

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

December 9, 2018



Evangelism

Memory Verse:

“The angel said, “Don’t be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people.”

(Luke 2:10)

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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."
~ 1 Corinthians 3:11*

Gathering and Praise

Prelude

Welcome

*Greeting (Responsively)

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Leader: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

People: **We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.**

*Lighting the Second Candle of Advent

Don & Debbie Karns

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Lord, your love for people is great news. The fact that you came to earth to walk among us, teach us, and show us the way, is great news. Your death and resurrection for salvation and eternal life is great news. Your Spirit living in us to empower us for ministry is great news. Lord, place a desire in our hearts to share this life-giving, amazing news with everyone we meet. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"No. 211 (vs 1-4)

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson.....Psalm 19:1-14.....CEB Page 423

Anthem....."Amid the Cold of Winter"Sounds of Worship Choir

*The Gospel..... Luke 2:1-20CEB Page 780

Sermon..... "Good News"Pastor Keller

*Hymn..... "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 220

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

A Moment for StewardshipKatie Hammaker

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology..... "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"No. 94

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn....."Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

*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 dialogue around our questions about Jesus.

☪ 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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The Fisher Family

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*Praise and Worship

"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

"Behold The Savior"

Proclamation and Response

Anthem..... "Good King Wenceslas" Handchimes

Drama Ministry by Wonderful Wednesday Skit Club..... "Planting for a Harvest"

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

*The Gospel Luke 2:1-20 CEB Page 780

Sermon..... "Good News" Pastor Keller

Worship Song "What Child Is This"

Prayer

A Moment for Stewardship..... Katie Hammaker

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*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 9, 2018

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of S Louise Shelley, placed by W. Michael Nailor.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Papa Higgins, placed by his grandchildren: Aiden & Noah DeLong, and Alicia & Andrew Higgins.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Mildred Shannon, placed by the D'Agostino and Shannon families.

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 study for Advent continues in the Multipurpose room during the Sunday School hour. Come to draw closer to God's greatest gift, Christ, through this holiday classic.

Praying Follower

Love & sympathy to the family upon the passing of Jean McAfee on December 1.

Hospitalized: Ron Burgard

Special Circumstances: Tom Mullikin is at Messiah Lifeways

Recovering at home: Gabby Zimmerman, Caroline Brown, Owen Robinson, Lincoln Washburn

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

The annual **Handbell and Harp Concert** will be held tomorrow night, December 10, 7pm, at the Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill. Our handbell choir has been honored to be presenting this concert for at least 12 years. Come early to get a seat - we'd love to see you there!

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

The widows/widowers group will dine at the Boiling springs Tavern on Tuesday, December 11 at noon. Please call Bonnie Guyer (717-766-0145) if you plan to attend. Transportation will be provided upon request.

Registration is now open for the annual **Women's Retreat** to be held February 8-10, 2019 at Mt. Asbury Retreat Center. This year's theme is Re-Purposed: Our New life in Christ! You can find the registration forms at the Ministry Display Tables, the Women's Ministry window, at the church's website or by contacting Lori Hoffnagle (outreach@fumchurch.com) or Patti Herring (familyzeke@verizon.net). ALL women are invited!

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. Starting this month, many of the "eatery" gift cards will make money for the Women's Retreat. TODAY is the last day to order gift cards for Christmas! Cards ordered today will be delivered next Sunday.

Little Friends Preschool: 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: Your unwrapped items are due today in the bin by the tree. Contact Donna Nichols or Lori Hoffnagle with questions.

New Hope Ministries' annual **Christmas Blessings** gifts are also due. Thank you!

Come get your cookies! Support Youth Missions and come get your box of cookies at the Cookie Walk and Marketplace of Miracles **this Saturday**, December 15, from 10 am - 1 pm.

Marketplace & of Miracles **Cookie Walk**

Saturday, December 15th!

All are invited to the Annual Marketplace of Miracles and Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. in the multipurpose room. The Marketplace supports organizations committed to ending human trafficking and promoting Fair Trade. The Cookie Walk supports our Youth Mission Trips. Come early for the best selection of home made cookies! There will be free snacks, a chance to win a door prize and an activity for children. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com or Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com.

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 – TODAY, 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 – Will resume January 23rd! Have a beautiful and blessed Christmas with your family!

2018 Christmas Ornaments- They are available in the Narthex, make sure to get yours today!

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. Students 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.

Christmas Party - 4G will have a holiday celebration on December 9th during 4G. Come in your most holiday attire!

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.

The Cookie Walk! One of our great youth missions fundraisers is happening this Saturday December 15th. Let Lynn Rapp know if you can make cookies and sign up to help the day of the walk at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount

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 and to be assured we have enough hotel space (registrations beyond Jan 1 will be dependent on hotel availability).

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

Special Session of Charge Conference

Rev. Barry Robison, Harrisburg District Superintendent, has granted permission for a special session of charge conference to be held during the Administrative Board meeting on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a recommendation from the Endowment Fund Committee to streamline its process for responding to requests for grants from the fund. Members of the Administrative Board, together with retired ordained clergy who hold their membership at First Church, Mechanicsburg, are eligible to vote at this meeting."

Advent & Christmas Services and Event Schedule

December 9 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am

December 10 (Monday)

Handbell and Harp Concert, 7pm, Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill

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 5:30 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 50: Theme ~ *Wisdom*

Daily Bible Readings

December 10 *Wisdom in Discernment*
Matthew 2:1-23

December 11 *God's Wisdom Is Best*
Proverbs 4:1-27

December 12 *Christ Is God's Wisdom*
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

December 13 *True Wisdom*
Colossians 2:1-23

December 14 *Wisdom for All Seasons*
Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

December 15 *Relax & Reflect*

December 16 *Worship*

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Rev. John Shellenberger

Acolytes..... Carlee Guyer (8:15); Brady Harris (10:45)

Organist..... Frank Heberlig

Sound & Media Bob Bittenbender & Ken Rapp (8:15), Holly Kurten & Ken Rapp (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter..... TBD

Worship Greeter..... Sandy Walton (8:15); Brandy Zimmerman (10:45)

Crib/Toddlers:..... Merri Shellenberger, TBD (8:15); Marcia Espenshade, Nadine Ogden (10:45)

Wee Worship (10:45)..... Karen Hutter, Sarah Allison, Kylee Fisher

Kids Worship (10:45) Linda Shuey, Amy Erno

This Week at First Church

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.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 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)
- 5:30 pm Set Up (FH)
- 6:30 pm Al-Anon (223)
- 6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees (207)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:15 pm West Shore Symphony Orchestra (Sanctuary Auditorium)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:45 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 11:30 am Reserved (FH/Kitchen)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (B002)
- 7:00 pm Staff/Parish Committee Meeting (207)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 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)
- 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 13

- 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 14

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:15 am MOPS Childcare (120/121/122/MP)
- 9:15 am MOPS Meeting (Hardwood Café)
- 10:00 am Guyer Class Christmas Party (FH/Kitchen)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church Office closes
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 10:00 am Cookie Walk & Marketplace of Miracles (MP)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 THIRD 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)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship (Youth Dept.)

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