

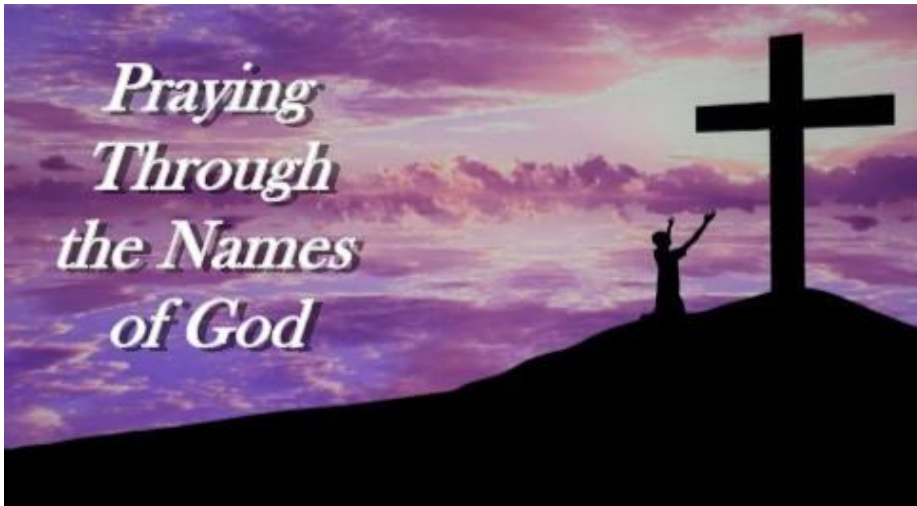
*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*April 14, 2019*

*Palm / Passion Sunday*



*"Jehovah Nissi: The Lord My Banner"*

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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."  
~ 1 Corinthians 3:11*

### Gathering and Praise

Prelude

Welcome

\*Greeting (Responsively)

Leader: Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

**People: If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!**

Leader: Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

**People: Hosanna! God saves!**

Leader: Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross, but suffered and died for our salvation.

**People: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!**

\*Hymn of Praise....."Hosanna, Loud Hosanna " ..... No. 278

*(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)*

\*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray.  
Amen.**

\*Praise Chorus..... "His Name Is Wonderful " ..... 174

### Proclamation and Response

\*The Gospel.....Luke 19:28-40.....CEB Page 801

Anthem..... "Jesus, The King" ..... Sounds of Worship

Scripture Lesson..... Exodus 17:8-16 ..... CEB Page 54

Sermon..... "Jehovah Nissi: The Lord My Banner" ..... Pastor Keller  
Sixth in the Series, "Praying Through the Names of God"

The Invitation

Confession and Pardon .....No. 12

\*Passing the Peace

The Offering/Offertory

\*Offering Response ..... "All Glory, Laud, and Honor " .....No. 280 (vs. 1,5)

### Thanksgiving and Communion

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving ..... No. 13-14

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

*(Gluten-free communion elements are available at Pastor Keller's station )*

### Sending Forth

\*Hymn..... "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" ..... No. 160

\*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*.

## ☪ 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. Come join us for a special 5 part Lenten DVD series from Max Lucado entitled “He Chose The Nails”. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, “I did it just for you.”
- **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](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

\*Palm Sunday Gospel ..... Luke 19:28-40 ..... CEB Page 801

\*Praise and Worship

"Forever Reign"

"What a Beautiful Name"

### Proclamation and Response

Children's Story

(After this time, children are welcome to Kid's Worship or Wee Worship)

\*Praise Song

"Ever Be"

Scripture Lesson ..... Exodus 17:8-16 ..... CEB Page 54

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### Sending Forth

\*Closing Song

"Great Are You Lord"

\*Blessing

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



## First News First

Weekly Edition

*Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors*

**April 14, 2019**

**The Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and in honor of their parents, presented by Ken and Juanita Guise.

### 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.

**Scholarships** - The Trustees offer scholarships for anyone enrolled in post-high school education of any kind. Applications are available online or from Lisa Aronson or Lee Cadwallader. Applications are due May 1st. You can put completed applications in Lee Cadwallader's mailbox at the church or email lacelect@aol.com.

**18 Wounds of Disability Learning Events** - Sunday, May 5, following worship - 12:30 to 2:00 pm **OR** Tuesday, May 7 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. in Fellowship Hall. Choose one presentation and RSVP to Steve Noss by April 23rd at sdppp@msn.com. For more information check the April Newsletter or contact Steve Noss.

