

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

August 11, 2019



“Even Here...God Is”

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 (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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters.

People: We come into God's Presence bringing all that we are.

Leader: Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

People: We call on God, even if, even when, and even here.

Leader: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

People: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Leader: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown.

People: Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, make us your vessels!'

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!

- ⇒ 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.*





CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

"Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."

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*Praise and Worship

"Even So Come"
"Revelation Song"
"New Wine"

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

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

The Scripture

Psalm 139: 7-12; Judges 6 - 7

CEB 485; 191-193
NRSV OT 577-578; 222-225

Sermon

"Even Here ... God Is"

Pastor Aronson

Prayers of the People

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Worship Song

"Defender"

*Benediction

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



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

August 11, 2019

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Randy Hassinger, placed by Peg Hassinger 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.

Fall Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke: “Who Is This Man Who Forgives Sins?” begins with workbook distribution on September 5, followed by the 11-week study led by Juanita Guise. Thursday morning and evening classes are available. See details and sign up at the Welcome Center display.

Praying Follower

Special Circumstances: Doris Zimmerman

Hospitalized: Kathy Chapman

Recovering at Home: Murph Zimmerman, Caroline Brown, Vesta Rynard, Kathy Dreese

The second annual **Prayer for our Schools** will be held on Sunday, August 18th from 2:00 to 3:00pm at all Mechanicsburg Schools, CV High School and Northern High School. Local pastors will lead the prayer. All are invited to attend and pray for the students, teachers and staff as they start a new school year!

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 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 every fourth Sunday, 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. 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!

Handbells begin! If you're interested in knowing more about our handbell ministry here at First Church, or even joining us, come tomorrow evening (August 12th) for a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. We will talk about our upcoming year of ringing and answer any questions as needed. Rehearsals begin next week! We love new faces!

Dedicated Missionary

The **'Together in Taiama 2020'** t-shirts are here! See a SL 2020 team member or fill out the sign up form at the Welcome Desk! The t-shirts are \$20 each with sizes M-L-XL available. Orders will be taken but quantities are limited. Buy one for yourself and/or send one over to Taiama to be worn by a sister-church member at Calvary UMC. A win-win for all! This is a big fundraiser for the Sierra Leone Mission Team. Thank you for your continued support!

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

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.

The widows/widowers fellowship will dine at THEA restaurant, 1303 Saxton Way, Mechanicsburg at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 13th. Please call Bonnie Guyer if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided upon request.

UMW Sale: There are still a few spots left at the UMW Sale on August 17th. Ten dollars buys a 2 parking space area and a lot of fun. Email Donna Nichols at djnichols43@hotmail.com to sign up. The youth will be hosting a large rummage sale, the library a giant book sale, the UMW bakers offering delicious treats, and the Bells will keep your energy up with breakfast goodies and lunch hot off the grill. Not only will all these church groups benefit from the sale, but women and children around the globe are supported by the UMW. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Senior Fellowship - Tuesday, August 20th - 1-3pm: All older adults are invited to come for a casual time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Sanctuary Gathering space. We will hear from some of our own missionaries about their recent Mission Trip experiences! Please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) for more information.

Zucchini Bake - August 24th - 9am: The Care Team invites you to the church kitchen on Saturday August 24th to bake zucchini bread for sharing (Zucchini donations are welcome mid-August for this event - please look for the basket near the 'Tower Entrance' off the parking lot). Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com.

Save the Date! The annual Men't Retreat will be held at Wesley Forest on March 6-8, 2020.

Generous Giver

Save your treasures for the annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale to be held on **Saturday, August 17th**. The sale benefits UMW and our Youth Mission Trips! Donated items may be placed in Room 105 starting August 12th. If donating any large furniture item(s) please fill out a "large furniture" tag and be prepared to pick up your item if not sold (all other unsold items are donated to Operation Wild Cats). Questions? Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

We just need **40 more pairs of scissors** for the school kits we give away at the UMW Yard Sale on August 17th! Place them in the box outside the multipurpose room.

Calling All Bakers! We need your delicious baked goods for the UMW Bake Sale on August 17th. We are especially looking for pies and whoopee pies! If you can donate a baked good, please contact Pat Sheely at 717-919-9105. Thank you!

Easy Giving - If you happen to be out of town on a Sunday, you can 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 or by contacting the church office at office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Sunday School- Children's Summer Sunday school classes are in session. All ages 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 for our LAST summer Periphery from 6:00-8:00 Wednesday August 14th.

Parents: Join us at Periphery from 6:00-7:00 for a parent meeting regarding youth details and events for the coming year on August 14th.

Graduating Seniors: Make sure you leave your senior photo for our fridge and share your fall address with Lisa!

Yard Sale: Start collecting items and sign up on-line to help us sort and sell items for the sale on August 17th (www.timetosignup.com/kidscount).

Backpack Blessing: Bring your backpacks to service on August 18 and allow your church family to pray over you, your backpack, and the start of your school year.

Last Hurrah of Summer! Join us at Mark and Cheryl Mengle's house for a bonfire on August 23rd from 7:00-9:00.

Interested in helping with youth worship? Musical or tech savvy youth interested in learning more about youth led worship should email Allison Ometz (ometz@msn.com) to be included in communications regarding participation, practice, and scheduling.

Dates to Keep in Mind: Parent Meeting (Aug 14), Yard Sale (Aug17), Bonfire (August 23).7:00-9:00pm.

SUMMER CAMP IS ENTERING ITS LAST MONTH - BUT FALL RETREATS ARE AVAILABLE!

PLEASE KEEP CONFERENCE CAMPERS AND CAMP STAFF IN YOUR PRAYERS!



**AUGUST 17-18
GREENE HILLS -
MOM AND ME CAMP**

Amy Erno
Nate Erno
Jennifer James
Olivia James
Lincoln Kortze
Whitney Kortze

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 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 August 12



Monday Psalm 23:1, Ezekiel 34:11-16

Tuesday Numbers 20:1-13

Wednesday Isaiah 40:6-11

Thursday John 10:11-21

Friday Revelation 7:11-17

Saturday Rest & Reflect

Sunday *“Does God Really Provide
Everything I Need?”*

LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Lisa Aronson

Worship Leader Rev. John Shellenberger

Acolytes TBD

Organist Frank Heberlig

Sound & Media Bob Bittenbender and Fred Espenshade (8:15) Holly Kurten and Fred Espenshade (10:45)

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

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 am Reserved (105)
8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am Summer Sunday School (MP)
10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00 am Reserved (105)
5:30 pm Consecration Sunday Planning (207)
6:00 pm Handbell Potluck Dinner (FH/Kitchen)
6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 am Reserved (105)
9:30 am Staff Meeting (207)
7:00 pm Staff/Parish Committee (207)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 am Reserved (105/Library/MP)
5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
6:30 pm Knit @ Nite (Tower Meeting Room)
6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal
(Sanctuary/Adult SS Room)
7:00 pm Endowment Committee Meeting (207)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 am Reserved (105/Library/MP)
12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
4:30 pm Third Friday Food Trucks
(MP/Parking Lot)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 am Yard, Book and Bake Sale
(Parking Lot/MP)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

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



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