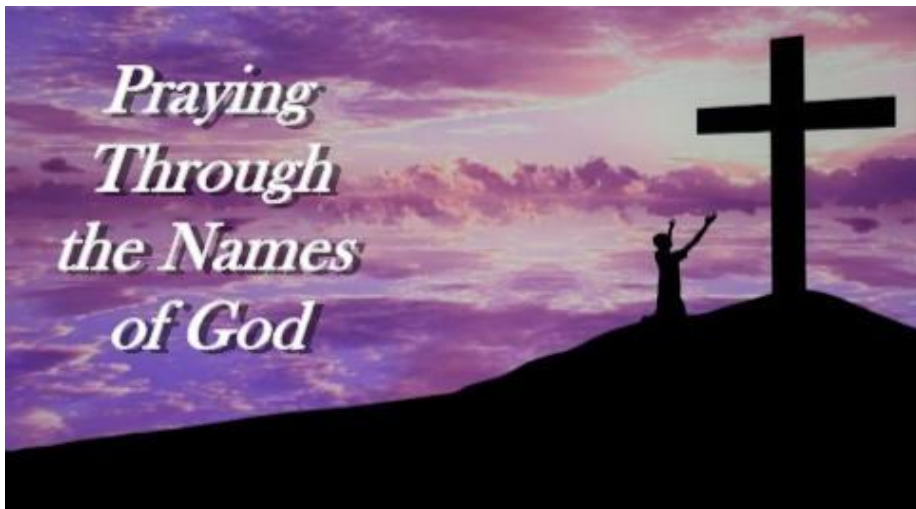


Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

March 17, 2019



"Jehovah Shalom: The Lord Our Peace"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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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 (pages 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

*Greeting (Responsively) "God Is Able" No. 106

Leader: Is someone here moving toward the twilight of life and fearful of that which we call death?

People: Why be afraid? God is able.

Leader: Is someone here on the brink of despair because of the death of a loved one, the breaking of a marriage, or the waywardness of a child?

People: Why despair? God is able to give us the power to endure that which cannot be changed.

Leader: Is someone here anxious because of bad health?

People: Why be anxious? Come what may, God is able.

All: Surely God is able.

*Hymn of Praise.....“I Know Whom I Have Believed ”..... No. 714
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Jehovah Shalom, my heart is filled to overflowing with gratitude for the wonderful peace you offer me. Fear and anxiety have so many causes today, and many of them are legitimate-trials, dangers, health issues, loss...These things seek to steal my peace. But thank you for being ready and willing to offer the gift of peace to me. Thank you for making peace available for me if I but ask and believe. Thank you for being my only true peace. Amen.

(Tony Evans, Praying Through the Names of God)

Praise Chorus.....“I Love You, Lord ”No. 2068

Proclamation and Response

Anthem.....“Hem of Your Robe”Sounds of Worship

Scripture Reading..... Judges 6:11-24CEB Page 191

Sermon.....“Jehovah Shalom: The Lord Our Peace ” Pastor Keller
Second in the Series, "Praying Through the Names of God"

*Prayer Hymn“Be Still, My Soul”No. 534

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

The Offering

Offertory

*Offering Response“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ” No. 95

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

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

*Benediction

*Congregational Response“Shalom to You” No. 666

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*.

☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

Walk-in visitors and new class members are welcome in all classes.

- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) – An intergenerational class designed for adults of all ages who would like to learn and grow together. Focus on short-term studies which challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. Currently studying “God Is” - focused on the names/character of God.
- **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)** - 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. Currently studying “What Makes a Hero” by Matt Rawle, which looks at Pop culture heroes through the lens of faith, and reveals how Jesus turns the concept on its head.
- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105) - 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.
- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 123) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study together using the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Study lessons. Each lesson is focused on scripture, and encourages participants to live a faith-filled life.
- **Short-Term, Topical Bible Studies** - Designed for people of all ages who desire to learn and grow together as they study specific topics:
 - **“Short Stories by Jesus”** by Amy-Jill Levine. Learn how original audiences understood Jesus’ parables, and discover how those same lessons challenge us today. Led by Lisa Aronson in room B002. Runs through April 14.
 - **“Resolving Everyday Conflict”** by Peacemaker Ministries. Learn what the Bible says about conflict, and discover how to grow in your personal relationships. Facilitated by John Aronson/Barry Eaton in room B006. Runs through April 28.

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."

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Praise and Worship

"Great Are You Lord "
"Fierce"

Children's Time

Proclamation and Response

Anthem..... "" Sanctuary Choir

Scripture ReadingJudges 6:11-24CEB Page 191

Sermon "Jehovah Shalom: The Lord Our Peace "Pastor Keller
Second in the Series, "Praying Through the Names of God"

Worship Song

"No Longer Slaves "

Prayer

Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"Freedom "

*Blessing

*Congregational Response..... "Shalom to You" No. 666

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



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

March 17, 2019

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Wade and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hall, placed by Linda & Larry Hall.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judy Rickards, placed by John Rickards and family.

