

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

July 19, 2020

SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES

DISCOVERING GOD'S LOVE IN ROMANS 8

“Transformed By the Spirit”

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Shifting Perspectives

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn
"To God Be the Glory"

Prayer of Confession

Musical Meditation
"God I Look to You"

Scripture Reading
Romans 8: 9-11

Sermon
"Transformed By the Spirit" - Pastor Lisa

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Announcements

Closing Song
"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

Blessing

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

PreachingPastor Lisa Aronson

Worship LeaderPastor John Shellenberger

Accompanist/Music LeadersCaleb Flick, Sarah Pugh, Jason Kichline,
.....George Canonizado

Sound & MediaJason Kichline, Elijah Ometz, Fred Espenshade

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of July 19



Sunday

“Transformed By the Spirit”

Monday

Genesis 29: 15-28

Tuesday

Psalms 105: 1-11; 45b

Wednesday

Matthew 13: 31-33; 44-52

Thursday

Romans 7: 15-25

Friday

Romans 8: 12-17

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!

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

- [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

Hospitalized: Carvel Markley

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Sarah Jones, Grace Koser

Special Circumstance: Paul Nesmith

The July/August edition of the Upper Room is available! Contact Janice Bowen for a copy. (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 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. 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

As we begin to regather for in-person worship, we are VERY MUCH IN NEED of ushers and greeters! If you feel comfortable attending in-person worship, are available from 8:15 - 9:45 am on Sunday mornings, and would be interested in serving in this way, please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com at your earliest convenience.

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.

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.



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

First Church Garden Tour has begun! Enjoy the gardens of our First Church members on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. No RSVP required, but please bring a face covering and practice physical distancing. See page 8 for the schedule and more details.

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.

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.

A summertime **Backyard Book Club** has formed, 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 meet Monday evenings until 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.



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

Yard Sale Donation Collection Continues! Please bring your donations of household items for the UMW Yard Sale, every Wednesday through August 12, from 10:00 am to Noon to the church multipurpose room. The sale will be held on Saturday, August 15. Proceeds from the yard sale benefit Youth mission trips. You can also bring your book donations for the Church Library Sale. If you have questions about the sale or donations of items, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com or Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com. Thanks for your support of the sale!



Calling all bakers! We are asking for baked goods for the UMW Bake Sale at the Church Yard Sale. Please see the Time to Sign Up at: ttsu.me/mgsn7g. Questions about the Bake Sale, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. Thanks for baking!

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 Zoom with the kids and have a Bible Lesson! We Zoom with all ages at 4:30pm on Sundays through the summer. Check your email or Remind for the link to Zoom with us! Need the link? Email Dawn & Anna at kidscount@fumchurch.com.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Virtual Vacation Bible School- What a fantastic week we had!! Thank you to all those who participated and remember, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power." ~Ephesians 6:10

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!



First Church
Garden Tour
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

July 19

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Bonnie Guyer and M/M
Crumlich, 6317 and 6319
Brandy Lane, Mech.
717-766-0145

July 26


Flossie Ryder
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717-766-0811

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August 2

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.....
Michael Garman
112 Petersburg Rd., Carlisle
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No RSVP required. Please practice Physical
Distancing and remember to bring a
Face Covering and your own water.



Reminder, if it is raining, the tour will be cancelled.

YARD SALE COLLECTION JULY 15

Drop off your donations for the UMW Yard Sale **Wednesday's from 10:00 am to Noon** to the Multipurpose Room through August 12. The date of the sale is Saturday, August 15, proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trips. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com or Lisa Aronson at uthrock@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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