

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*July 5, 2020*

# SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES

DISCOVERING GOD'S LOVE IN ROMANS 8

*“Freedom in Christ”*

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# Shifting Perspectives

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*"America the Beautiful"*

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn

*"Sprit of the Living God"*

Scripture Reading

*Romans 8: 1-4 (CEB)*

Sermon

*"Freedom in Christ" - Pastor Denny*

Music Ministry

*"The Father's House"*

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Ministry Moment

Offering

Closing Song

*"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

Blessing

Postlude

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

*Preaching* .....Pastor Denny Keller

*Worship Leader* .....Pastor John Shellenberger

*Accompanist/Music Leaders* .....Caleb Flick, Flossie Ryder, Kathie Bittenbender,  
.....George Canonizado, Ellen Hill

*Sound & Media* .....Jason Kichline, Ron Nichols, Michael Garman

# “Freedom in Christ”

Romans 8: 1-4 (CEB)

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1. Paul shifts our perspective on where \_\_\_\_\_ is found.

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are  
in Christ Jesus.*

2. Life in Christ Jesus sets you free from \_\_\_\_\_ .

*There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in  
Christ Jesus.*

*It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? (Romans 7:21-24, The Message)*

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough  
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up  
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?  
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know,  
ooh oh (Lauren Daigle, "You Say")

3. Life in Christ Jesus sets you free from \_\_\_\_\_.

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)*

4. The freedom Jesus gives is available to you \_\_\_\_\_.

*There is therefore **now** no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus **has set you free** from the law of sin and of death. (verse 2)*

## Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of July 5



### ***Sunday***

### ***“Freedom in Christ”***

Monday

Genesis 25: 19-34

Tuesday

Psalms 119: 105-112

Wednesday

Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23

Thursday

Romans 6: 1b-11

Friday

Romans 8: 5-8

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



# First News First

Weekly Edition

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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!

Several **Small Groups and Sunday School classes** are currently meeting online using Zoom or meeting in backyards, and new members are welcome anytime!

- [Christian Fellowship Class](#) – Contact Wayde Leister
- [Faith in Everyday Life Class](#) – Contact Ron Guyer
- [Faithful Families Class](#) – Contact Bob Wertz, Jr.
- [Growing in Christ Class](#) – Contact Tina Eaton
- [Guyer Class](#) – Although not meeting online, members are actively reading the adult Quarterly Bible Study Lessons on their own and engaging over the phone with one another. If you would like a copy of the quarterly lessons 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 backyard, we are here to help get you started! Please contact Tina Eaton for ideas on studies and resources available. She can also provide you with access and training on Zoom or tips on safely leading small groups outside.

## Praying Follower

Congratulations to Allie (Routch) and Ralph Canterbury and big brother Owen in the birth of Abram Jett Canterbury on June 27, 2020. Congratulations also to grandparents Mark and Nancy Routch.

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Kim Guyer, Joan Mains, Dot Souder

The July/August edition of the Upper Room is now available! Contact Janice Bowen for a copy. ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112).

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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112.

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.



## *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](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*

A new small group, **Faith, Feathers and Friends** has been formed and all who are interested in bringing together faith, an interest in birding and spending time with friends are invited! This group, led by Pastor John, meets Tuesdays in July from 1:00 - 2:00 pm on Zoom. If interested, send an email to [pastorjohn@fumchurch.com](mailto:pastorjohn@fumchurch.com).

A new small group, **Pickleball Players & Prayers**, is now meeting at Adam Ricci Park on Wednesdays in July from 6:00 - 7:30 pm to play pickleball and pray together. Persons of all abilities are invited. Please bring your own equipment, physical distancing will be practiced by asking couples to play together/singles to play with a particular partner that evening. Hand sanitizer is provided. If interested, send an email to [pastorjohn@fumchurch.com](mailto:pastorjohn@fumchurch.com).

A summertime **Backyard Book Club** is forming, so if you enjoy reading, please join us for "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult, a riveting novel from 2016 based on a true life story that looks at race issues in America from many perspectives. Group will meet Monday evenings from July 13 - August 17 from 6:45 - 8:00 pm at the home of Patti Vogl. Call Patti for more details/sign up at 717-691-3427 or email her at [pvogl7@gmail.com](mailto:pvogl7@gmail.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](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-** No Zooms TODAY. Enjoy the holiday weekend with your family!!

**Virtual Vacation Bible School-** July 13th through 17th. We will miss our awesome, crazy week of VBS as we knew it BUT we can still have an awesome, crazy week of VIRTUAL VBS!! Registration closes July 8th and space is limited so sign up today! To get the details and register go to <http://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/fumchurch>

## **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Small group connections on Zoom are now happening!


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!



Join us for a First Church

# *Garden Tour*

First Church members invite you to tour their beautiful gardens this summer! Two gardens will be featured each Sunday for four weeks, starting **July 12 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Directions and details will be provided each week in the bulletin, via email and on our church's Facebook Forum private page.





## Knights of North Castle Virtual Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open for the 2020 Virtual VBS! There is no registration fee but space is limited. Kids aged 4 years old through entering 6th grade may register.

We're sure you wish that this summer's VBS were an in-person event, just as we do. We are truly going to miss seeing all of the children singing, laughing, learning, and growing together this summer at VBS. Still, we hope we can offer your children the very best alternative with this At-Home program. Your leadership and supervision in just a few activities will make all the difference! We know you've already been busily adapting to the current reality so we want to make this as easy as possible.

With every VBS Registration each child will receive a bag with all needed supplies for the week. The bag will include:

- \* All materials needed for crafts for the week.
- \* All materials needed for science for the week.
- \* Age appropriate work books with fun puzzles, stories and activities.
- \* 1 free music CD per family
- \* Information of how to watch daily VBS videos that include music, Bible stories and craft/science instructions. As well as an email telling you how you can pick up all the materials the week before VBS by drive through at FUMC Mechanicsburg

Register at: <http://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/fumchurch>  
Registration closes July 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email Dawn and Anna at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)



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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