The rose on the altar is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Jackson Walton to Brian and Jen Walton on March 4th.

Lifelong Learner

Looking for new ways to grow closer to Christ this year? Pick up a "Grow" brochure, which contains our daily Bible reading plan, at the Welcome Center display today!

Lunch and Learn Bible Study with Pastor John runs through April 17. It meets Wednesday at 11 am in the church sanctuary for study, followed by dutch treat lunch at CCs Kitchen. The bible study is based on our Lenten sermon series. All are welcome to drop in.

Bible Study with Pastor Denny runs through April 24. This meets Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in room B004. Also based on our Lenten sermon series, all are welcome to drop in.

New Thursday Bible Study begins March 21. This 4-week study, "Lord, Teach Me to Study the Bible in 28 Days" will be led by Juanita Guise mornings 9-10:30 am and evenings 6:45-8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided for morning class (for 18 months+, childcare registration deadline is TODAY). See the Welcome Center display to sign up.

Want to lose some weight? Visit the Welcome Center "Lenten Stone" display—let go of that which is weighing you down to make space for that which draws you closer to God during Lent!

Praying Follower

Hospitalized: Margaret Monn is in Holy Spirit Hospital

Special Circumstances: Roy Kohr is at VibraLife under Hospice care

Recovering at home: Ivan Otstot

Moms in Prayer group meets every Monday that Mechanicsburg schools are in session, from 7-8 pm in the Prayer Room. No prayer experience is required. Questions? Contact Deb Noss.

Passionate Worshipper

Save the Date! Our annual **Handbell Concert** is Sunday, April 7th at 7 pm.

Join us the fourth Sunday of each month for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service at 4:00 pm. Fellowship with other Rejoicers in the multipurpose room following the service.

Dedicated Missionary

Monthly Mission Opportunities:

FUMC grocery bagging for Bethesda Mission Outreach at Mission Central on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm. Contact Eric King by e-mail eeeking@verizon.net for information.

Help feed the sheep with Isaiah 61 Ministries — Wednesday, March 20, at 6 pm. Contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com for more information.

2019 Mission Central Gala to be held Saturday, April 6 at Camp Hill UMC. Doors open at 5:30 pm. The night will feature a Celebration of 2018, Live and Silent auctions, HUB Person of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year, our own Patti Herring! Tickets can be purchased at missioncentral.org or by contacting Dawn Fisher (717-766-4611, x 102). Tickets are \$60 for individuals and \$400 for a table of 8. Deadline for tickets is March 22.

Relationship Builder

A **First Connections Gathering** will be held Thursday, March 21st in the Tower Meeting Room (2nd floor children's Sunday School wing). Please join us between 1 and 3 pm to simply relax and visit with First Church friends! Questions or need a ride? Ask Janice Bowen at WeCare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x 112.

Men of First Church, there is a local conference at Christ Community Church in Camp Hill that is offering a national speaker to motivate and equip us to take leadership roles in our families, churches, and communities. It's called "Heroes Arise" and is coming March 29 and 30th. The link to learn more and register is: <http://www.christcc.org/heroes2019.php>. Let John Bowen know if you are interested in attending, bowenhome720@gmail.com.

Generous Giver

UMW Deborah Circle invites you to a Chili Mission Meal TODAY after the 10:45 service in Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering is accepted with the proceeds benefitting local ministries that support women, children and youth. Takeout is available after Sunday School.

Still interested in a 2# ham loaf? Contact Bob & Deb Hamsher or sign the book at the Info desk and they will find you!

The Christian Fellowship Class is taking orders for **peanut butter Easter eggs!** Order by signing the book at the Info desk, by calling Nancy Rouch, or emailing mwrner@aol.com. Deadline for ordering is March 31. Eggs will be made April 6. Cost is \$6 for a bag of 6 eggs.

The Center for spiritual Formation is seeking a part time (12 hr/week) Administrative Asst. If you are interested and/or would like more info, contact Rev. Kathy Harvey Nelson, Director, at centerdirectorkhn@gmail.com or at 717-968-4847.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesday – March 20th, Passion Play rehearsal 4:45pm, meet in the Sanctuary.
Dinner: Tacos with Toppings, Salad Bar and Brownies.

Passion Play 2019- Wednesday, April 17th! If you are not a participant in Wonderful Wednesday but would like to participate in the Passion Play, please contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris at kidscount@fumchurch.com.

