

☞ **Welcome Visitors** ☞

Welcome to First Church! We are privileged to have you attend our church and grateful that you chose to worship with us. May you be moved and enriched by the Spirit and know you are among friends. Here is a list of some resources available to you this morning:

- ✦ Children's activity packs are located at the entrances and rear of the sanctuary
- ✦ Nursery childcare (under three years of age) is available during services (pagers available at the check-in childcare greeter desk)
- ✦ Infants in service are welcome! A Comfort Corner location is available, if desired (ask an usher for directions).
- ✦ Wee Worship (ages three and four) and Kids Worship (ages five and up) follow the Children's Message at the 10:45 Service. These programs are designed to help children become accustomed to the structure and purpose of worship.
- ✦ For hearing assistance, wireless receivers are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ✦ Large print hymnals available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Daily Bible Study

June 26	Insist on Justice for All	Exodus 23:1-9
June 27	Eternal Cost of Not Offering Justice	Matthew 25:41-46
June 28	No Perversion of Justice Allowed	2 Chronicles 19:4-7
June 29	Persist Until Justice Is Done	Luke 18:1-8
June 30	Deacons Called to Ministry of Justice	Acts 6:1-7
July 1	Israelites Meet God at Mount Sinai	Exodus 19:1-9
July 2	Moses Called to Free Enslaved Israelites	Exodus 3:1-12

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching.....Rev. Dr. David Reed
 Liturgist.....Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
 Acolyte.....TBD (8:15); Christopher Patterson (10:45)
 Pianist.....Eric King
 Sound & Media.....Ron Nichols and Roger Walton (8:15); Holly Kurten and Jim Murdoch (10:45)
 Ushers.....TBD (8:15); Brian Vogl, Larry Buddenbaum, Stuart Diehl, Jason Fisher, Tim Kurten, Ron Guyer, Rick Kauffman, Chuck Kershner

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter . TBD
 Worship GreeterTBD (8:15); TBD (10:45)
 Crib/Toddlers:Kelly King, Sarah Jones (8:15); Shelli Spencer, Jess Michael, Ellie Hoover (10:45)
 Wee Worship (10:45).....Brandy Zimmerman, Vicky Shambaugh
 Kids Worship (10:45)Tracy & Bob Wertz

☞ **Adult Sunday School** ☞

Walk-in visitors and new class members are welcome in all classes.

- **FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE** (Room 207) - A group of singles and couples age 25ish and above, but all are welcome. A discussion-based class that values friendship, sometimes getting together outside of class. Come discuss a variety of contemporary topics related to living out the Christian faith, compassion, and social justice.
- **FAITHFUL FAMILIES** (B001A, off Youth Lounge) - This class is made up of parents who are in the child-raising stage of life, and who enjoy discussion-based Bible studies related to living a faithful, Christ-centered life.
- **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussion of Christian principles. Come join us over the next 6 weeks as we complete a DVD study by John Ortberg entitled "All the Places to Go, How Will You Know". These sessions should open our eyes to the countless open doors God places before us every day, teach us how to recognize them, and give us encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await.
- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) - A mixed class of single adults and couples of all ages that select short-term studies intended to challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. Currently studying *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. Come to discover the life-altering, awe-inspiring, dream-changing, intense and relentless ways that God loves you!
- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 125B in sanctuary) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Studies, which are designed as encouragement and instruction in living a life of faith.
- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105 in office wing) - A group of active seniors who focus on studies designed as encouragement and instruction on living a life of faith. Interactive studies and discussions are led by several class members. Also, class members enjoy many Christian social activities together.

For information on adult **Bible studies** held during the week and other **small-group opportunities** contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611.

☞ **Youth Sunday School: 4G ~ Morning Edition** ☞

6th grade (B005)
 7th and 8th grade (B003)
 High School & UMCH students (youth lounge)

