

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 30, 2018



Forgiveness

Memory Verse:

*“The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
very patient,
and full of faithful love.”*

(Psalm 103:8)

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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 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 “It Is Well”

Welcome

*Greeting (Responsively)

Psalms 103:8-12 (CEB)

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
very patient and full of faithful love.

**People: God won’t always play the judge:
He won’t be angry forever.**

Leader: He doesn’t deal with us according to our sin
or repay us according to our wrongdoing,

**People: because as high as the heaven is above the earth,
that’s how large God’s faithful love is for those who honor him.**

*Hymn of Praise “I Know Whom I Have Believed” No. 714

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

- *The Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” No. 881
- *Praise Chorus.....“There’s Something About That Name” No. 171
- *Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

- Anthem..... “Just As I Am”The Praise Ringers
- Sermon.....“Why Does Worship Need a Pastor?” Dr. Douglas Curry
Worship Pastor/Faculty Messiah College Ministries
- *Hymn.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 140
- Concerns and Prayers
- The Lord’s Prayer (sins)
- The Offering
- Offertory “He Touched Me”
- *Doxology..... “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”No. 95
- *Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

- *Hymn..... “Grace Greater Than All Our Sin” No. 365
- *Benediction
- Postlude “Nothing But The Blood”
- *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.



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

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

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*Praise and Worship

"This I Believe"

"For The Honor"

"Lord I Need You/I Need Thee Every Hour"

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

Proclamation and Response

Celebration of Baptism

Miles and Fiona Kortze, children of Tim and Whitney Kortze

"Welcome to the Family"

Sermon..... "Why Does Worship Need a Pastor?" Dr. Douglas Curry
Worship Pastor/Faculty Messiah College Ministries

Concerns and Prayers

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"This Is Amazing Grace"

*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 30, 2018

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Deanna Lynn Otto, placed by her 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 this Wednesday, 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.

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.

A new book club for parents begins October 17! All parents are invited to read and discuss "*The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place*" by Andy Crouch. Purchase your book and attend the introductory session from 6:20-7pm October 17th in the Sanctuary Gathering space. This is being offered at the same time as Wonderful Wednesday, so enroll your children and make Wednesday evenings a family affair! See Welcome Center display for more details. Contact Tina Eaton with questions.

Praying Follower

In West Shore Hospital: Ivan Otstot and Tom Mullikin

Passionate Worshipper

Join us for our next **Rejoicing Spirits** service October 28 at 4:00 pm. Fellowship with other Rejoicers in the multipurpose room following the service.

It's no too late for your child to be a part of our handchime program! We practice 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!

We need acolytes! Are you interested in becoming an acolyte? If you are in 3rd grade or above, you can go through the training to become one. If you aren't sure, come to training and then decide. For more info or to sign up, please contact Karen or Gavin Smith at (717)-691-8186 or email Karenslp925@gamil.net.

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 for more information. Registration deadline (to guarantee a t-shirt) is October 8. Contact Patti Herring at familyzeke@verizon.net with any questions.

Relationship Builder

Ruth Circle will meet October 3rd at 11:15 am at Hosses in Mechanicsburg for lunch followed by our regular meeting. Please call Janet Baker at 717-766-5101 if you do not plan to attend.

Men's Breakfast: An open invitation is extended to any and all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday morning of each month. Please come join us at Brother's Restaurant, located at 705 Gettysburg Pike in Mechanicsburg. Our next gathering will be Saturday, October 6 at 7:30 am. Hope to see you there!

The widow/widowers group will dine at Theo's Restaurant in Camp Hill on Tuesday, October 9th at noon. Please call Bonnie Guyer, 717-766-0145, if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided upon request.

Celebrate the Light: October 21st! Join us for Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry's Celebrate the Light Gala October 21st at the Raddison Hotel in Camp Hill. The evening program will highlight facets of Salt 'n Light's impactful ministry among teenagers through student testimonies, creative arts ministry, worship, and sharing from our leadership team. Tickets can be purchased at www.snlym.com.

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.

Generous Giver

Learn how you can invest in the future of First Church! Stop by the Coffee Café TODAY. 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.

The 17th annual Handbell Chicken BBQ will be on Saturday, 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!** 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.

Two 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** - 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. Next order date is TODAY. Cards will be delivered next Sunday.

You can help the victims of Hurricane Florence by donating to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) or Mission Central. 100% of your donations to UMCOR goes to disaster relief.

Write a check to FUMC with UMCOR in the notes section. **OR**

Write a check to FUMC with Mission Central in the notes section.

All donations will be sent to the organizations you indicate. Place the checks in the offering plates or bring to the church office. Visit UMCOR's website at umcor.org or Mission Central's website at missioncentral.org. If you have any questions about making a donation, feel free to contact Bob Bittenbender at rbittenben@verizon.net.

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, October 14th. 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".

Join us tonight for 4G! 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 on Sunday evening 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.

Parents of middle schoolers (6th-8th grade): there will be a confirmation information meeting for both parents and students during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30) on September 30th 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) 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 40: Theme ~ *Purity*

Daily Bible Readings

- October 1** ***Purity in Heart***
Matthew 5:5; 1 Timothy 1:5;
James 3:17; Psalm 24:1-5
- October 2** ***Pure Lives***
Ephesians 4:17 - 5:16
- October 3** ***Refining Fire***
Malachi 3:1-6; Psalm 51:7-10
- October 4** ***Pure Paths***
Psalm 119:1-16
- October 5** ***Pure Motives***
Galatians 5:16-26
- October 6** Relax & Reflect
- October 7** Worship

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Dr. Douglas Curry
Worship Leader Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Organists Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Bob Bittenbender and Fred Espenshade (8:15)
 Ron Nichols and Ken Rapp (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter Marilyn Knott
Worship Greeter TBD (8:15); Susanna Brill (10:45)
Crib/Toddlers: Allison Ometz, TBD (8:15); TBD (10:45)
Wee Worship (10:45) Lori McKenney, TBD
Kids Worship (10:45) Dan Wertz, Norma Bingham

This Week at First Church

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 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 Women's Bible Study (123)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 6:30 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:15 pm West Shore Symphony Orchestra (Sanctuary Auditorium)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 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 Mission Commi. Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Sound/Media Team (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 11:00 am Lunch and Learn Bible Study (Sanctuary Gathering Space)
- 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, OCTOBER 4

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Thursday Bible Study (FH)
- 10:00 am Medicare Seminar (Sanctuary Gathering Space)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 6:00 pm Consecration Meeting (207)
- 6:45 pm Thursday Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm ACCESS Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Music Room)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church office closes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 11:00 am Chicken BBQ

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Sunday Evening Youth Fellowship (Youth Dept.)

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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.*