

☞ Welcome Visitors ☞

Welcome to First Church! We are privileged to have you attend our church and grateful that you chose to worship with us. May you be moved and enriched by the Spirit and know you are among friends. Here is a list of some resources available to you this morning:

- ✦ Children's activity packs are located at the entrances and rear of the sanctuary
- ✦ Nursery childcare (under three years of age) is available during services (pagers available at the check-in childcare greeter desk)
- ✦ Infants in service are welcome! A Comfort Corner location is available, if desired (ask an usher for directions).
- ✦ Wee Worship (ages three and four) follows the Children's Message at the 10:45 Service. This program is designed to help children become accustomed to the structure and purpose of worship.
- ✦ For hearing assistance, wireless receivers are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ✦ Large print hymnals available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Daily Bible Study

September 4	Sarai (Sarah), Mother of Many Nations	Genesis 17:15-17
September 5	Ishmael, Father of a Nation	Genesis 17:20-22
September 6	All Males of Abraham's Household Circumcised	Genesis 17:23-27
September 7	Circumcision Event Remembered	Acts 7:1-8
September 8	God's Promise Realized Through Faith	Romans 4:13-25
September 9	Jesus, Mediator of a Better Covenant	Hebrews 8:1-8
September 10	God's Covenant With Abraham Reaffirmed	Genesis 17:1-14

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching.....Lisa Aronson
 Liturgist.....Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
 Acolyte.....TBD (8:15); TBD (10:45)
 Organist.....Nick Werner
 Sound & Media.....Bob Bittenbender & Ron Nichols
 Ushers.....Jim Alderman, Ralph Harkins, Tom Helm, Roy Miller, Gerald Sheely, Harry Woods, Eric King (8:15); Rick Kauffman, Larry Buddenbaum, Chuck Kershner, Ethan Spencer, Wayde Leister, Ed Johnson, Mike McAuliffe, Rick Herring (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter .Donna Nichols
 Worship GreeterPam Van Kirk (8:15); TBD (10:45)
 Crib/Toddlers:.....Lora Bourgeois, TBD, Kendyl Swank (8:15); Patti Herring, Janet Almond (10:45)
 Wee Worship (10:45).....Deb Karns, TBD, Liam Smith

☞ Adult Sunday School ☞

During the summer months from July 2 through September 3, all adults are invited to participate in either of these two Sunday School class options (from 9:30 – 10:30 am). Walk-in visitors and new class members are always welcomed!

- **A combined class** is being offered for adults and youth in the Multipurpose room. We will be studying Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus by Mike Slaughter. Each week we will dig into Scripture, explore Jesus' life and teachings, and discuss what our response should be to similar problems in our world today. We will look at our calling to:

Follow Jesus
 Welcome the stranger
 Feed the hungry
 Heal the sick
 Rescue those in distress
 Go boldly out into the world

We will also hear from some of the missionaries that we support, learn about ways that we can become involved and be given the opportunity to engage in missional service. Every Christian is a missionary - Join us as we take action together!

- **The Guyer Class** will continue meeting in room 123. This is a well-established group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Studies, which are designed to encourage and instruct participants on living a life of faith.

For more information on these classes, Bible studies and small-group opportunities contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611.

☞ Youth Sunday School: 4G ~ Morning Edition ☞

Meet in the multi-purpose room for a summer combined study.

☞ Children's Sunday School ☞

- Sunday School is such an important time for our children to learn about God. It gives the children a chance to really get to know their teachers and classmates, and forms bonds that will last a lifetime. Our goal is to plant that seed of faith the children can lean on when going through difficult times by engaging kids with God's Word.
- 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 help guide you to your child's room.

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



September 3, 2017

Sunday Services

**Worship
 Sunday School for all ages**

8:15 AM, 10:45 AM
 9:30 AM

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

8:15 & 10:45 AM

PRELUDE “Joyfully, We Hail Thee!” arr. by Forrest Hill

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: Come away from the valleys of misplaced loyalty.
Come, seeking to meet the God of all worlds.

People: **We have come to praise God and give thanks.
We believe God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: We come together that our faith might be strengthened.

We seek the strength to live by all we profess.

People: **God's awesome deeds saved our ancestors.
Surely God's steadfast love continues with us.**

Leader: God continues to deliver us in times of distress.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: **We rejoice that God is near and available to us.
We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE “O God, Our Hope in Ages Past” No. 117
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

PRAYER

PRAISE CHORUS “I Love You, Lord” No. 2068
Words will be projected on the screen

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Offertory on BUNESSAN.....arr. by Fred Binckes

*OFFERING RESPONSE
..... “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

*OFFERING PRAYER

Ministry of Music..... “We Can Be Kind”Carvel Markley
Words and Music by David Friedman

SCRIPTURE Psalm 25:4-10 CEB

SERMON “Intentionally Focused” Lisa Aronson

INVITATION

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*PASSING THE PEACE

*COMMUNION HYMN “Take Our Bread” No. 640
Please turn in your hymnal. Words will not be projected on the screen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.....Page 13-14

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN “Here I Am, Lord” No. 593
Please turn in your hymnal. Words will not be projected on the screen

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Improvisation

**Please stand as able.*

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*If you would like to pray following the service you are invited to our Prayer Corner at the back of the green chair section of the sanctuary.*

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## MINISTRY OF MUSIC MORNING SCHEDULE

September 3 – Carvel Markley

September 10 – Sounds of Worship (8:15);  
Praise Team (10:45)

September 17—Sounds of Worship (8:15);  
Sanctuary Choir (10:45)

September 24 – Sanctuary Choir (8:15);  
Praise Team (10:45)

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## The Case for Christ Fall Sermon Series, Movie and Study



Is there evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the son of God? **Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us** as we journey to seek the truth about Jesus together with atheist-turned-Christian, Lee Strobel (former award-winning legal editor of The Chicago Tribune and best-selling author).

There are many ways to participate in this journey:

### TAKE A BOOK TO READ NOW

at the display in the main lobby. Books are just \$5.00.

### SIGN UP NOW FOR A STUDY GROUP

at the display in the main lobby (4-week study goes along with the sermon series and movie). See the Bulletin Announcement insert for details on small group opportunities.

### COME AND SEE THE MOVIE

for free at First Church either September 8 at 7:00 pm. Snacks provided.

Pick up your movie reminder and treat at the “Case for Christ” display in the narthex

### ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

to attend worship every Sunday for the 4-week sermon series, which begins September 10.

### ATTEND THE CELEBRATION!

Pot-luck supper/worship night will be held October 15 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy fellowship, music from our youth praise band and hear personal stories of how *The Case for Christ* has impacted our faith! A special gift will be given to honor those who completed the sermon series attendance challenge or invited a friend to participate in some way!

Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at  
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