

## ***FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MONONGAHELA***

### **Tri-Connections: loving, living, and connecting people for God's church July Edition**

Each month we are calling and/or visiting various people/families and interviewing them. With their permission, we list a little bit about them and, if possible, their picture. To reach out to so many people will be an ongoing mission.

We hope that you enjoy reading about our friends. As we all need prayer, please keep this month's friends in your prayers. If you feel led to contact them, please call the church office for their contact information.

We look forward to talking to all of you. Please be patient in our efforts and look for us to contact you next!

#### **Mildred and Buzz Carey**

During COVID, Mildred used her sewing talents to make masks. In fact, more than 350 of them! Orders were taken, masks sewn and left on her porch for contactless pick up. Mildred also completed 4 large quilts; 2 tee shirts quilts, and 2 bed quilts, and 1 baby quilt for their first great grandchild, Hazel. Due to the pandemic and waiting for vaccines, Hazel was 7 months old before Mildred and Buzz could visit!

Buzz is dealing from health issues from a stroke which caused him to lose sight in his left eye. He likes to watch TV, read the papers and play games on the computer.

The Careys were able to keep in touch with family and friends through texting and phone calls. Mildred is now just getting back to attending Quilt Club and the 10:30 AM church service. They are most thankful for their new great granddaughter and Mildred is thankful for her ability to sew, drive to get groceries, and for her family, church family and neighbors. Although they have many things to be thankful for dealing with the loss of Mildred's son Jeff is still very challenging. "The loss just doesn't leave you."

#### **Anne Copenhaver**



Anne likes to keep busy with her hobbies; quilting, working at the church, and being with her family. During COVID Anne completed several quilts and is now knitting a baby sweater and starting another quilt. She found the most challenging part of COVID was not being able to be in person with family and friends. She especially missed her church family and is glad to be able to attend the morning worship service in person. Anne is very thankful for the health of her family and is celebrating her grandson's graduation from high school this year. Anne is still getting used to the Uniontown area which is where she moved to 5 years ago.

### Linda Evans



Linda works at Ringgold Elementary North as a Teacher's Aide, working with Special Needs students. She also rides the bus with students to assist those in need. Linda enjoys crocheting and teaching Sunday School at New Beginnings Church. She was able to keep in touch with others during COVID while attending Church services and work, but found it difficult and challenging to work with students on ZOOM. She missed her church family and Frank Brody who recently passed away.

When asked if the Church can help in any way, Linda responded, "I don't think so. God is good and always provides what we need!" Linda attends the Sunday evening service and Friday Night Praise at FUMC which had 10 different churches represented in June!

### Margie and Duane Evans



Margie and Duane keep themselves busy with LIFE! They are involved with a couple of different churches; Margie creates the power point for the FUMC evening service, Friday Night Praise, and the morning service at New Beginnings Church. She has cleaned homes for the last 26 years travelling 6 days a week from Charleroi to McMurray. She is also the caregiver for her mother. In her spare time, Marge enjoys yard work and tending to her Daylilies.

Duane attends Men's Bible studies at two different churches and works in social work for TCV Community Services in Allegheny County for the past 29 years. COVID never provided a break for either Margie or Duane.

Margie had surgery at the beginning of COVID to remove her kidney. She is blessed and thankful now to be cancer free! She is grateful to all who reached out to them with meals, phone calls, love and support which proved to be

uplifting! The most difficult part of COVID was seeing all the churches closed and all the social distancing.

Margie and Duane attend the Sunday evening service and Friday night Praise at FUMC. They would like to see a Men's group again at FUMC.

## Renee and Bill Teck



Renee and Bill attend and participate in the band, *Higher Calling* for the evening service at FUMC. They also lead music with the band, *East to West* at the Elrama drive-in morning service. Bill and Renee are the owners of *From The Top Music Shop* in Monongahela. The shop repairs, rents, provide lessons and sells music and accessories including sheet music. Bill and Renee enjoy learning new music for church and for lessons. They also enjoy writing their own music and love to camp! Renee and Bill are the proud owners of two rescue dogs, Riley and Yaya.

Although the music shop was closed for two months during the pandemic, they were able to provide ZOOM lessons during that time and are very glad to be able to offer in person lessons now. They are blessed with family and friends and the extended musical family they have at the store. They invite everyone to come see them at the Sunday evening service!