

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 1, 2019



“Trusting God to Lead”

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

Prelude

Gathering and Praise

Greeting

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Leader: How great is our God! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond our comprehension.

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Leader: The Lord delights in those who honor him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise

"How Great Thou Art"

No. 77

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

Opening Prayer

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading (In Unison)

Psalm 23 (RSV)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Sermon

"Trusting God to Lead"

Pastor Keller

*Hymn of Praise

"He Leadeth Me"

No. 128

Invitation

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

*Passing the Peace

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 95

*Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

No. 13-14

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 381

*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. Youth Sunday school for middle and high school students kicks off on September 8th in the youth lounge.

☞ 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!

⇒ 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."

Gathering and Praise

Welcome

*Passing the Peace

*Praise and Worship

"Faithful to the End"

"Cornerstone"

"Touch of Heaven"

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 (RSV)

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Sermon

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Prayers of the People

The Offering

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Sending Forth

*Worship Song

"Deep Cries Out"

*Benediction

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



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

September 1, 2019

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones, placed by the Robinson family.

Lifelong Learner

Visit our Welcome Center to pick-up your copy of our **Daily Bible Reading Plan**, a **Study & Prayer Journal** or a regular or large-print **Bible** to guide you as you grow in your discipleships. While you're at it, pick one up for a friend!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Pastor Denny, "The Gospel of John: Finding Identity and Purpose" begins this week, September 4. This 12-week class meets from 6:45 - 8 pm. Workbook cost is \$9.99. See details and sign up at the Welcome Center display.

Fall Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke: "Who Is This Man Who Forgives Sins?" begins with workbook distribution this week, 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.

Lunch and Learn Bible Study with Pastor John begins September 11. Based on our Bible reading plan, this group will meet for 8 Wednesdays at 11 am in the church sanctuary (under the balcony) for study, followed by a Dutch treat lunch at CC's Kitchen. Visit the Welcome Center display to sign up and grab your daily Bible reading plan!

"The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You" is a 13-lesson **Men's Bible Study** on the book of Acts that begins September 15. Led by Ken Guise and David Mengle, class begins at 6:15 pm and runs 60-75 minutes. Workbook cost is \$9.99. See details and sign up at the Welcome Center display.

Don't forget to check out all of our **Sunday School class offerings** this fall, including one NEW class, in the Sunday School section of the September 8 bulletin. Walk-in visitors/new class members are welcome in all classes!

A new study, "**Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in the Church**" is being offered for 6 weeks from 9:30 - 10:30 am on Sunday mornings beginning next Sunday, September 8 in room B-006. Engage in Bible study and share your thoughts about meeting new people wherever they are so we can journey together toward Jesus. Contact Lisa Aronson or Tina Eaton for more details.



We are excited to announce a series of creative classes designed to help participants **Draw Nearer to God** through crafting and creating. The classes will be held at Mechanicsburg Crafter's Retreat, 304 W. Main Street. The six classes will focus on writing God's Word in beautiful ways. Participants can choose to attend one or all of the classes. Classes will be led by church members and all materials and instruction will be provided at no cost. Register at Time to Sign Up at ttsu.me/ynd84n or email Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. More details and class descriptions can be found at fumchurch.com.

Praying Follower

Our **love and sympathy** to the family in the death of Dave Leinhos on August 23rd.

Hospitalized: Charlotte Hess

Special Circumstances: Kathy Chapman, Donnie Wright

Recovering at Home: Morris Barr

All moms are invited to join our **Moms in Prayer** group on Monday nights, 7-8 pm in the Prayer Room. We focus on prayer for our children of all ages and stages, grandchildren, their schools, teachers, etc. Interested in more information? Contact Tina Eaton or Deb Noss.

Bless Our Schools Sunday is September 15th - you won't want to miss worship that day! Together we will pray for our schools, teachers, staff and students so they are ready to stand firm in Christ this school year.

Passionate Worshipper

Current 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 as we learn together how to live in the kingdom of God every moment here and now.

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| • 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" |

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday September 4th from 8:00-9:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Sarah Pugh for more information.

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.

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

Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 4 at 11:15 am at Hoss's for lunch followed by their regular meeting. Please call Janet Baker if you will not be attending.

Our **annual Church Picnic** will be held at Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion on September 8th. Come to play/visit at 3:30pm, then stay for the pot-luck supper at 5pm and outdoor worship! Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share, your own place settings and lawn chairs.