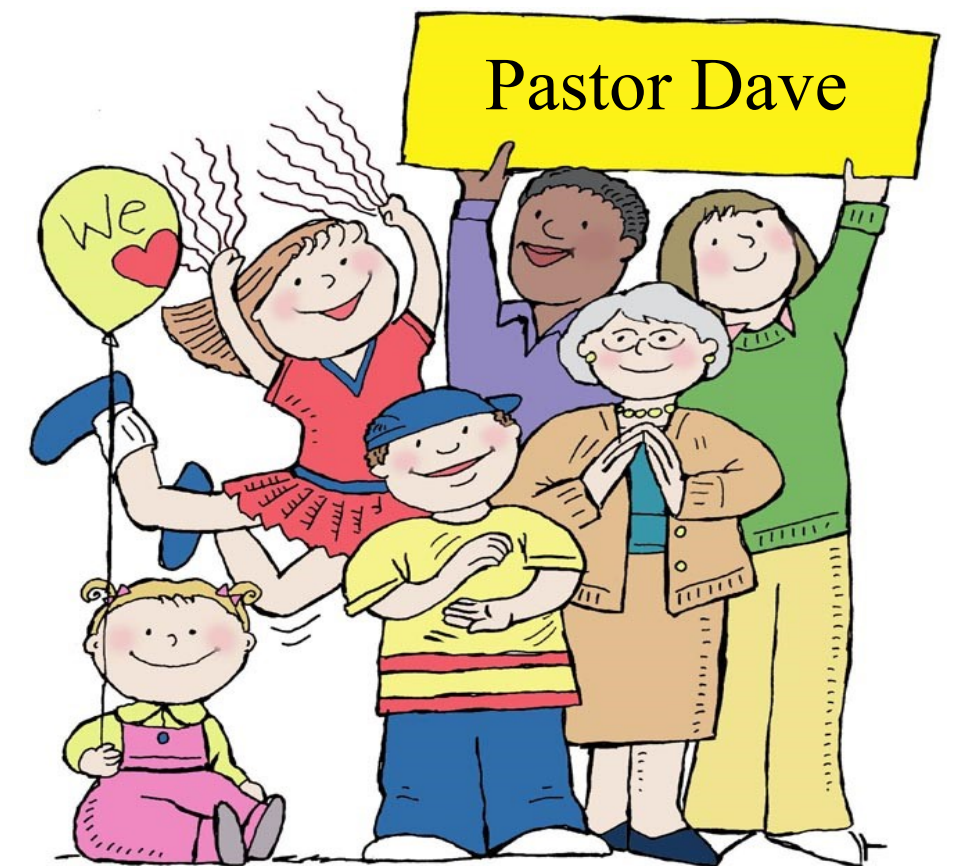
☞ **Children's Sunday School** ☞

- Sunday School is such an important time for our children to learn about God. It gives the children a chance to really get to know their teachers and classmates, and forms bonds that will last a lifetime. Our goal is to plant that seed of faith the children can lean on when going through difficult times by engaging kids with God's Word.
- Classes for 3 year olds to 5th grade are using the Deep Blue Curriculum where kids dive deep into the bible and learn more about God, Jesus, faith and how it all fits together into life today. All classes learn the same bible lesson, but at different levels appropriate for their age.
- Classes for babies and toddlers are located on the first floor of the Children's Department. Check in with the greeter who will help guide you to your child's room.

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors With Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors



June 25, 2017

Sunday Services

**Worship
 Sunday School for all ages**

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

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

JUNE 25, 2017

8:15 AM

PRELUDE "Melody"

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **If God kept a record of sins who could stand before him?**

Leader: The Lord is forgiving and merciful.

People: **God does not hold the past against us.**

Leader: The Lord gives new life each day.

People: **Give praise to God, for he is just and he is merciful.**

Leader: His love endures forever.

People: **Come before the Lord and worship him.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "All Things Bright and Beautiful" No. 147
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Most Loving and Compassionate God - Spirit of Truth and of Love - we come before you in humble adoration knowing our need for your grace, your mercy, and your strength. Grant us these things by the power of your Holy Spirit. Illuminate our hearts and minds and souls that we might better follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ our Savior and more worthily magnify your most holy name. Help us celebrate what you have done for us and what you have promised to us - both now - and forevermore. Amen.

PRAISE CHORUS "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" No. 404

*PASSING THE PEACE

VBS VIDEO

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

*PRAYER HYMN..... "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations" No. 569

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "For Those Tears I Died"

*OFFERING RESPONSE
..... "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95

*OFFERING PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... Kaitlyn Mariano

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
..... John 3:16..... NT 94
..... Matthew 22:37-39..... NT 25

SERMON "Random Ponderings from a Retiring Pastor" Pastor Reed

*HYMN "Lord of the Dance" No. 261

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE..... "Together In One Spirit"

**Please stand as able.*

10:45 AM

WELCOME

PRAISE AND WORSHIP
"Good Good Father"
"Great Are You Lord"

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings
"We Believe"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
..... John 3:16..... NT 94
..... Matthew 22:37-39..... NT 25

SERMON "Random Ponderings from a Retiring Pastor" Pastor Reed

CLOSING SONG
"Lord of the Dance" No. 261

BLESSING

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*If you would like to pray following the service you are invited to our Prayer Corner at the back of the green chair section of the sanctuary.*

## "Random Ponderings from a Retiring Pastor"

A. Pondering Is Valuable:

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B. Good Communication is vitally important!

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C. Caring is the church's greatest earthly asset.

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D. WE CAN COUNT ON GOD TO BE WITH US WHEN WE ARE HURTING.

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E. Remember the basics:

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F. Leave a Legacy!

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