& 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 through 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 |
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| December 25 | Live the New Life in Christ Ephesians 4:17-24 |
| December 26 | Live as Imitators of God Ephesians 4:25–5:2 |

| December 27 | Disciplined Living in Christ | Colossians 3:1-11 |
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| December 28 | Leadership Gifts in the | 1 Corinthians |
| | Church | 12:27-31 |
| December 29 | Accept the Gifts of the | 1 Corinthians |
| | Weaker Members | 12:12-13, 22-26 |
| December 30 | Experience the Unity | 1 Peter 3:8-12 |
| | of the Spirit | |
| December 31 | Seek the Common Life | Ephesians 4:1-16 |
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LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

| | .Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller .Rev. John Shellenberger .TBD (8:15); TBD (10:45) |
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| Organist | .Seth Wickenheiser |
| Accompanists | .Karen Philp—Sounds of Worship Gail Leinhos—Sanctuary Choir |
| Sound & Media | .Bob Bittenbender & Ron Nichols (8:15) Jim Murdoch & Ken Rapp (10:45) |

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

| Sunday School Greeter .TBD | |
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| Worship Greeter | |
| Crib/Toddlers:Kelly King, Sarah Jones (8:15), | |
| Shelli Spencer, TBD (10:45) | |
| Wee Worship (10:45)Brandy Zimmerman, Vicky Shambaugh | |
| Kids Worship (10:45) Tracy & Bob Wertz | |



Advent & Christmas Services and Event Schedule

December 24 4th Sunday in Advent Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am "**Rejoice**" ~ Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Eve Worship Services

"Restart" ~ Luke 2:1-20

5 pm ~ Family Service ~ Designed for families of all ages, but especially sensitive to families with young children. Will conclude with candle lighting.

8 pm ~ Service of Christmas Eve Simplicity ~ Designed as a quiet, prayerful service for individuals and families. Simplicity marks this service with instrumental music, Communion, Prayer Time and a brief candle lighting service.

11 pm ~ Festival Service of Light and Wonder ~ Includes Holy Communion, lessons and carols, music by our choirs, and candlelighting.





Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors



4th Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017

Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller Rev. John Shellenberger

Sunday Services

Sunday School for all ages

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



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

WELCOME

*LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT (See center panel)

*HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 218 (Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Praise Chorus......No. 2095

(Words will be projected on the screen)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Offering Response...... "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" No. 2100 (vs 4) (Words will be projected on the screen)

*OFFERING PRAYER

- ANTHEM...... "The Story Begins"...... Sounds of Worship by Brad Printz
- *The Gospel..... Luke 1:26-38 (CEB)
- SERMON Pastor Keller Fourth in the Series: "Christmas Unwrapped"

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE

*Please stand as able.

| *LIGHTING OF THE | FOurth Candle of Advent (Responsively) |
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| All [sung]: | "O come, Desire of nations |
| | bind all peoples in one heart and mind. |
| | From dust thou brought us forth to life; |
| | deliver us from earthly strife." |
| | No. 211 (verse 7) |
| Leader: | "Our souls magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice |
| | in God, for God has looked with favor on us, God's servants." |
| People: | "God has brought down the powerful from |
| • | their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. God has |
| | filled the hungry with good things and sent the |
| | rich away empty." |
| Leader: | God of Justice, God of Peace, we open our hearts |
| | to you. Give us grace to be instruments of your |
| | righteousness. |
| People: | Give us courage to turn away from distractions |
| | and distortions and turn toward the home you |
| | have made, are making, and will complete |
| | through Christ. |
| All: | We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the |
| | prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my |
| | whole being shall exult in my God." |
| | (Isaiah 61:10, NRSV) |
| Leader: | On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the morning of |
| | Christmas Eve, we light this candle, turning with |
| | courage toward the One who makes a home |
| | among us. |
| - | Advent candles |
| All [sung]: | "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel." |

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: B003 High School: Youth Lounge UMHC Students: B005

& 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. 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 discussionbased Bible studies related to living a faithful, Christ-centered life.



PRAYER

*PRAYER HYM

OFFERING

MINISTRY OF I

*BLESSING

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussion of Christian principles. In a 6 week DVD series, Kyle Idleman will help us to prepare for Christmas in a study called "The Christmas Experience". Each episode will focus on how God chose each individual in the Christmas story for a specific purpose. Find yourself in one of these characters, and learn what happened then, changes everything now.

- book if Malachi.

For information on adult **Bible studies** held during the week and other **small-group** opportunities contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com.

| | ENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM e Spirit, one love known in many ways." |
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| Welcome | |
| *LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANE (See center panel) | dle of Advent |
| Children's Time | |
| *Praise and Worship | "Jesus Messiah" "Adore Him" "O Come All Ye Faithful" |
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| IN"O | Little Town c | of Bethlehem' | ′No. | 230 |
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| MINISTRY OF MUSIC | Sanctuary Choir |
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| | "With Open Hearts, We Are Waiting" Words and Music by Pepper Choplin |
| *The Gospel | Luke 1:26-38 (CEB) |
| | " Rejoice" Pastor Keller urth in the Series: "Christmas Unwrapped" |
| *Closing Song | "Go Tell It on the Mountain" |

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

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. Currently studying the

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.