

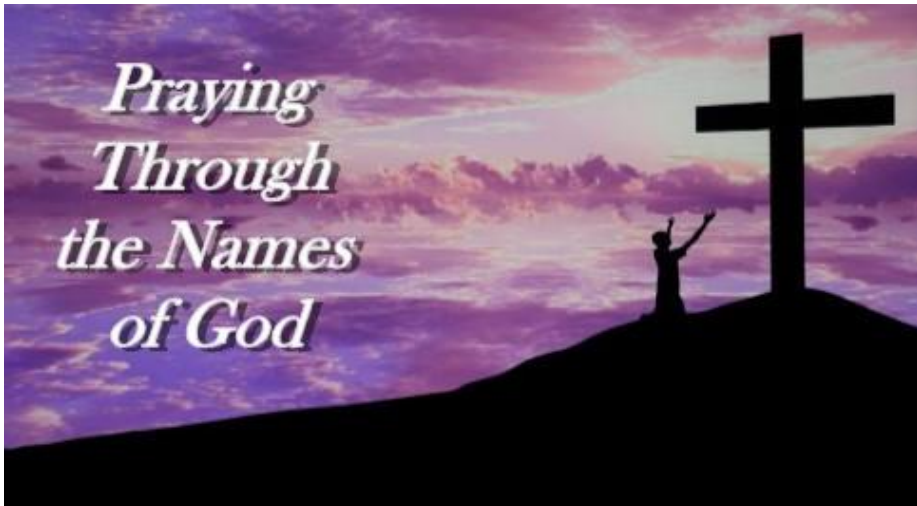
Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent



"Jehovah Shammah: The Lord Is There "

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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."
~ I Corinthians 3:11

Gathering and Praise

Prelude

Welcome

*Greeting (Responsively)

Psalm 139:7-12 (The Message)

Leader: Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit?
To be out of your sight?

**People: If I climb to the sky, you're there;
If I go underground, you're there.**

Leader: If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon,
You'd find me in a minute-you're already waiting!

**People: Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark!
At night I'm immersed in light!"**

Leader: It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you,
night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.

People: Jehovah Shammah! The Lord is there!

*Hymn of Praise..... "O Worship the King"No. 73
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem....."Amazing Grace" Messiah College Handbells
arr. Ruth Artman

Proclamation and Response

Responsive ReadingPsalm 139:1-18.....No. 854-855

Anthem..... "Come, Come Unto Me" Sounds of Worship

Sermon....."Jehovah Shammah: The Lord Is There" Pastor Keller
Fifth in the Series, "Praying Through the Names of God"

*Prayer Hymn..... "Near to the Heart of God" No. 472

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

The Offering

Offertory "For the Beauty of the Earth" Messiah College Handbells
by Douglas E. Wagner

*Offering Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn....."O Jesus I Have Promised"No. 396

*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

"For the Honor"
"Fierce"

Kid's Music Club

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

Proclamation and Response

Anthem..... "Amazing Grace" Messiah College Handbells
arr. Ruth Artman

Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-12..... CEB Page 485

Sermon "Jehovah Shamma: The Lord is There" Pastor Keller
Fifth in the Series, "Praying Through the Names of God"

Anthem..... "Were You There" Sanctuary Choir
by Brian L. Hanson
Cello—Janice Bowen

Prayer

Offering

Offertory "For the Beauty of the Earth" Messiah College Handbells
by Douglas E. Wagner

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

*Blessing

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



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

April 7, 2019

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and in honor of present and deceased members of the Guyer Memorial Sunday School Class.

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.

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 laceselect@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

Hospitalized: Polly Blum is in West Shore Hospital.

Special Circumstances: Milt Dougherty is at Claremont; Tom Mullikin is at Messiah Rehab

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.

The Mechanicsburg Area churches invite the community to the **Good Friday Prayer Walk** on Friday, April 19 starting at noon. Led by local pastors, prayer walkers will start at one of the prayer sites, cover the community in prayer and end at the First Church of God, 28 E. Main Street, at 1:15. There are a total of 9 starting locations, including our church. Meet in our

parking lot at noon to pick up your prayer guide and map. For a complete list of prayer sites, visit our website at fumchurch.com. All are welcome to come pray with us! Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

Passionate Worshipper

Our annual **Handbell Concert** is TONIGHT 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

The widows/widowers group will dine at Red Lobster Tuesday, April 9th at 12:30 pm. Please notify Bonnie Guyer if you plan on attending. Transportation is available upon request..

Generous Giver

If you ordered **peanut butter Easter eggs** be sure to pick yours up!

