

Welcome to
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors
April 19, 2020



“We Are Easter People”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg
717-766-4611
www.fumchurch.com

Sunday Services
Worship: 8:15 AM, 10:45 AM
Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 AM





WORSHIP SERVICE

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."

Prelude

Gathering and Praise

Welcome

*Opening Hymn

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

A Reading from Psalm 16 (In Unison)

*Praise and Worship

"You Are My All in All"

Proclamation and Response

*Gospel Reading

1 Peter 1: 3 – 9 (CEB)

Sermon

"We Are Easter People"

Pastor Denny

Ministry of Music

"Jesus Paid It All"
John T. Grape, arr. Jack Schrader

George Canonizado
and Sarah Pugh

Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Announcements

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

"In The Garden"

*Blessing

Postlude

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

LEADING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship/Music Leaders..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Caleb Flick

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Jim Murdoch, Elijah Ometz

"We Are Easter People"

1 Peter 1: 3-9

1. Easter people live in _____.



2. Easter people live in the _____.

- We experience _____.

You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. (verse 6)



- We have never (and do not now) _____
_____.

Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. (verse 8)

3. Easter people live in the _____ .

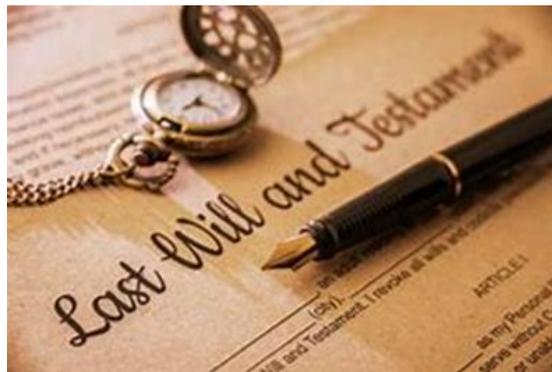
- We have a _____ .

You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (verse 3c)



- We have an _____ .

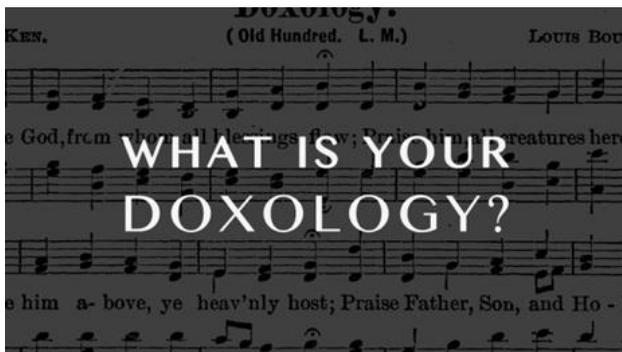
You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. (verse 4)



4. _____ is the first word and the last word for Easter people!

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. (verse 3)

Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. (verse 8)



Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of April 19



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>“We Are Easter People”</i>
Monday	Acts 2: 14-21
Tuesday	Acts 2: 22-32
Wednesday	Psalm 16
Thursday	John 20:19-23
Friday	John 20:24-31
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

April 19, 2020

Welcome to the Great Fifty Days, which began on Easter Sunday and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous season in the Christian year as we celebrate the resurrection and ascension of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church. In this time of uncertainty, we are Easter people! Our peace and our hope are in the Risen Lord and we have many opportunities for spiritual growth through learning, prayer, worship and service, as you will see below.

Lifelong Learner

Although our study groups are not currently meeting face-to-face, we are using Zoom video conferencing to carry on! Even if you were not previously a member of these groups, you are welcome to join any group at any time:

- Several **Sunday School classes** are currently meeting online on Sunday mornings:
 - Christian Fellowship – Contact Wayde Leister.
 - Faith in Everyday Life – Contact Ron Guyer.
 - Faithful Families – Contact Bob Wertz, Jr.
 - Growing in Christ – Contact Tina Eaton.
- **Men's Bible Study** - Currently studying “The Power of Knowing God”, a Precept Bible study. Meets at 6:15 pm on Sunday nights. Runs through May 3. Contact Ken Guise.
- **Alpha Course** - A study that answers the fundamental questions of our Christian faith. Meets at 9:30 am on Sundays or 6:45 pm on Wednesdays. Runs through the week of May 3. Contact Tina Eaton.
- **Wednesday evening men's group** - Meets at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Contact Barry Eaton.

May is almost here and that means the new May/June 2020 issue of The Upper Room will be coming! If you would like to receive this devotional, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 to request your own copy.

Use our **Bible reading plan** to remain in God's word daily. This reading plan is available on our church website, www.fumchurch.com.

Check out the **YouVersion Bible app**, available for both android and iOS smartphones/tablets, or on your laptop at bible.com. There are many wonderful devotional studies, including many for this Easter season. You can create groups to study, chat with friends and share prayer requests.

Praying Follower

The rose on the alter is placed to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Carter Richmond Batson to Andy and Mallorie Batson and family on April 7, 2020.

Recovering at Home: Tammy Dougherty, Chris Ingraham

Join our weekly **Wednesday Prayer Group!** Pastor John will lead and share mid-day meditations from the Celtic Daily Prayer book. All are welcome to join him "in person" online at 11:00 am or pray "in one accord" on your own using the resources he provides. Please contact Pastor John if you would like to participate.

