

☞ 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 18	A New Covenant of the Heart	Jeremiah 31:31-34
September 19	Nations Will Know the Lord	Ezekiel 36:33-38
September 20	The Lord Will Restore Israel	Ezekiel 37:11-14
September 21	Restored as One People	Ezekiel 37:15-23
September 22	Making a Covenant of Peace	Ezekiel 37:24-28
September 23	Profitable Actions for Everyone	Titus 3:8-11
September 24	I Will Restore My Holy Name	Ezekiel 36:22-32

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
 Liturgist Rev. John Shellenberger
 Acolyte TBD (8:15); Gavin Smith (10:45)
 Organist Frank Heberlig
 Accompanists..... Karen Philp ~ Sounds of Worship
 Michal Foursevitch ~ Sanctuary Choir
 Sound & Media Michael Garman & Ken Rapp
 Ushers..... TBD (8:15); Rick Kauffman, Larry Buddenbaum, Chuck Kershner, Brian Vogl (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter. Tracy Rainelli
 Worship Greeter..... Marilyn Knott (8:15); TBD (10:45)
 Crib/Toddlers: Sarah Jones, TBD, Kevin Knott (8:15);
 Kim LaPointe, TBD, Julianne LaPointe (10:45)
 Wee Worship (10:45) Kelley Levan, Jill Matolyak
 Kids Worship (10:45) Dan Wertz, Jenell Paris

☞ 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 ☞

Middle School: B003
 High School: Youth Lounge

☞ 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 17, 2017

Sunday Services

**Worship
 Sunday School for all ages**

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

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

8:15 & 10:45 AM

PRELUDE..... Tocatta and Pastorale in F Major.....Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively).....Pastor Shellenberger

Leader: Let us remember God's marvelous works.
People: How can we forget God's guiding hand?
Leader: We need not be afraid whatever happens.
People: We are in God's care wherever we go.
All: How great is our God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE..... "To God Be the Glory"..... No. 98
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
..... 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20..... No. 888

*PRAISE CHORUS..... "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"..... No. 176

*GREET ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S STORY..... Bless Our Schools Sunday.....Mrs. Deb Noss

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SINS)

PRAYER HYMN..... "O How I Love Jesus"..... No. 170

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY..... "This is My Father's World".....arr. Robert Lau

*OFFERING RESPONSE
..... "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"..... No. 94

*OFFERING PRAYER

ANTHEM
(8:15)..... "I Surrender Lord".....Sounds of Worship
Words and Music by Cindy Ovokaitys

(10:45)..... " I Believe"..... Sanctuary Choir

Solo: Kathie Bittenbender
Words by Susan Bentall Boersma, Music by David Lantz III

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....I Corinthians 15:1-11..... NT Page 176

SERMON....."Exploring the Evidence for Christ".....Pastor Keller
Second in the Series: The Case for Christ

*HYMN..... "My Hope Is Built"..... No. 368

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE..... Toccata on "Old Hundredth".....arr. Robert Lau

**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 [funchurch.com](http://funchurch.com), click "Sermons" on the dropdown menu under "Resources".

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### MINISTRY OF MUSIC MORNING SCHEDULE

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

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