

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

December 2, 2018



Self-Denial

Memory Verse:

*“Then Jesus said to his disciples,
"All who want to come after me must say
no to themselves, take up their cross,
and follow me." ”*

(Matthew 16:24)

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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 (pagery 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."
~ 1 Corinthians 3:11

Gathering and Praise

Prelude

Welcome

*Greeting (Responsively)

Leader: Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ.

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*Lighting the First Candle of Advent

Jeff & Lori Hoffnagle

*Hymn of Praise.....“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 196
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

Prayers of the People

Celebration of Baptism and Reception of New Members

Proclamation and Response

Anthem.....“Come to Me”Sounds of Worship Choir

*The Gospel.....Matthew 1:18-25.....NRVS NT Page 1

Sermon.....“God Has a Dream”Pastor Keller

*Hymn.....“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”..... No. 2100 (TFWS)
Words will be projected on the screen

Invitation

Confession and PardonNo. 12

*Passing the Peace

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology.....“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”.....No. 95

*Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving and Communion

Taking the Bread

The Great Thanksgiving No. 13-14

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Receiving

Sending Forth

*Hymn.....“Joy to the World” No. 246

*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 and High School** combined Sunday school today - 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. Five different pastors will be featured in the DVD Advent study called "Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas". God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. Come join us as we learn how Christ sends us into the world to be his hands, feet, head, and heart. 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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*Lighting the First Candle of Advent

The Bowen Family

*Praise and Worship

"10,000 Reasons"

"Lord, I Need You"

(Following this song, children are welcome to leave for Wee Worship or Kids Worship)

"Love Came Down to Bethlehem"

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*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

December 2, 2018

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold Zimmerman and Merle & Della Zimmerman, 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!

The Gift of The Nutcracker, a new 4-week study for Advent begins TODAY in the Multipurpose room during the Sunday School hour. Come to draw closer to God's greatest gift, Christ, through this holiday classic. No cost/no need to pre-register. See Welcome Center display for more details or contact Tina Eaton with questions.

Praying Follower

Love & sympathy to the family upon the passing of Sue Bruner's father, Les Blosser, on November 25.

Love & sympathy to the family upon the passing of Charlie Cramer on November 28.

Hospitalized: Gabby Zimmerman is at West Shore Hospital.

Special Circumstances: Lincoln Washburn is at Claremont

Recovering at home: Gina Johnson

Advent Devotions: Looking for a tool to enhance your daily prayer time during Advent? Stop by the Welcome Center display and pick up a special Advent devotion booklet, based on the writings of Henri Nouwen, today!

Passionate Worshipper

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

Dedicated Missionary

Relationship Builder

Ruth Circle will meet on December 5 at 11:15 am at Hosses in Mechanicsburg for lunch followed by our Christmas Party. Please call Janet Baker if you do not plan to attend.

Generous Giver

Scrip Gift Cards - Certainly you use or give gift cards for Christmas! Why not order them through the FUM Scrip Ministry. You'll get your gift cards and give money to the church at the same time. A reminder, many of the "ornaments" on the tree for Neighborhood Center are asking for gift cards. Also, starting this month, many of the "eatery" gift cards will make money for the Women's Retreat. There will be 2 order dates for Christmas, TODAY and next Sunday, December 9! Cards ordered today will be delivered the 9th (just in time for the Neighborhood Center gifts!).

Little Friends Preschool is having a Sub and Soup Sale! Grab some easy dinner options to get your family through the holiday season. Order forms for each sale are in the binder at the Info Desk. Orders and payment are due by Tuesday, Dec. 4. Subs and sandwiches are from R&K Subs. Soups are available in 30oz containers (frozen) from Country View Grocery. Make checks payable to Little Friends Preschool and place it in the Little Friends tuition lockbox located near the sofas in the Children's Wing Lobby. Sub/sandwich delivery is Tuesday, December 11 after 11 am. Soup delivery is Tuesday, December 18th after 11 am. Thank you!

The Neighborhood Angel Tree is out in the educational wing foyer. We have a family of six children ages 1-17. Some items are large and we urge groups, classes or individuals to go together to purchase those items. Please drop your unwrapped items in the bin by the tree by December 9th. Contact Donna Nichols (djnichols43@hotmail.com) or Lori Hoffnagle (outreach@fumchurch.com) with questions. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

New Hope Ministries' annual Christmas Blessings Express is where the guests of New Hope Ministries are able to shop for Christmas presents for their family. You can't imagine the difference you can make in the lives of these families. Please stop by the Christmas tree in the Narthex to choose an ornament or two., You may bring those unwrapped gifts to the same area.

