

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors*

*September 23, 2018*



**Gratitude**

**Memory Verse:**

*“Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn’t ended;  
certainly God’s compassion isn’t through!  
They are renewed every morning.  
Great is your faithfulness.”  
(Lamentations 3:22-23)*

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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

Welcome

\*Greeting (Responsively)

Psalm 40:1-4 (CEB)

Leader: I put all my hope in the Lord.  
He leaned down to me; he listened to my cry for help.

**People: He lifted me out of the pit of death,  
out of the mud and filth,  
and set my feet on solid rock.  
He steadied my legs.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise for our God.  
Many people will learn of this and be amazed;  
they will trust in the Lord.

**People: Those who put their trust in the Lord,  
who pay no attention to the proud or those who follow lies,  
are truly happy.**

\*Hymn of Praise..... "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ..... No. 139

*(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)*

\*The Opening Pray (in Unison)

**Faithful God, your kindness is new every morning. I live in the shadow of your faithful love and care. Even when I know the pain of the pit and utter despair, I know you're still faithful. You see me, know me, love me, and have mercy on me. You're so faithful, and I'm so grateful. Amen.**

\*Praise Chorus..... "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart" ..... No. 2036

\*Passing the Peace

### Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson.....Philippians 4:10-13.....CEB Page 898

Anthem..... "Clap Your Hands and Sing Hallelujah" .....Sounds of Worship

Scripture Lesson..... Lamentations 3:19-26.....CEB Page 629

Sermon..... "Great is God's Faithfulness".....Pastor Keller

Hymn..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"..... No. 140

Concerns and Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

The Offering

Offertory

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

Offering Prayer

### Sending Forth

\*Hymn..... "To God Be the Glory" .....No. 98

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*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 ☪

- **Middle School:** 6th-8th grade students meet in B003 for *Deep Discipleship*. Join us as we seek to grow deep roots of faith as we grow into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.
- **High School:** 9th-12th grade students meet in the youth lounge for *Faith in Action: learn, lead, teach, and serve*. This week we are focusing on *learn* as we continue with our "Life on Mission" video lesson.

## ☪ 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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) .*



# CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

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

## Gathering and Praise

Welcome

\*Praise and Worship

"Great Are You Lord"

"For The Honor"

"Calling on Fire"

*(During this song, children are welcome to leave for Wee Worship of Kids Worship)*

## Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson..... Lamentations 3:19-26..... CEB Page 629

Sermon..... "Great is God's Faithfulness" ..... Pastor Keller

Anthem..... "How Deep the Father's Love" ..... Sanctuary Choir

Concerns and Prayers

The Offering

## Sending Forth

\*Closing Song

"You Have Won Me"

\*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 23, 2018**

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Helen and Charles Glessner, placed by the family.

## Lifelong Learner

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

**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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call 717-766-4611.

**Register for Wonderful Wednesday** – An evening for the ENTIRE family! Begins October 17th. Please register by October 14th. Registration forms can be found at the Children's Display area or on the website at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)

**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](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com)

## Praying Follower

**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.

## Passionate Worshipper

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

**Handchimes for Children** begin TODAY after the 2nd service downstairs in the music room. If your child is 1st grade or older, come and find out what it's all about!

## Dedicated Missionary

**Missions in Motion 5K Race Walk** to be held October 27 at 9 am. See the October edition of First News First or go to [www.missioncentral.org](http://www.missioncentral.org) for more information. Registration deadline (to guarantee a t-shirt) is October 8. Contact Patti Herring at [familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net) with any questions.

## 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://fumchurch.com), for more details or contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or call 717-766-4611.

## Generous Giver

**The 17th annual Handbell 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](mailto: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.

**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.

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 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ **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 September 30. Cards will be delivered the next Sunday.

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade all report to room 216 at 9:30am. See you there!! (Childcare for 3 years and under available on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor children's wing)

**Kid's Worship** – Has resumed during 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Kids ages 5 to 5<sup>th</sup> 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**- TODAY 4:00-5:30pm. Meet in the multi-purpose room. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 early 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 is tonight.**

**Parents of middle schoolers (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade):** there will be a confirmation information meeting for both parents and students during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30) on September 30<sup>th</sup> in B003. All current and new students and parents interested in the confirmation process should attend.

**Monday Night Football Gathering:** Want to connect with fellow youth for a casual weekly small group? Meets at various locations to watch the game and share in a time of devotion. This week: 8-10 at Mark and Cheryl Mengle's 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](mailto:ometz@msn.com)) to be included in communications regarding participation, practice, and scheduling.

**Battleball and the SnL Worship Night** will be in place of 4G on Sunday November 4th. Grab a form today and register to be a part of the team or turn in a form to let us know you are coming to the worship time.

**Dates to Keep in Mind:** Nov 16-17 (Sleep Out), Nov 30-Dec 2 (Winter Retreat), Dec 15 (Cookie Walk)

## *New Welcome Center*

First Church is blessed to be known as a friendly and welcoming church. We strive to show extravagant hospitality to our guests! Our Hospitality Committee members engage in “holy listening” as they seek feedback from our guests and our congregation, and continually discern ways to improve what we do.

As a result, the committee has been hard at work creating spaces that are more welcoming and friendly for our guests (Did you know that we had more than 30 *first-time* guests come to visit just this summer?) The committee created more of a “Welcome Center” in the narthex which also spills over into the gathering area where the couches have been moved to. Guest can easily find a cup of coffee, a light snack and the information they are looking for in this area. They also have easy opportunities to run into us—the church members!

As we move into the Fall and Advent seasons, let’s focus on our value to build relationships by encouraging everyone to connect with newcomers who are here to worship and invite them to our classes, groups and fun activities. Together we can open doors with Christ by *sharing our heart and God’s home with our guests*.

# BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



**Week 39: Theme ~ *Forgiveness***

## Daily Bible Readings

**September 24** *Forgive Us*

Matthew 6:5-15

**September 25** *Forgiveness Comes from God*

Psalms 103:8-14

**September 26** *Forgiving Others*

Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 17:1-5

**September 27** *Forgiveness in the Church*

Hebrews 12:14-15; 2 Corinthians 2:5-11;  
1 Peter 3:8-12

**September 28** *Forgiveness and Reconciliation*

Matthew 5:21-24, 43-48; Luke 23:26-43

**September 29** Relax & Reflect

**September 30** Worship

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## **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 ..... Jim Murdoch and Roger Walton (8:15)

Holly Kurten and Jim Murdoch (10:45)

## **SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday School Greeter ..... TBD

Worship Greeter ..... TBD (8:15); Greg Harris(10:45)

Crib/Toddlers: ..... Kelly King, Sarah Jones (8:15); Shelli Spence, TBD (10:45)

Wee Worship (10:45) ..... Brandy Zimmerman , Vicky Shambaugh, Jake O'Leary

Kids Worship (10:45) ..... Tracy & Bob Wertz

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## *This Week at First Church*

### **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)

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers Quilting Circle (FH)
- 11:30 am LFP Staff Meeting (Library)
- 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)
- 6:30 pm Wellness Ministry Meeting (207)
- 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 25**

- 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 Worship Planning Meeting (207)

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

- 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)
- 6:45 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

(B004)

- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Thursday Bible Study (FH)
- 11:40 am Soccer Shots (MP)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm First Connections (Tower Meeting Room)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 6:45 pm Thursday Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Music Room)

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:15 am MOPS (Sanctuary Area Gathering Space)
- 9:15 am MOPS Child Care (120/121/122/MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church office closes
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

There is nothing scheduled at this time.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 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.*