

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

November 11, 2018



Resources

Memory Verse:

“ You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although he was rich, he became poor for our sakes, so that you could become rich through his poverty. ”

(2 Corinthians 8:9)

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

www.fumchurch.com

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 (paggers 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

Introit.....“American Hymn”.....Sounds of Worship Choir

by Carl Strommen

Land of hope, Land of dreams
Freedom’s home where eagles soar,
Now we pray that each day
Brings us peace, brings us love.

Through this hour keep us strong,
Be our guide through the storm.
Rise we will. As before, Freedom’s call will endure.

Home to all where freedom reigns,
Home to all who share the dream.
America, America God bless this Land we love.

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise....."To God Be the Glory".....No. 98

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Affirmation of Faith....."The Apostles' Creed".....No. 881

*Praise Chorus....."His Name is Wonderful".....No. 174

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

Anthem....."With My Song".....Sounds of Worship Choir

*The Gospel.....Matthew 25:14-30.....CEB Page 756

Sermon....."Turn the Page".....Pastor Keller

*Hymn of Invitation....."Take My Life and Let It Be".....No. 399

Consecration of Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

A Moment for Mission.....Tiffany Holland

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology....."Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow".....No. 95

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn....."We've a Story to Tell to the Nations".....No. 569

*Benediction

Postlude

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 and High School students** will be participating in the ministry and mission fair. Please first report to your classrooms.

☪ 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. Join us for a 4 week DVD study on Peacemaking. Ken Sande, a pastor/attorney will guide us through the various discussions that apply the principles of biblical peacemaking . 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 and Prayer

*Praise and Worship

 "Forever Reign"

 "O Praise the Name"

 "Touch of Heaven"

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

Children's Time

(Following the Children's Time, children are welcome to leave for Wee Worship of Kids Worship)

*The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 CEB Page 756

Sermon..... "Turn the Page " Pastor Keller

Consecration of Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

A Moment for Mission..... Tiffany Holland

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

 "You Are Good"

*Blessing

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



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

November 11, 2018

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Judy and Jared, placed by David & Margie Mengle.

Lifelong Learner

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

The Gift of The Nutcracker, a new 4-week study for Advent, starts December 2. Come to draw closer to God's greatest gift, Christ, through this holiday classic. Study will be held in the multipurpose room during the Sunday School hour from 9:30-10:30 am. No cost/no need to pre-register. See Welcome Center display for more details or contact Tina Eaton with questions.

Praying Follower

Special Circumstances: Lincoln Washburn is at Claremont

Recovering at home: Marley Ann Schmick, Nancy Otstot

Passionate Worshipper

Join us for our next **Rejoicing Spirits** service November 25 at 4:00 pm. Fellowship with other Rejoicers in the multipurpose room following the service.

Dedicated Missionary

November FUMC grocery bagging for BMO is canceled for November 21. The next date will be Wednesday, December 19 at Mission Central at 6:00PM

Help feed the sheep with Isaiah 61 Ministries - Wednesday, November 21st at 6 pm. Contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com for more information.

Relationship Builder

The widows/widowers group will dine at the Country Cupboard restaurant in Lewisburg, PA on Tuesday, November 13th at Noon, weather permitting. Carpooling will begin at the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. In order to provide the transportation needed for this event, it is important to inform Bonnie Guyer if you plan on attending.

Generous Giver

Order your Thanksgiving Pie now from the Handbell Choirs. We are making pumpkin, apple (crust or crumb), and mincemeat next Saturday, November 17. Orders are due today!! Pies can be picked up between noon and 3 on Saturday. Thank you!

Scrip Gift Cards - 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. Next order date is TODAY, November 11. Cards will be delivered next Sunday. Think "Black Friday" and what shopping are you going to do!?

The World Thank Offering, giving freely and abundantly in response to God's goodness, has been the way of life for United Methodist Women for 150 years! Today, the World Thank Offering will be collected during both worship services to help women, children and youth around the world. A Mission Meal will be served in Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 worship service. There is no charge for the meal, but donations will be accepted. Proceeds from the meal support local ministries that support women, children and youth.

