

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*July 28, 2019*



***“Headed Home”***

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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.

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## 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

### Prelude

### Gathering and Praise

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: **For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People: **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

People: **AMEN!**

\*Hymn of Praise "Shout to the Lord" TFWS No. 2074

*(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)*

\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed) No. 881

\*Hymn of Praise "I Know Whom I Have Believed" No. 714

\*Passing the Peace

### Proclamation and Response

The Gospel Luke 15: 11-24 CEB 797 — 798

Sermon "Road Trip: Headed Home" Pastor Keller

Music Ministry "Come Home (Softly and Tenderly)" Sarah Pugh  
by: Craig Courtney

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

\*Offering Response "Freely, Freely" No. 389

\*Offering Prayer (Unison Prayer)

**Forgiving God, we are grateful that you receive us as beloved children. Like the father in Jesus' parable of the lost son, you rejoice when we repent and return to you. Thank you for not holding our sins against us. Help us to welcome each person as someone you love. Use our offerings to support ministries that encourage people as they live into new life in Christ. We pray in his precious name. Amen.**

### Sending Forth

\*Hymn "Spirit Song" No. 347

\*Blessing

### 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 ☞

- Join us upstairs in the Multipurpose Room for a combined Sunday School as we learn what it means to be the church.

### ☞ Adult Sunday School ☞

#### Walk-in visitors and new class members are always welcome!

- **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.
- **GOSPEL SHAPED LIVING** (Multipurpose Room) - A combined class for the summer months that will focus on the key question, "What is the Church?" Each week this class will look at a specific attribute from scripture that answers this question and discuss some of the ways that First Church is living out this gospel message as our mission every day! Come to hear from special speakers who are engaged in the mission of the church near and far. The intention is to celebrate and discover how we can become further engaged in our world today, opening doors so that ALL people have access to and relationship with Jesus Christ!

- ⇒ July 28 "A Joyful Church", Presented by our Sierra Leone mission team
- ⇒ August 4 "A Generous Church", Presented by Karin McHale/Access Ministry
- ⇒ August 11 "A United Church", Presented by Lori Hoffnagle/Outreach Ministry
- ⇒ August 18 "A Fresh Expression", Presented by guest speaker Hannah Sledge
- ⇒ August 25 "A Loving Church", Presented by Bob & Judy Wertz/Alaska Mission
- ⇒ September 1 "Being the Church", Presented by the Pastors

*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

\*Praise and Worship

"Forever Reign"  
"Reckless Love"  
"Faithful to the End"

*(children 6 and under are welcome to attend Wee Worship at this time)*

Prayer

### Proclamation and Response

The Gospel

Luke 15: 11-24

CEB 797 — 798

Sermon

"Road Trip: Headed Home"

Pastor Keller

\*Worship Song

"Softly and Tenderly"

Prayers of the People

The Offering

### Sending Forth

\*Worship Song

"Death Was Arrested"

\*Benediction

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



# First News First

Weekly Edition

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

**July 28, 2019**

**The Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Russell L. Baker, placed by Janet Baker and family.

## Lifelong Learner

Use our **daily Bible reading plan**, located at the Welcome Center display, to continue growing with us this summer. Study & Prayer Journals are also available at the Welcome Center display if you would like to try journaling your thoughts as you study!

**Need a Bible for yourself or a friend?** You can pick one up at the display near the Welcome Desk. Large-print Bibles are also available.

## Praying Follower

**Special Circumstances:** Doris Zimmerman

**Surgeries:** Murph Zimmerman

**Recovering at Home:** Steph Miller

**Try prayer walking** this summer as a way to listen for the voice of God and practice His presence. Walk in your neighborhood or walk in the neighborhood surrounding First Church. Simply pick up a **Prayer Walking Guide** at the Welcome Center display and get moving today!

