

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

March 1, 2020



“Overcoming Temptation”

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 and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship the God that walks with us through every challenge.

People: We come to remember what Jesus did when he was faced with the wilderness.

Leader: When Israel wandered through the wilderness, she was not alone, God was there!

People: If you are walking through the wilderness, you are not alone, God is with you!

All: We come today to worship our God, who gives us strength for every journey, and courage for every test!

*Opening Hymn “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” No. 269

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Opening Prayer

*Praise Chorus “Sing Alleluia” TFWS No. 2258

Proclamation and Response

Anthem “Communion — The Upper Room” Sounds of Worship

*Gospel Reading Matthew 4: 1-11 (CEB)

Sermon “Overcoming Temptation” Pastor Denny

Invitation No. 12

Confession and Pardon No. 12

*Passing the Peace

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response “I Come With Joy” No. 617

*Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving No. 13 — 14

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

(Gluten free bread is available at the center of each bread plate)

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn “Amazing Grace” No. 378

*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 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

*Praise and Worship

"We Believe"

"One Thing Remains"

"Way Maker"

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

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: 1-11 (CEB)

Sermon

"Overcoming Temptation"

Pastor Denny

The Offering

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

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

March 1, 2020

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones, placed by Gary and Devon Betz.

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 TODAY. This 7-week class will be held from 9:30 – 10:30 am in room 207.
- **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** – “The Power of Knowing God” begins March 15. This is a 6-week “no homework” Precept bible study, led by Ken Guise and David Mengle that meets Sunday evenings at 6:15 pm in Room 207. Workbook cost is \$7.99. Sign up at the Welcome Center display or contact Ken for more 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

Recovering at Home: Tammy Dougherty, Cheryl Erikson

Special Circumstances: Jane Bonser

A new **Prayer Group** has formed and all are invited to join! This group, which focuses on prayers for the church, meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 4 - 5 pm in the West Apartments Community Room at Bethany Village. We meet this Tuesday, March 3rd!

Passionate Worshipper

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.

March 1	"Overcoming Temptation"	Matthew 4: 1-11
March 8	"Losing My Religion"	John 3: 1-17
March 15	"Letting Go of Shame"	John 4: 5-42
March 22	"Opening Blind Eyes"	John 9: 1-41
March 29	"Untying Unbelief"	John 11: 1-45
April 5	"Laying It All Down"	Matthew 21: 1-11
April 12	"Rising Up to New Life"	Matthew 28: 1-10

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service every fourth Sunday at 4pm. 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.

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.

New Hope monthly news can be found at the New Hope display in the Tower Hallway.

Relationship Builder

Ruth Circle will meet Wednesday, March 4, at 11:15 am at Hoss's for lunch followed by our regular meeting. Please call Janet Baker if you will not be attending.

Widows/Widowers Fellowship will dine at Theo's Restaurant on Tuesday, March 10th at 11:30. If you plan on attending, please notify Bonnie Guyer. Transportation can be provided upon request.

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

The UMW Deborah Circle invites you to a **Chili Mission Meal** following the 10:45 service Sunday, March 15 in Fellowship Hall. Takeout available after Sunday School. Donations for the meal support ministries in our community. All are welcome!

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 or Deb Hamsher. If you can help serve that evening, we especially would like to know. All proceeds go towards church missions.

Bell Choir Sub/Sandwich Sale is Palm Sunday, April 5! Pick up is from 9:15 to noon. Order your R&K subs/sandwiches from any bell choir member or at the Info desk book. Orders are due by Wednesday, March 25.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOMERANG – Sunday, March 8th 4:00pm! All 3rd through 5th graders are welcome! Meet in the gathering area for time of fun, fellowship and building our relationship with God! Any questions, see Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

Wonderful Wednesday- March 4th at 4:45pm, multi-purpose room. Passion Play rehearsal begins at 5:10!
Menu: Meatball Subs, Chips, Salad Bar and Cookies.

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. **(4G and youth worship band will be tonight.)**

Monday Night Film: join others for the viewing of the series “Chosen” as we explore the life of Christ. Our next meeting is on March 9th.

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 for everyone!

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

Go to the lobby narthex area for brochures and registration information.

Come to CAMP SUNDAY

March 15th during the Sunday School Hour!

All who attend will learn more as children participate in a typical day at camp - experience pool fun, 4-square, music, campfire, devotions, cabin time and the snack shack.

Enter that unique place where we can encounter God.

All are welcome.

Remember to **sign up early** for the up coming Summer Camps and Retreats.

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.



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



Mission Central Gala

Saturday, March 28, 5:30 pm

Camp Hill U. Methodist, 417 S. 22nd Street

Join us for dinner and silent/live auction!

Buy tickets online at www.missioncentral.org/events

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of March 1



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>“Overcoming Temptation”</i>
Monday	Genesis 2: 15-25
Tuesday	Genesis 3
Wednesday	Psalms 32
Thursday	Romans 5: 12-19
Friday	Matthew 4: 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 Fred Espenshade and Ron Nichols (8:15); Ron Nichols and Ken Rapp (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Greeter Eve Kellenberger
Crib/Toddlers: Lora Bourgeois, Sarah Jones (8:15); Karen Smith, Janet Almond (10:45)
Wee Worship (10:45) Debbie Karns, Deb Ferguson, Liam Smith
Kids Worship (10:45) Janice & John Bowen, Leah Krnjaic

This Week at First Church

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 2

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers (FH)
- 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, MARCH 3

- 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 Deborah Circle Mtg (Hardwood Café)
- 7:00 pm Mission Committee Mtg (207)
- 7:00 pm Sound/Media Team Mtg (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 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)
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Thurs. Morning Bible Study (FH)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch bunch (MP/120)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Fitness (MP)
- 2:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Thurs. Eve Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal
(Sanctuary/Music Room)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 MEN'S RETREAT

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am LFPS Teacher Lunch (FH/Kitchen)
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 MEN'S RETREAT

- 9:00 am LFPS Craft Show (Various)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 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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