

☞ 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.

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 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.
- **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.



This week's theme ~ Prayer

Daily Bible Readings

- January 8** *Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray*
Luke 11:1-11; Matthew 6:5-15
- January 9** *The Goal of Prayer*
Luke 18:1-8; Genesis 18:16-33;
John 17:1-16; Matthew 26:36-46
- January 10** *Where Two or Three Are Gathered*
Matthew 18:18-20; Acts 12:1-19
- January 11** *Confidence in Prayer*
Luke 5:12-16, 6:12-29, 9:18-36;
Mark 11:12-24; James 4:2-10
- January 12** *When We Don't Pray*
Daniel 4:19-37; 2 Chronicles 7:14
- January 13** Relax & Reflect
- January 14** Worship

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- **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.

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Week 1: Reading the Bible

Memory Verse:

*“Your word is a lamp before my feet and
a light for my journey.”*
(Psalm 119:105)

January 7, 2018

Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Rev. John Shellenberger

Sunday Services

Worship
Sunday School for all ages

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

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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

PRELUDE..... “We Three Kings of Orient Are” arr. Kristina Langlois

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

James 1:22-25; Psalm 119:105 (CEB)

Leader: You must be doers of the word and not hearers only who mislead themselves.

People: Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey.

Leader: Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they look like.

People: Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey.

Leader: But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

People: Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey.

*HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Thy Word Is a Lamp” No. 601
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION..... “Wonderful Words of Life” No. 600

*THE GOSPEL..... Mark 4:1-20..... CEB Page 764

ANTHEM..... “Whisper A Prayer” Sounds of Worship
Words and Music by John Benson

SERMON..... “ Lord, Make Us Good Soil” Pastor Keller

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON..... Page 12

*THE PEACE

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY..... “I Wonder as I Wander” arr. Robert Lau

*OFFERING RESPONSE “Break Thou the Bread of Life” No. 599

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (see below)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN..... “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” No. 133

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE..... Partita on “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
by Michael Burkhardt

**Please stand as able.*

The Great Thanksgiving for the New Year Based on Revelation 21:1-6

You, O God, make all things new.

The home of God is among mortals.

We are glad God is here.

Let us give God thanks and praise.

We are thankful for our lives, and praise God for blessings toward us.

We are grateful to you, O God,

Creator of the new heaven and new earth,

and of gifts yet to come, more than we can even imagine.

You, O God, make all things new.

You dwell among us and call us to be your people.

You dry the tears from our eyes.

You take away the power of death.

You bring us through mourning and crying and pain to be with you.

You, O God, make all things new.

In a surprising gesture, you came in human form to dwell among us.

Through Jesus Christ, you turned the world upside down-

healing our diseases,

teaching us new ways of thinking,

living with us into new ways of community,

overcoming sin and death to rise again in newness of life.

We remember his life, death and resurrection

with thanksgiving.

You, O God, make all things new.

Come now, with your Holy Spirit, and make us anew.

Release us from our old burdens of hate and sorrow.

Free us from our doubts and fears.

Transform us into your people, full of love and joy,
ready to do justice and dwell with you.

You, O God, make all things new.

By your Spirit, bless these elements

and use them in your transformation of us,

that Christ may indeed dwell in us

and we in You, Great God, Three-in-One. **Amen.**



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

“Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.”

WELCOME AND PRAYER

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Jesus Messiah”

“O Praise the Name”

“Set a Fire”

*THE GOSPEL..... Mark 4:1-20..... CEB Page 764

SERMON “ Lord, Make Us Good Soil” Pastor Keller

INVITATION

*COMMUNION SONG..... “Break Thou the Bread of Life” No. 599

*PASSING THE PEACE

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM..... “Carols for Seekers” Sanctuary Choir
Words and arr. by Joseph Martin

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (see center panel)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*CLOSING SONG

“We Believe”

*BLESSING

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

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Rev. John Shellenberger (8:15); Lisa Aronson (10:45)

Acolyte TBD (8:15); Gavin Smith (10:45)

Organist Frank Heberlig

Accompanist Karen Philp—Sounds of Worship

Michal Foursevitch—Sanctuary Choir

Sound & Media Bob Blittenbender & Ron Nichols (8:15)

Holly Kurten & Ron Nichols (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter . Donna Nichols

Worship Greeter..... Pam 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

Kids Worship (10:45) Janice & John Bowen, Leah Krnjaic
