

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*February 9, 2020*



*“Your Ministry of Mercy”*

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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 and Announcements

\*Passing the Peace

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: **Let us bow down before our Maker!**

Leader: Let us tell of his love and his greatness!

People: **Let us sing of all he has done!**

\*Opening Hymn                      "Great is Thy Faithfulness"                      No. 140

*(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)*

Affirmation of Faith                      The Apostle's Creed                      No. 881

\*Praise Chorus                      "Jesus We Are Here"                      TFWS No. 2273

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

### Proclamation and Response

Anthem	"Savior, Healer, Friend"	Sounds of Worship
*Gospel Reading		Matthew 18: 21-35 (NRSV)
Sermon	"Your Ministry of Mercy"	Pastor Denny

Prayer of Confession

**People:** I think I am a pretty good person, Lord, until I come into the sanctuary. Then I realize how many things are wrong in my life. Many of my values have been confused with the world's values. I have cared more about a good appearance than a pure heart. I have sought riches and security instead of treasures in heaven. I have desired the praise and admiration of others more than a "Well done, good and faithful servant." Here in the community of faith I realize the emptiness of my life without you. Forgive me, O Lord, and help me make it up to you. Let the meditations of my heart and the actions of my daily life become acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

**Leader:** God is not a tyrant who desires the suffering of his people.

**People:** God is a loving parent who wishes only the best for his children.

**Leader:** His desire for us is that we turn from our sin and discover the fullness of life in Christ.

**People:** He hears us when we pray, and restores us to newness of life.

**Leader:** Therefore, we praise his name and give thanks for his mercy. Amen.

*Hymn of Response	"Freely, Freely"	No. 389
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Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offering Response	"Great is Thy Faithfulness" Refrain	No. 140
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Offering Prayer

### Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn	"My Hope is Built"	No. 368
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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!**

- **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) - Come join Andy Stanley as he leads us through a 6 part DVD study series called "Irresistible: Reclaiming the New that Jesus Unleashed for the World". Find out what made the first century Christians' message so compelling, so defensible, so irresistible. Contact Mark or Nancy Routch 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

\*Praise and Worship

"Furious"

"O Come to the Altar"

"Lord I Need You"

Prayers of the People

*(Children are dismissed for Wee Worship and Kid's Worship)*

### Proclamation and Response

\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 18: 21-35 (NRSV)

Sermon

"Your Ministry of Mercy"

Pastor Denny

Prayer of Confession

The Offering

### Sending Forth

\*Worship Song

"Cornerstone"

\*Benediction

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



# First News First

Weekly Edition

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

**February 9, 2020**

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

## Lifelong Learner

Looking for new ways to grow closer to Christ? 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. Class is ongoing and you can jump in at any time. Meets in room 207, begins at 6:15 pm and runs 60-75 minutes. Questions? Contact Ken Guise.
- **Alpha** – Drop in anytime to discuss the biggest questions of life and faith, and talk about how to share the truth of Jesus with others. No cost for this study. Three class times are being offered:
  - **Sunday morning** 9:30-10:30 am in B004. Runs through March 29. Led by Tina Eaton
  - **Wednesday mid-day** 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Runs through April 1. Led by Pastor John Shellenberger (plus dutch-treat lunch to follow for those who are interested.)
  - **Wednesday evening** 6:45-8:00 pm. Runs through April 1. 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 late February/early March. 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:** George Carpenter, Joan Mains, Tracy Rainelli, Harry Woods

**Special Circumstances:** Janet Fertenbaugh

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! A card mailing list is also available there for your reference.

## 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!

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

**The Beatitudes: Keys to a Blessed Life**

**TODAY:** Your Ministry of Mercy

**Feb 16:** God Blesses a Heart of Integrity

**Feb 23:** How to Reconcile a Relationship

## 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](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com) for more information.

## Relationship Builder

If you live with ongoing health challenges, we invite you to a new, spiritually-grounded support group, **Joy in the Morning**. We meet Monday, February 10th (room 105) from 3:30-4:30 pm. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen will co-facilitate, drawing upon readings from the book, [With the Dawn Rejoicing](#). For more information, contact Janice (717-766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com))

The **widow/widower fellowship** will dine at Snapper’s Restaurant Tuesday, February 11th at 11:30 am. If you plan on attending, please call Bonnie Guyer. Transportation will be provided upon request.

**Free Tax Service:** Mission Central and Messiah Village are offering free tax preparation through AARP. Church member, Rick Herring is a volunteer with this program. If you are interested in using this service, call Mission Central at 717-766-1533 or Messiah Village at 717-790-8207. Time slots are filling up quickly!

**2020 Men’s Retreat - March 6-8 at Wesley Forest!** Pick up a registration form in the Narthex today!

**Senior Fellowship** - All seniors are invited to enjoy a casual time of fellowship in the round table

area of the sanctuary (Hardwood Café) on Tuesday, February 18 from 1-3 pm. Mr. Vincent Onomastico (from Beltone) will present information on hearing loss. Please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for more information.

