



First United Methodist Church

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Dear First Church Family,

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." (Matthew 28:5-6a)

This week, as we stay safe and stay home, our Holy Week journey is different, but the Good News is still the same! Jesus, who was crucified, has risen!

I am writing to invite you to attend special online services and events this week, by visiting our website at www.fumchurch.com.

Tomorrow, April 9, join us online at www.fumchurch.com at 7:00 p.m. for our Maundy Thursday service. Just as Jesus gathered in the Upper Room with his disciples, we will celebrate Holy Communion together in our homes. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present with us. We are united together as one family in Christ. Please prepare in advance with bread or crackers, and fruit juice. The service will be recorded so that if you cannot join at 7:00 p.m., you may worship at the time that is best for you.

On Good Friday, April 10, you are invited to hold our community, our nation, and the world in prayer, along with our brothers and sisters in the churches of Mechanicsburg and Upper Allen. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. with prayer on Mechanicsburg and Upper Allen Area Churches Facebook page. You may join in prayer at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Details, including a Prayer Guide, are available on our website, www.fumchurch.com. Please email prayer requests to our Director of Congregational Care, Janice Bowen, at wecare@fumchurch.com.

On Sunday, April 12, our Easter Sunrise Service will be streamed live on our Facebook page, First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg, PA, from the Mechanicsburg Cemetery at 6:30 a.m.

Easter worship from our sanctuary will be available at www.fumchurch.com throughout the day. Celebrate the Lord's Resurrection! This is a great opportunity to invite others to worship with us!

In addition to the services and events of Holy Week, we are grateful for your continued financial support of Christ's mission through our church. You may mail your offerings to the church, give online through our website, or give electronically. Our Office Manager, Ellen Hill, will be glad to assist you. You may contact her at office@fumchurch.com.

As we hold our community, our nation, and our world in prayer during this time of crisis, we are a people of hope! For we serve a Risen Savior! I pray that each of you, and all whom you hold dear, will know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit this Holy Week and Easter!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Denny

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors