

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

February 23, 2020



“Blessed Are the Peacemakers”

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 (pagery 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

Introit

"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

Women of Light

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Though we may be inclined to boast, let us come together with humility.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

People : How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,

People: Let us worship the God who has called us together.

*Opening Hymn "Come, Christians Join to Sing" No. 158

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Unison Prayer By Carol Cymbala

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love flow so the world will know, we are one in you. Amen.

*Praise Chorus "Make Us One" TFWS No. 2224

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

Anthem "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Handbell Choir
By Arnold B. Sherman

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 1-12 (CEB)

Sermon "Blessed Are the Peacemakers" Pastor Denny

Prayer of Response "The Prayer of Saint Francis" No. 481

*Hymn of Response "Jesus, United by Thy Grace" No. 561

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response "Doxology" No. 94

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 431

*Blessing

*Congregational Response "Shalom to You" No. 666

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 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

*Call to Worship

*Praise and Worship

"Faithful to the End"

"Your Love Defends Me"

"Who You Say I Am"

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

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12 (CEB)

Sermon

"Blessed Are the Peacemakers" Pastor Denny

Prayer of Response

"The Prayer of Saint Francis"

Prayers of the People

The Offering

Sending Forth

*Worship Song

"Mighty to Save"

*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 23, 2020

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of deceased class members, placed by the Helping Hands Sunday School Class.

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 learning opportunities being offered and all are invited to participate!

- **New Member Class** – Begins March 1. This 7-week class will be held from 9:30 – 10:30 am in room 207. Please see Welcome Center display for more details and to sign up. If you have questions, please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 717-766-4611.
- **The Savior of Sinners** – Begins March 5. This 7-week study, led by Juanita Guise, will focus on the Book of Luke, chapters 17-24. Thursday morning and evening classes available. Workbook cost is \$15.75. See details and sign up at the Welcome Center display.
- **Men's Bible Study** – Ongoing, so you can jump in at any time! Led by Ken Guise and David Mengle, meets in room 207 from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. Contact Ken Guise at kguise@knouse.com for more detailed information.
- **Alpha** – Drop in anytime to discuss the big 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 being offered:
 - **Sunday morning** 9:30-10:30 am, room B004, facilitated by Tina Eaton, runs through March 29
 - **Wednesday mid-day** 11:00 am-12:00 pm, under balcony, facilitated by Pastor John, runs through April 1 (includes dutch-treat lunch immediately following class for those interested)
 - **Wednesday evening** 6:45-8:00 pm, room B004, facilitated by Pastor Denny, runs through April 1

Praying Follower

Hospitalized: Tammy Dougherty, Cheryl Erikson

Recovering at Home: Kirk Bobb, Peggy Shenberger, Pam Weaver

Special Circumstances: Jane Bonser

A new **First Church Prayer Group** is meeting the first Tuesday of each month in the West Apartments community Room of Bethany Village (door #62). We would love to have you join us for a sweet hour of prayer! Next gathering is March 3, 4-5pm. If you have any questions or need directions, please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x 112).

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! **TODAY - “Blessed Are the Peacemakers”**.

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

Sermon Series for Lent - “Giving it Up! Our Journey to the Empty Tomb” Many of us give up certain things for the forty days of Lent, and doing so can be a very beneficial thing for us! This seven-week series takes that idea one step further, focusing on the things Jesus invites us to give up, not just for forty days, but forever. Begins next Sunday, **March 1 - “Overcoming Temptation”**

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 holland1967@gmail.com for more information.

The Sierra Leone Mission Team 2020 is leaving Wednesday, March 18th and is excited to see what God has in store for them as they travel to our Sister church, Calvary UMC in Taiama, Sierra Leone in West Africa. Thank you for helping them to make this journey, they could not do this without your support! Please pray travel mercies for our 4 women missionaries: Christine, Edie, Kristin and Tiffany.

Relationship Builder

Last call for the 2020 Men’s Retreat! Completed registration forms are due TODAY. Place it in John Bowen’s mailbox. Join us for this meaningful time away!

Pickleball Interest? There is an interest rising about having pickleball sessions in the gym here at First Church. This is for first time - novices and hardened/experienced pickleballers. If you are interested, please sign up in the lobby. Watch for more information.

Mark Cable is returning to First Church for a **Great Night Out** March 13 at 7 pm! All adults (not just couples) are invited to enjoy a fun night of music, storytelling and desserts. No fee (but a love offering will be taken). Please register at Eventbrite through our website at fumchurch.com

or sign up at the Welcome Center display. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611.

Generous Giver

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.

The annual **Ham Loaf Dinner** will be on March 21st from 4 - 6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased by signing up in the book at the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Questions? Contact Kathie Bittenbender.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOMERANG – TODAY 2:00pm-3:30pm! All 3rd through 5th graders are welcome! We will meet at Messiah College to support the youth playing Battleball!! Any questions, see Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

Wonderful Wednesday- February 26th at 4:45pm, multi-purpose room. Passion Play rehearsal begins! *Menu*: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Salad Bar and Popsicles. **WW dismisses at 6:30pm due to Ash Wednesday services.**

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.

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. **(No 4G tonight because of Battleball.)**

Monday Night Film: join others for the viewing of the series "Chosen" as we explore the life of Christ. Our next meeting is on February 24th.

Battleball: If you have signed up, we are going to meet at Messiah College Sollenberger sports

complex in the Eisenhower building at 1:15. Bring a bagged lunch or money for dinner at the Messiah Falcon cafe.

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

Skating: On March 29th, we will go skating at Fountain Blue Skating Rink in Etters, PA from 4:30-7:00. Forms are now available and are due March 22nd.

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)

Little Friends Preschool Spring Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, March 7, 2020

9:00am — 1:00pm

Multipurpose Room of First United Methodist Church

135 W. Simpson Street

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

www.littlefriendspreschool.org — lfns@fumchurch.com

**For an up to date list of vendors, please go to
www.fumchurch.com OR www.littlefriendspreschool.org.**

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.

QUESTIONS? Contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or Amy Ogden at amy.ogden7@gmail.com.

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of February 23



Sunday ***“How to Reconcile a Relationship”***

Monday	1 John 4: 16-21
Tuesday	Matthew 5: 21-26
Wednesday	James 4: 1-10 (Ash Wednesday)
Thursday	Matthew 7: 1-12
Friday	Philippians 2: 1-11
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller
Worship Leader Pastor John Shellenberger
Acolytes TBD
Organist Caleb Flick
Sound & Media Bob Bittenbender and Roger Walton (8:15); Holly Kurten and Roger Walton (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 & Bob Wertz, Norma Bingham

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am Alpha Class (B004)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 pm Battleball (off-site)
- 2:00 pm Boomerang Mtg (off-site)
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Salt 'n Light Worship Night (off-site)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers (FH)
- 11:00 am LFPS Staff Meeting (Various)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (120/ MP)
- 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 Al-Anon (216)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 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)
- 6:00 pm Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Security Team Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Safety Committee Meeting (B002)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 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)
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 pm Move furniture for DOP (various)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 2:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Music Room)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- 8:30 am Day of Pampering

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am Alpha Class (B004)
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 pm Youth Worship Practice (B024/Sanctuary/Youth Lounge)
- 6:15 pm 4G Youth Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
- 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study (207)



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