

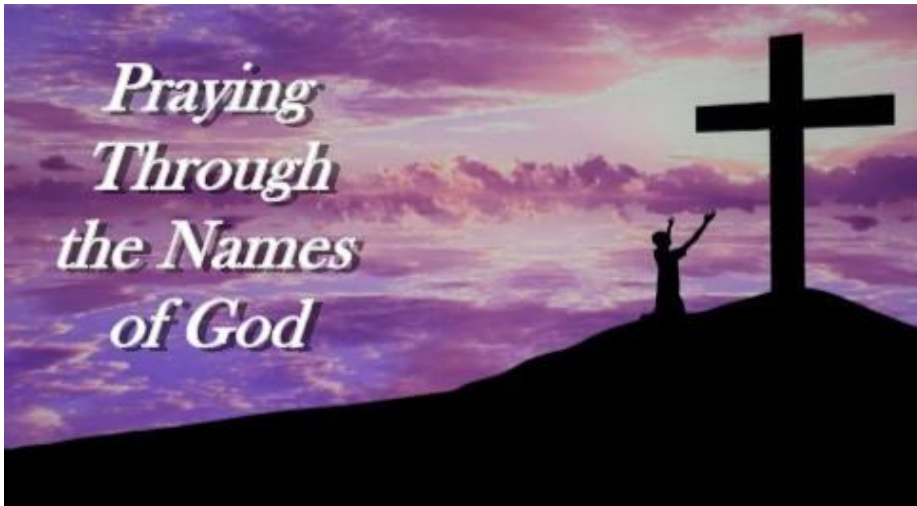
Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

March 24, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent



"Jehovah Raphe: The Lord Who Heals "

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

www.fumchurch.com



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 103:8-13

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.
He doesn’t deal with us according to our sin
or repay us according to our wrongdoing,**

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

**People: As far as east is from west—
that’s how far God has removed our sin from us.**

Leader: Like a parent feels compassion for their children—

People: that’s how the Lord feels compassion for those who honor him.

- *Hymn of Praise..... “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” No. 126
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)
- *The Affirmation of Faith “A Modern Affirmation” No. 885
- *Praise Chorus “His Name Is Wonderful ” No. 174
- *Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

- Ministry of Music “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Carrie Gallagher and Frank Heberlig
- Scripture Reading..... Exodus 15:20-27 CEB Page 53
- Sermon..... “Jehovah Raphe: The Lord Who Heals” Pastor Keller
Third in the Series, “Praying Through the Names of God”

Prayers of the People (In Unison)

Jehovah Raphe, heal me.

Heal my heart where bitterness has taken hold.

Heal my body where sickness has crept in.

Heal my soul where doubt plagues me.

Heal my hope when I have given up.

Jehovah Raphe, heal me.

Heal my words so I will speak kindness to those I meet.

Heal my thoughts so I will think on that which is lovely.

Show me how to care for the body you have given me-

what to eat, when to eat, what to drink,

how much to rest, and how much to exercise.

Make me aware of the importance of taking care

of that which you have freely given me to enjoy - my life. Amen.

(Tony Evans, Praying the Names of God)

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

- *Prayer Hymn..... “Spirit Song” No. 347

The Offering/Offertory

- *Offering Response “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ” No. 95
- *Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

- *Hymn..... “Grace Alone” No. 2162
- *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*.

☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

Walk-in visitors and new class members are welcome in all classes.

- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) – An intergenerational class designed for adults of all ages who would like to learn and grow together. Focus on short-term studies which challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. Currently studying “God Is” - focused on the names/character of God.
- **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)** - 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. Come join us for a special 5 part Lenten DVD series from Max Lucado entitled “He Chose The Nails”. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, “I did it just for you.”
- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105) - 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.
- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 123) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study together using the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Study lessons. Each lesson is focused on scripture, and encourages participants to live a faith-filled life.
- **Short-Term, Topical Bible Studies** - Designed for people of all ages who desire to learn and grow together as they study specific topics:
 - **“Short Stories by Jesus”** by Amy-Jill Levine. Learn how original audiences understood Jesus' parables, and discover how those same lessons challenge us today. Led by Lisa Aronson in room B002. Runs through April 14.
 - **“Resolving Everyday Conflict”** by Peacemaker Ministries. Learn what the Bible says about conflict, and discover how to grow in your personal relationships. Facilitated by John Aronson/Barry Eaton in room B006. Runs through April 28.

