*Welcome to*

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*December 30, 2018*

## Savior

## Memory Verse:

*"You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you."*
(John 15:16)

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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 (pagers 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)

Leader: Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!

**People: Hear our grateful praises to the Savior born so dear.**

Leader: Angels and archangels adore Him born in a stable drear.

**People: We come to worship Jesus, for He is God who has drawn near.**

*Hymn of Praise ..... "Joy to the World" ..... No. 246

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Gracious God, You are the giver of Eternal Life. We praise You for sending Your Son Jesus to be our Savior. Remind us that every time we feel the Spirit moving in our hearts, we can know that Love came down at Christmas. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

Praise Chorus ..... "He Is Born" ..... 228

## Proclamation and Response

*The Gospel..... John 3:12-18..... CEB Page 810

Sermon ..... "Our Savior: Wages and Gifts " ..... Pastor Shellenberger

*Hymn of Preparation ..... "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us " ..... No. 381

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

The Offering

Offertory

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

*Offering Prayer

## Sending Forth

*Hymn ..... "Go Tell It on the Mountain" ..... No. 251

*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 will focus our time together towards learning about advent and Christmas.

## ☙ 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."*

## Gathering and Praise

Welcome

Greeting (Responsively)

Leader: Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!

**People: Hear our grateful praises to the Savior born so dear.**

Leader: Angels and archangels adore Him born in a stable drear.

**People: We come to worship Jesus, for He is God who has drawn near.**

*Praise and Worship "Behold the Savior"
"Great Are You Lord"
"Revelation Song

## Proclamation and Response

Children's Time

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

*The Gospel ..... John 3:12-18 ..... CEB Page 810

Sermon..... "Our Savior: Wages and Gifts " .....Pastor Shellenberger

Worship Song "Knowing You"

Prayer

The Offering

## Sending Forth

*Closing Song "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*Blessing

**As you feel led, please stand or be seated.*

First United Methodist Church
MECHANICSBURG, PA

# First News First

Weekly Edition

*Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors*

**December 23, 2018**

**The Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Our parents, placed by George & Mary Beth Snoke.

## Lifelong Learner

A Precept Ministries training on **The Essentials of Inductive Bible Study** is coming to Hanover January 26 from 9 am to noon. The training is free, but registration is required. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn how to engage in relationship with God through knowing His Word! To register, visit training.precept.org or contact Juanita Guise with questions at kguise@comcast.net.

Looking for new ways to **grow closer to Christ in 2019**? Look closely at the brochure inserted in the bulletin today and learn about our upcoming worship sermons series, Bible studies and opportunities for prayer. Our 2019 daily Bible reading plan is also contained in the brochure!

## Praying Follower

**Hospitalized:** Dave Leinhos

**Special Circumstances:** Tom Mullikin is at Messiah Lifeways

**Recovering at home:** Gabby Zimmerman

## Passionate Worshipper

Join us January 27 for our next **Rejoicing Spirits** service this afternoon at 4:00 pm. Fellowship with other Rejoicers in the multipurpose room following the service.

## Dedicated Missionary

**Monthly Mission Opportunity:**

**FUMC grocery bagging** for Bethesda Mission Outreach at Mission Central on Wednesday January 16th at 6:00 PM. Contact Eric King by e-mail eeking@verizon.net for information.

**Help feed the sheep with Isaiah 61 Ministries** - Wednesday, January 16th at 6 pm. Contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com for more information.

## Relationship Builder

**The widows/widowers** will dine at the Café Magnolia on Tuesday, January 8th at 12:30. If you plan on attending, PLEASE call Bonnie Guyer. Transportation will be provided upon request.

**Men's Winter Retreat** - January 25-27, 2019. All Men of First Church are invited to join us for the annual Winter Retreat! We will be enjoying the facilities at Mt. Asbury Retreat Center. Registration forms are available at the church Welcome Desk. Deadline to register is January 10.

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 registrations at the Ministry Display Tables, the Women's Ministry window, our website or by contacting Lori Hoffnagle or Patti Herring. All women are invited!

