

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

November 18, 2018



Choices

Memory Verse:

“As he continued along, he saw Levi, Alphaeus’ son, sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” Levi got up and followed him”

(Mark 2:14)

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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 (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

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

(Psalm 100)

Leader: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with celebration!
Come before him with shouts of joy!

People: **Know that the Lord is God-he made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise!
Thank him! Bless his name!

People: **Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever;
his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.**

*Hymn of Praise..... "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 102

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair. O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate. O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness. O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.

(Howard Thurman)

*Praise Chorus..... "As the Deer" No. 2025 (TFWS)

Words will be projected on the screen

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

Anthem..... "Yes, My Lord!" Sounds of Worship Choir

*The Gospel..... Mark 2:13-17 CEB Page 763

Sermon..... "Choosing New Life" Pastor Keller

*Hymn of Invitation "Spirit Song" No. 347

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

A Moment for Mission UMW Thank-offering..... Betsy Keller

The Offering

Offertory "Give Thanks" Handbells

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

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn..... "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 694

*Benediction

Postlude

**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 ☪

- **Middle School:** 6th-8th grade students meet in B003 for Deep Discipleship. Join us as we seek to grow deep roots of faith as we grow into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.
- **High school:** 9th-12th grade students meet in the youth lounge for Faith in Action: learn, lead, teach, and serve. This week we are focusing on serve as we help in the children's department.

☪ 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

 "Faithful to the End"

 "Death Was Arrested"

 "No Longer Slaves"

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

Wonderful Wednesday Music Club

 "Days of Elijah"

 "In Him/King of My Heart"

(Following the songs, children are welcome to leave for Wee Worship or Kids Worship)

*The Gospel Mark 2:13-17 CEB Page 763

Sermon..... "Choosing New Life " Pastor Keller

Anthem..... "We Believe"..... Sanctuary & Youth Choirs

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

A Moment for Mission..... UMW Thank-offering Betsy Keller

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

 "Build Your Kingdom Here"

*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 Lance and our loved ones, placed by Larry & Judi Buddenbaum and family.

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

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

Men of First Church will NOT be having a small group meeting in November since it will fall on the the night before Thanksgiving.

Generous Giver



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.

Scrip Gift Cards - Certainly you use or give gift cards for Christmas! Why not order them through the FUM Scrip Ministry. You'll get your gift cards and give money to the church at the same time. (Starting this month, many of the "eatery" gift cards will make money for the Women's Retreat.) There will be 2 order dates for Christmas! Next order date is Sunday, December 2. Cards will be delivered the 9th (just in time for the Neighborhood Center gifts!).

The Neighborhood Angel Tree is out in the educational wing foyer. We have a family of six children ages 1-17. Some items are large and we urge groups, classes or individuals to go together to purchase those items. Please drop your unwrapped items in the bin by the tree by December 9th. Contact Donna Nichols (djnichols43@hotmail.com) or Lori Hoffnagle (outreach@fumchurch.com) with questions. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

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.

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. A bachelor's degree in a specific or related field required. Master's degree preferred. For details, see the job description posted on our website at www.fumchurch.com. Send resumes to office@fumchurch.com.

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 – December 9th, meet in the multi-purpose room. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join this awesome kid's club! We'll be having a Christmas Party!!

Wonderful Wednesday – November 21st NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY! Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!! =)

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 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. THERE IS NO 4G tonight due to the Sleep Out

Monday Night Football Gathering: Want to connect with fellow youth for a casual weekly small group? Meet 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.

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 fundraiser, 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)

World Thank Offering

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.

Annual Church Conference TODAY, 1:00 p.m.--Following the Mission Meal

Please plan to join us for our annual church conference in Fellowship Hall 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 47: Theme ~ *Thankfulness*

Daily Bible Readings

- November 19** *Attitude of Thankfulness*
Psalm 147:1-11; Revelation 7:9-8:1
- November 20** *Thankful for God's Faithfulness*
Psalm 136
- November 21** *Thankful for Salvation*
1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Ephesians 2:1-10
- November 22** *Thankful in Tough Times*
Psalm 42; Philippians 4:4-9
- November 23** *List of Thanks*
Psalm 100:1-5, 118:1-29
- November 24** *Relax & Reflect*
- November 25** *Worship*

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Lisa Aronson
Acolytes Carly Guyer (8:15); Brady Harris (10:45)
Organist Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Michael Garman & Ken Rapp

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

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

This Week at First Church

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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 11:30 am LFP Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 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 Handbells (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 8:00 am Isaiah 61 Food Prep (FH/Kitchen)
- 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)
- 6:30 pm Softball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Women's Retreat Planning (B002)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 8:00 am Isaiah 61 Food Prep (FH/Kitchen)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 6:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Adult SS Room)
- 7:00 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Church Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

No Activities scheduled at this time

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits (Sanctuary-All/MP)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship (Youth Dept.)

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