

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

November 24, 2019



"Come and See"

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 & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your heads! Rise up!

All: So the glorious king can enter in.

Leader: Who is this glorious king?

All: The Lord who is strong and powerful.

Leader: Lift up your heads! Rise up!

All: So the glorious king can enter in.

Leader: Who is this glorious king?

All: He is the Lord of Victory, armed and ready for battle, the Mighty One, the invincible commander of heaven's hosts! Yes, he is the King of Glory! Pause in his presence.

*Opening Hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns" No. 327
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and Holy God, we confess that although we willingly say that "Jesus is King," we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our hearts' cry. Grant us the courage and humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. May our knees forever bow only to you. Through your son, the King of Kings and Lord of Lord, Amen.

*Praise Chorus "His Name is Wonderful" No. 174

*Passing the Peace

Celebration of Baptism Jaxon and Tanner Schmuck

Proclamation and Response

Anthem "A Perfect Heart" Women of Light
 arr. Tom Fettke

The Gospel John 1: 35-50 (CEB)

Sermon "Come and See" Lisa Aronson

*Worship Song "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 694

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Moment UMW World Thank Offering Lori Hoffnagle

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response "Doxology" No. 94

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn "He Lives" No. 310

*Blessing

**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!

- **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 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."

Gathering and Praise

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

*Praise and Worship

"The Heart of Worship"

"Calling on Fire"

"Build My Life"

*Passing the Peace

(Children are dismissed to Wee Worship and Kids Worship)

Proclamation and Response

The Gospel

John 1:35-50 (CEB)

Sermon

"Come and See"

Lisa Aronson

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

UMW World Thank Offering

Lori Hoffnagle

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Worship Song

"Raise a Hallelujah"

*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 24, 2019

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

Lifelong Learner

New Bible Reading Plans for Advent are available at the Welcome Center display. Pick yours up today! Need a bible? You can also pick one up at the display. Large-print versions are available.

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.

Three new 4-week Advent studies are being offered - all are welcome to attend!

- **The Redemption of Scrooge** - based on the Charles Dickens story, "A Christmas Carol" this study explores the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits from a Christian faith perspective. Begins December 8 in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.
- **Light of the World** - Biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, the Magi and more! Begins December 8 in room B006 during the Sunday School hour.
- **Let Heaven and Nature Sing** - a mid-day "Lunch & Learn" with Pastor John, based on our Advent sermon series. Come to study, then enjoy a "dutch treat" lunch. Look in next week's bulletin for more details.

Praying Follower

Recovering at Home: Gail Leinhos, Roger Walton

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

New Sermon Series for Advent - "Heaven and Nature Sing" - a sermon series based on the beloved Christmas classic, "Joy to the World", which is turning 300 years old this year! Receiving Divine inspiration for these lyrics from Psalm 98, composer Isaac Watts calls us to sing a "new song" in celebration of the coming of the Lord into the world. Come to discover the depths of JOY we proclaim whenever we sing these ancient words!

December 1	1st Sunday of Advent	“Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy”
December 8	2nd Sunday of Advent	“Repeat the Sounding Joy: Loving Joy”
December 15	3rd Sunday of Advent	“Make the Blessing Known: Unabashed Joy”
December 22	4th Sunday of Advent	“Make the Nations Prove: Peaceful Joy”
December 24	Christmas Eve	“The Lord is Come: Incarnate Joy”
December 29	1st Sunday after Christmas	“Wonders of His Love: Compassionate Joy”

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service TODAY 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.

LFPS invites all church members to its annual **Christmas Concert** featuring the angelic voices of all the little children of our school, from age 18 months through age 5 years! Thursday, December 19th, 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Come support our Little Friends as they lift up their voices to praise God’s name!

[Dedicated Missionary](#) 

All are invited to attend First UMC’s **Church Conference** TODAY 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.

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.

The Sierra Leone Mission Team still has a few “Together in Taiama 2020” t-shirts left. The sign up form is in the binder at the Welcome Desk, or ask a member for one.

[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.

2020 Women's Retreat - February 7-9!! "Becoming a Woman of Excellence".... Join us for a weekend filled with fellowship, fun, food and faith! Registration form is available on the church website, in the church newsletter and at the narthex display. Early bird deadline is 12/31/19. Regular deadline is 1/19/20. Questions? Contact Patti Herring at familyzeke@verizon.net.

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](#)

The **UMW World Thank Offering** will be collected during the 8:15 and 10:45 am worship services TODAY. 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 TODAY 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!

Don't forget to pick up your pie if you didn't get it yesterday.

Calling all bakers! The youth are still 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.

Women's Retreat and the SCRIP Program: Need a gift idea, think of the SCRIP gift card program and benefit the Women's Retreat! For the months of December and January, proceeds from the following gift card purchases will benefit the retreat: Applebee's, Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse, Cracker Barrel, Dunkin' Donuts, Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse, Red Lobster, Panera Bread, Red Robin, Subway, Texas Roadhouse, and TGI Friday's. The SCRIP box and order forms are located near the coffee prep area (main hallway, turn right, immediate left on the wall near the stairwell). Thanks for your support!

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.

The **New Hope Ministries** Christmas tree is in the Narthex. You are invited to take an ornament, shop, and return the unwrapped gift to the box along side the Christmas tree.

LFPS is currently having a **Sub/Pretzel Sandwich sale and a Soup sale** through December 3. Grab some easy dinner options to get your family through the busy holiday season! Order forms for each sale are in the binder at the Welcome Desk. Delivery of both items (R&K subs and frozen Country View Grocery soups) will be Tuesday, December 10, after 11 am. Make checks out to LFPS and place in the tuition lockbox located near the sofas in the Children's Wing lobby.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesday- November 27th, NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY. We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for all of you!

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 is offsite tonight**)

4G Movie Attendees - For those who RSVP tickets, meet tonight at AMC Camp Hill at 5:45 (transportation leaving from the church at 5:30).

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

Cookie Walk - Sign up to help sell cookies at the Cookie Walk on December 14 at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount

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.

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

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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 25



Monday	Isaiah 2: 1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 122: 1-5
Wednesday	Psalm 122: 6-9
Thursday	Romans 13: 11-14
Friday	Matthew 24: 36-44
Saturday	Rest and Reflect
Sunday	<i>“Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy”</i>

LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Lisa Aronson

Worship Leader Pastor Dennis Keller

Acolytes TBD

Accompanist Sarah Pugh

Sound & Media Bob Bittenbender and Jim Murdoch (8:15); Holly Kurten and Jim Murdoch (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Greeter TBD

Crib/Toddlers: Kelly King, TBD (8:15); Shelli Spencer, TBD (10:45)

Wee Worship (10:45) Brandy Zimmerman, Vicky Shambaugh, Jake O’Leary

Kids Worship (10:45) Tracy and Bob Wertz, Norma Bingham

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 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)
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:45 pm 4G (Offsite)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Squares and Prayers Quilting (FH)
- 11:00 am LFPS Staff Meeting (various)
- 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 26

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 11:30 am LFPS - Lunch Bunch (MP/120/218)
- 5:30 pm Worship Staff Meeting (207)
- 6:00 pm Softball Practice

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Happy Thanksgiving weekend!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

There is nothing scheduled at this time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am CRU Mission Update Presentation
(MP)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Youth Worship Practice
(B024/Sanctuary/Youth Lounge)
- 6:15 pm 4G Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 7:00 pm Service of Remembrance and Hope
(Sanctuary)

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