

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*March 15, 2020*



*“Letting Go of Shame”*

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 (Responsively)

Leader: Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!

People: Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let's come before him with thanks!

People: Let's shout songs of joy to him!

All: The Lord is a great God, the great king over all other gods.

\*Opening Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

No. 185

*(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)*

\*Affirmation from Romans 8 (Responsively)

No. 887

Leader: *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?*

People: **No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Praise Chorus

“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

TFWS No. 2108

### Proclamation and Response

Anthem

“Behold, A Day is Coming”

Sounds of Worship

\*Gospel Reading

John 4: 5-42 (CEB)

Sermon

“Letting Go of Shame”

Pastor Denny

\*Hymn of Response

“He Touched Me”

No. 367

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 140

\*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 Routh 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

\*Praise and Worship

"Way Maker"

The Celebration of Baptism

"Welcome to the Family"

Eli Jacobs, son of Luke and Alexandra Jacobs

\*Praise and Worship

"Fierce"

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

### Proclamation and Response

\*Gospel Reading

John 4: 5-42 (CEB)

Sermon

"Letting Go of Shame"

Pastor Denny

\*Song of Response

"Heart of Worship"

Prayers of the People

Mission Moment: Prayer Send-Off for The Sierra-Leone Team

The Offering

### Sending Forth

\*Praise and Worship

"No Longer Slaves"

\*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 15, 2020**

**The Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hall and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Wade, placed by Larry & Linda Hall.

**The maché basket** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judy Rickards, placed by John Rickards and 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 learning opportunities being offered and all are invited to participate!

- **The Savior of Sinners** – Began 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 TODAY. 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

**Hospitalized:** Cheryl Erikson, Jo Nye, Ivan Otstot

**Recovering at Home:** Patti Herring, Gary Shuey, Marlin Simmons

## 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 15	<b>"Letting Go of Shame"</b>	John 4: 5-42
March 22	<b>"Opening Blind Eyes"</b>	John 9: 1-41
March 29	<b>"Untying Unbelief"</b>	John 11: 1-45
April 5	<b>"Laying It All Down"</b>	Matthew 21: 1-11
April 12	<b>"Rising Up to New Life"</b>	Matthew 28: 1-10

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service next 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](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Sierra Leone Mission Team 2020** is leaving this 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 four women missionaries: Christine, Edie, Kristin and Tiffany.

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

## Relationship Builder

Join us in the Multi-Purpose Room **TODAY** during Sunday School for **CAMP Sunday**. Those who attend will learn more as they participate in a typical day at camp. All are welcome!

## Generous Giver

The UMW Deborah Circle invites you to a **Chili Mission Meal** following the 10:45 service **TODAY** in Fellowship Hall. Takeout is 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 and extra 2 lb. ham loaves 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.

The Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class is taking orders for **peanut butter Easter eggs**. Peanut butter eggs will be made Saturday, March 28. Cost is \$6 for a bag of 6 eggs. Order your eggs by signing up in the book at the Welcome Desk, by calling Nancy Rouch or emailing [mwrner@aol.com](mailto:mwrner@aol.com). Deadline for ordering is next Sunday, March 22.

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

**Correction:** The grant from the Endowment Committee to fund the director of the Youth Worship Arts Demonstration is providing \$2,910, not \$29,010 as was printed in an early version of the March newsletter.

## **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BOOMERANG** – Sunday, March 22! All 3rd through 5th graders are welcome! Meet in the gathering area for a time of fun and fellowship! Any questions, see Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris.

**Wonderful Wednesday**- March 18th at 4:45pm, Multi-purpose room. Passion Play rehearsal begins right away at 4:45! Menu: Tacos and Toppings, Salad Bar and Brownies.

**Ministry Safe Training**- All volunteers who help in the children or youth areas should be watching their email for the new on-line Safe Sanctuary training. You will receive an email with a link to the training. The email will appear as it is coming from Pastor Denny. Anyone working with children or youth in any capacity is required to complete this valuable on-line training.

## **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. Monday Night Film will not meet this week.

**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)



**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

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](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or Amy Ogden at [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com).*



We would like to share some precautionary and preventative measures First Church is taking in light of the current season of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We appreciate that we have different comfort-levels when it comes to illness and how we respond. These modifications are being made for the time being, in an effort to keep our faith community as healthy as possible while still being able to worship together!

- Many access doors will be propped open or held open for you Sunday mornings.
- “High-traffic” surfaces will be sanitized more frequently.
- Hand sanitizer is readily available at both wall-mounted and table top holders.
- Sunday morning coffee and tea served on the coffee cart will be temporarily discontinued.
- We will do our best to notify you if other meetings and gatherings are canceled or postponed.
- Please avoid physical contact (hand-shaking, hugging) as an extra measure of precaution.
- A Fact Guide for COVID-19 is available at the Welcome Desk based on recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The staff of First Church has consulted with the CDC’s web site in taking these precautions.
- We realize some of these measures may lead you to feel more isolated from others...we encourage you to reach out by phone to keep in touch with your First Church family!

**Lenten Lunches sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches**

At noon on Wednesdays, share a light meal and devotions by the pastor of each church.

**March 18** - Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren - 766-8880 -  
Mcob-secretary@verizon.net

**March 25** - Hope United Methodist - 766-3072

**Please notify each church by Monday morning if you are planning to attend!**



***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](http://www.missioncentral.org/events)**

## Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of March 15



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>“Letting Go of Shame”</i>
Monday	Exodus 17: 1-7
Tuesday	Psalms 95
Wednesday	Romans 5: 1-11
Thursday	John 4: 5-26
Friday	John 4: 27-42
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 (8:15); Juliette Harris (10:45)  
Organist ..... Caleb Flick  
Sound & Media ..... Jim Murdoch and Ken Rapp (8:15 & 10:45)

### SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Greeter ..... Marilyn Knott (8:15)  
Crib/Toddlers: ..... Pam VanKirk, Kevin Knott (8:15); Karen Smith (10:45)  
Wee Worship (10:45) ..... Kelley LeVan, Jill Matolyak  
Kids Worship (10:45) ..... Dan Wertz, Jenell Paris

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## *This Week at First Church*

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am Alpha Class (B004)
- 9:30 am Camp Sunday (MP)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm UMW Mission Meal (FH)
- 5:00 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 16**

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Squares & Prayers Quilting (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)
- 6:30 pm Moms in Prayer (Prayer Room)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:45 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (118/120/ MP)
- 4:30 pm Independent Living Class  
(FH/B003/B004)
- 6:00 pm Softball Practice (MP)
- 6:30 pm Passion Play Jesus Practice  
(Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Safety Committee Mtg (B002)

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

- 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)
- 5:00 pm LFPS Board Meeting (B002)
- 6:45 pm Alpha Class (B004)
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Thursday 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)
- 6:00 pm Softball Practice (MP)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Thursday Evening Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary/Music Room)

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

- 9:00 am LFPS
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 6:00 pm Ham Loaf Dinner Set up (FH/Kitchen)

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

- 4:00 pm Ham Loaf dinner (FH/Kitchen)

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am Alpha Class (B004)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am New Member Class (207)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits (Sanctuary/MP)
- 4:00 pm Boomerang Meeting (212)
- 5:00 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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