

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

November 17, 2019



"Living the Dream at First Church"

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."

~ 1 Corinthians 3:11

Prelude

Gathering and Praise

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, God is calling us to a new day. The gifts of breath and spirit are ours to enjoy.

People: **How great is the steadfast love of God. Whatever we do, God is righteous and faithful.**

Leader: The past is behind us, and the future is not yet. Today, God declares to us new possibilities.

People: **Through Christ we share in a new covenant. Our eternal inheritance is already evident.**

Leader: God invites us to join in proclaiming justice. We are appointed as bearers of light and love.

People: Our eyes have been open to see others' needs. Our hands and hearts are equipped to help them.

*Opening Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

*Praise Chorus "Father, I Adore You" TFWS No. 2038

Proclamation and Response

Anthem "Bells of Pure Joy" Handbell Choir
arr. Bob Burroughs

The Gospel John 3: 1-17 (CEB)

Anthem "Stepping on the Clouds" Sounds of Worship
arr. Keith Christopher

Sermon "Living the Dream at First Church" Pastor Keller

Consecration of Our Gifts

Music Ministry "Thank You for Giving to the Lord" Trace Morgan

Prayer of Dedication

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response "Doxology" No. 95

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn "We've a Story to Tell the Nations" No. 569

*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 and High School:** Join us upstairs in the multipurpose room for the Ministry and Missions Fair.

☞ Adult Sunday School ☞

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

- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) - A class for people of all ages/stages of faith that engages in short-term studies intended to create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. Currently studying "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado. This study focuses on Philippians 4:4-8, which contains an antidote for anxiety that will help you take control of your thoughts and rest in the peace of God. Contact Tina Eaton for more details.
- **FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE** (B006) - A class that focuses on fellowship and friendship. Class members share in leading reflections on Scripture and discussion of contemporary topics. Currently studying "Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in Church". All are invited to join in this Bible study and conversation! Contact Jenell Paris 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, Jr. for more details.
- **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussion of Christian principles. Come join us as we study about Paul's mission trips to Athens and Corinth through the latest 5 part DVD series led by Ray Vander Laan, titled "Cultures in Conflict". 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 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

Prelude

Introit

"Autumn Carol"

Handbell & Sanctuary Choirs

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Praise and Worship

"O Come to the Altar"

"Holy Spirit"

(Children are dismissed to Wee Worship and Kids Worship)

Proclamation and Response

Liturgical Dance

"A Little Longer"

Courtney Nuss

The Gospel

John 3:1-17 (CEB)

Sermon

"Living the Dream at First Church"

Pastor Keller

Consecration of Our Gifts

Music Ministry

"Thank You for Giving to the Lord"

Trace Morgan

Prayer of Dedication

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Worship Song

"King of My Heart"

*Benediction

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



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

November 17, 2019

The **maché basket** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul S. Brandt, placed by Grace Brandt and family.

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lance and beloved ones placed by Larry and Judi Buddenbaum and family.

Lifelong Learner

All are invited to a special **Cru mission presentation** on December 1 from 9:30 - 10:30 am in the multipurpose room! Come to hear from Matt and LeeAnn Herring, Jenna Mengle and Graham Bowen regarding their overseas mission and their work to connect people to Jesus at West Chester, Eastern and Cheyney Universities.

Praying Follower

Is there someone you are praying for or haven't seen at church for a while? Is there someone in our church family celebrating a special anniversary or birthday? Someone you want to thank or someone who is sick? Visit the **new card carousel** at the Welcome Center display, pick out a card and send it off with your caring thoughts today!

Passionate Worshipper

Current Worship Sermon Series - "Living the Dream" - The American Dream is a dream of financial prosperity and success, as well as upward social mobility for our children and grandchildren. Being prosperous and successful is not wrong, but Jesus calls us to a dream far bigger and more compelling than the dream of just accumulating more stuff. John Wesley gave simple advice on how to use money in ways that honor God and help God's big dream become a reality. "Gain all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." In this series, we're going to focus on Wesley's principles on money as we commit ourselves to God's dream in and through our church. All are invited to join us on this journey!

TODAY

Living the Dream at First Church

(Consecration Sunday)

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service next Sunday at 4:00 pm. Fellowship with other Rejoicers in the multipurpose room following the service.

If you are grieving this holiday season and missing your loved ones or experiencing loss of any kind, please join us for a **Service of Remembrance and Hope** on December 1st at 7pm. During this time we will gather to remember and honor the memory of cherished family and friends. Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 for more information.

