

Welcome to
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 9, 2018



Humility

Memory Verse:

*“Those who humble them-
selves
like this little child
will be the greatest
in the kingdom of heaven.”*

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Sunday Services
Worship: 8:15 AM, 10:45 AM
Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 AM





Welcome to First Church, we are so happy that you chose to worship with us! Here are some resources available to you this morning:

- **Children’s Activity Packs** are located at the entrance and rear of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Childcare** (under 3 years of age) is available during services (pagery available at the Check-In Childcare Greeter Desk).
- You are also welcome to bring your infant with you to worship! A **Comfort Corner** is available for your convenience, ask an usher for directions.
- **Wee Worship** (ages 3 to 5) and **Kids Worship** (ages 6 through 5th grade) follow the praise music at the 10:45 service. This program is designed to help children become accustomed to the structure and purpose of worship. Wee Worship is in Room 118 and Kids Worship is in Room 216.
- For **Hearing Assistance**, wireless receivers are available. See an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Hymnals** are available, see an usher for assistance.
- **Seat Cushions** for the wooden pews are available at the Sound Desk located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Thank you for joining us today and we hope to see you again! Please visit the **Welcome Desk** (located outside the multipurpose room) for more information and to receive a special gift.



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

Gathering and Praise

Prelude “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

Welcome

*Greeting (Responsively) from Psalm 9

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

People: I will recount all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you.

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*Hymn of Praise “Wonderful Words of Life” No. 600

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*The Affirmation of Faith “A Modern Affirmation” No. 885

*Praise Chorus “Jesus Loves Me” No. 191

Proclamation and Response

Presentation of Bibles

Anthem..... "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"..... Sounds of Worship

*The Gospel..... Matthew 18:1-5..... CEB Page 749

Sermon "Like A Child" Pastor Keller

Hymn "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" No. 430

Concerns and Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

The Offering

Offertory "He Leadeth Me"

Doxology..... "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn..... "Trust and Obey" No. 467

*Benediction

Postlude "Standing On the Promises of God"

**Please stand as able.*

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 ☞

All youth 6th-12th graders meet in the Youth Lounge

☞ 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. Adam Hamilton leads us in a 5 week DVD study on "Unafraid - Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times". This is a great series for anyone struggling with anxiety, worry, or stress in these troubled times. Unafraid offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions. All are welcome.
- **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 .*



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

"Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."

Gathering and Praise

Welcome

*Praise and Worship

"O Praise The Name"

"Only Jesus"

Presentation of Bibles

Hymn..... "Jesus Loves Me"..... No. 191

(During this song, children are welcome to Wee Worship or Kids Worship)

Proclamation and Response

*The Gospel..... Matthew 18:1-5..... CEB Page 749

Sermon..... "Like A Child" Pastor Keller

*Praise Song

"Faithful to the End"

Concerns and Prayers

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"We Believe"

*Blessing

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



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

September 9, 2018

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of George and Kathryn Fishel, placed by their family.

Lifelong Learner

Have you accepted the **Be One, Make One** challenge? Visit the display in the church lobby for more information!

New study for women! *Igniting a Passion to Pray*, a 12-week study facilitated by Nadine Ogden and Merri Shellenberger, begins September 10 on Monday evenings from 6:45 – 8:00 pm at the church. Come to cultivate a more intimate relationship with God and become more comfortable with prayer. Sign up at the Welcome Center display. Workbook cost is \$15.

Regular Sunday School classes will resume TODAY, and walk-in visitors/new class members are welcomed in all classes. Look in the bulletin today for more details.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study With Pastor Denny begins on September 12 and will run 10 weeks. Class meets from 6:45 - 8:00 pm in room B004. This study is based on our 2018 daily Bible reading plan, so visit the Welcome Center display to sign up, pick up a Common English Bible with the companion daily reading plan and begin reading! Then come to class to discuss the readings in greater depth.

“Experiencing the Power of Life-Changing Faith”, a 13-lesson **Men’s Bible Study** on the book of Romans led by Ken Guise and David Mengle, begins September 16. Class meets 6:15 – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Center display.

Wednesday Lunch & Learn with Pastor John begins October 3 and will run for 7 weeks. Bible study starts at 11 am under the balcony in the sanctuary. Come to dive deeper into our 2018 daily Bible reading plan, followed by lunch out together at noon. Sign up at the Welcome Center display, pick up a Common English Bible with the companion daily reading plan and begin reading!