Zumba Gold starts back up on September 10th! The classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room. No registration is required, just show up and pay as you go. If you have questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. The cost is \$5 per class.

Deborah Circle will resume monthly meetings this month after a summer break. We will meet Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Betsy Keller and Pat Loomis will be speaking about their recent mission trips. Anyone interested in joining us, please feel free. We meet at the church on even months, and at a local restaurant on the odd months. Contact Sandy Walton at swalton54@comcast.net for any questions.

Generous Giver



Little Friends is collecting boxes of tissues and pump hand sanitizers for the classrooms this fall. Please drop off your donations at the collection box across from the Welcome Desk. Thanks for keeping our little friends healthy!

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.

The Susquehanna Conference Loan Fund has a new name: **Seedling Financial Ministry!** This ministry is dedicated to helping churches within our conference grow through investor connections. Visit www.seedlingfinancial.org or stop by the Welcome Desk and pick up an information sheet to learn more and find out how you can get involved.

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. Regular Sunday School classes will resume upstairs on September 8th.

Kid's Worship – Kid's Worship will resume at the 10:45am service on September 8th. Please enjoy worship with your family until then. We will still have Wee Worship and Nursery for children 6 years and under.

Summer Family Challenge- Thank you to all families who participated in the SUMMER FAMILY CHALLENGE!! Congratulations to our July winners, the Lehman Family! Make sure to turn in your August forms for the drawing!

Bible Sunday- Sunday, September 8th. All 4 year olds and 2nd graders will receive Bibles during either 8:45 or 10:45 morning services.

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".

Keep your Sunday evenings clear this fall and join us for 4G! 6th-12th graders are invited to meet in the youth lounge on Sunday evenings from 6:15-8:15 as we **GATHER** together to **GAIN** from the Bible as we **GROW** into more committed followers of Jesus and **GIVE** ourselves to His kingdom purposes. **4G on Sunday evenings will kick off at the church picnic on September 8th at 3:30 at Adventure Zone.**

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.

Bible Sunday: 6th and 9th grade students will be receiving Bibles at both service on September 8th.

Bethesda Mobile Mission - volunteering opportunity on September 14. Sign up at timetosignup.com/kidscount. (Parents and youth both needed; clearances required for parents).

Dates to Keep in Mind: Impact Rewind (Sept 22), Battleball (Nov 3), SleepOut (Nov 22-23), winter Retreat (Dec 6-8), Cookie Walk (Dec 14).

THE SUMMER CAMP HAS COME TO A CLOSE - BUT FALL RETREATS ARE AVAILABLE!



CHECK THEM OUT!!!

Thank you for your prayer support for this year's campers.
God has worked in mighty ways to grow relationships that will last a life time!

PLEASE KEEP THE OVERALL CAMPING PROGRAM AND CAMP STAFF IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of September 2



Monday Psalm 23:4, Genesis 15:1-12

Tuesday 2 Samuel 3:11-19

Wednesday Habakkuk 3:1-7

Thursday Matthew 27:1-10

Friday Philippians 3:17-21

Saturday Rest and Reflect

Sunday ***“Trusting God
in the Deep Valleys”***

LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader John Shellenberger

Acolytes Andrew Smithmyer (8:15), TBD (10:45)

Organist Frank Heberlig

Sound & Media Ken Rapp and Ron Nichols

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter Donna Nichols

Worship Greeter Pam Van Kirk (8:15); Eve Kellenberger (10:45)

Crib/Toddlers: Lora Bourgeois, TBD (8:15); Patti Herring, Janet Almond (10:45)

Wee Worship (10:45) Deb Karns, TBD, Liam Smith

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 LABOR DAY



Enjoy your holiday!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:00 am Little Friends Preschool (LFPS)
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 4:30 pm Independent Living Class
(FH/B003/B004)
- 7:00 pm Hospitality Committee Mtg (B002)
- 7:00 pm Mission Committee Mtg (207)
- 7:00 pm Sound/Media Team Mtg (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 8:00 am LFPS
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am LFPS Parent's Welcome Breakfast
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 9:30 am Covered in Love (FH Café)
- 6:45 pm Evening Bible Study (B004)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (B005)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 8:00 am LFPS
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Morning Bible Study (FH)
- 2:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 5:30 pm Consecration Committee Mtg (207)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal
(Sanctuary/Adult SS Room)
- 6:45 pm Evening Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm SOW Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 8:00 am LFPS
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

There is nothing scheduled at this time.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Summer Sunday School (MP)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm All-Church Picnic (Adventure Park)



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