Stop by **the interactive prayer display** under the balcony in the sanctuary to take a prayer, leave a prayer, or tie a ribbon to represent your confidential prayer. And don't forget, you can always fill out a green prayer card during worship - these can be held confidentially by the pastors or shared on our prayer list published weekly.

**Prayer Warriors are needed** to cover campers and their counselors at summer camp! We'd love for you to choose a camper(s) and commit to pray for them the week they are at camp and maybe even send a note as campers love mail! Please contact Steve or Deb Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or see them at the Camp Display outside the multipurpose room on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

## 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.

**Upcoming Worship Sermon Series - “Trusting God for Everything”:** We live in uncertain times. Our worry about loved ones, jobs, the economy, our health and well-being often makes us afraid, but Psalm 23 offers us an understanding of how life with God can bring us joy, give us peace and restore our souls. Join us for this 7-week series beginning August 18 as we learn together how to live in the kingdom of God every moment here and now.

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| • August 18    | “Does God Really Provide Everything I Need?” |
| • August 25    | “Trusting God for Soul Restoration”          |
| • September 1  | “Trusting God to Lead”                       |
| • September 8  | “Trusting God in the Deep Valleys”           |
| • September 15 | “Trusting That God is with Me”               |
| • September 22 | “Trusting God with Those who Oppose Me”      |
| • September 29 | “A Life of Settled Trust in God”             |

**Sounds of Worship Choir** begins rehearsals on Thursday, August 29 at 7 pm in the Music Room. Why not join us this year as we praise our Lord in song!

### Dedicated Missionary

#### **Monthly Mission Opportunities:**

**FUMC grocery bagging** for Bethesda Mission Outreach at Mission Central on the third Wednesday each month at 6 pm. Contact Eric King with questions.

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

### Relationship Builder

**Extravagant Hospitality** - Summer is in full swing and there are still many activities going on here at church. Please be aware of visitors to church services as well as all activities and make them feel welcome. Wear your nametag, talk to those who are new, and make this the best summer they can possibly have here at First Church.

**Men’s Retreat—Save the Date!** We have reserved Wesley Forest for the annual men’s winter retreat. Dates are March 6-8, 2020. Put it on your calendars, men!

**Join us on City Island to see the Harrisburg Senators** Sunday, August 25! Buffet-style picnic starts at noon and the game starts at 1:00 pm. Discounted tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 4-12. Sign up in the notebook at the Welcome Desk or contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com. **Must register and pay by August 4!**

### Generous Giver

The **UMW School Supply Collection** has started! We are collecting scissors, crayons, pencils, glue sticks and erasers in the bin outside the multi-purpose room. We will give them away at the annual yard sale on August 17. Questions: contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. Thanks!

**Easy Giving** - The summer is a great time to take a vacation and enjoy time with family and friends! If you happen to be out of town on a Sunday, you can easily ensure that your offering still comes to church through e-Giving. This safe and convenient way to support the church is offered through Vanco Payment Solutions, a national organization endorsed by the United Methodist church. Just complete the form and choose the donation amount and frequency. Changes can be made anytime. The form can be found on our website at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com) or by contacting Ellen Hill in the church office at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611. Thank you for being a generous giver!

## **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Summer Sunday School**- Children's Summer Sunday school classes are in session. All ages will meet downstairs in the children's wing in room 118. We will remain meeting downstairs for the summer.

**Kid's Worship** – We will not hold Kid's Worship upstairs during the 10:45 service until the school year resumes. Please enjoy worship with your family. We will still have Wee Worship and Nursery for children 6 years and under.

**Summer Family Challenge**- Spend the summer together as a family making wonderful memories! See the display in the Narthex for more information and how to be a part of this awesome summer activity! 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 Information".

**4G Summer Periphery in the Park.** Join us as we transition to our summer schedule where 4G meet at Pleasant View Park from 6:00-8:00 for a time of games and discussion. (Next Periphery: July 31st).

**Summer is here!** Grab a summer calendar and summer time permission slip to join us for any of our planned or pop up events this summer.