A reminder - **Subs and Sandwiches** ordered from the bell choir will be here next Sunday. Be sure to pick yours up!

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 10th, Passion Play rehearsal 4:45pm, meet in the Sanctuary. *Dinner:* GRADUATION DINNER, Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans & Cake.

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.

Palm Sunday Passion Play Rehearsal- Sunday, April 14th, 1:30pm for ALL cast and crew. Bring a snack to share at the snack table.

BOOMERANG- April 24th. Join us at the church for some fun, learning and fellowship time! Any questions contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

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.**

Spring Retreat: Join us for a weekend away at Rhodes Grove on April 26-28. Retreats are the best! A time to grow in our faith and grow together as a youth group! **Deadline is April 7th.**

MNF: The next Monday Night Finance is Next April 15 @ Mark and Cheryl Mengle's house from 7:30-9:30.

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

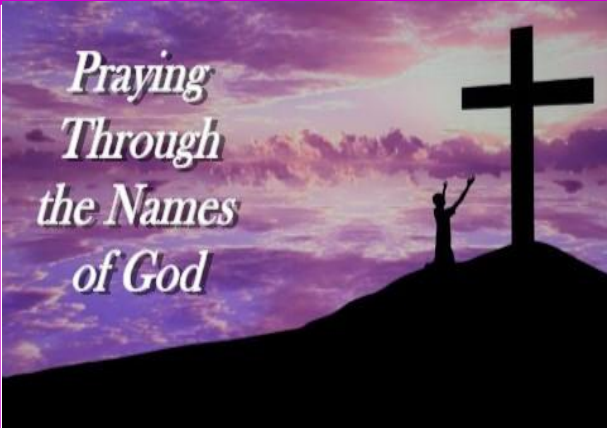
Passion Play Dancers: High schoolers interested in dancing the "How Beautiful" or the "stick dance" should contact Amy Erno. Practices are: Sunday's @ 4, Monday's @ 6:30 in the youth lounge (must attend 4 plus Palm Sunday practice).

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

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

Dates to Keep in Mind: Confirmation Trip (May 4), Mission Trip (June 30-July 6), Impact (July 24-28)

*Praying
Through
the Names
of God*



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.

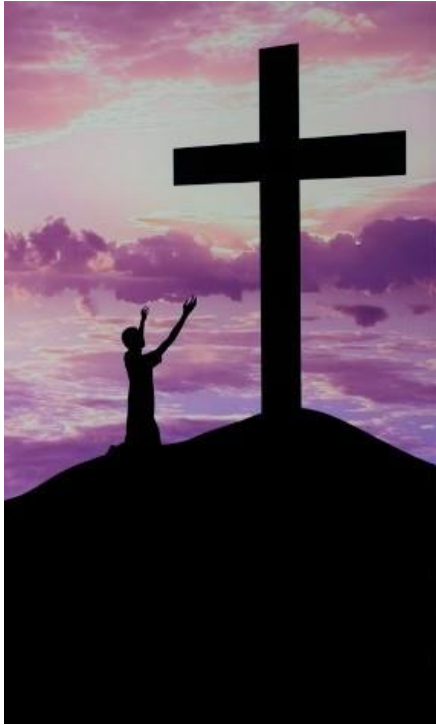
NOTE: Please provide registration confirmations to the camp coordinators so that everyone receives a prayer partner.

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 Nissi: The Lord My Banner"

April 8	Exodus 17:8-16
April 9	Psalms 20:5-8
April 10	Isaiah 11:10-14
April 11	Mark 11:1-11
April 12	1 Corinthians 15:50-58
April 13	Relax & Reflect
April 14	<i>Palm Sunday 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); TBD (10:45)
Organist Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Bob Bittenbender, Ron Nichols (8:15); Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter Donna Nichols
Worship Greeter Pam VanKirk (8:15); Eve Kellenberger (10:45)
Crib/Toddlers: Lora Bourgeois, TBD (8:15); Patti Herring, Janet Almond (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, 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)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)
- 7:00 pm Handbell Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 8

- 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 Board of Trustees Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:15 pm WSSO (Sanctuary Auditorium)

Tuesday, April 9

- 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 (MP)
- 7:00 pm Staff/Parish Committee Meeting (207)

Wednesday, April 10

- 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 11

- 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)
- 6:45 pm Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm SOW Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Music Room)

Friday, April 12

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (118/216/219/MP)
- 9:15 am MOPS Childcare (120/121/122/MP)
- 9:15 am MOPS (Hardwood Café)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church office closes
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)

Saturday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 14 PALM SUNDAY

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 pm Passion Play Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm Youth Dinner (FH/Kitchen)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

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