

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 16, 2018



Generosity

Memory Verse:

*“This hope doesn’t put us to shame,
because the love of God has been poured out in our
hearts through the Holy Spirit,
who has been given to us.”*

(Romans 5:5)

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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 in Room 216.
- 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 "Now Thank We All Our God"arr. Phillip Keveren

Welcome

*Greeting (Responsively)

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People: We gather to participate in the new things God is doing.

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*Hymn of Praise "How Great Thou Art"No. 77

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*The Opening Pray (in Unison)

Generous and Loving God, you bless us beyond measure. You have been so

good to us. Because of your generous love and grace, Lord, help me to spill out your generosity in others' lives. Keep my hands open to give. Keep my eyes open to see need. Thank you for your blessings; make me a blessing to others. Amen.

*Praise Chorus..... "Into My Heart" No. 2160

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

Children's Time..... Bless Our Schools Deb Noss

Anthem..... "Down By the Riverside" Sounds of Worship

Scripture Lesson..... 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 CEB Page 877

Sermon..... "Generous Love" Pastor Keller

Hymn..... "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love..... No. 2223

Concerns and Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

The Offering

Offertory..... "Abide With Me"arr. Wilbur Held

Doxology..... "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"No. 95

Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn..... "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" No. 557

*Benediction

Postlude..... "Triumph and Thanksgiving"Franklin Ritter

**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 ☪

All youth 6th-12th graders meet in the Youth Lounge

☪ 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. 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. Adam Hamilton leads us in a 5 week DVD study on "Unafraid - Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times". This is a great series for anyone struggling with anxiety, worry, or stress in these troubled times. Unafraid offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions. All are welcome.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 .*



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

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

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*Praise and Worship

"The Old Rugged Cross" (I Am Free)

"Defender"

Proclamation and Response

Children's Time.....Bless Our Schools..... Deb Noss
(Following Children's Time, children are welcome to leave for Wee Worship of Kids Worship)

Scripture Lesson..... 1 Corinthians 13:1-13..... CEB Page 877

Sermon..... "Generous Love" Pastor Keller

*Praise Song

"Just As I Am"

Concerns and Prayers

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"O Come To the Altar"

*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 16, 2018

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of those lost on September 11, 2001 placed by Georgianna Braund and family.

Lifelong Learner

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

“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 Mingle, begins TODAY. Class meets 6:15 – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Center display.

Wednesday Lunch & Learn with Pastor John begins October 3 and will run for 7 weeks. Bible study starts at 11 am under the balcony in the sanctuary. Come to dive deeper into our 2018 daily Bible reading plan, followed by lunch out together at noon. Sign up at the Welcome Center display, pick up a Common English Bible with the companion daily reading plan and begin reading!

New Member class begins October 7. This class, which runs 7 weeks, will be held during Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 in Room 207. Please see the Welcome Center display to sign up. Questions - contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 717-766-4611.

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 and sympathy to the family upon the death of Richard Fleming, father to Jill Strumsky, Rhonda Neidig and Vignon Smeigh.

Special Circumstances: Mike Young is at the Oaks

Recovering at home: Doris Zimmerman

Join us today, September 16, after the 10:45 a.m. worship service to pray a blessing over the Little Free Pantry on our property. The Little Free Pantry is located near the Community Aid bin. Deb Noss will lead us in the prayer. All are welcome!

See You at the Pole is coming up on September 26! All are welcome to join us in this global prayer event at 9:05 am on that day at the church flag pole for a time of focused prayer for students and their schools.

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.

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly to offer help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. All are welcome to begin attending at any point as each session is self contained. For more info visit griefshare.org. Meetings are Tuesday evenings.

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.

Dedicated Missionary

FUMC grocery bagging for Bethesda Mission Outreach at Mission Central on Wednesday September 19 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King by email eeking@verizon.net for information.

Help feed the sheep with Isaiah 61 Ministries - Wednesday, September 19th at 6 pm. Contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Men of First Church - Small group meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8-9:30 pm. Our next meeting is September 19 at the Eaton home in Mechanicsburg. All FUM men are welcome and encourage to join us. Contact Barry at theaton5@verizon.net for more information.

First Connections Gathering: All are welcome to this gathering time for fellowship on Thursday, September 27th in the Tower Meeting Room (2nd floor children's Sunday School wing). Please join us between 1-3 pm to simply relax and visit with some First church friends! Question or need a ride? Ask Janice Bowen at WeCare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611.

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 717-766-4611.

Generous Giver

The 17th annual Chicken BBQ will be October 6! Get your tickets from a bell choir member or reserve yours today at the Info Desk book. We serve from 11-4 as long as there is chicken!

