



The State of Marriage *and* the Family in America Today

*What exactly is going on with marriage and the family in America today?
How are these current trends impacting individuals, families, communities and the church?*

Friday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Keezletown United Methodist Church

Indian Trail Road, Keezletown

This lecture is intended for teenagers, married and single adults, parents, grandparents and church leaders. *CHILDCARE will be provided.*

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IN THE UNITED STATES:

Last year, four out of 10 children were born out of wedlock.

The overall divorce rate is over 40%.

Currently, over half of all first marriages are preceded by the couple living together.

When 1,100 college students were recently asked to rank a list of 18 characteristics they would prefer in a marriage partner, both men and women ranked "chastity" last.

In 1986 there were 100 fertility clinics in the U.S.; today there are about 450.

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