

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*September 8, 2019*



*“Trusting God in the Deep Valleys”*

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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

### Prelude

### Gathering and Praise

Welcome

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn of Praise

"There's Within My Heart A Melody"

No. 380

*(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)*

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Leader: Friends of God, believe this – God loved the world, God loves the world, we are the beloved!

People: **May the truth of this great love story, shine through our worship today, and renew our sense of calling.**

Leader: So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements; come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings;

**People: Come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.**

Leader: Come, in friendship to God and to each other, and in friendship to the world,  
to listen for God's Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.

**All: Friends of God, let us worship!**

*Hymn of Praise	"Thy Word"	No. 601
Ministry Moment	Bible Sunday	Dawn Fisher, Anna Harris, Lisa Aronson

### Proclamation and Response

Anthem	"Blessed Assurance"	Sounds of Worship
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Scripture Reading (In Unison)	Psalm 23 (KJV)
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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Sermon	"Trusting God in the Deep Valleys"	Pastor Keller
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*Hymn of Praise	"Abide With Me"	No. 700
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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response	"He Leadeth Me"	No. 128 (Refrain)
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\*Offering Prayer

### Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn	"God Will Take Care of You"	No. 130
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\*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 downstairs in the Youth Lounge for the start of our middle school and high school Sunday School program.

### ☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

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

- **NEW STUDY - "FRESH EXPRESSIONS: A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in the Church"** (Room B006) - If you've felt a tugging in your heart to reach new people in new places other than the church, this study is for you! Come to engage in conversation and Bible study that will inspire you to think outside the box to meet people where they are and journey with them toward Jesus. Contact Lisa Aronson or Tina Eaton for more details.
- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) - A class for people of all ages and stages of faith that engages in short-term studies intended to challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. Contact Tina Eaton for more details.
- **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. Contact Jenell Paris or Susanna Brill for more details.
- **FAITHFUL FAMILIES** (Room B005) - 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. Contact Bob Wertz for more details.
- **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussions of Christian principles. Contact Mark or Nancy Rouch for more details.
- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105) - A group of active seniors who focus on studies designed to provide 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. Contact Sue Chilton for more details.
- **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. Contact John Nesbit for more details

*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) or call the church office at 717-766-4611.*



## CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

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

### Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

\*Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Worship Team

\*Praise and Worship

"You Are Good"  
"Goodness, Love, and Mercy"

Ministry Moment

Bible Sunday

Dawn Fisher, Anna Harris,  
Lisa Aronson

\*Praise and Worship

"Lord I Need You"

Prayer

### Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading

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Sermon

"Trusting God in the Deep Valleys"

Pastor Keller

Prayers of the People

The Offering

### Sending Forth

\*Worship Song

"You Never Let Go"

\*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 8, 2019**

**The Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of George and Kathryn Fishel, placed by the VanKirk and Taylor families.

## Lifelong Learner

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 today's bulletin. Walk-in visitors/new class members are welcome in all classes!

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" has started! This 12-week class meets from 6:45-8:00 pm. Workbook cost is \$9.99. Contact Tina Eaton with questions or to sign-up, it's not too late!

**Lunch and Learn Bible Study** with Pastor John begins this Wednesday, 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 next Sunday, 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.

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 [tsu.me/ynd84n](https://tsu.me/ynd84n) or email Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com). More details and class descriptions can be found at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com).

## Praying Follower

**Special Circumstances:** Kathy Chapman

**Recovering at Home:** Donnie Wright

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 next Sunday, 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.

**See You at the Pole** prayer events are happening at schools around the globe on September 25. All are encouraged to attend school events or join us here at the church that day as we cover our Little Friends Preschool, other area schools, all students, teachers, staff, etc. with prayer. Come to the church flagpole on that day at 9:05 am. Prayer will be brief, and "grab and go" breakfast snacks will be available.

## 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 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"        |

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.

A special **Service of Praise & Prayer** will be held on September 29 at 7 pm. All are invited to come and be refreshed as you experience the Good Shepherd's provision, protection and promises!

## 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 [holland1967@gmail.com](mailto:holland1967@gmail.com) for more information.

## Relationship Builder

Our **annual Church Picnic** is TODAY at Adventure Zone Playground Pavilion. 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.

The full **Staff-Parish Relations Committee meeting has been cancelled.** The subcommittee on budget development will meet during that time in the usual place.

**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](mailto: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 in the Fellowship Hall, and at a local restaurant on the odd months. Contact Sandy Walton at

swalton54@comcast.net for any questions.

**The widow/widowers** will dine at Snapper's restaurant Tuesday, September 10th at 5 pm. Please call Bonnie Guyer if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided as needed.

The next **First Connections Gathering** will be held Thursday, September 26th in the Tower Meeting Room (2nd floor children's Sunday School wing). Join us between 1-3pm to simply relax and visit with some First Church friends! Questions or need a ride? Ask Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or call 717-766-4611 x 112.

**Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** begins September 27. There's still time to sign up! The group meets once a month on Fridays from 9:15-11:15 am, and also gathers for play dates, mom's dinner out events and other activities. For more details contact Tina Eaton or Krissy Marshall.

## 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](http://fumchurch.com) or by contacting the church office at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto: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](http://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**— Back in session **TODAY**. All kids ages 3 through 5th grade gather upstairs in room 216 at 9:30 am to begin another awesome year of Sunday School!!

**Kid's Worship** – Kid's Worship (for kids kindergarten through 5th grade) resumes **TODAY** at the 10:45 service after the praise and worship music. We also 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!! We draw the grand prize winner today at the church picnic! See you there!! =)



**Bible Sunday**– TODAY. All 4 year olds and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will receive Bibles during either 8:15 or 10:45 morning services.

**Happy Grandparents Day** - The children's department would like to wish a very happy day to all grandparents!

## **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 TODAY at the church picnic at 3:30 at Adventure Zone.**

**Sunday school kicks off today** - all students meet in the youth lounge.

**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](mailto: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 today.

**Bethesda Mobile Mission** - volunteering opportunity on September 14 at their new earlier time. Sign up at [timetosignup.com/kidscount](http://timetosignup.com/kidscount). (Parents and youth both needed; clearances required for parents).

**Leader Training** - Adult leaders interested in participating in a leaders training on Sept 21 should contact Lisa to sign up.

**4G off-site on Sept 22:** Join us for Impact Rewind at Camp Hill UMC. This worship event is a great way to merge the summer experience into the start of the school year. All are welcome but please RSVP at [timetosignup.com/kidscount](http://timetosignup.com/kidscount)

**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 9



Monday	Psalm 23:4, Isaiah 42:1-9
Tuesday	2 Kings 6:12-23
Wednesday	Haggai 1:12-15, 2:3-5
Thursday	Luke 1:26-37
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:7-19
Saturday	Rest and Reflect
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>“Trusting that God is With Me”</i></b>

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### LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching ..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader ..... Lisa Aronson

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, TBD

Kids Worship (10:45) ..... Linda Shuey, Amy Erno

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## *This Week at First Church*

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 8:00 am LFPS  
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers quilters (FH)
- 6:30 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 6:30 pm Monday night basketball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees (207)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 8:00 pm Youth Monday night football (Off-site)

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- 8:00 am Little Friends Preschool (LFPS)  
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 4:30 pm Independent Living Class  
(FH/B003/B004)
- 6:00 pm Zumba (MP)
- 7:00 pm Deborah Circle (FH Café)

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

- 8:00 am LFPS  
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 9:30 am Covered in Love (FH Café)
- 11:00 am Lunch & Learn Bible Study (125)
- 6:45 pm Evening Bible Study (B004)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

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

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

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

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

- 6:00 pm 4G Service Opportunity - Bethesda Mission

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Youth Worship Practice  
(B024/Sanctuary/Youth Lounge)
- 6:00 pm 4G (Youth Dept)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)



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