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 and Prayer

Praise and Worship

"Only Jesus"
"What a Beautiful Name"
"Healer"

(At this time, children are welcome to Kid's Worship or Wee Worship)

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading Exodus 15:20-27 CEB Page 53

Sermon "Jehovah Raphe: The Lord Who Heals" Pastor Keller
Third in the Series, "Praying Through the Names of God"

Prayers of the People (In Unison)

Jehovah Raphe, heal me.

Heal my heart where bitterness has taken hold.

Heal my body where sickness has crept in.

Heal my soul where doubt plagues me.

Heal my hope when I have given up.

Jehovah Raphe, heal me.

Heal my words so I will speak kindness to those I meet.

Heal my thoughts so I will think on that which is lovely.

Show me how to care for the body you have given me-

what to eat, when to eat, what to drink,

how much to rest, and how much to exercise.

Make me aware of the importance of taking care

of that which you have freely given me to enjoy - my life. Amen.

(Tony Evans, Praying the Names of God)

Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"You Are Good"

*Blessing

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



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

March 17, 2019

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of 55th wedding anniversary, placed by Jim & Gail Siemons.

Lifelong Learner

Looking for new ways to grow closer to Christ this year? Pick up a "Grow" brochure, which contains our daily Bible reading plan, at the Welcome Center display today!

Lunch and Learn Bible Study with Pastor John runs through April 17. It meets Wednesday at 11 am in the church sanctuary for study, followed by dutch treat lunch at CCs Kitchen. The bible study is based on our Lenten sermon series. All are welcome to drop in.

Bible Study with Pastor Denny runs through April 24. This meets Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in room B004. Also based on our Lenten sermon series, all are welcome to drop in.

New Sunday evening men's Bible study begins March 31. This study on the book of Acts, "The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You", will be led by Ken Guise from 6:15 - 7:15 pm in room 207. See Welcome Center display to sign up.

Want to lose some weight? Visit the Welcome Center "Lenten Stone" display—let go of that which is weighing you down to make space for that which draws you closer to God during Lent!

Scholarships - The Trustees offer scholarships for anyone enrolled in post-high school education of any kind. Applications are available online or from Lisa Aronson or Lee Cadwallader. Applications are due May 1st. You can put completed applications in Lee Cadwallader's mailbox at the church or email lacselect@aol.com.

Praying Follower

Love and sympathy to family upon the death of George Yatsky's father, George, on March 18.

Love and sympathy to the family upon the death of Denny & Sally Kauffman's son, John, on March 19.

Love and sympathy to the family upon the death of Devon Betz's mother, Joan Hughes, on March 21.

Love and sympathy to the family upon the death of Roy Kohr on March 21.

Hospitalized: Margaret Monn and Polly Blum are in Holy Spirit Hospital; Milt Dougherty is in West Shore Hospital.

Special Circumstances: Annabelle Elder is at Bethany Village in The Oaks.

Moms in Prayer group meets every Monday that Mechanicsburg schools are in session, from 7-8 pm in the Prayer Room. No prayer experience is required. Questions? Contact Deb Noss.

Passionate Worshipper

Save the Date! Our annual **Handbell Concert** is Sunday, April 7th at 7 pm.

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

Dedicated Missionary

Monthly Mission Opportunities:

FUMC grocery bagging for Bethesda Mission Outreach at Mission Central on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm. Contact Eric King by e-mail eeking@verizon.net for information.

Help feed the sheep with Isaiah 61 Ministries — Wednesday, April 17, at 6 pm. Contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com for more information.

Relationship Builder

Men of First Church, there is a local conference at Christ Community Church in Camp Hill that is offering a national speaker to motivate and equip us to take leadership roles in our families, churches, and communities. It's called "Heroes Arise" and is coming March 29 and 30th. The link to learn more and register is: <http://www.christcc.org/heroes2019.php>. Let John Bowen know if you are interested in attending, bowenhome720@gmail.com.

