

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 2, 2018



Priorities

Memory Verse:

*“He has told you, human one, what is good and
what the Lord requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love,
and walk humbly with your God.”*

(Micah 6:8)

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Sunday Services

Worship: 8:15 AM, 10:45 AM

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 AM





Welcome to First Church, we are so happy that you chose to worship with us! Here are some resources available to you this morning:

- **Children’s Activity Packs** are located at the entrance and rear of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Childcare** (under 3 years of age) is available during services (paggers available at the Check-In Childcare Greeter Desk).
- You are also welcome to bring your infant with you to worship! A **Comfort Corner** is available for your convenience, ask an usher for directions.
- **Wee Worship** (ages 3 to 5) and **Kids Worship** (ages 6 through 5th grade) follow the praise music at the 10:45 service. This program is designed to help children become accustomed to the structure and purpose of worship. Wee Worship is in Room 118 and **Kids Worship is taking a break for the summer.**
- For **Hearing Assistance**, wireless receivers are available. See an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Hymnals** are available, see an usher for assistance.
- **Seat Cushions** for the wooden pews are available at the Sound Desk located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Thank you for joining us today and we hope to see you again! Please visit the **Welcome Desk** (located outside the multipurpose room) for more information and to receive a special gift.



FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.”

~ I Corinthians 3:11

Gathering and Praise

Prelude “Sweet Bye and Bye” arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

*Greeting (Responsively) Mark 12:29-31

Leader: God’s most important command is
Israel, listen! Our God is one Lord,

People: ***you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.***

Leader: The second is this,

People: ***You will love your neighbor as yourself.***

No other commandment is greater than these.

*Hymn of Praise “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 384

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

Concerns and Prayers

*Praise Chorus.....“Seek Ye First” No. 405

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading..... Micah 6:1-8CEB Page 709

Sermon..... “No More Business-As-Usual ”Pastor Keller

Worship with Dance..... “All That Lives Forever” Courtney Nuss

Words and Music by Steffany Gretzinger

Invitation

Confession and PardonNo. 12

*Passing the Peace

The Offering

Offertory “Let Not Your Heart be Troubled” David Paxton

Thanksgiving and Communion

*Communion Hymn “Bread of the World” No. 624

The Great Thanksgiving No. 13-14

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Sending Forth

*Hymn..... “Christ for the World We Sing” No. 568

*Benediction

PostludeParaphrase on “Hymn To Joy”David Hegarty

**Please stand as able.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM

☪ Children's Sunday School ☪

- 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 guide you to your child's room.

☪ Youth Sunday School: 4G ~ Morning Edition ☪

- Youth students will be participating in the Summer Sunday happening in the Multipurpose Room
- UMHC Students: B005

☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

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

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

- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 123) - 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.
- **COMBINED ADULT CLASS** (Multipurpose Room)

GOSPEL SHAPED **OUTREACH**

God's mission of salvation in the world is also **our mission!** God calls us to **proclaim the good news** to our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors around the world in a way that brings hope, invites commitment, and makes disciples who follow Jesus.

This summer we will learn together and gain a deep appreciation for the gospel in a manner that we will be *EXCITED* to share with others! Along the way we will hear from a variety of mission workers that First Church supports. They will be our guest teachers on this adventure, and will share a lesson/presentation that includes thoughts from their own personal experiences in their mission field, so join us for the journey!

September 2 – How do we keep going?

We do not have a “missional season”, so how can we encourage each other to keep going?

Guest Speakers: Tiffany Holland & Sarah Jones



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

"Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."

Gathering and Praise

Welcome

*Praise and Worship

 "Cornerstone"

 "Set A Fire"

 "Revelation Song

 (During this song, children ages 5 and under are welcome to Wee Worship)

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*Closing Song

 "I Saw the Light"

*Blessing

**As you feel led, please stand or be seated.*



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

September 2, 2018

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our loved ones, placed by Marjorie Robinson and family.

Lifelong Learner

Have you accepted the **Be One, Make One** challenge? Visit the display in the church lobby for more information!

New study for women! *Igniting a Passion to Pray*, a 12-week study facilitated by Nadine Ogden and Merri Shellenberger, begins September 10 on Monday evenings from 6:45 – 8:00 pm at the church. Come to cultivate a more intimate relationship with God and become more comfortable with prayer. Sign up at the Welcome Center display. Workbook cost is \$15.

Regular Sunday School classes will resume on September 9, and walk-in visitors/new class members are welcomed in all classes. Look in the September 9 bulletin for more details.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study With Pastor Denny begins on September 12 and will run 10 weeks. Class meets from 6:45 - 8:00 pm in room B004. This study is based on our 2018 daily Bible reading plan, so visit the Welcome Center display to sign up, pick up a Common English Bible with the companion daily reading plan and begin reading! Then come to class to discuss the readings in greater depth.