New Member class begins October 7. This class, which runs 7 weeks, will be held during Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 in Room 207. Please see the Welcome Center display to sign up. Questions - contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 717-766-4611.

Away at college? We are in need of updated fall contact information for students away at school. Please help us stay connected with our students and provide current contact information to Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com

Praying Follower

All Moms are invited to join our **Moms in Prayer** group on Monday nights, 7 – 8 pm in the Prayer Room. We focus on prayer for our children of all ages and stages, grandchildren, their schools, teachers/staff, etc. No sign up required. Questions? Contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611.

Bless Our Schools Sunday is next Sunday, September 16. We will have a special time of prayer during worship and everyone is invited to submit prayer cards, which will be prayed over throughout the school year by our Moms in Prayer group. Won't be in town for worship that day? No problem - simply email your prayer request to Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com.

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly to offer help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. All are welcome to begin attending at any point as each session is self contained. For more info visit griefshare.org. Meetings are Tuesday evenings beginning September 11.

Passionate Worshipper

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service September 23 at 4:00 pm. Fellowship with other Rejoicers in the multipurpose room following the service.

Dedicated Missionary

Relationship Builder

Interested in adopting a college student and keeping them connected to their First Church family while away at school? Contact Lynn Rapp to adopt one of our remaining students in need of adoption.

Our annual **church picnic** will be held at Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion TODAY Come to play/visit at 3:30 pm, then stay for the pot-luck supper at 5 pm and outdoor worship! Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share, your own place settings and lawn chairs.

The widows/widowers group will dine at the DaVinci Italian Eatery, 6617 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg on Tuesday, September 11th at 5:30 p.m. Please call Bonnie Guyer if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided upon request.

Deborah Circle will meet September 11 at 7:00 pm downstairs in the area outside of the choir room. New members are always welcome!

Strong Women (and Men)/Growing Stronger Strength Training here at First Church. Classes will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 17-Nov. 14, 1-2 pm in Fellowship Hall (no classes Oct. 8 or 10). This is an 8-week program geared for middle-aged to older women and men. There is a \$60 fee to participate and mandatory paperwork must be completed before beginning. To register for the program, go to <http://extension.psu.edu/strongwomen> or contact Penn State Extension Registration (877-345-0691). Contact Nancy Rutch with questions.

First Connections Gathering: All are welcome to this gathering time for fellowship on Thursday, September 27th in the Tower Meeting Room (2nd floor children's Sunday School wing). Please join us between 1-3 pm to simply relax and visit with some First church friends! Question or need a ride? Ask Janice Bowen at WeCare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611.

MOPS begins meeting for the 2018/19 school year on September 28 from 9:15-11:15 am. If you are an expectant mother, have young children or know someone who does, please invite them to come and experience this wonderfully supportive group! See our website, fumchurch.com, for more details or contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 717-766-4611.

Generous Giver

Share the Harvest continues! Feel free to share your extra flowers, fruits or veggies with others. Bring them to the coffee prep area (turn right at end of Main hallway) anytime this summer. Feel free to help yourself to the garden goodies, if you don't have a garden. Bags are available at the display. Questions, contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com.

Support Missions in Sierra Leone through Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* For only \$5 you receive a 25% discount shopping pass to use on October 16th. See any team member to purchase your pass or contact the church office at 717-766-4611. Increase your support by purchasing Boscov's gift cards through the Scrip Program to use when you shop on October 16th.

Scrip Gift Cards - It is never too early to start thinking about Christmas shopping. Use gift cards from the Scrip Program to buy your gifts and support First Church ministries. Now through November, proceeds from the purchase of the specific cards will support Missions in Sierra Leone. Green orders forms at the Sierra Leone display indicate which cards benefit Missions in Sierra Leone.

Pick up a scrip order form at the Scrip box located in the gathering area by the stairwell or at the Sierra Leone Display in the tower hallway. Place your completed form and payment in the Scrip box in the gathering area. Next order date is September 16.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Department Help – There are many opportunities available! Please check the clipboards under the children's department bulletin board or contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris. Even if you can help just one Sunday a month!

Sunday School- Children's Sunday School upstairs resumes TODAY. Kids ages 3 through 5th grade all report to room 216 at 9:30am. See you there!! (Childcare for 3 years and under available on the 1st floor children's wing)

Kid's Worship – Resumes **TODAY**, during 2nd service. Kids ages 5 to 5th grade will enjoy this special Bible time and learning about the Gospel Project. Kids 5 and under are welcome in Wee Worship or the Crib/Toddler room. Kids will be dismissed after the Bibles are given out.