Did you ever wonder why the **acolyte** lights candles at the beginning of each service and carries it out at the end? “Jesus said: ‘I am the light of the world’” (John 8:12). Light in the form of a flame is carried into the church sanctuary to symbolize the entrance of Christ’s light into the place of worship. At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. Would you like to help carry on this important tradition of the church? Please contact Gavin Smith at KarenSLP925@gmail.com or 717-579-2557 for more information.

Dedicated Missionary

All are invited to attend First UMC’s **Church Conference** on Sunday, November 24 in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate our mission and ministry in 2019 and plan for “Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors” in 2020.

Scrip Fundraiser for Sierra Leone now through November. Purchase gift cards to the following places and a percentage will go to the Missions Team’s March 2020 trip: Cracker Barrel, Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse, Papa John’s, Panera, Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse, Giant, Weis, Bass Pro, Boscov’s, Harry & David, Marshall’s/TJ Maxx/Home Goods, Ross, Stein Mart. Thank you in support of our sister church! The next order date is **TODAY**, so you have plenty of time to decide what gift cards you’d like for Thanksgiving. Delivery will be Sunday, November 24.

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

Attention Veterans! In seeking information for our First Church Honor Wall (located at the Frederick Street entrance), we are asking for all past and present Veterans (and their family members) to visit the display outside the multipurpose room and enter the following information in our Ledger: Name, Dates of Service, and Branch of Military. Thank you for helping us give our Veterans the honor they so deserve! If you have questions or a Veteran picture to share, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4166, ext. 112.

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.

Did you miss the chance to receive or accidentally misplace your Contact Information Update form? Additional copies can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Forms are due to the church office by November 17th. We appreciate your help as we update our records in order to better serve everyone at First Church.

Generous Giver

Sandy Leister R.N. with Visiting Nurse Association of Central Pa will be offering **flu shots** during the Mission fair **TODAY** from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Multipurpose Room to anyone over the age of 18. Several primary medical insurances will be accepted and billed for the cost of the shot including Medicare B, GHP, GHP Gold, Humana Gold, and Humana Gold PPO. If you do not have any of the listed insurances the cost for the flu shot is \$40 (cash or check).

Calling all bakers! The youth are in need of cookies for the annual Cookie Walk on December 14th. Please help us with this youth mission trip fundraiser and fill out a cookie donation sheet found in the main lobby. Let us know **TODAY** if you can help.

The **UMW World Thank Offering** will be collected during the 8:15 and 10:45 am worship services on November 24. This offering supports the mission of United Methodist Women around the world! Special baskets will be used to collect the offering.

A **Mission Meal**, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, will take place after the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, November 24 in Fellowship Hall. Donations for the meal will support women, children and youth in our local community. Takeout is available after Sunday School. The meal will consist of Barbeque, chips, carrots and brownies. All are welcome!

Pies for Thanksgiving are being made once again by our Handbell Choir on Saturday, November 23rd. Pumpkin, Mincemeat, and Apple (crumb or double crust topping) are being made. Order yours now from a Handbell Choir member or at the Information Desk Sign-up book. Thank you!

Soup still needed for the Sleep Out for the Homeless. Sign up online at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount to provide soup for the event.

The **Neighborhood Center Angel Tree** is out and this year we have three families with a total of eight children. Take an ornament and bring back the gift unwrapped by December 8th. If there is a large gift, Sunday School classes or groups can go together for a gift. There will be a bin in the hall beside the tree to deposit your gifts. Thank you for blessing these children with your gifts.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesday- November 20th, 4:45pm-7:00pm. *Dinner:* Meatball Subs, Grapes, Salad Bar and Cookies. *The Big Idea:* God is sovereign and worthy of our praise.

Wanted: Recycled Gifts – For our Wonderful Wednesday Christmas Shop. If you have mugs, candles, ornaments, or other small gift items, please drop them off in the tower hallway by Sunday, December 1st. Thank you!

Night in Bethlehem—Sunday, December 8th, 4:00-4:45pm preview for special needs families; 5:15-7:30pm for all families. Families are invited to come and experience life as it was when Jesus was born.

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".

Join us Sunday evenings 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 meets tonight)

Next Week at 4G we are planning to go see “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”. Watch Remind and your emails for information.

Monday Night Football: meets from 8-10 at Mark and Cherry Mengle’s house on Monday nights.