**Graduating Seniors:** Make sure you leave your senior photo for our fridge!

**Tubing:** Join us as we tube down the Breeches on August 10th! Have a summer permission slip on file with the youth department and rsvp on-line at [www.timetosignup.com/kidscount](http://www.timetosignup.com/kidscount)

**Yard Sale:** Start collecting items and sign up on-line to help us sort and sell items for the sale on August 17th.

**Dates to Keep in Mind:** Tubing (August 10), Yard Sale (August 17)

Please pray for those campers away at Impact, a four day Salt 'n Light youth camping festival. Grab a name from the lobby and pray specifically for an attendee while they are away from July 24-28.

Kailee Fraker  
Jonathan Jedrzejek  
Emily Hammaker  
Kylee Fisher  
Kendal Fisher  
Jason Fisher  
Dawn Fisher  
Heather Bowen  
Maya Bowen  
Abby Gross  
John Gross  
Jenn Gross  
Madysen Small  
Amber Small

Darryl Small  
Melody Small  
Kevin Knott  
Noah Spencer  
Elijah Ometz  
Allison Ometz  
Courtney Nuss  
Cassidy Nuss  
Kalie Nuss  
Rob Nuss  
Geri Nuss  
Jim Robinson  
Luke Wertz  
Abigail Wertz

Bob Wertz  
Tracy Wertz  
RJ Wertz  
Trent Yatsky  
Tim Losh  
Lisa Aronson  
John Aronson  
Joshua Aronson  
Lynn Rapp  
Ken Rapp  
Janet Almond  
John Bowen  
Janet Bowen  
Katie McKenney

Issac Heinzig  
Holly Kurten  
Dane Kurten



## SUMMER CAMP IS NOW UNDERWAY!

PLEASE KEEP CONFERENCE CAMPERS AND CAMP STAFF IN YOUR PRAYERS!



JULY 28 - AUGUST 1  
GREENE HILLS  
SPECIAL NEEDS - HAWAIIAN LUAU

Anne Luley  
Becky Gongloff  
Shelley Peterman

Each year we attempt to provide each camper with a **prayer partner** that would pray for them and send a brief note as well. We will have more First Church Campers in July and August. **We need your help!** All campers love getting mail. Contact Steve or Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) to become a prayer partner and to obtain the address to these camps.

Remember it is **not too late** to enroll for camps and retreats this year!

## Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of July 29



Monday	Deuteronomy 10: 1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 40: 1-10
Wednesday	Isaiah 65: 17-25
Thursday	Mark 9: 38-41
Friday	2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Saturday	Rest & Reflect
<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>“Fresh Expressions”</i></b>

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### LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching ..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller  
Worship Leader ..... Rev. John Shellenberger  
Acolytes ..... TBD (8:15); TBD (10:45)  
Organist ..... Sarah Pugh  
Sound & Media ..... Roger Walton and Ron Nichols (8:15 & 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); Shelli Spencer, TBD (10:45)  
Wee Worship (10:45) ..... Brandy Zimmerman, Vicky Shambaugh, Jake O’Leary

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## *This Week at First Church*

### **SUNDAY, JULY 28**

#### **IMPACT**

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Summer Sunday School (MP)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 pm Senior Adults at Allenberry
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits Worship (Sanctuary/MP)

### **MONDAY, JULY 29**

- 8:00 am Reserved (105)
- 6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)

### **TUESDAY, JULY 30**

- 8:00 am Reserved (105)
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 4:30 pm Independent Living Class (FH/B003/B004)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

- 8:00 am Reserved (105)
- 9:30 am Covered in Love (FH Café)
- 6:00pm Periphery in The Park (Off-site)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

- 8:00 am Reserved (105)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Adult SS Room)

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

- 8:00 am Reserved (105)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

There is nothing scheduled at this time.

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Summer Sunday School (MP)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)



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