

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*January 12, 2020*



***“How God Blesses Broken Hearts”***

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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

Introit

"Siyahamba"

Sounds of Worship

Celebration of Ministry

\*Congregational Response

Romans 5: 3-5, 10-11

Leader: Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you.



## 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. 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. 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) - Beginning January 5, join us as Adam Hamilton leads us through a six part DVD journey by taking an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter - Flawed But Faithful Disciple. 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

Celebration of Ministry

\*Congregational Response

\*Praise and Worship

"To Our God"

"Good, Good Father"

"Just As I Am"

*(Children are dismissed to Wee Worship and Kids Worship)*

\*Passing the Peace

### Proclamation and Response

\*Scripture Reading

John 11: 1-4, 20-27, 32-35, 38-44 (CEB)

Sermon

"How God Blesses Broken Hearts"

Pastor Denny

Prayers of the People

The Offering

### Sending Forth

\*Worship Song

"It Is Well"

\*Benediction

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



## First News First

Weekly Edition

*Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors*

**January 12, 2020**

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. C. Richard and Pauline G. Brandt, placed by C. Richard Brandt.

### Lifelong Learner

**Looking for new ways to grow closer to Christ in 2020?** Pick up your copy of our **Bible reading plan** at the Welcome Center display today! Need a Bible? Simply pick one up at the display. Large-print versions are available.

We have several Bible studies being offered this winter and all are invited to participate!

- The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You - A men's Bible study on the book of Acts is being led by Ken Guise and David Mengle in room 207. Class is ongoing and you can jump in at any time. No sign up required. Begins at 6:15 pm and runs 60-75 minutes.
- BEYOND Suffering - A course created to transform the way we view God's plan for disability and suffering. Held under the sanctuary balcony Monday evenings from 6:15-7:45 pm beginning January 20. 8-week course, taught by Lisa Wickenheiser, includes a trip to "Finding the Forgotten" exhibit in Mountville, PA. Cost for workbook is \$35. Contact Tina Eaton for details or to register.
- Jesus: Understanding His Death and Resurrection – A study of Mark, chapters 14-16. 6-week, no homework study, led by Juanita and Ken Guise, begins January 26. Will be held Sundays 9:30 – 10:30 am in room B006. See details and sign up at the Welcome Center display. Cost of workbook is just \$5.00.
- Alpha – Come each week over this 10-week class to discuss the biggest questions of life and faith, and talk about how to share the truth of Jesus with others. See details and sign up at the Welcome Center display. No cost for this study. Three class times are being offered:
  - Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 am in B004. Begins January 26. Led by Tina Eaton
  - Wednesday mid-day 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Begins January 29. Led by Pastor John Shellenberger (plus dutch-treat lunch to follow for those who are interested.)
  - Wednesday evening 6:45-8:00 pm. Begins January 29. Led by Pastor Dennis Keller
- The Savior of Sinners – A study of Luke, chapters 17-24. 7-week study, led by Juanita Guise, will begin in early February. Thursday morning and evening classes will be available. Workbook cost is \$15.75. See details and sign up at the Welcome Center display.

## Praying Follower

**Recovering at Home:** Victor Norris

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 **card carousel** at the Welcome Center display, pick out a card and send it off with your caring prayers and thoughts today!

## Passionate Worshipper

Check out our **current worship sermon series** "The Beatitudes: Keys to a Blessed Life" where we are learning about the vision of Jesus for living a life of joy and fulfillment. We will explore each of the eight keys Jesus gives us in Matthew 5:3-12, as we dig into what many have called the greatest sermon ever preached. See below for more information!

**The Beatitudes: Keys to a Blessed Life**  
**TODAY:** How God Blesses Broken Hearts  
**Jan 19:** The Strength of Gentleness  
**Jan 26:** Youth Sunday  
**Feb 2:** Why You Need to Stay Hungry  
**Feb 9:** Your Ministry of Mercy  
**Feb 16:** God Blesses a Heart of Integrity  
**Feb 23:** How to Reconcile a Relationship

Want to familiarize yourself with some new music for our **youth Sunday service** on January 26th? Check out the Spotify play list posted on our social media accounts.

**Sounds of Worship** choir begins rehearsals on Thursday, January 9 at 7pm in the Music Room. Why not join us this year as we praise our Lord in song!

**Handbell rehearsals** begin Monday, January 20th at 6:30 pm in the Music Room. New members are always welcome. Contact Kathie Bittenbender with any questions.

**Sanctuary Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday January 15 at 8pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome! Contact Sarah Pugh if interested.

**Worship Band** rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. If you feel called to lead in song with instruments or voice, contact Trace Morgan or Sarah Pugh.

The **Sound & Media team** is searching for more volunteers to be a part of the sound & media rotation schedule! Previous experience with the sound board or projection is not required-- training is included. Contact Roger Walton if interested.

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.

**Feminine Hygiene Sewing Day is January 18th** (previous date on page 8 of the January newsletter is incorrect). We will start at 8:30 and work until afternoon so bring a packed lunch. It would be helpful to bring sharp sewing scissors, quilt mats, rulers, and rotary cutters, your sewing machine or serger machine. Even if you don't sew, there is a lot of cutting that needs to be done. More fabric is always welcome. Contact Donna Nichols to let her know if you will be attending or for more information. Thank you!

## Relationship Builder

**Need your clearances updated for serving in the children or youth department?** On January 12 and 19 a notary will be available in the main lobby after both services and during the Sunday School hour to notarize forms for those exempt from FBI fingerprinting. Those exempt from this portion of the clearance requirements are any non-paid staff/volunteer who has lived consecutively in the state of Pennsylvania for at least 10 years (out of state college is not an exception). Please bring a valid form ID to complete this portion of your clearances.

**The widows/widowers fellowship** will dine at Gilligan's restaurant on Tuesday, January 14th at 11:30am. If you plan on attending, please call Bonnie Guyer at 717-766-0145 to reserve a seat. Transportation will be provided upon request.

**What? Soupy Saturday. When? Saturday, January 25 at 9am. Where? FUMC Kitchen. Who? You!** If you enjoy cooking, please join us in the church kitchen to cook-up some delicious soup and muffins to share with a friend, neighbor, or homebound church member! Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112

If you live with ongoing health challenges, we invite you to a new, spiritually-grounded support group, **Joy in the Morning**. The group will meet at FUMC (room 105) on the second Monday of each month from 3:30-4:30pm beginning January 13th. All participants will receive the book, ***With the Dawn Rejoicing***. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen will co-facilitate. For more information, contact Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717766-4611 x112.

**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](mailto:minion.youth17@gmail.com) for more info.

**2020 Women's Retreat - February 7-9!**

**2020 Men's Retreat - March 6-8!**

## Generous Giver

**Giving a Gift Card?** Why not use our *scrip* program? Order forms are in the coffee narthex. Next order date is January 19th, with gift cards to be delivered January 25th. When you purchase your gift cards through us, the church gets the profits - right now the Women's Retreat is benefiting from many of the purchases. Why stand in line at the store when we can get them for you?!



**The Handbell Choir** is once again making pies for Presidents Day on February 15th. Order your apple or cherry pies today from a bell choir member or at the Welcome Desk book. Thank you!

## **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Boomerang** – TODAY from 4:00pm-5:30pm! All 3rd through 5th graders are welcome! We will meet in the gathering area by the couches for an afternoon of games and fellowship! Any questions contact Anna Harris or Dawn Fisher.

**Wonderful Wednesday**- Resumes January 22nd at 4:45pm. Ages 3 through 6th grade. Join us once again to see if the Pirate Squirrels or the Space Ninjas will take home to Wig of Walamazoo!! Registrations available at the children's display area for new enrollees. Any questions contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

**Are your clearances up to date?** - Anyone who works with our children and youth in any capacity will need to update their clearances. Instructions on how to do this are located on our website <https://fumchurch.com/children/safe-sanctuaries-information/>. Please see Dawn Fisher, Anna Harris or Lisa Aronson with any questions.

## **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.)

**Youth Sunday:** practice tonight (for music, drama, and dance) at 5:00 (bring dinner if needed)

**Weather Cancelations** - if a youth specific event is being cancelled due to weather related conditions watch for an email and a remind text, and check 4G social media platforms (Instagram and Facebook) for notifications.

**Monday Night Film:** join others for the viewing of the series "Chosen" as we explore the life of Christ. Begins in February.

**Zeteo:** If you missed the deadline for turning in a form, please contact Lynn Rapp ASAP regarding your interest in attending and room availability.

**Mission Trip:** Did you miss the deadline for the 2020 Harrisburg Mission Trip (June 28-July 3)? Forms will still be received but will be dependent on if there are still spaces available. Please turn in forms ASAP.

**Confirmation Trip:** this years trip will be a weekend mini service mission with the Philadelphia Project May 1-3. Please fill out a form today so we can register for spots. Due Feb 9th.

**2020 Youth Calendar** now available in the youth form area.

**Battleball:** forms are now available for the February 23rd tournament are now available and due February 16th.

**Meet Caroline!** Caroline Barsom is a senior Youth Ministry major from Messiah College who will be offering leadership to the Youth Department during Lisa's maternity leave. Continue to email [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com) for youth related questions and information. (Lynn Rapp will also be available to help in fielding questions.)

**Dates to Keep in Mind:** Spring Retreat (April 17-19), Confirmation Trip (May 1-3), Grateful Grad and Senior Show Down (May 17), Confirmation (May 31), Impact (July 29-Aug 2)

## Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of January 12



### *Sunday      “How God Blesses Broken Hearts”*

Monday	Psalm 34
Tuesday	John 11: 33-37
Wednesday	Romans 12: 5-15
Thursday	2 Corinthians 4: 7-18
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

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### **LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP**

Preaching ..... Rev. Dennis Keller  
Worship Leader ..... Rev. John Shellenberger  
Acolytes ..... TBD  
Organist ..... Caleb Flick  
Sound & Media ..... Ken Rapp & Fred Espenshade (8:15 & 10:45)

### **SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP**

Greeter ..... TBD (8:15); Brandy Zimmerman (10:45)  
Crib/Toddlers: ..... Merri Shellenberger, Sandy Walton (8:15); Marcia Espenshade, Nadine Ogden (10:45)  
Wee Worship (10:45) ..... Karen Hutter, Sarah Allison, Brady Harris  
Kids Worship (10:45) ..... Linda Shuey, Amy Erno

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## *This Week at First Church*

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm Leadership Luncheon (FH)
- 4:30 pm Boomerang Mtg (212)
- 5:00 pm Youth Worship Practice (B024/  
Sanctuary/Youth Lounge)
- 6:15 pm 4G Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 13**

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers (FH)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/ MP)
- 3:30 pm Health Challenges Support Group  
(105)
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees (207)
- 7:00 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:45 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/ MP)
- 4:30 pm Independent Living Class (FH/B003/  
B004)
- 6:00 pm Women's Retreat Planning Mtg  
(B002)
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg (B002)
- 7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Mtg  
(207)
- 7:00 pm Deborah Circle Mtg (Hardwood Café)

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/ MP)
- 5:00 pm LFPS Board Mtg (B002)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary)

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/ MP)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Fitness (MP)
- 2:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary/B024)

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (2016)

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

- 8:00 am Feminine Hygiene Sewing Kit Day  
(FH/Kitchen)

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

- 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)
- 6:15 pm 4G Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study

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