Enjoy cooking? Looking for a service project you can do at home? The Congregational Care team invites you to make casseroles to be shared with church members who could benefit from a 'heat and eat' meal prepared with love! The pans are located at the Welcome Desk with more instructions. Questions, contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112. Thanks for Caring from your Kitchen!

Once again, First Church will be **collecting sweet potatoes** for Thanksgiving baskets for New Hope Ministries. Please bring your canned sweet potatoes to the New Hope Ministries donation area at the main entrance. Your donations will be so appreciated. God Bless you today and everyday, Debbie and Don.

Isaiah 61 Collection and Serving: We are collecting the following items to hand out to the homeless in Harrisburg on Wednesday, November 21: socks, gloves, deodorants and apple juice boxes. Please place them in the marked container outside the multipurpose room. We are also providing a Thanksgiving meal November 21. If you would like to help, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

Calling all bakers! Help us prepare for the Cookie Walk and Marketplace of Miracles on December 15 by signing up for baking cookies. Fill out the form located in the youth form area.

First Church is Hiring!

First Church is seeking a full-time Director of Worship Arts. We are looking for a versatile musician with a growing relationship and heart for Jesus Christ, gifts to engage people of all ages in Christian worship, both traditional and modern, proven organizational and leadership abilities, and excellent communication and relational skills. For details, see the job description posted on our website at www.fumchurch.com. Send resumes to office@fumchurch.com.

Sleep Out Help Needed: able to provide adult support or soup for the soup kitchen? Sign up online at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount or contact Lisa Aronson.

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!

BOOMERANG – TODAY. 4:00-5:30, meet in the multi-purpose room. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join this awesome kid's club! Today, we will meet for bible study and crafting!

BOOMERANG- Friday, November 16th 6:00pm-7:00pm. We will gather at the church and serve in the soup kitchen for the youth Sleep Out for the Homeless.

Wonderful Wednesday – November 14th 4:45pm in the multipurpose room. *Weekly Focus:* I can depend on Jesus to guide me and help me know the best ways to live. *Dinner:* Tacos with Toppings, Salad Bar and Pudding. Any questions contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

Wanted: Recycled Gifts – For our Wonderful Wednesday Christmas Shop. If you have mugs, candles, ornaments, or other small gift items, please drop them off in the tower hallway by Sunday, December 2. Thank you!

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".

Join us tonight for 4G! 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 on Sunday evening 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.

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 Mark and Cheryl Mengle's house.

Sleep Out for the Homeless: Sleep out in a box and help raise money and awareness for those struggling with homelessness. Join us for this powerful event happening on Nov 16th and 17th. Grab a form and start looking for a box.

Winter retreat is Nov 30-Dec 2 and we want you to come! Join us for a weekend away at Camp Hebron. Missed getting in a registration form? Talk to Lisa about coming.

Sign up to make Cookies! One of our great youth missions fundraisers happening December 15th is the cookie walk but we need cookies. Fill out a form and let us know what you can make. (Located in the youth form area).

Dates to Keep in Mind: Zeteo (February 1-3), Mission Trip (June 30-July 6)

Ministry & Mission Fair

TODAY 9:15 - 10:45 am

Come to the Multipurpose Room during Sunday School on November 11 and see the many different ways for us to connect our gifts with the world's needs! This year we have expanded to include several of the mission organizations that we support: Mission Central, New Hope Ministries, Operation Wildcat. If you have questions or would like to reserve a table for your specific ministry/mission, please contact Tina Eaton.

Annual Church Conference

November 18, 2018, 1:00 p.m.--Following the Mission Meal

Please plan to join us for our annual church conference in Fellowship Hall on November 18 immediately following the UMW mission meal. There we will review and evaluate the mission and ministry of our church, receive reports, and adopt goals for the coming year. This year, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Salsgiver, assistant to our Bishop Jeremiah Park, will preside at our church conference. In addition to conducting the required business, Dr. Salsgiver will share information with us related to the special session of General Conference, which is coming up on February 23-25 in St. Louis, MO.

Dr. Salsgiver is a member of the "Commission on the Way Forward", which was formed by the Council of Bishops in 2016 to review paragraphs in our United Methodist Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and to make recommendations at this General Conference. He will share this important information with us, lead us in a time of prayer and listen to our questions. Every member of First Church is encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 7:00 PM

If you are grieving this holiday season..... missing your loved ones and experiencing loss of any kind..... Please join us for a special Sunday evening service during which we will gather to remember and honor the memory of cherished family and friends.

Contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com for more information

BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



Week 46: Theme ~ Choices

Daily Bible Readings

November 12 *Choosing to Spend Wisely*
Luke 12:13-34

November 13 *Choose Life*
Deuteronomy 30:15-20

November 14 *Choosing New Life*
Mark 2:13-22

November 15 *Choosing Actions*
Matthew 21:28-32; James 2:14-26

November 16 *Small Choices*
Luke 17:5-10; Matthew 13:31-34

November 17 *Relax & Reflect*

November 18 *Worship*

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Rev. John Shellenberger
Organist 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, November 11

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Ministry & Missions Fair (MP)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship (Youth Dept.)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (FH)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 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)
- 1:00 pm Strong Women (FH Café)
- 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 Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:00 pm West Shore Symphony Orchestra (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:45 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 6:00 pm Zumba (MP)
- 7:00 pm Deborah Circle Meeting (FH Café)
- 7:00 pm Staff/Parish Committee (207)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 11:00 am Lunch and Learn Bible Study (Sanctuary Gathering Space)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 1:00 pm Strong Women (FH Café)
- 4:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday
- 6:00 pm LFP Board Meeting (B002)
- 6:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Adult SS Room)

- 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, NOVEMBER 15

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 11:45 am Soccer Shots (MP)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 3:00 pm Studio 1 Percussions (Adult SS Room)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 6:30 pm Knit@Nite (Tower Meeting Room)
- 6:30 pm Softball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:15 am MOPS Childcare (120/121/122/MP)
- 9:15 am MOPS Meeting (Hardwood Café)
- 10:00 am MOPS Kids (MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church office closes
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 2:00 pm Handbell Pie Making (FH/Kitchen)
- 7:00 pm Hospitality Committee (B002)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 7:00 am Handbell Pie Making (FH/Kitchen)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Mission Meal (FH/Kitchen)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 1:00 pm Church Conference (FH)
- 4:00 pm Isaiah 61 Meal Prep (FH/Kitchen)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship (Youth Dept.)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (FH)

Ministry Staff

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
717-766-4611, x103
pastordenny@fumchurch.com

Assistant to the Pastor:

Rev. John Shellenberger
717-766-4611, x117
pastorjohn@fumchurch.com

Director of Discipleship:

Tina Eaton
717-766-4611, x104
adultministry@fumchurch.com

Director of Congregational Care Ministry:

Janice Bowen
766-4611, x112
wecare@fumchurch.com

Outreach Director:

Lori Hoffnagle
717-766-4611, x115
outreach@fumchurch.com

Youth Pastor:

Lisa Aronson
717-766-4611, x113
uthrock@fumchurch.com

Co-Director of Children's Ministry:

Dawn Fisher
717-766-4611, x102
kidscount@fumchurch.com

Co-Director of Children's Ministry:

Anna Harris
717-766-4611, x102
kidscount@fumchurch.com

Office Manager/Finance Secretary:

Kristin Brown
717-766-4611, x101
office@fumchurch.com

Facilities Coordinator/Custodian:

Tom Ziegler
717-766-4611, x105
facilities@fumchurch.com

Custodians*:

George Canonizado, Matt Miller
717-766-4611, x109
maintenance@fumchurch.com

Director of Finance:

Nancy Robinson
717-766-4611, x115
nrobinson@fumchurch.com

Sanctuary Choir Director:

Allison Ometz
ometz@msn.com

Sounds of Worship Director:

Flossie Ryder
florenceryder@yahoo.com

Director of Bell & Chime Choirs:

Kathie Bittenbender
rbittenben@verizon.net

Praise Team Co-Directors:

Allison Ometz Trace Morgan
ometz@msn.com traceintune80@gmail.com

Organists/Accompanists:

Frank Heberlig
Karen Philp

Director of Little Friends Preschool:

Maria Petrilak
717-766-4611 x111
lfns@fumchurch.com

Director of Juniper Tree Counseling Center:

Glenn Covert
717-599-2192