“Experiencing the Power of Life-Changing Faith”, a 13-lesson **Men’s Bible Study** on the book of Romans led by Ken Guise and David Mengle, begins September 16. Class meets 6:15 – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Center display.

Away at college? We are in need of updated fall contact information for students away at school. Please help us stay connected with our students and provide current contact information to Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com

Praying Follower

Love & sympathy to the family upon the death of Mike Myers’ father, Henry, on August 26.

Love & sympathy to the family upon the death of Melissa Felty’s husband, Dijbo Abdou, on August 22.

Recovering at home: John Shellenberger, Marge Scott

All Moms are invited to join our **Moms in Prayer** group on Monday nights, 7 – 8 pm in the Prayer Room. We focus on prayer for our children of all ages and stages, grandchildren, their

schools, teachers/staff, etc. No sign up required. Questions? Contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611.

Bless Our Schools Sunday is September 16 - you won't want to miss worship that day! Together we will pray for our schools, teachers, staff and students so they are ready to stand firm in Christ this school year.

Merri and John want to thank everyone for their prayers and their thoughts during his procedure this week. We are so thankful to be part of the family at First Church.

Passionate Worshipper

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service September 23 at 4:00 pm. Fellowship with other Rejoicers in the multipurpose room following the service.

Have you ever wanted to try ringing bells? Here is your chance! Wednesday night, September 5, at 7 pm in the Music Room! Come for some fun and fellowship, learn how to ring, and we'll make some music together! Call Kathie Bittenbender with any questions (717-697-6257).

Dedicated Missionary

Relationship Builder

Interested in adopting a college student and keeping them connected to their First Church family while away at school? Contact Lynn Rapp to adopt one of our remaining students in need of adoption.

Ruth Circle will meet on September 5th at 11:15 am at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg for lunch followed by our regular meeting. Please call Janet Baker if you do not plan to attend.

Our annual **church picnic** will be held at Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion on September 9. Come to play/visit at 3:30 pm, then stay for the pot-luck supper at 5 pm and outdoor worship! Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share, your own place settings and lawn chairs.

The widows/widowers group will dine at the DaVinci Italian Eatery, 6617 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg on Tuesday, September 11th at 5:30 p.m. Please call Bonnie Guyer if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided upon request.

Deborah Circle will start meeting again after summer break. We will meet September 11 at 7:00 pm downstairs in the area outside of the choir room. New members are always welcome! We meet at the church on odd months at 7 pm and go out to dinner on even months, taking off for the summer. During our meetings we may have a service project or have a short devotion time.

Strong Women (and Men)/Growing Stronger Strength Training here at First Church. Classes will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 17—Nov. 14, 1-2 pm in Fellowship Hall (no classes Oct. 8 or 10). This is an 8-week program geared for middle-aged to older women and men. There is a \$60 fee to participate and mandatory paperwork must be completed before beginning. To register for the program, go to <http://extension.psu.edu/strongwomen> or contact Penn State Extension Registration (877-345-0691). Contact Nancy Rouch with questions.

MOPS begins meeting for the 2018/19 school year on September 28 from 9:15-11:15 am. If you are an expectant mother, have young children or know someone who does, please invite them to come and experience this wonderfully supportive group! See our website, fumchurch.com, for more details or contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611.

Save The Date! - Men of First Church, you are invited to join us for the Annual Winter Retreat which will take place the weekend of January 25-27, 2019. We are excited to announce that we will be enjoying the facilities at Mt. Asbury this time around. More information will be coming in the months ahead, but wanted you to pencil (stylus?) the dates on your calendar right away.

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Generous Giver

Share the Harvest continues! Feel free to share your extra flowers, fruits or veggies with others. Bring them to the coffee prep area (turn right at end of Main hallway) anytime this summer. Feel free to help yourself to the garden goodies, if you don't have a garden. Bags are available at the display. Questions, contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com.

Support Missions in Sierra Leone through Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* For only \$5 you receive a 25% discount shopping pass to use on October 16th. See any team member to purchase your pass or contact the church office at 717-766-4611. Increase your support by purchasing Boscov's gift cards through the Scrip Program to use when you shop on October 16th.

Scrip Gift Cards - It is never too early to start thinking about Christmas shopping. Use gift cards from the Scrip Program to buy your gifts and support First Church ministries. Now through November, proceeds from the purchase of the following cards will support Missions in Sierra Leone.

Bass Pro Shops, Boscov's, Harry and David, Marshall's/TJ Maxx/Home Goods, Ross Dress for Less, Stein Mart, Cracker Barrel, Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse/Papa John's, Panera Bread, Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse, Giant Foods, Weis Markets

Pick up a scrip order form at the Scrip box located in the gathering area by the stairwell or at the Sierra Leone Display in the tower hallway. Place your completed form and payment in the Scrip box in the gathering area. Next order date is TODAY.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Department Help – There are many opportunities available! Please check the clipboards under the children's department bulletin board or contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris. Even if you can help just one Sunday a month!

