

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

Disability Awareness Sunday



*"Catch Your
Breath"*

"In Times of Fear"

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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: Behind closed doors, we hide in fear.

People: The voice of Christ says, "Peace be with you."

Leader: When fear takes our breath away,

People: We can catch our breath and know God's peace!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen, Indeed!

*Hymn of Praise..... "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"..... No. 304

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and strife. Make the people inside this house a compassionate people, ready and willing to receive every person you place in our midst even if they don't look, act, or talk like us. God, make the door of this house a place of love and acceptance and make it a gateway to your kingdom. Amen.

*Praise Chorus....."Rejoicing Spirits" see screen

Reception of New Members

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

A Testimony of Hospitality Eve Kellenberger

Anthem....."Joy Overflowing" Women of Light

Accompanist: Kathie Bittenbender

*The Gospel..... John 20:19-23CEB Page 829

Sermon....."In Times of Fear" Pastor Keller
First in the Series, "Catch Your Breath"

*Hymn....."Breathe On Me, Breath of God" No. 420

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Offering Response "He Is Lord"No. 177

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn....."Together In One Spirit" see screen

*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. Short-term studies selected to challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. New 6-week study, “Catch Your Breath” begins April 28.
- **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.
- **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.

*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

*Praise and Worship

"Only Jesus"
"O Praise The Name"

*Prayer (In Unison)

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Reception of New Members

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

Children's Story

(After this time, children are welcome to Wee Worship. NO Kids Worship TODAY)

*Praise Chorus

"Rejoicing Spirits"

A Testimony of Hospitality..... Eve Kellenberger

*The Gospel.....John 20:19-23CEB Page 829

Sermon "In Times of Fear".....Pastor Keller
First in the Series, "Catch Your Breath"

*Praise Song

"Death Was Arrested"

Prayers of the People

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"Together In One Spirit"

*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 28, 2019

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Steuart and Hotchkiss families, placed by Harriet Steuart.

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!

New Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Pastor Denny begins May 1, 6:45-8 pm in room B004. This 6-week study is based on our new sermon series, "Catch Your Breath". Pick up your daily Bible reading plan, enjoy the sermons in worship, then come for deeper discussion in class!

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. Disabilities is often accompanied by a sense of devaluation and wounding. Lisa Wickenheiser, M. Ed. will lead the event and provide tangible ways we can be of help. **Choose one presentation and RSVP to Steve Noss by May 2** at sdppp@msn.com. For more info check the FUMC website/facebook pages, April Newsletter or contact Steve Noss.

Praying Follower

Love and sympathy to the family upon the passing of Barb & Richard Klingensmith's daughter, Rebecca.

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.

A National Day of Prayer gathering is being held May 2 at First Church. All are invited to come to pray at noon by the flagpole (in the sanctuary if raining). State Representative Sheryl Delozier will be joining us. Can't attend - pray where you are. Prayer guides are available at the Welcome Center display and on our church website.

Wednesday Prayer Walks are being held May 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 6 - 6:45 pm. Come to immerse our community in prayer and listen for the voice of God in order to discern His desires for our church and people of Mechanicsburg. Gather at the church flagpole and go from there!

Passionate Worshipper

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service TODAY 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 the third Wednesday of each month. Contact Eric King with questions.

Help feed the sheep with Isaiah 61 Ministries also is the third Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. Contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com for more information.

Relationship Builder

Disability Awareness Sunday is TODAY: 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.

Ruth Circle will meet May 1st at 11:15 am at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg for lunch followed by our regular meeting. Call Janet Baker if you do not plan to attend.

Generous Giver

Thank you to all who helped in providing for our Easter sunrise breakfast and making a time of food and fellowship a part of our celebration of Easter morning!

During the month of May we will be participating in an all-church **Feed-a-Friend Challenge** for New Hope Ministries. We are asking specific groups to collect certain items. Collection boxes will be in place May 5. See the display outside of the multipurpose room for more information. Questions, contact Don or Debbie Karns at deborahkarns1@gmail.com.

Little Friends Preschool is currently having a Sub & Pretzel Sandwich Sale, now through May 9th! Order forms are in the fundraisers book. Subs and sandwiches are available from R&K Subs with delivery on Thursday, May 16th after 11am. Payment for subs/sandwiches is due by Wednesday, May 8th - Please make check payable to Little Friends Preschool and place check in the Little Friends tuition lockbox, which is located near the sofas in the Children's Wing lobby. Thank you so much!

