

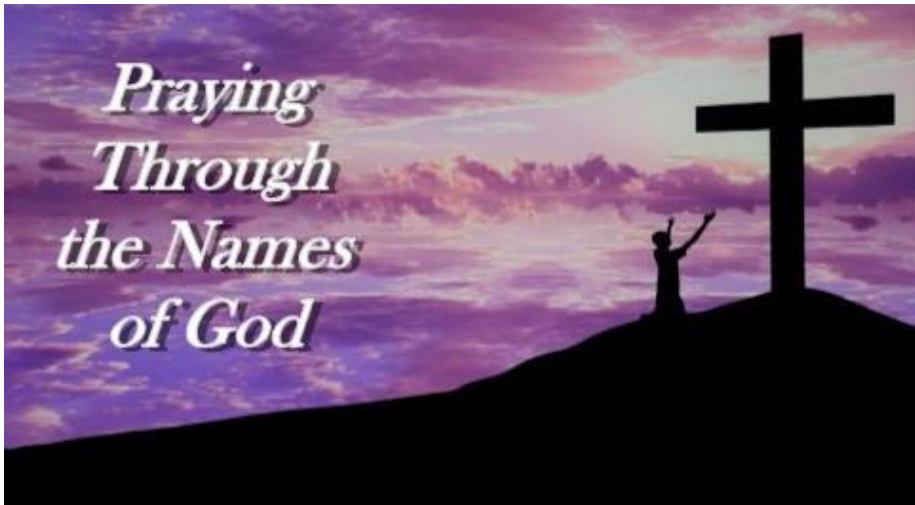
Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent



"El Nose: The God Who Forgives"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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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)

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: so God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

(Ruth Duck, UM Book of Worship)

*Hymn of Praise.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 384

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

El Nose (pronounced Know-SEE), **I experience this name of yours afresh on a daily and often hourly basis. When you forgive me, I experience your pure love. I can't even count all the things I must confess. Some of my failures are seemingly benign, as when I doubt your steadfastness or sovereignty. Others are more serious, as when I speak unkindly to another person, whom I love. But you know all of my sins. I beg for your mercy, and I'm grateful to receive it, *El Nose*. Amen.**

(Tony Evans, Praying Through the Names of God)

*Words of Assurance

*Passing the Peace

*Praise Chorus “To God Be the Glory” No. 98

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading..... 2 Corinthians 5:16-21CEB Page 883

Anthem.....“Sweet Hour of Prayer” Handchime Trio

*The Gospel..... Luke 15:11b-32.....CEB Page 797

Sermon.....“El Nose: The God Who Forgives ” Pastor Keller
Fourth in the Series, "Praying Through the Names of God"

*Prayer Hymn..... “Softly and Tenderly” No. 348

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

The Offering/Offertory

*Offering Response “My Tribute” No. 99

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn.....“Amazing Grace” No. 378

*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

"This I Believe"
"King of My Heart"
"Who You Say I Am"

Proclamation and Response

Ministry of Music "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Handchimes

Children's Story Pastor Shellenberger

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

*The Gospel Luke 15:11b-32 CEB Page 797

Sermon "El Nose: The God Who Forgives " Pastor Keller
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*Passing the Peace

Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"O Praise the Name"

*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 31, 2019

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Sr., Mildred and Jimmy Shannon, placed by the family.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gayle Elder Anderson, placed by her mother, Annabelle Elder.

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 TONIGHT! 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 lacelect@aol.com.

18 Wounds of Disability Learning Events - Sunday, May 5, following worship - 12:30 to 2:00 pm **OR** Tuesday, May 7 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. in Fellowship Hall. Choose one presentation and RSVP to Steve Noss by April 23rd at sdppp@msn.com. For more information check the April Newsletter or contact Steve Noss.

Praying Follower

Love and sympathy to family upon the death of Donna Nichol's mother, Margaret Monn, on March 25.

Hospitalized: Tom Mullikin is in West Shore Hospital.

Special Circumstances: Milt Dougherty is at Claremont.

Recovering at home: Polly Blum, Annabelle Elder

Congratulations to grandparents Jeff and Lori Hoffnagle on the birth of Connor Isaiah Kamery, born to daughter Rachel and her husband March 27.

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

Our annual **Handbell Concert** is next Sunday, April 7th at 7 pm. We'd love for you to come and join us as we praise the Lord through our music!

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service the 4th Sunday of each month 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 eking@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

Ruth Circle will meet on April 3 at 11:15am at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg for lunch followed by our regular meeting. Please call Janet Baker if you do not plan to attend.