Generous Giver

The Christian Fellowship Class is taking orders for **peanut butter Easter eggs!** Order by signing the book at the Info desk, by calling Nancy Rutch, or emailing mwrner@aol.com. Deadline for ordering is March 31. Eggs will be made April 6. Cost is \$6 for a bag of 6 eggs.

Bell Choir Sub/Sandwich Sale! Sunday, April 14 - pick up between 9:15 am - noon! Orders may be given to any bell choir member or may be placed in the binder on the Information Desk! Orders are due by Wednesday, April 3.

Easter Flowers - If you would like to place Easter flowers in the Sanctuary, you may do so by purchasing your own flowers and placing them in the Sanctuary by **noon** on Saturday, **April 20**. If you would like to be included in the memorial insert in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, forms are available at the Welcome Desk and return it to the church office by **noon** on Tuesday, **April 16**.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesday – March 27th, Passion Play rehearsal 4:45pm, meet in the Sanctuary. Dinner: Pizza Rolls, Carrots and Dip, Salad Bar and Cookies.

Passion Play 2019- Wednesday, April 17th! If you are not a participant in Wonderful Wednesday but would like to participate in the Passion Play, please contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris at kidscount@fumchurch.com.

BOOMERANG- Sunday, March 24th 5:00 pm-6:30 pm. We will be cooking the freezer meals we made and eating dinner with the youth of 4G! Contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris with any questions.

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 TONIGHT! 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. Come as early as 6:00. **There is 4G tonight, including dinner.**

MNF: The next Monday Night Finance is Next April 1st @ Mark and Cheryl Mengle's house from 7:30-9:30.

Roller Skating Night: 4G on March 31st is going offsite! We are joining some other youth groups at Fountain Blue Skating Rink from 4:30-6:30. Grab a permission form for details and let Lisa know this week if you plan to attend.

Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast: help us in providing the breakfast for this morning of joy and celebration after gathering in the cemetery for a worship service. Sign up online.

Passion Play Dancers: High schoolers interested in dancing the "How Beautiful" or the "stick dance" should contact Amy Erno. Practices are: Sunday's @ 4, Monday's @ 6:30 in the youth lounge. **Must attend 4 practices plus Palm Sunday practice.**

Impact: The summer camping festival is July 24-28 and registration forms for the early bird rate are now available.

Mission Trip: Our first team meeting will be today March 17th, 12:00-2:00 in the youth lounge.

Spring Retreat: Join us for a weekend away at Rhodes Grove. Retreats are the best! A time to grow in our faith and grow together as a youth group! Deadline is April 7th.

Dates to Keep in Mind: Confirmation Trip - May 4, Spring Retreat - April 26-28, Mission Trip - June 30-July 6, Impact - July 24-28



March 31
El Nose: The God Who Forgives
Psalm 99:8, Luke 15:11-32

April 7

Jehovah Shamma:
The Lord Is There
Exodus 48:35, Revelation 21:1-6

April 14 Palm Sunday

Jehovah Nissi: The Lord My Banner
Exodus 17:16, Mark 11:1-11

April 21 Easter

El Shaddai: Almighty God
Genesis 17:1-2, John 20:1-18



SUMMER CAMP IS COMING SOON!

Camp is for all ages and stages.

Get your registrations in now for a wonderful life-changing experience. First Church will pay for half camp fees upon request.

NOTE: Please provide registration confirmations to the camp coordinators so that everyone receives a prayer partner.

So, how can you help this to be the "best camping year" ever?

- * Attend a camp, retreat or event this year
- * Volunteer to be part of a camp staff
- * Offer prayers for campers and staff
- * Provide a financial gift

Come to the lobby narthex area for more information.

Questions: contact: Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or Amy Ogden at amy.ogden7@gmail.com

Finding Your New Normal After Experiencing Loss
Tuesday, March 26
4:00 p.m. OR 6:00 p.m.
(choose the time that suits you best)
Light dinner served at 5:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
135 W. Simpson Street
Mechanicsburg • fumchurch.com
Jeanne McClintick, LPN, Certified Hospice & Palliative Care Nurse with Hospice of Central PA, will offer this presentation.
Please RSVP your attendance to Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112 by March 24.