## Generous Giver

Think of treating yourself or someone else to dinner! Continuing into January, proceeds from several gift card purchases from FUM Scrip program will **benefit the 2019 Women's Retreat**. These are: Applebee's, Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse, Cracker Barrel, Dunkin' Donuts, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Longhorn Steakhouse, Panera Bread, Red Robin, Subway, Texas Roadhouse, and TGI Friday's. Next order date is January 6! The Scrip box in located in the gathering area by the stairwell.

### From the desk of the Finance Director:

**All offering to be included** in the 2018 budget
is to be in the office no later than December 31, 2018 at noon!

**All bills to be paid** from the 2018 budget must be submitted by January 8, 2019.

## 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!

**Wonderful Wednesday** – Will resume January 23rd! Have a beautiful and blessed Christmas with your family!

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Stay connected!** 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 in January!** 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 **G**ATHER together to **G**AIN from the Bible as we **G**ROW into more committed followers of Jesus as we **G**IVE 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. 4G will resume on January 7.

**Zeteo**: Tickets are selling out. Contact Lisa if interested in attending to see if there are still tickets available.

**Mission Trip**: those 8th grade and up who are interested in participating in next year's mission trip to provide disaster relief in Conway South Carolina should fill out the application. Space is limited.

**Confirmation Students**: our second retreat of the year is coming up on January 11th and 12th (Friday 6-9, Saturday 9-12). Make sure to fill out a permission form. Also keep free May 4th for our spring trip to DC.

**Dates to Keep in Mind**: Zeteo (February 1-3), Confirmation Trip (May 4), Spring Retreat (April 26-28), Mission Trip (June 30-July 6), Impact (July 24-28)

Have you ever heard (or made) comments like this?

*I don't need the church to be a Christian.*

*I've been hurt by the church; that's why I stay away from it.*

*I love Jesus, but not the church.*

If you have struggled with church, or you know someone who has, join us for worship in January as we discover that following Jesus is not about **ME**, but **WE.** In this series we will explore Paul's instruction about the value and the power of Christian community in I Corinthians 12 and 13. We are the Body of Christ together! With the help of the Holy Spirit, imperfect people like us can build loving relationships that change the world.

January 6
"For the Common Good"
I Corinthians 12:1-11
Holy Communion

January 13
"Unique in Design, United in Purpose"
I Corinthians 12:12-31a
Baptismal Renewal

January 20
"Love From God Through Us"
I Corinthians 13:1-8a

January 27
"God's Not Finished with Us Yet"
I Corinthians 13:8b-13

## January Sermon Series -
## "WE > ME: Together We Can Do More"

**Week 1 – For the Common Good**

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| **December 31** | Genesis 2:4-22 |
| **January 1** | Psalm 25:8-15 |
| **January 2** | Isaiah 41:4-10 |
| **January 3** | Matthew 12:3-8, 12 |
| **January 4** | I Corinthians 12:1-11 |
| **January 5** | Relax & Reflect |
| **January 6** | ***"For the Common Good"*** |
| | ***I Corinthians 12:1-11*** |

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**LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP**

Preaching..... Rev. John Shellenberger
Worship Leader..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Acolytes..... TBD (8:15); Juliette Harris (10:45)
Organist..... Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media ..... Fred Espenshade & Ken Rapp

**SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP**

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

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# This Week at First Church

**Sunday, December 30**

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| 8:15 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| 9:30 am | Sunday School (various) |
| 10:45 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |

**Monday, December 31**

Church Closed

**Tuesday, January 1**

**Wednesday, January 2**

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| 9:30 am | Covered In Love (FH Café) |
| 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, January 3**

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| 9:00 am | Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP) |
| 12:30 pm | Little Friends Preschool (219) |
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| 1:00 pm | Zumba Gold (MP) |
| 2:15 pm | Little Friends Preschool (MP) |
| 3:00 pm | Studio 1 Percussions (Adult SS Room) |
| 7:00 pm | Day of Pampering Meeting (FH Café) |

**Friday, January 4**

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| 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) |

**Saturday, January 5**

No activities scheduled at this time

**Sunday, January 6**

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|---|---|
| 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—Youth Fellowship |

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