

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

June 21, 2020

DIFFERENT WORLD
SAME MISSION

“Obedience”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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• Different World. • Same Mission.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Unison Prayer

Praise and Worship

"Build My Life"

Scripture Readings

John 15: 9-17;

Matthew 28: 19 (CEB)

Sermon

"Obedience" - Pastor Denny

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Closing Song

"Trust and Obey"

Blessing

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

PreachingPastor Denny Keller

Worship LeadersPastor John Shellenberger

Accompanist/Music Leaders ...Caleb Flick, Sarah Pugh, Allison Ometz

Sound & MediaJason Kichline, Ken Rapp

“Obedience”

John 15: 9-17;
Matthew 28: 19 (CEB)

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey **everything** that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you **always**, to the end of the age.*
(Matthew 28:18-20)

1. To obey means _____.

"Jesus' life was a life of obedience. He was always listening to the Father, always attentive to his voice, always alert for his directions. Jesus was 'all ear.'" (Henri Nouwen)

2. Obedience anchors my life in the _____ of Jesus.

*...teaching them to **obey everything that I have commanded you**. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.*
(John 15:10)

"That is true prayer: being all ear for God." (Henri Nouwen)

3. Obedience opens my heart to the _____ of others.

This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends.
(John 15:12-13)



4. Obedience equips me to _____ others to Jesus.

...**teaching them** to obey **everything** that I have commanded you.

"Making disciples always connects a person intimately to Jesus, and there aren't any shortcuts or formulas for forging intimate relationships..."

(O. Wesley Allen, Jr.)

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of June 21



Sunday “Obedience”

Monday Genesis 22: 1-14

Tuesday Psalm 13

Wednesday Romans 6: 12-23

Thursday Matthew 10: 40-42

Friday Matthew 28: 16-20

Saturday Rest and Reflect



First News First

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Lifelong Learner



Check out our **special graduation edition of the First News First Newsletter** by clicking this [link](#)! Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

A **new 6-Week Bible Study**, led by Juanita Guise, begins Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. *“The Power of Jesus’ Names”* dives deep into life and character of Jesus to give you deeper understanding of who He is and what He came to do for, and in, your life today. Workbook is available online to purchase on your own. Please contact Tina Eaton if interested in participating.

Several **Small Groups and Sunday School classes** are currently meeting online using Zoom at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings, and new members are welcome anytime!

- [Christian Fellowship Class](#) – Engaged in “Anxious for Nothing - Keeping Calm in a Chaotic World”, a five week study by Max Lucado. Contact Wayde Leister
- [Faith in Everyday Life Class](#) – Contact Ron Guyer
- [Faithful Families Class](#) – Contact Bob Wertz, Jr.
- [Growing in Christ Class](#) – Engaged in “The Art of Neighboring”, a study based on the call of Jesus to love our neighbors. Contact Tina Eaton
- [Helping Hands Class](#) – Engaged in adult Quarterly Bible Study Lessons. Contact Richard Schmick
- [Guyer Class](#) – Although not meeting online, members are actively reading the adult Quarterly Bible Study Lessons on their own. If you would like a copy of these study materials so that you can read along, contact Tina Eaton.
- [Men’s Group](#) - Meets at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Contact Barry Eaton

Interested in starting a new small group? Whether you want to do a study online, or you are ready to start meeting with a small, social-distanced group in your back yard, we are here to help get you started! Please contact [Tina Eaton](#) for ideas on studies and resources available, plus access to Zoom or tips on safely leading small groups outside as stay-at-home restrictions begin to be lifted.

Praying Follower



Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Victor Norris, Dot Souder

As your church family, we so value receiving your **prayer requests** in our desire to remain spiritually connected with you while continuing to worship from home. Please use this [google link](#) to share your joys and concerns with us! You also may share your prayer requests by contacting Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112.

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 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. 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.

Passionate Worshipper

Join us and invite others to worship from home with us any day of the week! 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.

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 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

Joy in the Morning support group meets Monday, June 29th! If you live with chronic health issues or pain and would like to join our Zoom gathering planned for 3:30 pm on Monday, June 29th, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112.

Pickleball, Players and Prayers will meet Wednesday June 24 at Adam Ricci Park 6:00 to 7:30 pm. All are invited. Questions? Contact Pastor John at pastorjohn@fumchurch.com.

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)



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.

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 or 717-766-4611 x112 .
- Through our newly formed "Hospitality Housecalls" team. Please contact Tina Eaton at 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 with any questions concerning financial giving.



CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM With Us- No Zoom today. Spend the day with dad! Happy Father's Day to all you awesome dads!!!
=)

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small group connections on Zoom are now happening!

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)



To Our Beloved FUMC Camp & Retreat Families and Supporters,

As you already may know, the **Susquehanna Conference's Camp & Retreat Ministry Board has made the decision to suspend all summer camp and retreat programming through September 1, 2020.**

We trust deeply in the growth and possibilities that have and will emerge as we move forward. The full-time Camping staff continues to maintain the camp facilities, as well as, to stay connected with camp volunteer teams, campers and families to keep camp alive.

While all of us acknowledge our shared disappointment at not experiencing camp as normal this summer, we know God will make a way forward through this time.

Funding is still required to sustain leadership, facilities, and programs critical to fulfilling the on-going mission of the Camp & Retreat ministries – not just for this year, but for years to come.

Please be in prayer and ask how you can participate in His Kingdom work.

In the coming weeks, there will be opportunities for generosity in financial giving. Your generosity can be a part of the way God provides “*streams in the wilderness.*”

The special giving program entitled the "Camp Comeback Campaign," will kick off with a unique “**Matching Monday**” opportunity to DOUBLE gifts to Camp & Retreat Ministry.

“**Matching Monday**” starts June 22 and will continue through July 27.

Matching Monday weekly amounts and [giving instructions](#) will be posted at 8 a.m. every Monday on each campsite Facebook page.

Donate through the conference website - <http://www.susumcamps.org/>.

With Hope and in Christ's Service,

The FUMC Camping & Retreat Ministry Team

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