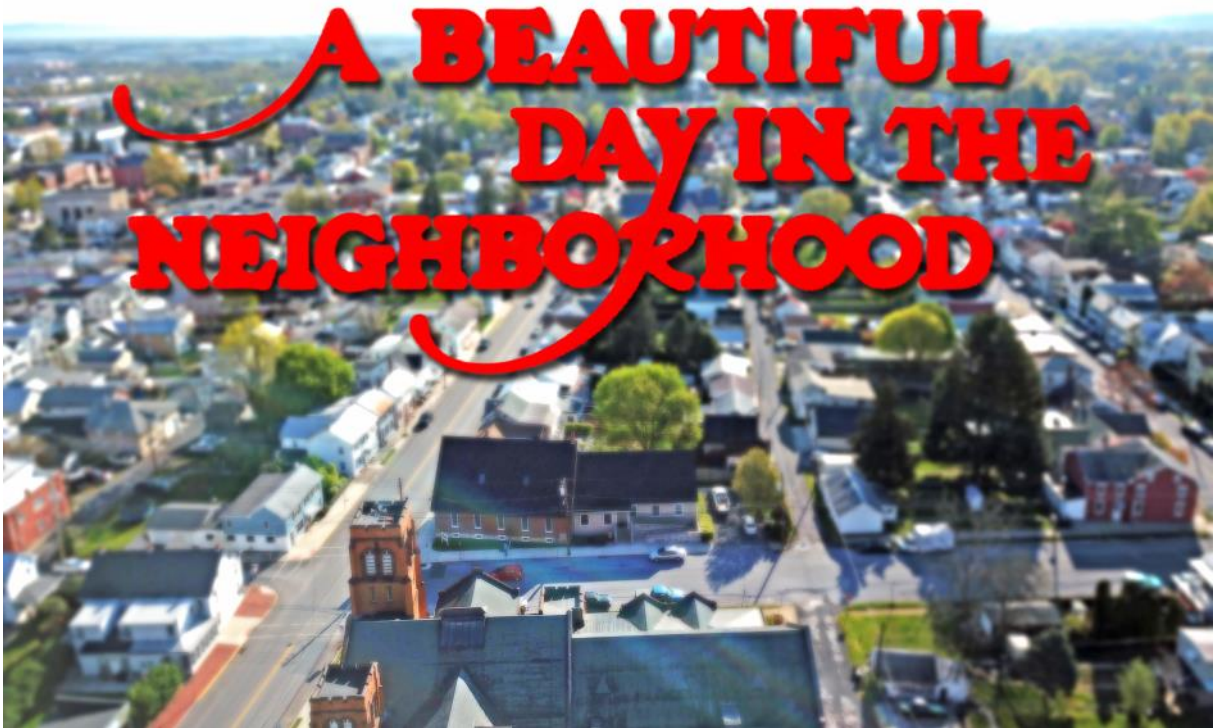


*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*May 24, 2020*



*“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”*

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# “A Beautiful Day”

Reading

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*“This Is My Father’s World”*

Children’s Moment

Scripture Delivery

*Luke 10: 25-37 (CEB)*

Sermon

*“Won’t You Be My Neighbor ?” - Pastor Denny*

Music Ministry

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Announcements & Offering

Closing Song

*“The Blessing”*

Benediction

Postlude

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

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

**Worship/Music Leaders**..... Kathie Bittenbender, Sarah Pugh, Pastor John Shellenberger

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

**Sound & Media** ..... Jason Kichline, Elijah Ometz, Ken Rapp

# "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Luke 10: 25-37

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1. "Love your neighbor" means asking \_\_\_\_\_.

*The legal expert asks, "And who is my neighbor?" (verse 29)*

*Jesus asks, "How can I be a neighbor?" (verse 36)*

2. "Love your neighbor" means personally \_\_\_\_\_ God's mercy.

*A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. (verse 33)*



*From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. (John 1:16)*



*And so in Penn Station, where he was surrounded by men and women and children, he had this power, like a comic-book superhero who absorbs the energy of others until he bursts out of his shirt. — Tom Junod, "Can You Say... Hero?"*

3. "Love your neighbor" means \_\_\_\_\_ God's mercy in the spaces in which you've been purposefully placed.

*So then, let's work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity, and especially for those in the household of faith. (Galatians 6:10)*



4. Create your own \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Beautiful days are not made by what we have, but by who we love." — Mister Rogers*

- Ensure the health and safety of every person in every activity related to First Church.
- Take time to say "thank you."