### Praying Follower

**Special Circumstances:** Tom Mullikin is at Messiah Rehab

**Recovering at home:** Milt Dougherty, Joan Stokes

**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.

The Mechanicsburg Area churches invite the community to the **Good Friday Prayer Walk** on Friday, April 19 starting at noon. Led by local pastors, prayer walkers will start at one of the prayer sites, cover the community in prayer and end at the First Church of God, 28 E. Main Street, at 1:15. There are a total of 9 starting locations, including our church. Meet in our parking lot at noon to pick up your prayer guide and map. For a complete list of prayer sites, visit our website at fumchurch.com. All are welcome to come pray with us! Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

## Passionate Worshipper

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service the 4th Sunday of each month 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, April 17 has been CANCELLED due to First Church's Passion Play.

**Help feed the sheep with Isaiah 61 Ministries** — Wednesday, April 17, at 6 pm. Contact Tiffany Holland at [tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com) for more information.

## Relationship Builder

**Disability Awareness Sunday is April 28th:** Health & Wellness and Access Ministries invite you to the Sunday School presentation from 9:30-10:30 in the multi-purpose room. Pastor Elizabeth Brake, born with cerebral palsy, will speak on her journey with disability and faith.

**Senior Fellowship** will meet Tuesday, April 23, 1-3 pm in the Hardwood Café. There will be fellowship, snacks, and a presentation from Pastor John Shellenberger entitled "The Dirt on Downsizing Your Garden!" Questions, contact Janice Bowen, [wecarefumchurch.com](http://wecarefumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112.

## Generous Giver

A reminder! - Pick up your **Subs and Sandwiches** ordered from the bell choir TODAY in the multi-purpose room. Thank you.

The **trustees invite you** to join us Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 am to help with the **annual tanbark and landscape clean-up event**. No experience necessary. We appreciate your help!

**10th annual Spaghetti Dinner** put on by the handbell choirs will be Saturday, April 27. Dinner will be served from 4-6:30 pm. Sign up at the info desk for tickets or see a bell choir member. Tickets can also be gotten at the door. Take-outs are available.

**Easter Flowers** - If you would like to place Easter flowers in the Sanctuary, you may do so by purchasing your own flowers and placing them in the Sanctuary by **noon** on Saturday, **April 20**. If you would like to be included in the memorial insert in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, forms are available at the Welcome Desk and return it to the church office by **noon** on Tuesday, **April 16**.

## **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wonderful Wednesday** – CARNIVAL, Wednesday April 24th. 5:00pm until 6:00pm in the Multi-purpose room. All Wonderful Wednesday and Passion Play kids invited. Hot dogs, cotton candy, games, prizes and more! Parent help is needed, visit [www.timttosignup.com/kidscount](http://www.timttosignup.com/kidscount) to see how you can help.

**Passion Play 2019-** Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>! All cast and crew are to report to the Sanctuary promptly at 4:30pm. Dinner of BBQ sandwiches, chips, applesauce and cookies will be provided for all cast and crew.

**Palm Sunday Passion Play Rehearsal-** TODAY, at 1:30pm for ALL cast and crew. Please arrive promptly at 1:30pm. Please bring a snack to share at the snack table.

**BOOMERANG-** April 28<sup>th</sup>. Join us at the church for some fun, learning and fellowship time! Any questions contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

## **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.**

**Spring Retreat:** Join us for a weekend away at Rhodes Grove on April 26-28. Retreats are the best! A time to grow in our faith and grow together as a youth group! **Missed the deadline?** let Lisa know if still interested.

**MNF:** The next Monday Night Finance is April 15 @ Mark and Cheryl Mengle's house from 7:30-9:30.

**Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast:** help us provide the breakfast for this morning of joy and celebration after gathering in the cemetery for a worship service. Sign up online.

**Confirmation Trip** to Washington DC will be on Saturday May 4th. Permission slips are now available. (This is one of the many expectations in the confirmation process of helping grow and equip you as a disciple of Christ).