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 TODAY! 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 – April 3rd, Passion Play rehearsal 4:45pm, meet in the Sanctuary.

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.

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 no 4G tonight.**

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

Roller Skating TONIGHT: 4G is going offsite! We are joining some other youth groups at Fountain Blue Skating Rink from 4:30-6:30. Bring your permission slip and money, and meet in the church parking lot at 4:00.

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.

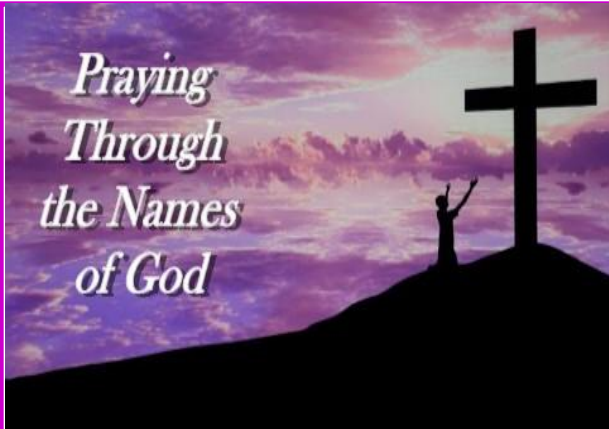
Passion Play Dancers: High schoolers interested in dancing the "How Beautiful" or the "stick dance" should contact Amy Erno. Practices are: Sunday's @ 4, Monday's @ 6:30 in the youth lounge (must attend 4 plus Palm Sunday practice). There is NO Sunday practice this week.

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

Mission Trip Meeting: the next mission trip meeting is April 7th from 12:00-2:00.

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), Mission Trip (June 30-July 6), Impact (July 24-28)



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.

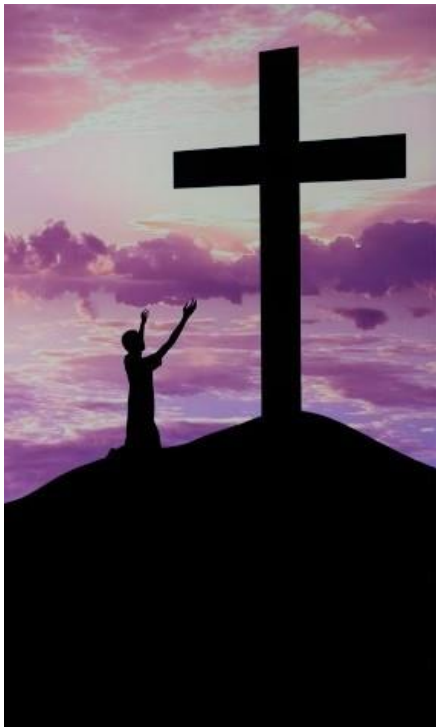
NOTE: Please provide registration confirmations to the camp coordinators so that everyone receives a prayer partner.

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



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

"Jehovah Shamma: The Lord is There"

April 1	Exodus 28:31-38
April 2	Psalms 139:1-12
April 3	Ezekiel 48:31-35
April 4	Matthew 28:8-20
April 5	Revelation 21:1-6
April 6	Relax & Reflect
April 7	<i>Sermon</i>



BE ONE. DISCIPLE
MAKE ONE.

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Rev. John Shellenberger
Acolytes TBD (8:15); Katie McKenney (10:45)
Organist Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Bob Bittenbender, Jim Murdoch (8:15); Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch (10:45)

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

This Week at First Church

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 Men's Bible Study (207)

MONDAY, APRIL 1

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool
(118/120/122/123//216/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Squares and Prayers Circle (FH)
- 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, APRIL 2

- 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)
- 5:00 pm UMHC ILPP (FH)
- 5:30 pm UMHC ILPP (B003/B004)
- 6:30 pm Care Team Meeting (105)
- 7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Sound/Media Team Meeting
(Sanctuary-All)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- 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, APRIL 4

- 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 Reserved (Kitchen)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 3:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanc Aud)
- 6:45 pm Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm Access Ministry Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm SOW Rehearsal
(Sanctuary/Music Room)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- 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)
- 5:00 pm Reserved (FH/Kitchen)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- 6:00 am Reserved (FH/Kitchen)
- 8:15 am Reserved (207)
- 9:30 am Reserved (Sanctuary-All)
- 12:00 pm Reserved (Youth Dept.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 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)
- 7:00 pm Handbell Concert (Sanctuary)

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