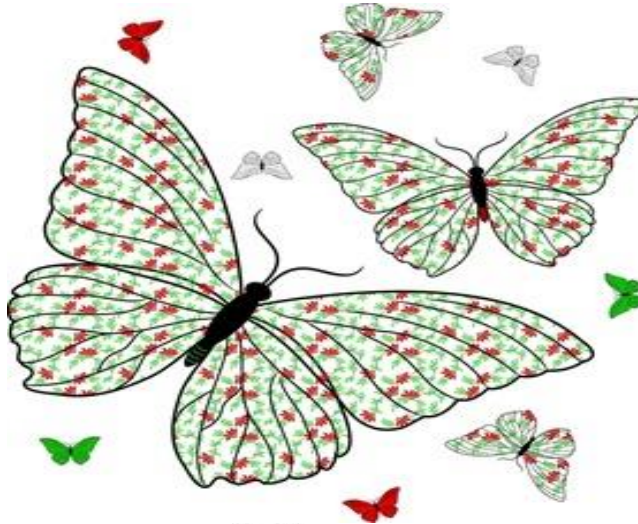


Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

April 26, 2020



*"I will praise You
for I am fearfully &
wonderfully made."*

Psalm 139:14

"DisAbility Awareness Sunday"

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

Introduction & Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

*Opening Song

"Rejoicing Spirits are Here Today"

Opening Prayer

Proclamation and Response

*Gospel Reading

Luke 4: 18 – 19 (CEB)

Sermon

"Do Not Mope, Jesus Gives Hope"

Pastor John

*Song of Praise and Prayer

"Amazing Grace"

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Birthday Celebration

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

"Together in One Spirit"

*Benediction (In Unison)

Testimonial Video: Day of Pampering

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

LEADING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor John Shellenberger

Worship/Music Leaders..... Pastor Denny Keller, Karin McHale, Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Eric King

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Elijah Ometz, Roger Walton

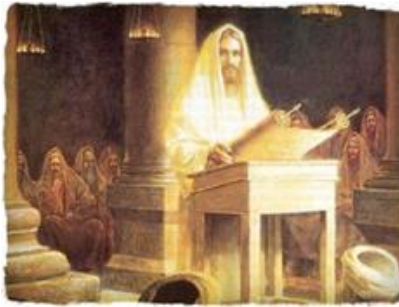
“Do Not Mope, Jesus Gives Hope”

Luke 4: 18-19

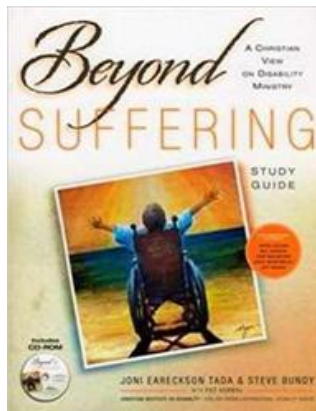
Jesus smiles when He _____
worshipping together.

1. The first word of Disability Awareness Sunday begins with _____
_____.

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me...” (Luke 4:18 - ERV)



People first language recognizes that an individual is a person, a human being, or a citizen first, and that the disability is a part, but not all of them. For example, rather than saying “Paul is disabled” say Paul has a disability.” (Beyond Suffering, p. 44)



“...because He has anointed me....” (Luke 4:18)



2. The next word of Disability Awareness Sunday includes an _____

The poor, the prisoners, the blind, and those treated badly (oppressed)
(Luke 4:18 - ERV)

The ADA (Americans with Disability Act) defines the term disability, with respect to an individual, as:

- 1) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such an individual
- 2) a record of such an impairment or
- 3) being regarded as having such an impairment.

Question: Have you ever felt non-essential?

3. The final word for Disability Awareness Sunday includes proclaiming _____

“... and to announce that the time has come for the Lord to show his kindness.”
(Luke 4:19 - ERV)

- Genesis 6:8 — But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. (NIV)
- Genesis 19:19 — But Lot said to them, ... 19 Your servant has found favor in your eyes, (NIV)
- Exodus 33:12 — Moses said to the Lord, “You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ (NIV)
- Leviticus 25:10 — Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty. It shall be a jubilee for you; (NIV)
- Isaiah 61:1,2 — The Spirit of the Lord is upon me....to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor



You will find the Lord's favor not in a _____ but in a _____.

Accessibility, Rejoicing Spirits, Beyond Suffering Course, Sensory Space,
Day of Pampering!

We must never measure our spiritual capacity on the basis of our education or our intellect; our capacity in spiritual things is measured on the basis of the promises of God." - Oswald Chambers.

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of April 26



| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>"Do Not Mope, Jesus Gives Hope"</i> |
|---------------|--|
| Monday | I Corinthians 13 |
| Tuesday | I John 4:7-21 |
| Wednesday | Luke 7:36-50 |
| Thursday | Psalms 136 |
| Friday | Romans 8:31-39 |
| Saturday | Rest and Reflect |



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

April 26, 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

The deadline to submit **scholarship applications** with First United Methodist Church has been extended! Forms are now due by May 22 and can be found on the church website, www.fumchurch.com. Look for the “Youth” tab and then click on “Youth Events and Activities” from the dropdown menu. Completed forms can be mailed to Judi Buddenbaum or the church office.

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 just around the corner 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

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 at pastorjohn@fumchurch.com 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.

- Today is **Disability Awareness Sunday** and the team from our Rejoicing Spirits service will lead us in worship. In addition to this special service, a free webinar about Alzheimer's will be offered tomorrow, 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

If you are in need of a **facemask**, please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com)

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 on 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 tomorrow, 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 with any questions concerning financial 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 or Remind 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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