Summer Sunday School- All children's Sunday School classes will be held in the first floor children's hallway Room 118. School year SS classes will resume upstairs beginning September 9th.

Kid's Worship – We will not have Kid's Worship upstairs until September 9th. Please enjoy worship with your family. We will still have Wee Worship and Nursery for the younger children 5 and under.

Bible Sunday – September 9th – all four year olds and 2nd graders will receive a Bible during the worship services.

BOOMERANG Fellowship- We will meet briefly at the church picnic around 4pm. The picnic begins at 3:30 on September 9th at Adventure Zone. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join this awesome kid's club! Any questions please see Anna Harris or Dawn Fisher.

Children's Department Newsletter- If you are not receiving this very informative and super cool newsletter that tells you all about what is happening in the FUMC Children's Department, please e-mail Dawn Fisher and Anna Harris at kidscount@fumchurch.com to be added to the list to receive it!

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay connected as fall begins! We use Remind to send updates and reminders. Text @4gyo to 81010 to be added to the distribution text for "4G news".

What is 4G? 4G is the name and vision statement of our youth group. 6th-12th graders are invited to meet in the youth lounge from 6:15-8:15 where we GATHER together to GAIN from the Bible as we GROW into more committed followers of Jesus as we GIVE ourselves to His kingdom purposes. Students wishing to come hang out can come as early as 6:00. Specifics or time changes of each Sunday are communicated in the bulletin and Remind texts. Our first on-site 4G will be September 23.

Parent Meeting: come familiarize yourself with the youth department and learn about the ins and outs of ministry opportunities for your child. Meet with Lisa before Impact Rewind on September 16 from 4:45-5:30 in B003. (See Impact Rewind RSVP for more info).

Bible Sunday will be September 9th during both services. Students entering 6th and 9th grade are asked to be at service to be presented with a new Bible. Bibles are given by First Church to students to aid them in their study of God's Word at significant grade and learning transitions.

Interested in helping with youth worship? Musical or tech savvy youth interested in learning more about youth led worship should email Allison Ometz (ometz@msn.com) to be included in communications regarding participation, practice, and scheduling.

Church Picnic - Sept 9 @ 3:30 - we will gather briefly as a youth group during the picnic to talk about the fall. All are welcome- if coming with family please bring a dish to share.

Impact Rewind - missing summer already? Join us on September 16 from 6-8 for an awesome night of worship at Camp Hill UMC. Begin your school year worshipping God and bridging the gap of summer experiences into the school year. All are welcome - parents are encouraged to attend and get a taste of Salt 'n Light Youth Ministries. RSVP online at <https://ttsu.me/csnsye>

Dates to Keep in Mind: November 4 (Battleball), November 16-17 (Sleep Out), November 30-

BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



Week 36: Theme ~ *Humility*

Daily Bible Readings

- September 3** *Like a Child*
Matthew 18:1-5, 11:25-30
- September 4** *Humble Recognition*
Luke 14:7-24
- September 5** *Jesus' Humility*
Philippians 2:1-16
- September 6** *Wisdom Brings Humility*
Proverbs 9:10-12, 11:2, 15:33, 22:4
- September 7** *Strength in Weakness*
2 Corinthians 12:5-10;
Colossians 3:12
- September 8** Relax & Reflect
- September 9** Worship

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Lisa Aronson
Organists Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Bob Bittenbenber & Ron Nichols (8:15);
 Holly Kurten & Ron Nichols (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter Donna Nichols
Worship Greeter Pam Van Kirk (8:15); TBD (10:45)
Crib/Toddlers: Lora Bourgeois, TBD, Kendyl Swank (8:15); Patti Herring, Janet Almond (10:45)
Wee Worship (10:45) Deb Karns, TBD, Liam Smith

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 LABOR DAY

Church closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 7:00 pm Hospitality Committee Meeting (B002)
- 7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Sound Media Team Meeting (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 7:00 pm Try to Ring a Bell! (Music Room)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 10:00 am LFP Student Open House (118/120/121/122/218/219)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Music Room)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church office closes
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

There is nothing scheduled at this time.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm Church Picnic (Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion)

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Security Announcement

We are always attentive to matters of safety and security, for the children and youth in particular, but also for adults and for the building itself. If you encounter an unexpected locked door and must walk down a hallway and up a different stairway to reach your destination, remember the children, youth and other adults who share this building with you and know that your mild inconvenience enhances their safety. *Please make sure your children and youth are supervised at all times when they are in the church building.*