Calling all bakers! Help us prepare for the Cookie Walk and Marketplace of Miracles on December 15 by signing up for baking cookies. Fill out the form located in the youth form area.

A huge thank you to Bonnie and Gary Klinger, new member to be, Ed Meckley, and Larry Buddenbaum for all of your help in decorating the church for Christmas. Thank you from Steve Zimmerman and Judi Buddenbaum.

Celebrate Giving

- ♥ Youth raised over \$4,500 for the homeless during this year's sleepout!
- ♥ 425 Operation Christmas Child boxes were collected!
- ♥ 35+ church members helped prepare and serve with Isaiah 61 Ministries!
- ♥ 15 Choir members gave their voices in leading caroling at Mechanicsburg's tree lighting!

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!

BOOMERANG – December 9th, meet in the multi-purpose room. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join this awesome kid's club! We'll be having a Christmas Party!!

Wonderful Wednesday – December 5th, 4:45pm in the multipurpose room. *Weekly Focus:* I can ask Jesus to help me be wise and know the best way to tell about God. *Dinner:* Holiday Dinner! Ham provided, bring a covered dish to share.

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 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. Students wishing to come hang out early can come as early as 6:00. Specifics or time changes for each Sunday are communicated in the bulletin and Remind texts. (NO 4G TODAY 12/2 due to the retreat)

Christmas Party - 4G will have a holiday celebration on December 9th during 4G. Come in festive wear and watch your emails for more information.

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.

Sign up to make Cookies! One of our great youth Missions fundraisers, happening December 15th, is the cookie walk but we need cookies. Fill out a form and let us know what you can make. (Located in the youth form area). Sign up to help the day of too at www.timetosignup.com/kidscout

Zeteo: this high school winter conference is approaching its next price increase for tickets. Get your form into Lisa ASAP to secure a spot before ticket prices increase.

Dates to Keep in Mind: Zeteo (February 1-3), Mission Trip (June 30-July 6)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE
TONIGHT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 7:00 PM

If you are grieving this holiday season..... missing your loved ones and experiencing loss of any kind..... Please join us for a special Sunday evening service during which we will gather to remember and honor the memory of cherished family and friends.

Advent & Christmas Services and Event Schedule

December 2 - 1st Sunday in Advent

Worship, Holy Communion 8:15 & 10:45 am
Service of Hope and Remembrance 7 pm

December 9 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am

December 15 (Saturday)

Marketplace of Miracles/Cookie Walk
10:00 am - 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room

December 16 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Christmas Caroling 5 pm

December 20 (Thursday)

Little Friend's Nursery School Christmas Program 9:15 am

December 23 - 4th Sunday in Advent

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am

Christmas Eve Worship Services

5 pm ~ Family Service ~ Designed for families of all ages, but especially sensitive to families with young children. Join Pastor Denny by the fireplace and hear the story of our Savior's birth. Service will conclude with candle lighting.

8 pm ~ Service of Christmas Eve Simplicity ~ Designed as a quiet, prayerful service for individuals and families. Simplicity marks this service with instrumental music, Communion, Prayer Time and a brief candle lighting service.

11 pm ~ Festival Service of Light and Wonder ~ Includes Holy Communion, lessons and carols, music by our choirs, and candle-lighting.

BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



Week 49: Theme ~ *Evangelism*

Daily Bible Readings

- December 3** *Good News*
Luke 2:1-20
- December 4** *Miraculous Witness*
Luke 7:11-17
- December 5** *A Story to Tell*
Luke 8:26-39
- December 6** *New Sight*
Luke 18:35-43
- December 7** *Creation Tells the Story*
Psalm 19:1-14; Romans 1:18-20
- December 8** *Relax & Reflect*
- December 9** *Worship*

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Rev. John Shellenberger
Organist Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Michael Garman & Ron Nichols

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter Donna Nichols
Worship Greeter Pam Van Kirk (8:15); Eve Kellenberger (10:45)
Crib/Toddlers: Lora Bourgeois, TBD (8:15); Janet Almond, Shelli Spencer (10:45)
Wee Worship (10:45) Deb Karns, TBD, Liam Smith
Kids Worship (10:45) Janice & John Bowen, Leah Krnjaic

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 9:30 am Advent Study (MP)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship (Youth Dept.)
- 7:00 pm Service of Remembrance and Hope (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 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)
- 6:30 pm Al-Anon (223)
- 6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 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, DECEMBER 4

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:45 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 6:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Sound Media Team Meeting (Sanctuary-All)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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)
- 4:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday
- 6:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Adult SS Room)
- 7:00 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 3:00 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary Auditorium)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 8

No Activities scheduled at this time

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 9:30 am Advent Study (MP)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Boomerang (FH/Kitchen)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship (Youth Dept.)

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