



**THE MESSENGER
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018**

Our Mission: Love God, Love Neighbor, Serve the World

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
134 CUSTER AVENUE
VANDERGRIFT, PA 15690**

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Sunday Worship July through December: 9:30am followed by Sunday School



REPORT

Packaging Event – Saturday, September 22

THIS EVENT

Total contributions: \$7,187.74

Total meal packets: 24,785

Volunteers: 105

TO DATE

Contributions: \$46,996.98

Total meal packets: 170,149

That is unbelievably awesome!!!

Thanks to all who participated.

Leechburg FUMC, Kittanning FUMC,
Vandergrift FUMC, Central Presbyterian
Church, Pine Run Community Church, New
Beginnings UMC, Apollo Boy Scout Troop,
Kittanning Boy Scout Troop



RON'S TURKEYS

Every year, we raise money so that the New Hope Food Pantry can provide Thanksgiving turkeys. We do this in memory of my husband, Ron Ankeny, because he was very much involved in supporting the food pantry. When the food pantry was located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Emerson Street, Ron would transport food to the food pantry from our church, the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church, and St. Paul's Highfield Lutheran Church as well as from other organizations that had food for him to pick up. So, it is with loving memory that we do this every year in his name. Our turkey drive will begin Sunday, October 7, and run through Sunday, November 18. Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity. God has blessed us with so much bounty; no one should ever be hungry.

Mary Ellen Ankeny



5:30-7:30 pm

First Monday of every month.

(includes dinner)

At Vandergrift



Annual Meeting

Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 16, at Kittanning First UMC.

(pastors, lay leaders,
nominating committees at 6:00 pm)

BIBLE STUDY – THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

At New Beginnings

3 pm, Tuesdays, through October 30

October 2 – canceled

October 9 – start time 3:15 pm



**CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF THE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA**

Sunday, October 28

Combined worship at 11:00 am

Guest Speaker:

Rev. James Pond, Indiana D.S.

Banquet following worship

Advance ticket purchases required.

Adults \$20; Children 6-10 \$10;

Children 5 and under: \$5

Deadline: October 7, 2018



Sunday, November 4

Turn clocks back one hour Saturday night,
November 3.

FAMILY PROMISE SCHEDULE

Weeks of

November 11

December 23

If you wish to volunteer contact

Crissy/Keith Riffer at 724-567-6438 or

Sandy Crooks at 724-236-0930.

**COMBINED WORSHIP
COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON**

To kick off the Season of Advent, on Sunday,
November 25, we will have displays of nativity
sets and combined worship at New Beginnings
UM Church at 11:00 am followed by a covered-
dish luncheon. If you wish to display a special
nativity set, contact Char Headlee at:

724-478-4544, 724-388-9875 or

moonsun210@windstreram.net

Char will make arrangements for you to deliver
your nativity set to New Beginnings.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 pm, Monday, November 26



**SOUP & SANDWICH FELLOWSHIP &
WEEKLY ADVENT WORSHIP**

Tuesday, November 27, December 4, 11, and
18 at New Beginnings UM Church. Soup and
sandwich at 5:30 pm followed by worship.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



*The Chancel Choir will present the Christmas
Cantata at Quality Life (West Haven) at 2 pm
on Sunday, December 2, and at the Vandergrift
High Rise at 12:30 pm on Sunday, December
9. All are welcome to come and take a listen.*



Items needed:

October – donations of money for shipping

Do not donate the following items:

Anything associated with war, the military, or
violence; chocolate, food, perishable or out-of-
date food or candy; liquids, lotions, toothpaste,
Play-Dough, Silly Putty; vitamins, medications,
supplements; fragile/breakable items; aerosol
cans, used items, money intended for the child
receiving the shoebox. If you have any
questions, contact Sue Armagost.



The Kiski Charge Book Club
meets January through November on the 4th
Monday of the month at Kings Restaurant.
You are responsible to obtain your own book
through the public library, purchase, download.

OCTOBER

Toxic Charity

by Robert D. Lupton

NOVEMBER

A Faith of Her OWN

by J. Ellsworth Kalas

DID YOU KNOW?



We have a Prayer Shawl Ministry here at the Vandergrift First United Methodist Church. If you need a shawl or know someone who does, just call the church office and request one.



If you purchased a Food for Body and Soul cookbook, please note that the recipe for Pepperoni Casserole on page 58 has some ingredients missing. The following need to be added to the recipe:
1c mozzarella, shredded
1/2 pkg. sliced pepperoni
1sm. can mushrooms (opt.).

OUR SHUT-INS

Remember our shut-ins with cards and visits.

Richard Albright

East Deer Personal Care Home
967 Freeport Road
Creighton, PA 15030

Florence (Flossie) Brocius

151 Goodview Drive
Apollo, PA 15613

Helen Marinelli

Maplewood Assisted Living, Suite 201
5225 Wilson Lane
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Josie Schumaker

105 Sandra Drive
Delmont, PA 15626

Special prayer requests as well as notifications of those hospitalized, admitted to nursing homes, etc., should be directed to:

Church Office at 724-568-5575
Pastor Sara at 724-882-9672
Jane Perkins at 724-568-2270

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families of
Nancy Krug and Randy Smay



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2 Mattie Empfield
October 6 Walt Frederick
October 9 Robert Baustert
October 17 Savannah Krauth
October 23 Lauren Hoover
October 27 Rich Castle

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 15 Bryan and Tamara Baum

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 3 Khloe Taylor Radebaugh
November 3 Matthew Robison
November 3 Gregg Knabb
November 5 Susan Shaner
November 8 Madison Troup
November 9 Adam Short
November 13 Sierra Piper
November 15 Danielle Stewart
November 18 Nicholas Tatar
November 18 Thelma Detar
November 19 Sara Boyer
November 23 Amanda Short
November 28 Larry Hoover

We apologize if your special day was omitted from this list. Call the church office to make a correction.



The Trustees donated two old social hall tables to Food 4 Kids.

The following thank-you was received.

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Food 4 Kids. Your generosity is enabling us to feed hungry children in our community.

'Our mission is to join together to support the hungry children of Apollo-Ridge School District, aiding them in their education by caring for their physical well-being. Our goal is to help end childhood hunger in our community as a community.'

Lisa Carnahan

(No goods or services were received for this contribution.)