The Children's Department needs your **gift of time!** The kids in the **Crib/Toddler room** are looking for adults who will play peek-a-boo, pretend to eat whatever concoction is prepared in the play kitchen, and most of all tell them of God's love. There are 2 ways to be a Time Giver:. Sign up for a dedicated week per month or be part of the bullpen where you serve as needed and as you are available. Contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris at kidscount@fumchurch.com to become part of the Children's Ministry team! *Security clearances are required - it's easy and free if you don't already have them. Dawn or Anna can walk you through it.

To ways you can **Support Missions in Sierra Leone**

- ♥ Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* For only \$5 you receive a 25% discount shopping pass to use on October 16th.
- ♥ **Scrip Gift Cards** - Now through November, proceeds from the purchase of the specific cards will support Missions in Sierra Leone. Green orders forms at the Sierra Leone display indicate which cards benefit Missions in Sierra Leone.

See the display in the Tower Hallway or one of the Missions in Sierra Leone team members for more information.

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. Cards will be delivered next Sunday.

Learn how you can invest in the future of First Church! Stop by the Coffee Café on Sept. 30. Members of the Endowment Committee will be available to answer your questions and provide information on the Endowment Fund and how you can support it.

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!

Sunday School- Children's Sunday School has resumed upstairs at 9:30am. Kids ages 3 through 5th grade all report to room 216 at 9:30am. See you there!! (Childcare for 3 years and under available on the 1st floor children's wing)

Kid's Worship – Has resumed during 2nd service. Kids ages 5 to 5th grade will enjoy this special Bible time and learning about the Gospel Project. Kids 5 and under are welcome in Wee Worship or the Crib/Toddler room.

BOOMERANG- Sunday, September 23rd 4:00-5:30pm. Meet in the multi-purpose room. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join this awesome kid's club! Any questions please see Anna Harris or Dawn Fisher.

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. Student wishing to come hang out earl 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 Sept 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 Sept 16 from 4:45-5:30 in B003. (See Impact Rewind RSVP for more info).

Monday Night Football Gathering: Want to connect with fellow youth for a casual weekly small group? Meet at various locations to watch the game and share in a time of devotion. This week: 8-10 at the Nuss' house.

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.

Impact Rewind - missing summer already? Join us on Today, Sep 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: Nov 4 (Battleball), Nov 16-17 (Sleep Out), Nov 30-Dec 2 (Winter Retreat), Dec 15 (Cookie Walk)

BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



Week 38: Theme ~ *Gratitude*

Daily Bible Readings

September 17 *Life of Praise*
Psalms 92, 146

September 18 *Deeper Gratitude*
Luke 7:26-50

September 19 *For All God Has Done*
Deuteronomy 8:1-20

September 20 *Great Is God's Faithfulness*
Lamentations 3:22-26, Psalm 40

September 21 *Gratitude in Any Situation*
Philippians 4:10-13; Hebrews 13:5-6;
1 Timothy 6:3-10

September 22 Relax & Reflect

September 23 Worship

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Rev John Shellenberger (8:15); Lisa Aronson (10:45)
Organists Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Michael Garman & Ken Rapp

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter TBD
Worship Greeter Marilyn Knott (8:15); TBD (10:45)
Crib/Toddlers: Sarah Jones, TBD, Kevin Knott (8:15); TBD (10:45)
Wee Worship (10:45) Kelley Levan, Jill Matolyak
Kids Worship (10:45) Dan Wertz, Jenell Paris

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:45 pm Youth Parent Meeting (B003)
- 6:00 pm Impact Rewind (CHUM)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (FH)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers Quilting Circle (FH)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 1:00 pm Strong Women (FH Café)
- 6:30 pm Al-Anon (223)
- 6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 6:45 pm Administrative Board Meeting (FH)
- 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (123)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 7:00 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:15 pm West Shore Symphony Orchestra (Sanctuary Auditorium)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch (120/MP)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:00 pm Ladies Tea (Sanctuary Area Gathering Space)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 6:30 pm Prayer Team (Prayer Room)
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee (207)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 8:30 am Staff Retreat (offsite)
- 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)
- 1:00 pm Strong Women (FH Café)
- 6:00 pm LFP Board Meeting (B002)

- 6:45 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study (B004)
- 7:00 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch (120/MP)
- 11:40 am Soccer Shots (MP)
- 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)
- 6:30 pm Knit@Nite (Tower Meeting Room)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Music Room)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 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)
- 5:00 pm Third Friday Food Truck Feast (Parking Lot)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

There is nothing scheduled at this time.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits (Sanctuary/MP)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Sunday Evening Youth Fellowship (Youth Dept.)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (FH)

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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.*