Lent Sermon Series - "Praying Through the Names of God"

El Nose: The God Who Forgives

March 25	2 Chronicles 7:12-22
March 26	Psalms 99
March 27	Joel 2:12-25
March 28	Luke 15:11b-32
March 29	Colossians 3:12-17
March 30	Relax & Reflect
March 31	<i>Sermon</i>



BE ONE. DISCIPLE
MAKE ONE.

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Rev. John Shellenberger (8:15); Lisa Aronson (10:45)
Acolytes TBD (8:15); Gavin Smith (10:45)
Organist Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Ken Rapp & Roger Walton

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 Spencer, TBD (10:45)
Wee Worship (10:45) Brandy Zimmerman, Vicky Shambaugh, Jake O'Leary
Kids Worship (10:45) Tracy & Bob Wertz

This Week at First Church

Sunday, March 24

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits (Sanctuary/MP)
- 5:00 pm Boomerang (Kitchen)
- 5:30 pm Youth Dinner (FH/Kitchen)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool
(118/120/122/123//216/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Squares and Prayers Circle (FH)
- 11:30 am LFP Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 1:00 pm Strong Women (FH)
- 6:30 pm Al-Anon (223)
- 6:30 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:15 pm WSSO (Sanctuary Auditorium)

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- 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)
- 4:00 pm Care Team Presentation
(Hardwood Café/Kitchen)
- 5:00 pm UMHC ILPP (FH)
- 5:30 pm UMHC ILPP (B003/B004)
- 6:00 pm Care Team Presentation
(Hardwood Café/)
- 6:00 pm Softball (MP)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool
(120/122/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)

- 11:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study
(Hardwood Café)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 1:00 pm Strong Women (FH)
- 4:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday
(Children's Dept/FH/MP/Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary Aud)
- 6:45 pm Evening Bible Study (B004)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary Aud)

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Bible Study (FH)
- 9:00 am Childcare (B003)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 3:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanc Aud)
- 6:00 pm Softball (MP)
- 6:45 pm Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm SOW Rehearsal
(Sanctuary/Music Room)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool
(118/216/219/MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church office closes
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 7:00 pm CV WyldLife (MP)

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

Ministry Staff

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
717-766-4611, x103
pastordenny@fumchurch.com

Assistant to the Pastor:

Rev. John Shellenberger
717-766-4611, x117
pastorjohn@fumchurch.com

Director of Discipleship:

Tina Eaton
717-766-4611, x104
adultministry@fumchurch.com

Director of Congregational Care Ministry:

Janice Bowen
766-4611, x112
wecare@fumchurch.com

Outreach Director:

Lori Hoffnagle
717-766-4611, x115
outreach@fumchurch.com

Youth Pastor:

Lisa Aronson
717-766-4611, x113
uthrock@fumchurch.com

Co-Director of Children's Ministry:

Dawn Fisher
717-766-4611, x102
kidscount@fumchurch.com

Co-Director of Children's Ministry:

Anna Harris
717-766-4611, x102
kidscount@fumchurch.com

Office Manager/Finance Secretary:

Kristin Brown
717-766-4611, x101
office@fumchurch.com

Facilities Coordinator/Custodian:

Tom Ziegler
717-766-4611, x105
facilities@fumchurch.com

Custodians*:

George Canonizado, Matt Miller
717-766-4611, x109
maintenance@fumchurch.com

Director of Finance:

Nancy Robinson
717-766-4611, x115
nrobinson@fumchurch.com

Sanctuary Choir Director:

Allison Ometz
ometz@msn.com

Sounds of Worship Director:

Flossie Ryder
florencewryder@yahoo.com

Director of Bell & Chime Choirs:

Kathie Bittenbender
rbittenben@verizon.net

Praise Team Co-Directors:

Allison Ometz Trace Morgan
ometz@msn.com traceintune80@gmail.com

Organists/Accompanists:

Frank Heberlig
Karen Philp

Director of Little Friends Preschool:

Maria Petrilak
717-766-4611 x111
lfns@fumchurch.com

Director of Juniper Tree Counseling Center:

Glenn Covert
717-599-2192