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOMERANG- TODAY, 4:00pm-5:30pm. Join us at the church for some fun, learning and fellowship time! Meet in the gathering area by the couches. Any questions contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

2019 Vacation Bible School- June 10th – 14th, 9:00am until 12:00pm daily. Join us as we blast off to Mars and Beyond! We will be inspired to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine! Register at rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/fumchurch. Questions? Contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

VBS Help Needed, especially adult classroom shepherds – June, 10th-14th. If you can help in any way, please contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

NO Kids Worship Today- Kids 5 and up should remain in the Sanctuary today to enjoy the Rejoicing Spirits Service. Crib/Toddler and Wee Worship will still be available to kids under 5.

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 NO 4G tonight (due to the retreat).**

MNF: The next Monday Night Finance is Next April 29 @ Mark and Cheryl Mengle's house from 7:30-9:30.

Confirmation Trip to Washington DC will be on Saturday May 4th. Permission slips are DUE TODAY. (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)

"Catch Your Breath"
Spring Sermon Series

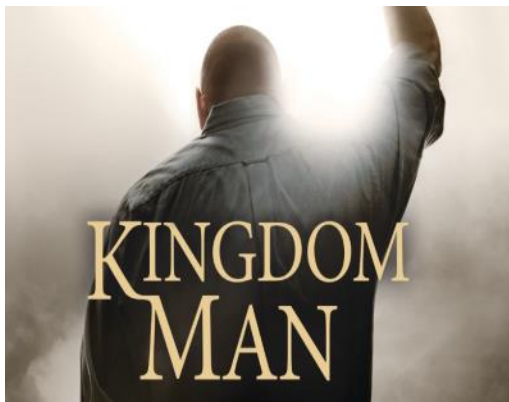
May 5
"In Times of
Exhaustion"
John 21:1-19

May 12
"In Times of Doubt"
John 10:22-30

May 19
"In Times of
Loneliness"
John 13:31-35

May 26
"In Times of Suffering"
John 14:23-29

June 2
"In Times of Division"
John 17:20-26



**New Video Series and Kingdom Men Rising
Movie Kick-Off Event!**

The First Church Men's Small Group invites all men to join in the new video series, *Kingdom Man* by Dr. Tony Evans, starting on May 15 from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. The first meeting will be held at Barry Eaton's home and will continue on the third Wednesday of each month.

A Kick-Off event will be held in late April to view the new movie: "Kingdom Men Rising" which will be shown at a local theater. We will get tickets and attend the movie together.

To sign up for the new Kingdom Man study, contact Barry Eaton at theeaton5@verizon.net or John Bowen at bowenhome720@gmail.com.



**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

Spring 2019
Sermon Series
"Catch Your Breath"



"In Times of Exhaustion"

April 29	Exodus 6:1-13
April 30	1 Samuel 14:24-35
May 1	Isaiah 35:3-10
May 2	John 21:1-19
May 3	Galatians 6:1-10
May 4	Relax & Reflect
May 5	<i>Sermon</i>

BE ONE. DISCIPLE
MAKE ONE

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Dave Florey
Acolytes TBD
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

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- Youth Spring Retreat (offsite)
- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am DisAbility Awareness Sunday School Special (MP)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 2:00 pm Greene Hills Music Camp Meeting (B004)
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits Worship (Sanctuary Auditorium/MP)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Evening Youth Fellowship
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (118/120/121/122/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers (FH)
- 11:00 am Veterans Meeting (207)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 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 30

- 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 (B003/B004)
- 7:00 pm DOP Follow Up Meeting (FH Café)
- 7:00 pm Hospitality Committee Meeting (B002)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/219/MP)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219/MP)
- 6:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 pm Evening Bible Study (B004)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MAY 2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

- 9:00 am Little Friends Preschool (120/122/123/219/MP)
- 12:00 pm Prayer at the Pole
- 12:30 pm Little Friends Preschool (219)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Gold (MP)
- 2:15 pm Little Friends Preschool (MP)
- 3:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary Auditorium)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 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, MAY 4

- 7:30 am Confirmation Trip (offsite)

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Handchimes (Music Room)
- 12:30 pm 18 Wounds (FH/Kitchen)
- 6:15 pm 4G—Evening Youth Fellowship
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

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