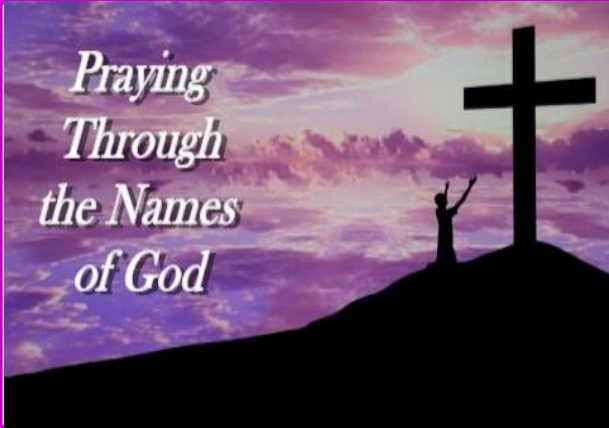
**Impact:** The summer camping festival is July 24-28 and registration forms for the discount rate are now available.

**Mission Trip Meeting:** the next mission trip meeting is May 13 from 7-8:30.

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



*Praying  
Through  
the Names  
of God*



**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



**The Passion Play**

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 pm

**Maundy Thursday Service**

April 18, 7 pm

**Good Friday Prayer Walk**

April 19, noon

**Easter Sunday Services**

**Sunrise**

Mechanicsburg Cemetery, 6:20 am

**Worship Services at FUMC**

8:15 and 10:45 am



**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.

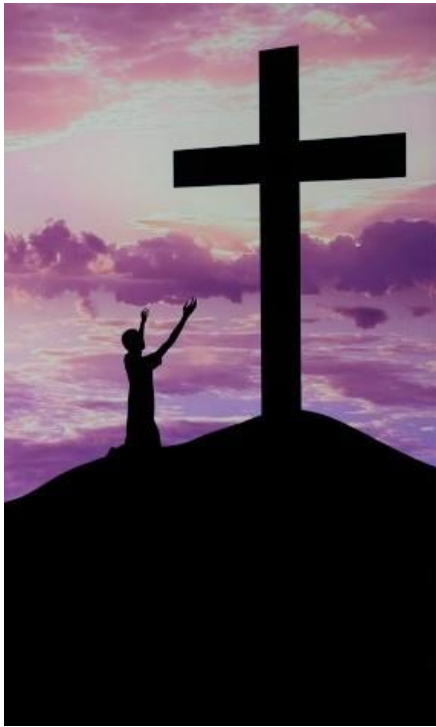
NOTE: Please provide registration confirmations to the camp coordinators so that everyone receives a prayer partner.

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](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or Amy Ogden at [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com)



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

### "El Shaddai: Almighty God"

April 15	Genesis 17:1-8
April 16	1 Chronicles 29:10-17
April 17	Ezekiel 10:1-8
April 18	John 20:1-18
April 19	2 Corinthians 12:8-10
	Hebrews 1:2-10
April 20	Relax & Reflect
<b>April 21</b>	<b><i>Easter Sunday Sermon</i></b>



**BE ONE. DISCIPLE  
MAKE ONE.**

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

Preaching ..... Rev. Dennis Keller  
Worship Leader ..... Rev. John Shellenberger (8:15); Lisa Aronson (10:45)  
Acolytes ..... TBD (8:15); Collin Lehman (10:45)  
Organist ..... Frank Heberlig  
Sound & Media ..... Fred Espenshade and Ken Rapp

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

Sunday School Greeter ..... TBD  
Worship Greeter ..... Sandy Walton (8:15); Brandy Zimmerman (10:45)  
Crib/Toddlers: ..... Merri Shellenberger, TBD (8:15); Marcia Espenshade, Nadine Ogden (10:45)  
Wee Worship (10:45) ..... Karen Hutter, Sarah Allison, Kylee Fisher  
Kids Worship (10:45) ..... Linda Shuey, Amy Erno

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## *This Week at First Church*

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY**

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 pm Passion Play Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Youth Fellowship

### **MONDAY, APRIL 15**

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool  
(118/120/122/123//216/218/219/MP)
- 11:00 am Passion Play Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am LFP Staff Meeting (Library)
- 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, APRIL 16**

- 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)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (207)

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool  
(120/122/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 10:00 am Passion Play Set-up/Prep  
(entire church)
- 11:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study - Finale  
(Hardwood Café)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 6:30 pm Passion Play

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 19 GOOD FRIDAY**

- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm Church office closes
- 12:00 pm Good Friday Prayer Walk

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

There is nothing scheduled at this time.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 21 EASTER**

- 6:20 am Sunrise Service  
(Mechanicsburg Cemetery)
- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)

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