

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*May 10, 2020*



*“Prodigal”*

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# “A Beautiful Day”

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

Prayer

Scripture Delivery

*Luke 15: 11-32 (CEB)*

Children’s Moment

Sermon

*“Prodigal” - Pastor Denny*

Praise and Worship

*“Beautiful Things”*

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Announcements & Offering

Closing Hymn

*“Freely, Freely”*

Benediction

Postlude

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Preaching**..... Pastor Denny Keller

**Worship/Music Leaders** ..... Janice Bowen, Sarah Pugh, Pastor John Shellenberger

**Accompanist**..... Caleb Flick

**Sound & Media** ..... Jason Kichline, Elijah Ometz, Roger Walton

# "Prodigal"

## Luke 15: 11-32

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*"God can't add beautiful things to our hearts if there's no room in our lives."  
(Bob Goff, Live in Grace, Walk in Love)*

1. Forgiveness = \_\_\_\_\_

2. One son has a difficult time \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness.

*Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. (verses 16, 21)*

3. One son has a difficult time \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness.

*Look, I've served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. (verse 29)*

4. Prodigal = \_\_\_\_\_

*While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion.  
His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. (verse 20)*

*"Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours." (verse 31)*

*"There's no person in the whole world like you. I like you just the way you are."  
– Mister Rogers*

5. The Father's prodigal love makes \_\_\_\_\_ possible.

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1 NIV)*

*“There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind.” – Mister Rogers*

6. Create your own \_\_\_\_\_ !

How will you be extravagant this week to...

Yourself?

Your neighbor?

Your neighborhood this week?

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## Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of May 10



***Sunday***

***“Prodigal”***

Monday	John 14: 1-14
Tuesday	John 14: 15-21
Wednesday	John 14: 22-31
Thursday	Revelation 21: 1-6
Friday	Psalm 23
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

*Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors*

## May 10, 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**

**Graduating** high school, college, or a master's program? We would like to recognize your accomplishment and celebrate you! Please fill out the graduate information from: <https://forms.gle/ZmeNjWLc31zdzG2M6>

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](http://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 at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) 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 at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).
- Several **Sunday School classes** are currently meeting online on Sunday mornings:
  - Christian Fellowship – Studying "Pathways" by Tony Evans. Contact Wayde 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 at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).
- **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](mailto: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](http://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**

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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**

On the first Wednesday of each month, we will release a **new Spotify playlist**. 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](http://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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kidscount@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](mailto: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](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) with any questions concerning financial giving.



## **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**No Zooming today.** Instead, celebrate Mom all day! See you next Sunday!

## **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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This year the Ogden/Bower week at Camp Penn (June 21-27) is not going to be held. We invite campers to try out a different camp later in the summer. We look forward to camping with you next year!! Questions, contact Amy Ogden at [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or*

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



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