; rally at 1 pm.

Signup for our E-Newsletter!

To receive this monthly newsletter by email, which saves valuable resources, please contact the office to confirm we have your email address. Thank you.



Canoe / Kayak Adventure

Saturday, September 21

Come join us for a canoe/kayak adventure! We are looking to travel to Ballston Lake on Saturday, September 21st, to enjoy the beautiful Adirondack mountains and the fall air. Want to go? For more formation, please contact Barb Armstrong for details.



**Dr. Belinda Forbes,
DDS,
our missionary
in Nicaragua,
here September 22!**

We are pleased that Belinda will be with us for our worship service and a 2nd hour presentation and potluck luncheon on Sunday September 22! We've been looking forward to her visit and to hearing an update about conditions in Nicaragua.

Belinda and her husband, Dr. Gerardo Gutierrez, work with Acción Médica Cristiana (AMC / Christian Medical Action) in Nicaragua. Belinda serves as a dentist and as a United Methodist missionary, who has worked to improve health in some of the poorest parts of Nicaragua, the poorest country in this hemisphere, since the 1970's. Belinda and her staff have hosted Volunteers in Mission teams from First United Methodist Church, Troy Conference, and Upper NY Conference. Volunteers who have worked with AMC have been impressed with the dedication and hard work of those we have met there.

First UMC has a covenant relationship with Belinda. This means that we contribute annually toward her work. It also means that every 3 years she visits us to report on what she and her agency have been doing.

To sign-up for the luncheon, please contact the office or see the clipboards on Sept. 15.

SiCM Assembly

The October Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM) Assembly will be held on Tuesday evening, October 8th, at 6:30 pm at the SiCM Emergency Food Pantry on Albany Street. First UMC, Schenectady, is a member of SiCM as are many churches of several denominations, along with many organizations and individuals as we all work together to better our communities. All are welcome. Refreshments provided.

Calling all Men: Enjoy Breakfast!

The next Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, September 25th, at 8:30 am at the Blue Ribbon Diner, State St.! All men welcome. Contact Bob Coppola with any questions.



Serve Meal at City Mission

Wednesday, September 25

It's our church's turn to serve a meal at the City Mission Wednesday, September 25th. Volunteers are needed! The mission has a software signup process for volunteers to sign-up in advance for each meal they'll attend.

To signup 5 days or more in advance, go to:

<http://www.firstumc.citymissionofschenectady.volunteerhub.com>

To signup within 5 days prior to serving, go to:

<http://www.schenectadycitymission.com>;
click "volunteer" and find FUMC's date to serve, e.g.,
Wed., Sept. 25.

If you don't have a computer or have a problem signing up, call 518-346-2275 ext. 301. Our following date to serve is Nov. 27. Volunteers must arrive no later than 5 pm. You'll be required to wear a hair net if you're not wearing a hat. Please let Mary Ann Marshall (518-355-1733) know if you've signed-up to help at an upcoming meal. Thank you.



The Lord's Table

Save the date
World Communion
Sunday
w/ Sacrificial Luncheon

October 6th will be World Communion Sunday when communion is celebrated by Christians all over the world. FUMC will follow the worship service with a sacrificial lunch. This light lunch will help us recognize the hunger which many people endure both in this country and in other parts of the world. Sign-ups and more information will be available.

Adult Education Calendar of Upcoming Events: Free & Open to All

- September 30 – October 28: Book Discussion, **A New Day in the City...**, 7:00pm (see below for details)
- October 6: 2nd Hour by Nancy Mohammadi, “**My Work with Refugees**,” 11:45am
- November 20 – Dec. 18: Book Discussion, **Unbelievable**, by John Shelby Spong, Wednesdays, 2pm.
- October 3 & 4, 2020: Carl Lecture and Worship with **Bishop Karen Oliveto**.



United Methodist Women

Mark your calendar! All women are invited to these upcoming UMW events:

► **MoonCatcher Project: MoonBee** will be held here at FUMC on Friday, September 20th, from 6:00-8 pm. The MoonCatcher Project makes and provides free reusable, washable menstrual pad kits or “MoonCatcher Kits” that can be worn without underwear for girls in the poorest communities worldwide. These pads provide a way for girls to stay in school while menstruating, giving them a greater chance of completing their education. Please join us for a fun evening as we make and assemble MoonCatcher Kits. Don’t sew? No problem - we have plenty of jobs for everyone. If you sew, please bring your machine. Also, disposable menstrual products, which can not be purchased with food stamps, will be collected for food pantries and shelters. Help us address period poverty here at home! Invite friends...all are welcome at this event.

► **Fall Albany District UMW Meeting** will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, at Amsterdam UMC, 347 Golf Course Road in Amsterdam. The presentation topic is *Depression and Mental Health*. Registration, forms in the narthex, begins at 8:45 am.

Matthew 25 ministries pill bottle collection: We will deliver collected pill bottles at the Sept. 28th UMW meeting. A bin to collect the bottles is in the narthex. Please note: The labels must be completely removed, they must be cleaned and free of any stickiness. They need to be put into zip lock bags at least one gallon in size. Unsorted and unclean pill bottles will no longer be accepted. The Fall edition of the Albany District UMW newsletter is on the shelf in the church library.

► **Annual Meeting of First UMC UMW** will take place Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 am in the church Library.

