

☞ 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 five) & Kids Worship (ages six through 5th grade) follow 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. Wee Worship in Room 118. Kids Worship in Room 216.
- ✦ For hearing assistance, wireless receivers are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ✦ Large print hymnals available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ✦ Seat cushions for the pews are available at the Sound Desk located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Daily Bible Study

September 11	The Sabbath Commandment	Exodus 20:8-11
September 12	Recall God's Deliverance on the Sabbath	Deuteronomy 5:12-15
September 13	Healing on the Sabbath	Matthew 12:9-14
September 14	Teaching on the Sabbath	Mark 6:1-5
September 15	Worship on the Sabbath	Acts 16:11-15
September 16	A Psalm for the Sabbath	Psalms 92
September 17	The Sabbath, Sign of the Covenant	Exodus 31:12-18

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
 Liturgist Rev. John Shellenberger
 Acolyte TBD (8:15); TBD (10:45)
 Organist Seth Wickenheiser
 Sound & Media Fred Espenshade & Roger Walton (8:15);
 Holly Kurten & Jim Murdoch (10:45)
 Ushers..... Youth

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter. TBD
 Worship Greeter..... Sandy Walton (8:15); Brandy Zimmerman (10:45)
 Crib/Toddlers: TBD (8:15); Marcia Espenshade, Jody Smithmeyer (10:45)
 Wee Worship (10:45) Karen Hutter, Rose Rohlmeier, Kylee Fisher
 Kids Worship (10:45) Linda Shuey, Amy Erno

☞ 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, sometimes getting together outside of class. 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. Currently studying *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright This 6-week study will take you inside the scriptures to grasp the hope Jesus offers the world and its implications for how we live our lives today as believers.
- **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 or call 766-4611.

☞ Youth Sunday School: 4G ~ Morning Edition ☞

Meet in the Youth Lounge for our Fall Sunday School Kick-off.

☞ 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 10, 2017

Sunday Services

**Worship
 Sunday School for all ages**

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

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

8:15 AM

PRELUDEToccata on "Ode to Joy"arr. Harry Strack

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: Tell the whole congregation of God's people:
This is a day of new beginnings.

**People: This is a time for God's appearing.
This is a moment for faithful response.**

Leader: Praise God in the assembly of the faithful.
Make melody to God and sing a new song.

**People: This is the hour to wake from our sleep.
The energy of God's love fills this place.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 185
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" No. 881

*PRAISE CHORUS "There's Something About That Name" No. 171

INTRODUCTION AND CONSECRATION OF
REV. JOHN AND MERRI SHELLENBERGER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SINS)

PRAYER HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See" No. 454

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "A Trumpet Tune" by Gene Clark

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

*OFFERING PRAYER

ANTHEM "Blessed Assurance" Sounds of Worship
Words and Music by Fanny Crosby

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SERMON "Investigating the Case for Christ" Pastor Keller
First in the Series: The Case for Christ

*HYMN "I Know Whom I Have Believed" No. 714

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Thine Be the Glory" arr. Lani Smith

10:45 AM

GATHERING AND PRAYER

PRAISE AND WORSHIP
"Jesus Messiah"
"Furious"
"The Old Rugged Cross (I Am Free)"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Aronson

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PRAYER

OFFERING

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CLOSING SONG
"Blessed Assurance"

BLESSING

**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.*

## The Case for Christ September 10 - October 1, 2017

**September 10**

Text: Acts 8:26-40

Title: "Investigating the Case for Christ"  
Theme: Christ meets you where you are.

**September 17**

Text: I Corinthians 15:1-11

Title: "Exploring the Evidence for Christ"  
Theme: To understand why, submit and apply

**September 24**

Text: John 14:1-7

Title: "Embracing the Truth of Christ"  
Theme: Welcome home

**October 1**

Text: Matthew 5:13-16

Title: "Explaining the Good News of Christ"  
Theme: Acceptance fuels influence

Did you miss a Sunday? To listen to a sermon recording, go to [fum-church.com](http://fum-church.com), click "Sermons" on the dropdown menu under "Resources".

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### MINISTRY OF MUSIC MORNING SCHEDULE

**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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