

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 15, 2019



"Trusting That God is With Me"

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

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God, the Maker of heaven and earth,

People: He comes to our aid in times of need, and gives us the courage to do what we know is right.

Leader: God invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us, and confess Him alone as Saviour and Lord.

People: This is our God! Let's worship together.

*Hymn of Praise

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 529

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

Affirmation of Faith		No. 883
*Praise Chorus	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	No. 189 (vv. 1 & 4)
*Passing the Peace		
Ministry Moment	Bless Our Schools Sunday	Deb Noss

Proclamation and Response

Anthem	“Trust and Obey” arr. Michael Helman	Handbell Choir
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Scripture Reading (In Unison)		Psalm 23 (NLT)
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The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Sermon	“Trusting That God is With Me”	Pastor Keller
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*Hymn of Praise	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	No. 496
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Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings	“I Surrender Lord” Written by: C. Ovokaitys and M. Austin	Sounds of Worship
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*Offering Response	“Doxology”	No. 95
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*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn	“I Need Thee Every Hour”	No. 397
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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 ☞

- **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 always welcome!

- ***(Postponed until October)* "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. Come join us as we begin a 6 week DVD series led by Andy Stanley called "What Makes You Happy? It's Not What You Expect." He will explore the three things all happy people have in common, and then describe how these things can be realities for all of us. So get ready, we are about to discover what makes us happy! Contact Mark or Nancy Rutch 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 or call the church office at 717-766-4611.



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

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

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*Praise and Worship

"God I Look to You"
"Ever Be"

(Children are dismissed to Wee Worship and Kids Worship)

Ministry Moment

Bless Our Schools Sunday

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*Praise and Worship

"What A Beautiful Name"

Prayer

Proclamation and Response

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Sermon

"Trusting That God is With Me"

Pastor Keller

Prayers of the People

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Worship Song

"Goodness, Love and Mercy"

*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 15, 2019

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of September 11, placed by the Georgianna Braund.

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!

"The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You" is a 13-lesson **Men's Bible Study** on the book of Acts that begins TODAY, 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.

The **Health and Wellness Team** will offer a presentation during the Sunday School hour in the multi-purpose room on September 29th from 9:30-10:30 am. Brenda Barrick from the Carlisle Sleep Center will present on the topic of 'Sleep'!



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

Special Circumstances: Kathy Chapman, Marlin Simmons

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.

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 22 | “Trusting God with Those who Oppose Me” |
| • September 29 | “A Life of Settled Trust in God” |

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** next 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 tholland1967@gmail.com for more information.

Relationship Builder

Extravagant Hospitality hint for September: Fall activities have started and new families will be joining us, please welcome them and make them feel like a part of our family. Hospitality is such a wonderful thing to share. Don’t forget the Food Trucks on the 20th, let’s show the community what we are made of!

Zumba Gold has started back up! 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.

The **Third Friday Food Trucks** are here again this Friday, September 20 from 4:30 - 8 pm. Come for great food, music and community! We can always use help setting up the tables and chairs, starting at 3:00 pm. Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreache@fumchurch.com with questions. Come out and meet our neighbors!

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 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.

Interested in connecting with one of our college freshmen? Consider adopting a student for their college time. Contact Lynn Rapp at minion.youth17@gmail.com for more info.

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!

Handbell **Chicken BBQ tickets** are on sale now. See a bell choir member or sign up at the Information Desk. Date is Saturday, October 12. Cost is \$9 again this year.

Pharmacist David Nesmith will offer **Free Flu Shots** in the multi-purpose room Sunday, October 6 from 9-11 am for anyone age 9 and up. While offered at no cost, please bring your insurance information with you if you have it. Flu shots will also be offered by Sandy Leister on Sunday, November 17th.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School– All kids ages 3 through 5th grade gather upstairs in Room 216 at 9:30 am to join in another awesome school year of Sunday School!!

Kid's Worship –At the 10:45 service, after praise and worship music, for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade. We also have Wee Worship and Nursery for children 6 years and under.

BOOMERANG! – Sunday, September 22, 4 - 5:30 pm. All kids 3rd through 5th grade are welcome! We will be meeting here at the church for a time of fun, fellowship and bringing it back to God!!

Children's Department Newsletter - Are you receiving the awesome Children's Department Newsletter by email? If not, email Dawn Fisher and Anna Harris at kidscount@fumchurch.com to provide your email so you can receive this information packed and super cool Newsletter!

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 is Tonight.** (Come as early at 6:00)

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. **Practice tonight at 5:00.**

Impact Rewind: An off-site 4G event on September 22. Join us at Camp Hill UMC from 6-8 for a night of worship hosted by Salt 'n Light Ministries. Please RSVP at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount if you will be joining us.

See You at the Pole is September 25th. Learn from your school community when and where there is a prayer gathering that morning.

Bethesda Mobile Mission - volunteering opportunity on October 12 at their new earlier time. Sign up at 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.

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).

Important Church Safety/Security Update:

As the church continues to discern and establish safety/security procedures to protect our preschool children, First Church staff and all those who access the church during weekday hours, we are asking for your help in abiding by a new sign-in procedure during weekday hours.

For now, only the office entrance door (by the flagpole) will be unlocked when there are things scheduled in the building. In addition, every person entering the building between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday through Friday will need to sign-in/sign-out at the church office.

The only exception to this will be during normal drop-off/pick-up times for Little Friends Preschool. During these specific times, the Main Entrance will be unlocked so that parents can take their children directly to their classrooms and sign-in/sign-out in their children's classrooms. This is a temporary solution to provide safety/security until a key fob system is installed. Once a key fob system is in place, this policy will be revised and you will be updated.

You do not need to sign-in/sign-out for evening or weekend activities, and this procedure does not apply to our schedule on Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping us in providing safety and security for our preschool children, staff, and all those who access the church during weekday hours.

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



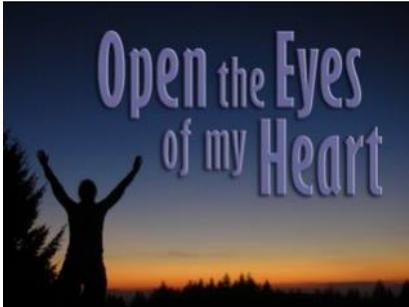
CHECK THEM OUT!!!

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 16



Monday	Psalm 23:5, 1 Samuel 16:5-13
Tuesday	1 Kings 18:7-16
Wednesday	Luke 5:27-39
Thursday	1 Timothy 1:3-11
Friday	2 Peter 2:1-10
Saturday	Rest and Reflect
Sunday	<i>“Trusting God with Those Who Oppose Me”</i>

LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Pastor John Shellenberger (8:15), Lisa Aronson (10:45)
Acolytes Andrew Smithmyer (8:15); TBD (10:45)
Organist Frank Heberlig
Sound & Media Ken Rapp and Roger Walton

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter Sarah Jones
Worship Greeter Marilyn Knott (8:15); TBD (10:45)
Crib/Toddlers Sarah Jones, TBD, Kevin Knott (8:15); Karen Smith, TBD (10:45)
Wee Worship (10:45) Kelley LeVan, Jill Matolyak
Kids Worship (10:45) Dan Wertz, Jenell Paris

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 BLESS OUR SCHOOLS

- 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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 8:00 am LFPS
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/MP)
- 6:30 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 6:30 pm Monday night basketball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 7:00 pm Ad Board Meeting (FH)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:00 pm West Shore Orchestra (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Youth Monday night football (Off-site)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 8:00 am LFPS
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/MP)
- 6:00 pm Zumba (MP)
- 4:30 pm Independent Living Class
(FH/B002/B003)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 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)
- 12:00 pm LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/MP)
- 5:00 pm LFPS Board Meeting (B002)
- 6:45 pm Evening Bible Study (B004)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 8:00 am LFPS
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 1:00 pm Zumba (MP)
- 1:30 pm September Ladies Tea
(Kitchen/Hardwood Café)
- 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)
- 6:30 pm Knit@Nite (Tower Meeting Room)
- 7:00 pm SOW Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 8:00 am LFPS
(118/120/121/122/216/218/219/MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 4:30 pm Third Friday Food Truck (Parking Lot)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9:00 am 4G - Adult Leader Training (off-site)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Boomerang Meeting (212)
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Youth Worship Practice
(B024/Sanctuary/Youth Lounge)
- 6:00 pm 4G Impact Rewind (off-site)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

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