BOOMERANG Fellowship- We will meet briefly TODAY at the church picnic around 4pm. The picnic begins at 3:30 on September 9th at Adventure Zone. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join this awesome kid's club! Any questions please see Anna Harris or Dawn Fisher.

Children's Department Newsletter- If you are not receiving this very informative and super cool newsletter that tells you all about what is happening in the FUMC Children's Department, please e-mail Dawn Fisher and Anna Harris at kidscount@fumchurch.com to be added to the list to receive it!

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay connected as fall begins! We use Remind to send updates and reminders. Text @4gyo to 81010 to be added to the distribution text for "4G news".

What is 4G? 4G is the name and vision statement of our youth group. 6th-12th graders are invited to meet in the youth lounge from 6:15-8:15 where we **GATHER** together to **GAIN** from the Bible as we **GROW** into more committed followers of Jesus as we **GIVE** ourselves to His kingdom purposes. Students wishing to come hang out early can come as early as 6:00. Specifics or time changes of each Sunday are communicated in the bulletin and Remind texts. **Our first on-site 4G will be Sept 23.**

Sunday school kicks off this week! All students 6th-12th grade meet in the youth lounge to learn about classes for this semester.

Parent Meeting: Come familiarize yourself with the youth department and learn about the ins and outs of ministry opportunities for your child. Meet with Lisa before Impact Rewind on Sept 16 from 4:45-5:30 in B003. (See Impact Rewind RSVP for more info).

Bible Sunday is today. Students entering 6th and 9th grade are asked to be at service to be presented with a new Bible. (Bibles are given by First Church to students to aid them in their study of God's Word at significant grade and learning transitions).

Monday Night Football Gathering: Want to connect with fellow youth for a casual weekly small group? Meets at various locations to watch the game and share in a time of devotion. This week: 8-10 at the Cheryl and Mark Mengle's house.

Interested in helping with youth worship? Musical or tech savvy youth interested in learning more about youth led worship should email Allison Ometz (ometz@msn.com) to be included in communications regarding participation, practice, and scheduling.

Church Picnic - Today @ 3:30 - we will gather briefly as a youth group during the picnic to talk about the fall. All are welcome- if coming with family please bring a dish to share.

Impact Rewind - missing summer already? Join us on Sept 16 from 6-8 for an awesome night of worship at Camp Hill UMC. Begin your school year worshipping God and bridging the gap of summer experiences into the school year. (All are welcome - parents are encouraged to attend and get a taste of Salt 'n Light Youth Ministries). **RSVP online at <https://ttsu.me/csnsye>**

Dates to Keep in Mind: Nov 4 (Battleball), Nov 16-17 (Sleep Out), Nov 30-Dec 2 (Winter Retreat), Dec 15 (Cookie Walk)

BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



Week 37: Theme ~ *Generosity*

Daily Bible Readings

- September 10** *Forgiving Debt*
Deuteronomy 15:1-11
- September 11** *Generous Welcome*
2 Samuel 9:1-13
- September 12** *Giving to God*
Mark 14:3-9; John 6:1-13
- September 13** *Generous Love*
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; 1 Peter 1:22-23; Romans 5:5
- September 14** *Generous Works*
1 Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 6:19-21
- September 15** Relax & Reflect
- September 16** Worship

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Rev John Shellenberger
Organists Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Fred Espenshade & Roger Walton

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, TBD, Kylee Fisher
Kids Worship (10:45) Linda Shuey, Amy Erno

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm Church Picnic (Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers Quilting Circle (FH)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 6:30 pm Al-Anon (223)
- 6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (123)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees (207)
- 7:00 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:15 pm West Shore Symphony Orchestra (Sanctuary Auditorium)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 6:15 pm Women's Retreat Planning Meeting (B002)
- 7:00 pm Deborah Circle Meeting (FH Café)
- 7:00 pm Staff/Parish Committee (207)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 6:45 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study (B004)
- 7:00 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Music Room)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church office closes
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

There is nothing scheduled at this time.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:45 pm Youth Parent Meeting (B003)
- 6:00 pm Impact Rewind (CHUM)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (FH)

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Security Announcement

We are always attentive to matters of safety and security, for the children and youth in particular, but also for adults and for the building itself. If you encounter an unexpected locked door and must walk down a hallway and up a different stairway to reach your destination, remember the children, youth and other adults who share this building with you and know that your mild inconvenience enhances their safety. *Please make sure your children and youth are supervised at all times when they are in the church building.*