Book Study

“A New Day in the City: Urban Church Revival”

by Donna Claycomb Sokol & L. Roger Owens.

When: **Monday Nights** (4 weeks)
Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 21 & 28

Where: **Wesley Lounge**

Time: **7:00-8:30 PM**

Sponsor: **Adult Educ. Team**

Please join us as we read & discuss “A New Day in the City: Urban Church Revival” by Donna Claycomb Sokol & L. Roger Owens.

“Donna Claycomb Sokol and Roger Owens share lessons they’ve learned on the job and from other urban pastors. Along the way, they challenge clichés about church leadership and strategic planning by showing what congregational renewal can look like and how it can become a reality. Each chapter features a set of practical guidelines for leading a congregation to address the questions that matter most.”

This class is designed to provoke thoughts and discussion as it pertains to our congregation. Books, in paperback, are \$8.49 each through Cokesbury: <https://www.cokesbury.com/A-New-Day-in-the-City-1>, or as an e-book for \$9.99 through Google Play. *The paperback edition may be easier to use and take notes from, as we may refer back to previous passages during the discussion. Please notify Elaine Troy or Sue Learner if you plan to attend.



KEEPING OUR COVENANT PROMISES—July 2019

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OUR PRAYERS

Christian support is extended to:

The family & friends of Jean Boggs, a friend & longtime former member, who passed away on July 16th (Malcolm Boggs' wife & Janice Boggs Kirshenbaum's mother)

Christian support is also extended to:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jan Butts | Mary Neville |
| Shirley Daniels | Shirley Rivest |
| June Dieffenbach | Rev. Bill Rowe |
| Liz Fogle | Dick Smith |
| Roark Frisoni | Marylois Tupper & Family |
| Jen & Merrick Fuller | José Velasquez |
| Jan Guzior | Joe & Barbara Waring |
| Barb Haverly | Doug Wood |
| Courtney & Jack McEwan | |

And to: Belinda Forbes, Nicaragua missionary; VIM Teams.

We celebrate with:

Rudy Dehn, who celebrated his birthday and turned 100 on August 12th. Happy Birthday!

OUR PRESENCE

| Date | Worship |
|---------|---------|
| July 7 | 43 |
| July 14 | 73 |
| July 21 | 44 |
| July 28 | 47 |

OUR GIFTS

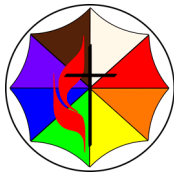
| Date | Amount |
|---------|-------------|
| July 7 | \$ 7,502.85 |
| July 14 | 1,529.00 |
| July 21 | 11,267.00 |
| July 28 | 1,044.00 |



OUR SERVICE

| Date | |
|------|--|
| 6/30 | —7/5 Pastor Sara served as Camp Counselor at Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center |
| 7/10 | —Distributed personal care items to those in need through our SUSTAIN Ministry program |
| 7/12 | —FUMC's SUSTAIN Ministry & the Home Furnishings Prog. held <i>Giveaway Day</i> to our neighbors in need |
| 7/14 | —Celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism during Sunday's Worship service —Youth Car Wash fundraiser held to raise funds for their VIM Trip to North Carolina (\$119) |
| 7/15 | —19 Distributed lunch to children & youth through SiCM's Summer Lunch Program —Participated in joint gathering of Welcoming Churches @ Scotia UMC |
| 7/21 | —Book Discussion offered on "Black People in the Methodist Church" by William B. McClain |
| 7/24 | —Served meal at the City Mission of Schenectady |
| 7/27 | —Youth Service: Youth served free Community Brunch |
| 7/28 | —Youth Car Wash fundraiser held to raise funds for their VIM Trip to North Carolina (\$47) |
| July | —Community Breakfast prepared & serve on Sundays; free & open to all. # served= 209; # volunteers=10 —Continue to offer free periodicals for adults, youth, children: <i>Upper Room</i> devotionals, <i>Pockets</i> , <i>Devazine</i> |

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors — Be Invitational!



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American Brass Quintet in Concert

The American Brass Quintet will perform at FUMC on Sunday, October 27th, at 3:00 pm, and we are very fortunate to have this highly acclaimed, award winning ensemble provide the opening concert of our 2019-2020 Concert Series. Recognized internationally as one of the premier chamber music groups of our time, its rich history includes performances in Asia, Australia, Central and South America, Europe, and all fifty of the United States. Works commissioned by ABQ have made significant contributions to chamber music and form the foundation of the modern brass quintet repertoire. You may wonder why Harmonic Brass, Munich, will not be performing here, as previously announced. One of their musicians required major surgery (thankfully he's recovering nicely) and their North American tour had to be canceled. Brass quintets are among the favorites of FUMC's audiences, and to keep you from being disappointed we are bringing in ABQ as an exciting alternative. As always, this concert is free of charge and all are invited. Save the date and plan to come!



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*We are a church that loves to learn and yearns to
be a gift of God to our communities.*

Mark Your Calendar!

Coming in early October:

Sunday, October 6

**World Communion
Sacrificial Luncheon
Forum: *Notes on Refugees***

Monday, October 7

Book Study...*continues*

Tuesday, October 8

Church Night

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Website: www.unyumc.org/districts/detail/2