You are invited to use any of our **prayer guides** or other materials available on our church website, www.fumchurch.com. Simply go to the "Resources" tab and click on "Fun and Faith". Take this opportunity to spend more personal time with God!

If you have not already done so, sign up for our **weekly prayer email** so that you can receive a list of praises and requests from our church family. Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com to sign up for this once-a-week list.

If you are on Facebook, you can request to join our private Facebook page, "**First Church Forum**". Share praises and prayer requests there, and catch up with your First Church family!

Passionate Worshipper

Join us (and invite others!) during this Easter season to joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! All worship services are posted on our church website, fumchurch.com, and on our Facebook page, First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg, PA. Sing, pray, hear the message proclaimed and respond through your weekly giving.

- This Sunday, we will continue to celebrate Easter with a sermon from Pastor Denny entitled "**We Are Easter People**".
- Sunday, April 26, is **Disability Awareness Sunday**. The team from our Rejoicing Spirits service will lead us in worship that Sunday. In addition to this special service, a free webinar about Alzheimer's will be offered on April 27 (see details in the Relationship Builder section).
- On Sunday, May 3, Pastor Denny will kick-off a five-week sermon series based on the recent feature film, "**A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**." Incorporating Scripture, scenes from the movie, and wisdom from children's TV host, Mister Rogers, we will focus on the large impact we can all have by being kind, grateful, loving, and forgiving.

If you or someone you know are unable to access the online church worship services, we have **DVD copies of worship** are available upon request! Please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 for more information.

Dedicated Missionary

Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ will continue to **collect food** for local families through April 29. Drop off on Wednesdays at 1050 S. York Street between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in their parking lot. *List of items:* canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned or pouches of tuna, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned soup, single serve box or bowl of cereal, individual wrapped snacks such as crackers, chips or pretzels. Please only pick up items when you are already at the grocery store and don't make a special trip. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. Thanks for your support!

We are asking all who can to help us fill our **Little Free Pantry** – the food is going fast and your donations are needed. Go to our church website for information on what you can donate and contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com if you have questions.

If you have not already done so, sign up to receive our periodic "**Service Opportunities**" email. Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com to share opportunities and to sign up.

Relationship Builder

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. Questions can be directed to Dawn Fisher at kidscount@fumchurch.com.

The **Joy in the Morning Support Group** continues to meet virtually on Zoom! If your daily walk is complicated by the challenges of chronic health issues, we invite you to meet-up with the Joy in the Morning group. We plan to gather virtually on Zoom at 3:30 pm both Monday, April 20th and Monday, May 4th. For questions or to receive the Link to connect on Zoom, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com.

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living. Join us on Monday, April 27 at 6:30pm for a Health and Wellness webinar, **Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's**, presented by Nancy Rutch, Penn State Extension – Cumberland County and Alzheimer's Association Community Educator. During this webinar you will learn how to recognize common signs of the disease; how to approach someone about memory concerns; the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis; possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process, and Alzheimer's Association resources. Register with the link on the church website, www.fumchurch.com or call 1-800-272-3900 (You will be provided the meeting code after registering. An active email address is all that is needed to attend).

Church is not a building, but the people within! While we continue to worship at home, we encourage you to reach out to one another with phone calls, emails, texts, prayer, cards and notes! When someone from church comes to mind, reach out! If you learn of a prayer concern or practical need, or if you would like suggestions of who to reach out to, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com.

If you use **Instagram**, be sure to follow First Church at fumchurch and stay up to date on all our special services, events, and activities.

Generous Giver

We encourage you to continue to respond through your weekly giving. **Offerings** can be mailed in to the church office. Alternatively, you can securely give online through our church website or our VANCO Financial “GivePlus” app. Please contact the church office for more details on electronic giving.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM With Us- TODAY we will Zoom with the kids and have a Sunday School Lesson! 3yrs-1st Grade will Zoom at 2pm and 2nd-5th Grade will Zoom at 3pm. Check your email for the link to Zoom with us!

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small group connections on Zoom happening soon! Watch your emails for invites.

Help us **connect** with you!

Follow us on instagram: fourgyouthministry

Request to join our FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group

Join our **Remind text list** - Text @4Gyo to 81010

Watch these platforms and your emails for **opportunities to connect and learn** with others!



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

Remember to **sign up early** for the up coming SUMMER CAMPS and RETREATS.

First church will pay for half camp fees upon request.

Registration Reassurance

We are deeply sensitive to the fact that families are wondering if they will lose their deposit and registration fee if they register now and the summer camp event is cancelled or participation prohibited due to COVID 19 restrictions. **You will not.** The only cost to a family would be if there is a card transaction by a service provider. Families are invited to sign up for camp now, but not pay any camp fees until after June 1, 2020 if that is preferable for you. NON-COVID-19 cancellation policy remains in effect.

Camper Scholarship Fund

It remains our desire that all children and youth be able to attend camp and retreat events, regardless of their ability to pay. Through generous donors, funds exist to assist families who do not have enough to cover the full camp fee.

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.

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