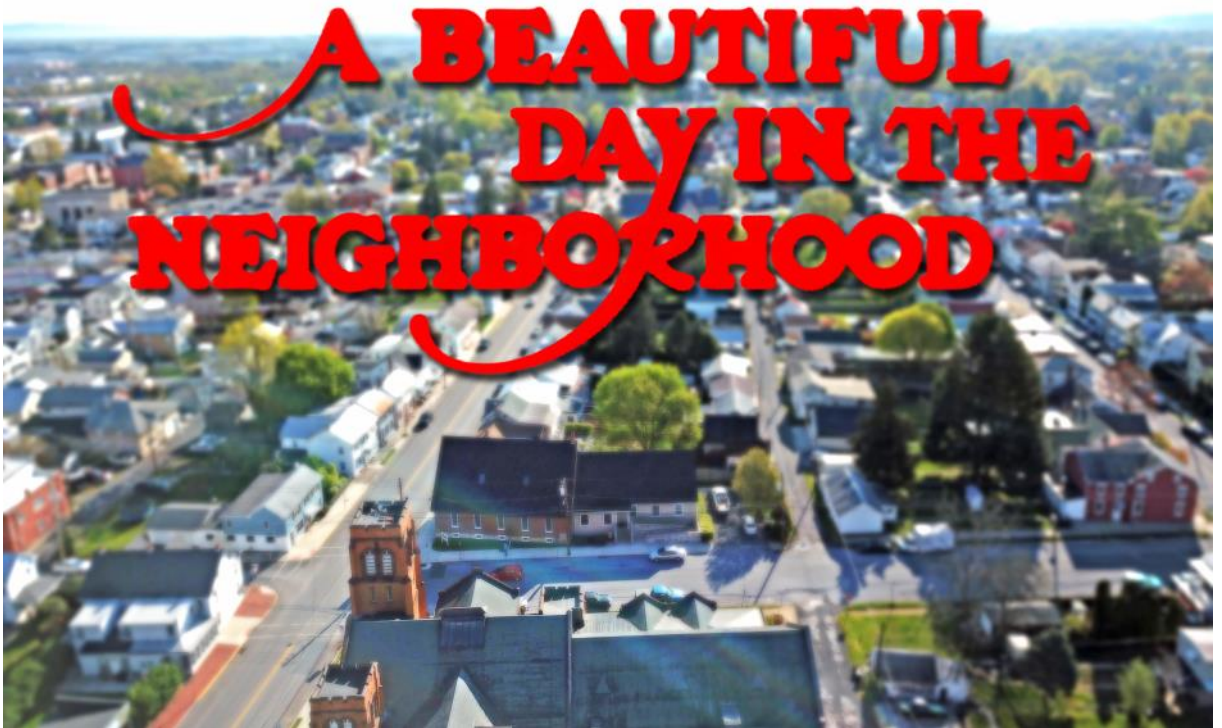


Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

May 3, 2020



“Feelings Are Okay”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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“A Beautiful Day”

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Song
“Alive and Breathing”

Scripture
Psalm 23; Acts 2: 42-47

Sermon
“Feelings Are Okay” - Pastor Denny

Ministry Guest

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Announcements & Offering

Closing Song
“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Denny Keller

Worship/Music Leaders Sarah Pugh, Pastor John Shellenberger

Accompanist..... Caleb Flick

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Ron Nichols, Elijah Ometz

“Feelings Are Okay”

Psalm 23; Acts 2: 42-47

“What do you do with the mad that you feel?” – Mister Rogers

1. Recognize that feeling angry is _____.

You snakes! You children of snakes! How will you be able to escape the judgment of hell? (Matthew 23:33)

And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers. (Mark 11:15)

Jesus wept. (John 11:35)

FINE – Feelings _____, Not _____.

*“There is no normal life that is free from pain ... There are many ways you can deal with pain without hurting yourself or others. You can pound a lump of clay, or swim as fast as you can, or play the lowest keys on the piano all at the same time.”
– Mister Rogers*

2. You can _____.

*The Lord is **my** shepherd; I have everything I need. (Psalm 23:1)*

3. You can _____.

All the believers were united and shared everything. (Acts 2:44)

4. You can create your own _____.

“Beautiful days are not made by what we have, but by who we love.” – Mister Rogers

Do you know someone who needs a neighbor today?

If so, how can you be the neighbor they need?

In what way can you reach out to them and share/show kindness?

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of May 3



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>“Feelings Are Okay”</i>
Monday	Luke 2: 41-52
Tuesday	Titus 2: 1-15
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 6: 1-9
Thursday	Luke 15: 11-24
Friday	Luke 15: 25-32
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

May 3, 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.

Because we are not able to meet face-to-face right now, we have taken our studies online! Even if you were not previously a member of these groups, you are welcome to join any group at any time:



- **NEW! “Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” Facebook group** - If you use Facebook, why not stay connected by joining this 5-week, short-term discussion group? Led by Tina Eaton, this private group will discuss topics/questions related to the sermons in our series each week. Contact Tina Eaton if interested.
- **3 New Dates Added - 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 17. Contact Tina Eaton.
- Several **Sunday School classes** are currently meeting online on Sunday mornings:
 - Christian Fellowship – Studying “Pathways” by Tony Evans. Contact Wayne Leister.
 - Faith in Everyday Life – Contact Ron Guyer.
 - Faithful Families – Studying “Pathways” by Tony Evans. Contact Bob Wertz, Jr.
 - Growing in Christ – Participating in Alpha Course. 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.
- **Wednesday evening men’s group** - Meets at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Contact Barry Eaton.

May is here and that means the new May/June 2020 issue of **The Upper Room** is too! 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. You can create groups to study, chat with friends and share prayer requests.

[Praying Follower](#)



Hospitalized: Polly Blum

Special Circumstances: Tom Mullikin

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 vecare@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](#)

Starting in May, we will release a **new Spotify playlist** on the first Wednesday of each month. Each song—hand-picked by staff, musicians, and volunteers—has been on our hearts, and prayed over for a holy and meaningful connection with our congregation. Spotify users can search for First UMC of Mechanicsburg, and click on the playlist titled "Where Words Fail, Music Speaks". Non-Spotify users can click this link to listen to the playlist: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5rbHEYEfHei97cUI8rjwNJ?si=qzOB7cTVRg6iAU1L4BY2hA>



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, www.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**, Pastor Denny begins 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 vecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 for more information.

[Dedicated Missionary](#)



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.

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, our VANCO Financial “GivePlus” app, or by signing up for electronic giving. Please contact the church office at office@fumchurch.com 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 are now happening! 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

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