## Generous Giver

**Last day to order your pie!** The handbell choirs will be baking again Saturday, February 15th - Apple and Cherry pies. Order yours now from a bell choir member or at the Info desk book. Be sure to tell us what topping you want (crumb or crust) and if it should be baked or frozen. Pick up time is 12-2 pm on February 15th.

**Little Friends Sub/Sandwich sale:** Order your R&K Sub or Sandwich at the Info Desk book. Delivery is for Monday, February 24th at 11:00 am.

**Day of Pampering** is coming soon. Many hands make preparation go much quicker. Decorating will be done on Thursday, February 27th and Friday, February 28th. If you have any time during those days to lend a hand, please do not hesitate to come and help. No experience needed! Contact Judi Buddenbaum at 717-805-2296 for more information.

**Little Friends** is getting ready for its annual **Craft & Vendor Show** on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 9am-1pm. We are now accepting submissions from vendors – so if you have arts or crafts that you would like to showcase, or a homebased business, please contact Maria at [lfns@fumchurch.com](mailto:lfns@fumchurch.com) for an application (applications are also available online at [littlefriendspreschool.org](http://littlefriendspreschool.org).) Please come out on March 7th to explore all the vendors, crafts, art and grab some coffee and a snack at our bake sale!

## **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BOOMERANG** – TODAY from 4:00pm-5:30pm! All 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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**- February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:45pm, multi-purpose room. *Big Idea:* The Ten Commandments show us how to love others. *Menu:* Baked Pasta with Sauce, Applesauce, Salad Bar and Ice Cream Treat.

**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 or Anna Harris with any questions.

**Items Needed**- MOPS Kids are in need of small jars with lids. (Ex. baby food jars or small peanut butter jar, small jelly jars, etc). If you can help please see Amber Robinson or Dawn Fisher.

## **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".

**Weather Cancellations** - 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.

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

**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.)**

**Monday Night Film:** join others for the viewing of the series “Chosen” as we explore the life of Christ. We will start February 10th.

**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 TODAY.**

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

**Spring Retreat:** Our spring retreat will be held April 17-19th. Forms are now available in the youth form area. Due March 29th.

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



**CAMP and RETREAT Registration is now OPEN!!**

These events are for ALL ages and stages.

**Awesome MARCH Retreats kick off the season!**

**March 4** Mount Asbury in Newville

(Seniors Ages 55+: Spring Concert)

**March 19-22** Wesley Forest

(Women 18+: Quilt Retreat)

**March 20-22** Greene Hills

(Women 18+: God's Daughters Spring Retreat)

Get your registrations in now for this season's wonderful life-changing experiences!

Brochures and registration information can be found in the lobby narthex area.

Remember to sign up early for the up coming Summer Camps.

First church will pay for half camp fees upon request.

*NOTE: Please provide registration confirmations to the camp coordinators so that everyone receives a prayer partner.*

## Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of February 9



### ***Sunday***      ***“Your Ministry of Mercy***

Monday	Ephesians 2: 1-10
Tuesday	Matthew 5: 38-48
Wednesday	Micah 6: 6-8; Hosea 6:6
Thursday	Matthew 9: 9-13
Friday	Luke 10: 25-37
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

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

Preaching ..... Pastor Dennis Keller  
Worship Leader ..... Pastor John Shellenberger  
Acolytes ..... TBD  
Organist ..... Caleb Flick  
Sound & Media ..... Bob Bittenbender, Fred Espenshade (8:15); Fred Espenshade, Holly Kurten (10:45)

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

Greeter ..... Brandy Zimmerman  
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, FEBRUARY 9      WOMEN'S RETREAT**

- 8:15 am      Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am      Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am      Alpha Class (B004)
- 10:45 am     Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm      Boomerang Mtg (212)
- 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, FEBRUARY 10**

- 9:00 am      LFPS
- 9:00 am      Squares & Prayers (FH)
- 11:30 am     LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/ MP)
- 6:00 pm      Joy in the Morning (105)
- 6:15 pm      Beyond Suffering (Hardwood Café)
- 6:30 pm      Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 6:30 pm      Handbells (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm      Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:00 pm      Board of Trustees Mtg. (207)
- 7:00 pm      Al-Anon (216)

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- 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      Softball Practice (MP)
- 7:00 pm      Staff Parish Relations Committee Mtg  
(207)

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 9:00 am      LFPS
- 9:30 am      Covered In Love (FH)
- 11:00 am     Alpha Class (Hardwood Café)
- 11:30 am     LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/ MP)
- 4:30 pm      Wonderful Wednesday (Various)
- 6:45 pm      Alpha Class (B004)
- 7:00 pm      Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm      Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 9:00 am      LFPS
- 9:00 am      Thursday Morning Bible Study (FH)
- 11:30 am     LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/ MP)
- 1:00 pm      Zumba Fitness (MP)
- 2:30 pm      Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm      Softball Practice (MP)
- 6:15 pm      MOPS Planning Meeting (207)
- 6:30 pm      Thursday Evening Bible Study (FH)
- 6:30 pm      Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm      Sounds of Worship Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary/Music Room)

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

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

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- 7:00 am      Handbell Pies (FH/Kitchen)
- 12-2:00 pm   Pick up pies

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- 8:15 am      Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am      Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am      Alpha Class (B004)
- 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)

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