

WEEK 5

# TELL SOMEBODY WITH A LIFE OF LOVE

## LUKE 6:32-38



**August 31, 2025**

First  United

Methodist Church of Lancaster  
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# First United Methodist Church

Our Vision  
To be a central hub of Christian  
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:  
Connect people to Jesus Christ  
& the church, grow Christian disciples,  
& relieve suffering

**August 31, 2025**  
**8:15 & 10:45 AM**

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Edward Broughton)  
Deb Kelleher, organ

Announcements & Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Today, let us be called to worship God and also to look at our own actions.

**People: Let us look at how we can share the good news in our actions and words.**

Leader: Help us today, Lord, to see the power of your grace and love in all we say and do.

**All: Let us be living examples of the good news of Jesus Christ! Amen.**

\*Hymn No.116 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Common Prayer

**God of life, here we are before you, as a people who have believed in you and are committed to living what we have believed, by faith and with your grace. Help us to do no harm, to do good, and to stay connected with you.**

**Beloved Jesus, teach us to love, to forgive, to give, to serve and to testify in our daily lives. Spirit of God, baptize us with the abundance of your love and power, so that everybody can tell, at least somebody, of the different life we can have if we accept your amazing grace. In the name of Jesus, amen.**

Scripture Micah 6: 6-8 (pew Bible, OT, p. 816)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**(8:15 AM)** Anthem "Shokichi Kina" (Kazumi Watanabe )  
Josh Betty, guitar

**(10:45 AM)** Anthem "Jesus Lover of My Soul" (Joseph Martin)  
from "Testament of Praise"  
Summer Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

Mission Moment "Lifecycles" Jeff Bradley

Preparation for Prayer, No. 526 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**(10:45 AM)** The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*\* \* Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church \* \**

\*Hymn No. 557

"Blest Be the Ties that Binds"

Scripture

Luke 6: 32-38

*(pew Bible, NT, p. 60)*

Message

Worship Series "Everybody Tell Somebody"  
Week 5: "Tell Somebody With a Life of Love"

Pastor Jason Ríos

\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, No. 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Song of Praise, No. 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**8:15 AM ONLY**

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(All pray in silence.)*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

**8:15 AM ONLY** (continued)

The Lord's Prayer

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Sharing the Sacrament

Congregational Prayer (8:15 seated, 10:45 remain standing)

**Holy Jesus, You call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not. You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us. We want the easy way, but You have given us the hard path. Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You, to allow ourselves at times to stumble, to live into the hard way so that we might fully experience**

**Your love, grace and peace in this world, by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 571

"Go Make of All Disciples"

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Response, No. 571

"Go Make of All Disciples" (stanza 4)

**"Go, make of all disciples." We welcome thy command. "Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand. The task looms large before us; we follow without fear; in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.**

Postlude

"Praise the Lord on High"  
Deb Kelleher, organ

(Rachel Sawyer)

*Please recycle your bulletins in the marked bins. Thank you!*

**8:15 AM Worship**

Usher Chief - Myron & Pam Reth  
Acolyte - Rachel Ridgeway  
Liturgist - Mark & Ellen Campbell  
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi  
Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick  
Ministers- First Church Congregation

**10:45 AM Worship**

Usher Chief - Jeanne Paules,  
Steve & Laurie Beeler  
Acolyte - Natalie Reed  
Liturgist - Kate Kepner  
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi  
Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick  
Ministers- First Church Congregation

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**MISSION &  
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**This month's  
mission focus:  
"Life Cycles"**

Choose "Life  
Cycles" from the  
drop down menu



The white carnation on the altar remembers William "Bill" Coakley, who passed into the arms of Jesus on Thursday August 28, 2025. He is survived by his wife Ruth and sister-in-law Jeanne Paules.



**WE'RE HIRING : EARLY MORNING CUSTODIAN 6-9AM MON-FRI**

The Morning Custodian maintains a safe and attractive facility (exterior entryways and Discovery Corner Academy arrival and departures).

[Click here](#) for a complete job description.

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**\*\* NEW FALL ART CLASS STARTS IN SEPTEMBER! \*\***

**"Learning to Draw, Learning to See"**

**every other Wednesday beginning 9/24, 6-7PM**

Mark making is a human activity that helps us communicate and express ourselves visually. This learning experience will explore helpful mindsets and practical approaches to grow your own, independent preferences and approaches to leaving personal marks. All ages and ability levels are encouraged to attend (those younger than 12 must bring an adult). Supplies provided (unless you choose to work in a unique medium) and sketch-books available for purchase. Contact Brian Lehman to register ([brianslehman@gmail.com](mailto:brianslehman@gmail.com))



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**BREAKFAST LOVERS...** will you help at our upcoming **Pancake Breakfast** on Sun, Sept 7th? We have opportunities for greeters, servers, and pancake cooks, and you'll have plenty of time to enjoy a great breakfast too! **Use this link** to let us know how you would like to be involved. Thank you!