*"... Think about all the people who loved us into being. They will come to you."*  
— Mister Rogers

## Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of May 24



*Sunday*

*“Won’t You Be My  
Neighbor?”*

Monday

Psalm 104: 24-34

Tuesday

Acts 2: 1-13

Wednesday

Acts 2: 14-21

Thursday

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Friday

John 7: 37-39

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

**May 24, 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/ZmeNjWLc31zdG2M6>

**Scholarship applications** with First United Methodist Church 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:

- **"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.
- Several **Sunday School classes** are currently meeting online using Zoom 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
  - **Helping Hands** – Contact Richard Schmick
- **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 June 14. 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
- **New Groups** - Would you be willing to host a small group using Zoom or some other online platform? We would LOVE to start some new groups to engage new people, so please contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) if you are interested!

May is underway and that means the May/June 2020 issue of **The Upper Room** is available! 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:** Polly Blum

**Recovering at Home:** Jack Koser, Donnie Wright

Throughout the ages, people have sought to go deeper in their spiritual lives with Jesus Christ. Some have found that they schedule their lives around "The Hours – set times for prayer." We invite you to go deeper with us on Wednesdays at 11am through **“Midday Prayer and Intercession.”** Using Zoom we will share together in the Northumbria Community Midday Prayer and prayers for one another. We usually meet for 30-45 minutes. If interested, please contact Pastor John at [pastorjohn@fumchurch.com](mailto:pastorjohn@fumchurch.com) to receive the Zoom link. Scripture says, "O Taste and see that the Lord is good." Join us as we take a taste of God's goodness together.

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 [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto: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, [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 two other options. Please help us identify those who may be interested in receiving **DVDs of worship or listening to the worship service on their phone**. Contact Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@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 or supply of greeting cards**, 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 the building - Church is the people! And while we worship at home, we can continue to offer hospitality and care in several ways:

- Through our phone calls, emails, texts, prayers, 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) or 717-766-4611 x112 .
- Through our newly formed "Hospitality Housecalls" team. Please contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) if you are interested in participating. Together we will ensure that every church member/regular attender receives a call and continues to feel connected to our church family

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**

**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!

**Sign-up for Remind-** Are you sick of endless emails but want to stay in touch with FUMC Kids? Sign up for FUMC Kids Remind! Email us at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com) or text us for a super quick sign up link or the class code. Then receive all the awesome news by text! Sign up today!!

## **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Help us **connect** with you!

**Follow us on instagram:** fouryouthministry

**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!





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**Join us to support our neighbors and Mission Central.  
We will be collecting the following items:**

**Laundry detergent**

**Hand towels (kitchen, cleaning or microfiber)**

**Feminine hygiene products**

**Toothpaste**

**Bandaids**

**Liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray bottles)**

**Travel size shampoo, deodorant and soap**

**Blue/black pens and pencils**

**Wednesdays from 10:00 am to noon. First UM parking  
lot, 135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg.**

**Drive in the entrance, place donations in the marked  
vehicle, drive out the exit.**

**(Donations will support local families in need)**



**(SPECIAL MESSAGE from the Conference Camping office)**

To Our Beloved Camp and Retreat Families and Supporters,

Due to information received from Camp & Retreat Ministry associations, health experts, and state authorities that outline significant complexities and limitations involved in holding camps and retreats this summer, the **Susquehanna Conference's Camp & Retreat Ministry Board has made the heartbreaking decision to suspend all summer camp and retreat programming through September 1, 2020.**

All those who were registered for camp have been notified and fees will be refunded.

We are grieving, and at the same time, we trust deeply in the growth and possibilities that have and will emerge as we move forward. Our staff, along with our supportive board, will continue to stay connected with our campers and families in the coming months. So, while we acknowledge our shared disappointment at not being together this summer, we walk with God who makes a way forward through this time.

We are resilient but we are going to need your support this year more than ever. To be direct, we depend heavily on the income of our summer camping season to sustain leadership, facilities, and programs critical to fulfilling our mission and ministry. The inability to host our summer campers and retreat guests weighs heavily on our hearts, as well as on our finances. In the coming weeks there will be opportunities for generosity in financial giving. Your generosity is part of the way God provides "*streams in the wilderness*" right now.

**Donate through the conference website or through your church.**

We love you. We miss you. We look forward to seeing you.

With Hope and in Christ's Service,

*The Susquehanna Conference Camp & Retreat Ministry Team*

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