

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*November 25, 2018*



**Thankfulness**

**Memory Verse:**

*“ Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad!”*

*(Philippians 4:4)*

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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 and Response

(Psalm 136:9, 23-26)

Following each line of the psalm, the people respond:

**"God's faithful love lasts forever."**

\*Hymn of Praise....."For the Beauty of the Earth".....No. 92

*(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)*

\*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**God, everything about you causes me to praise you. You heal the brokenhearted. You're the same in the sunshine and the rain. You are good. You are love. I come before you with a thankful heart. Be glorified as I live to praise you. Amen.**

\*Praise Chorus....."How Majestic Is Your Name".....No. 2023 (TFWS)

Words will be projected on the screen

\*Passing the Peace

### Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson.....Philippians 4:4-9 .....CEB Page 898

Sermon.....“Thankful in Tough Times” .....Pastor Keller

\*Hymn.....“It Is Well with My Soul” ..... No. 377

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

The Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology.....“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”.....No. 94

\*Offering Prayer

### Sending Forth

\*Hymn.....“This Is My Father’s World” ..... No. 144

\*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. Five different pastors will be featured in the DVD Advent study called "Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas". God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. Come join us as we learn how Christ sends us into the world to be his hands, feet, head, and heart. 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](mailto: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

    "For the Honor"

    "Set a Fire"

    "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 or Kids Worship)*

Scripture Lesson.....Philippians 4:4-9 .....CEB Page 898

Sermon....."Thankful in Tough Times" .....Pastor Keller

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

The Offering

## Sending Forth

\*Closing Song

    "In Your Light"

\*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 25, 2018**

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones, placed by the Florey family.

The **maché basket last week** was given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul S. Brandt, placed by Grace 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

**Hospitalized:** Charlie Cramer is in West Shore Hospital

**Special Circumstances:** Lincoln Washburn is at Claremont

**Advent Devotions:** Looking for a tool to enhance your daily prayer time during Advent? Stop by the Welcome Center display and pick up a special Advent devotion booklet, based on the writings of Henri Nouwen, today!

## Passionate Worshipper

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

## Dedicated Missionary

## Relationship Builder

Registration is now open for the annual **Women's Retreat** to be held February 8-10, 2019 at Mt. Asbury Retreat Center. This year's theme is Re-Purposed: Our New Life in Christ! You can find the registrations at the Ministry Display Tables, the Women's Ministry window, our website or by contacting Lori Hoffnagle or Patti Herring. ALL women are invited!

## Generous Giver

**Decorating for Christmas** - starting at 9:00 am on Monday, November 26, the Decorating Committee will be busy preparing the sanctuary and surrounding areas for Christmas. Help is needed! If you are able to help, just show up!

**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. A reminder, many of the "ornaments" on the tree for Neighborhood Center are asking for gift cards. Also, 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](mailto:djnichols43@hotmail.com)) or Lori Hoffnagle ([outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com)) with questions. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

**New Hope Ministries'** annual Christmas Blessings Express is where the guests of New Hope Ministries are able to shop for Christmas presents for their family. You can't imagine the difference you can make in the lives of these families. Please stop by the Christmas tree in the Narthex to choose an ornament or two., You may bring those unwrapped gifts to the same area.

**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](http://www.fumchurch.com). Send resumes to [office@fumchurch.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join this awesome kid's club! We'll be having a Christmas Party!!

**Wonderful Wednesday** – November 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:45pm in the multipurpose room. *Weekly Focus:* In any situation, I can praise Jesus and remember that He gives me joy. *Dinner:* Meatball Subs, Salad Bar, Grapes and Cookies.

**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. (no 4G next week 12/2 due to the retreat)

**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 November 30-December 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. Details for participants will be sent this week by email.

**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). Sign up to help the day of too at [www.timetosignup.com/kidscount](http://www.timetosignup.com/kidscount)

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



## 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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) for more information

### Advent & Christmas Services and Event Schedule

#### **December 2 - 1st Sunday in Advent**

Worship, Holy Communion 8:15 & 10:45 am  
Service of Hope and Remembrance 7 pm

#### **December 9 - 2nd Sunday in Advent**

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am

#### **December 15 (Saturday)**

Marketplace of Miracles/Cookie Walk  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room

#### **December 16 - 3rd Sunday in Advent**

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am  
Christmas Caroling 5 pm

#### **December 20 (Thursday)**

Little Friend's Nursery School Christmas Program 9:15 am

#### **December 23 - 4th Sunday in Advent**

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am

#### **Christmas Eve Worship Services**

**5 pm ~ Family Service** ~ Designed for families of all ages, but especially sensitive to families with young children. Join Pastor Denny by the fireplace and hear the story of our Savior's birth. Service 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 candle-lighting.

# BE ONE. DISCIPLE MAKE ONE.



**Week 48: Theme ~ *Self-Denial***

## Daily Bible Readings

**November 26** *Self-Denial t Answer God's Call*  
Luke 1:26-56

**November 27** *Self-Denial Creates Possibility*  
Matthew 1:18-25, 2:13-23

**November 28** *Saying No to Self*  
Matthew 16:24-28; Mark 8:27-38;  
Luke 14:25-35

**November 29** *Self-Denial and Giving Up*  
Luke 18:18-30

**November 30** *Learning from the Master*  
Matthew 26:36-46

**December 1** *Relax & Reflect*

**December 2** *Worship*

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## **LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP**

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

Worship Leader ..... Rev. John Shellenberger

Organist ..... Frank Heberlig

Sound & Media ..... Bob Bittenbender & Jim Murdoch (8:15); Holly Kurten & Jim Murdoch (10:45)

## **SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday School Greeter ..... TBD

Worship Greeter ..... TBD (8:15); Greg Harris (10:45)

Crib/Toddlers: ..... Kelly King, Sarah Jones (8:15); Patti Herring, TBD (10:45)

Wee Worship (10:45) ..... Brandy Zimmerman, Vicky Shambaugh, Jake O'Leary

Kids Worship (10:45) ..... Tracy & Bob Wertz

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## *This Week at First Church*

### **Sunday, November 25**

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

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

- 9:00 am Christmas Decorating
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers Quilting Circle (FH)
- 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)
- 7:15 pm West Shore Symphony Orchestra (Sanctuary Auditorium)

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

- 9:00 am Christmas Decorating
- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:45 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 10:00 am LFP—Photos with Santa (216)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 6:30 pm Care Team Open House (Sanctuary Auditorium Gathering Space)
- 7:00 pm Worship Planning Meeting (207)

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 10:00 am LFP—Photos with Santa (216)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 6:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Adult SS Room)
- 7:00 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

- 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)
- 3:00 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary Auditorium)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 10:00 am MOPS Thanksgiving Party (MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church Office closes
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 5:00 pm CV WyldLife (MP)

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**

No Activities scheduled at this time

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 9:30 am Advent Study (MP)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship (Youth Dept.)
- 7:00 pm Service of Remembrance and Hope (Sanctuary)

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