**THIS MONTH'S MISSION FOCUS IS "LIFECYCLES"** The mission of LIFECYCLES is to build young men and women of character in a Christ-centered bicycle touring adventure experience for teens. Trained volunteers from different walks of life help teen age boys and girls in challenging environments to dream and to achieve their goals with respect, dignity, and encouragement. Emphasis is placed on completing school and entering either the work force, a trade school, or college. Church, youth ministry activities, and community service are integral to the LIFECYCLES experience, as our goal to develop life skills, teamwork, leadership, followership, hope, and optimism. [www.lifecyclesteam.org](http://www.lifecyclesteam.org)

To support LIFECYCLES, make checks payable to "First UMC" with "Life Cycles" in the memo line or by using the "donate here" link. Please select "Life Cycles" from the drop down menu. Thank you!

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**First Church choirs to begin!**  
Come be part of a supportive community  
who love to present great music  
to the Glory of God! All are welcome  
and no audition is necessary.

**Cherub Choir**  
**(age 3 - grade 2)**

Saturday mornings 10:30-11:30 AM  
rehearsal begins October 4th  
*Sings at the 9:30 AM & 10:45 AM  
services about 6 times each year*

**Carol Choir** (grades 3 - 6)

Wednesday evening 7:00-8:00 PM  
rehearsals begin September 3rd  
*Sings at the 9:30 AM & 10:45 AM  
services once each month*

Contact Jan Betty  
[jan@mycyberlink.net](mailto:jan@mycyberlink.net)

**Chapel Choir**  
**(grades 7 - 12)**

Wednesday evening 7:00-8:00 PM  
rehearsal begins September 3rd

**Youth Handbells**  
**(grades 7-12)**

Wednesday evening 6:00-7:00 PM,  
rehearsals begin September 3rd

**Wesley Handbell Choir**  
**(adults)**

Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 PM  
rehearsals begin September 4th

Contact Peter Omundsen  
[peterthetuner@gmail.com](mailto:peterthetuner@gmail.com)

**Chancel Choir**  
**(high school & adults)**

Two rehearsal options:  
Thursday night 7:45-9:15 PM,  
rehearsals begin September 5th  
*and/or* Sunday morning  
9:30-10:30 AM  
beginning September 4th

Contact Brian Norcross  
[brian.norcross@fandm.edu](mailto:brian.norcross@fandm.edu)



**September 7th**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!**

**Children's Sunday School**

kicks off at 9:30AM in Room 209,  
where we have an activity with a  
brief introduction to the lesson of  
the day. The kids are dismissed to  
their individual classrooms, where  
parents pick them up at 10:30AM.

**Adult Sunday School**

Three classes begin their new fall  
studies at 9:30AM. Join us for an  
interesting hour of discussion &  
learning!

- Christian Journey (Rm232/234)
- Koinonia (Rm 201)
- Wesleyan (Rm 214/215)

**Youth Sunday School** (grade 6-12)

meets at 9:30 AM youth room on  
the lower level of the church. Join  
us anytime! We have a great time  
together!

**Evening youth group** meets  
Sunday evenings from 6-8 PM  
for a time of fun, Bible study, lots  
of discussion, and SNACKS.  
Friends are welcome!





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## U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S

### **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

**8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM**

**Flapjacks & Friends—Free Pancake Breakfast!**

**9:00 - 11 AM, Fellowship Hall**

- **Featuring a pancake breakfast, Sunday School for all ages, a new sermon series, and a welcoming atmosphere for everyone.**

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### **Taizé PRAYER SERVICE**

**6 PM (4th Saturday of the month)**

- **A time of simple songs, Scripture, and silence open to all to help you rest in God's presence.**

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### **CHURCH PICNIC**

**Sunday, 1:00 PM - Long's Park, Pavilion #3**

- **Great food, fun games, and relaxed fellowship! A perfect way to deepen friendships and meet new people. Bring a friend!**

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*For more info and to sign up go to [engagegodfirst.org/events](http://engagegodfirst.org/events)*