BOOMERANG- Sunday, March 24th 5:00pm-6:30pm. We will be cooking the freezer meals we made and eating dinner with the youth of 4G! Contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris with any questions.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay connected! 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 TONIGHT! 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. Come as early as 6:00. **There is 4G tonight.**

MNF: The next Monday Night Finance is Next March 18th @ Mark and Cheryl Mengle's house from 7:30-9:30.

Roller Skating Night: 4G on March 31st is going offsite! We are joining some other youth groups at Fountain Blue Skating Rink from 4:30-6:30. Grab a permission form for details.

Passion Play Dancers: High schoolers interested in dancing the "How Beautiful" or the "stick dance" should contact Amy Erno. Practices begin today: Sunday's @ 4, Monday's @ 6:30 in the youth lounge (must attend 4 plus Palm Sunday practice).

Impact: The summer camping festival is July 24-28 and registration forms for the early bird rate are now available.

Mission Trip: Our first team meeting will be today March 17th, 12:00-2:00 in the youth lounge.

Spring Retreat: Join us for a weekend away at Rhodes Grove. Retreats are the best! A time to grow in our faith and grow together as a youth group! Deadline is April 7th.

Dates to Keep in Mind: Confirmation Trip (May 4), Spring Retreat (April 26-28), Mission Trip (June 30-July 6), Impact (July 24-28)



March 24

Jehovah Rophe:
The Lord Our Healer
Exodus 15:26, Mark 2:1-12

March 31

El Nose: The God Who Forgives
Psalm 99:8, Luke 15:11-32

April 7

Jehovah Shamma:
The Lord Is There
Exodus 48:35, Revelation 21:1-6

April 14 Palm Sunday

Jehovah Nissi: The Lord My Banner
Exodus 17:16, Mark 11:1-11

April 21 Easter

El Shaddai: Almighty God
Genesis 17:1-2, John 20:1-18



SUMMER CAMP IS COMING SOON!

Camp is for all ages and stages.

Get your registrations in now for a wonderful life-changing experience. First Church will pay for half camp fees upon request.

NOTE: Please provide registration confirmations to the camp coordinators so that everyone receives a prayer partner.

So, how can you help this to be the "best camping year" ever?

- * Attend a camp, retreat or event this year
- * Volunteer to be part of a camp staff
- * Offer prayers for campers and staff
- * Provide a financial gift

Come to the lobby narthex area for more information.

Questions: contact: Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or Amy Ogden at amy.ogden7@gmail.com

Finding Your New Normal After Experiencing Loss
Tuesday, March 26

4:00 p.m. OR 6:00 p.m.
(choose the time that suits you best)
Light dinner served at 5:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
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Jeanne McClintick, LPN, Certified Hospice & Palliative Care Nurse with Hospice of Central PA, will offer this presentation.

Please RSVP your attendance to Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112 by March 24.



Lent Sermon Series - "Praying Through the Names of God"

Jehovah Raphe: The Lord Our Healer

March 18	Exodus 15:22-27
March 19	2 Kings 20:1-10
March 20	Psalms 6
March 21	Mark 2:1-12
March 22	Acts 3:1-12
March 23	Relax & Reflect
March 24	<i>Sermon</i>



BE ONE. DISCIPLE
MAKE ONE.

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Rick Herring
Acolytes TBD (8:15); Andrew Smithmyer (10:45)
Organist Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Michael Garman & Jim Murdoch

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter Sarah Jones
Worship Greeter Marilyn Knott (8:15); TBD (10:45)
Crib/Toddlers: Sarah Jones, TBD, Kevin Knott (8:15); Karen Smith, 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, MARCH 17

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm Deborah Circle Mission (FH/Kitchen)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool
(118/120/122/123//216/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Squares and Prayers Circle (FH)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 1:00 pm Strong Women (FH)
- 6:30 pm Al-Anon (223)
- 6:30 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:15 pm WSSO (Sanctuary Auditorium)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 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)
- 5:00 pm UMHC ILPP (FH)
- 5:30 pm UMHC ILPP (Boo3/B004)
- 6:00 pm Softball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Women's Retreat Debriefing Meeting
(207)
- 7:00 pm Worship Arts Director Committee
(B002)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool
(120/122/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 11:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study
(Hardwood Café)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 1:00 pm Strong Women (FH)
- 4:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday
(Children's Dept/FH/MP/Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm LFP Board Meeting (B002)

- 6:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary Aud)
- 6:45 pm Evening Bible Study (B004)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary Aud)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Bible Study (FH)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm First Connections
(Tower Meeting Room)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 3:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanc Aud)
- 6:00 pm Softball (MP)
- 6:30 pm Knit@Nite (Tower Meeting Room)
- 6:45 pm Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm SOW Rehearsal
(Sanctuary/Music Room)

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool
(118/216/219/MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church office closes
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits (Sanctuary/MP)
- 5:30 pm Youth Dinner (FH/Kitchen)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

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