Cookie Walk - Sign up **BY TODAY** to help us make cookies for the Cookie Walk on Dec 14. If each youth would bake we would have the cookies we need! Sign up in the main lobby. Also sign up to help the day of www.timetosignup.com/kidscount

Missed signing up for the Winter Retreat? Contact Lisa if still interested in attending with us on Dec 6-8.

Zeteo: Still interested in attending this winter high school conference Jan 30-Feb 2? The next deadline to register is December 22nd.

Mission Trip: Are you interested in being a part of the summer 2020 youth mission team serving in Harrisburg from June 28-July 3? If so grab an information packet and registration form today. Deadline is Dec 15.

Sleep Out for the Homeless is this weekend (Nov 22-23). Arrive on Friday, bring a box, leave electronics at home, dress warm, bring an item for the little pantry & bring a gallon milk jug for collecting money.

Adult Help for Sleep Out for the Homeless: We need your help! Stay after church **TODAY** to help set up fencing and sign up online to help during the weekend (timetosignup.com/kidscount).

Dates to Keep in Mind: Confirmation Retreat #2 (Jan 10&11), Spring Retreat (April 17-19)

Keeping the Flame Alive!



In our most recent sermon series, "Revive," Pastor Denny shared 2 Timothy 1:6: "I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you. . ." and he challenged each of us to discover and/or revive our Spiritual Gifts. If you have not taken a **Spiritual Gifts survey**, simply go to Ministrymatters.com, set up your account, and complete the assessment to create your personalized Spiritual Gifts/Ministry Profile. If you prefer to do this on paper, you are invited to pick up a Spiritual Gifts Survey at the Welcome Center display. Plan to complete your assessment, then attend the **Ministry & Missions Fair on**

November 17th between 9:15 – 10:45 am in the multipurpose room. There you will discover many ways to use your Spiritual Gifts for God's glory through the ministries and missions of First Church and beyond! If you have questions, please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com. May you continue to keep the flame of God's gift alive!

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 during the daytime. 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.

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.

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of November 18



Monday	Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Tuesday	Psalms 103
Wednesday	Luke 1:68-79
Thursday	Colossians 1:11-20
Friday	Luke 23:44-49
Saturday	Rest and Reflect
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>“Christ the King”</i>

LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Greg Harris
Acolytes TBD
Accompanist Karen Philp
Sound & Media Michael Garman and Ken Rapp (8:15 & 10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Greeter Marilyn Knott (8:15), TBD (10:45)
Crib/Toddlers: Pam Van Kirk, Kevin Knott (8:15); Karen Smith, TBD (10:45)
Wee Worship (10:45) Kelly LeVan, Jill Matolyak
Kids Worship (10:45) Dan Wertz, Jenell Paris

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 CONSECRATION SUNDAY

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:15 am Ministry and Missions Fair (MP)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Youth Worship Practice
(B024/Sanctuary/Youth Lounge)
- 6:15 pm 4G Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Squares and Prayers Quilting (FH)
- 11:30 am LFPS - Lunch Bunch (MP/120)
- 6:30 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 7:00 pm West Shore Symphony Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Youth Monday Night Football (Offsite)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 11:30 am LFPS - Lunch Bunch (MP/120/218)
- 4:30 pm Independent Living Class
(FH/B003/B004)
- 5:15 pm Zumba Fitness (MP/B003)
- 6:00 pm Softball Practice
- 6:00 pm Women's Retreat Planning Mtg (207)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 9:30 am Covered in Love (FH Café)
- 11:30 am LFPS Photos with Santa (123/216)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (MP/120)
- 4:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday (various)
- 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 Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Morning Bible Study (FH)
- 11:00 am LFPS Soccer Shots (MP)
- 11:30 am LFPS Photos with Santa (123/216)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (MP/120)
- 1:00 pm Zumba (MP)
- 1:00 pm First Connections Gathering
(Tower Meeting Room)
- 2:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 6:30 pm Knit@Nite (Tower Meeting Room)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm SOW Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 8:30 am MOPS Fitness (MP)
- 9:15 am MOPS Childcare (118/120/121)
- 9:15 am MOPS (Hardwood Café/MP)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 2:00 pm Handbell Pies (FH/Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Sleep Out

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 7:00 am Handbell Pies (FH/Kitchen)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:15 am Ministry and Missions Fair (MP)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm World Thank Offering & Mission Meal
(FH/Kitchen)
- 12:00 pm OCC Box Collection
(Sanctuary/Parking Lot)
- 1:00 pm Church Conference (FH)
- 6:00 pm 4G (Offsite)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

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