

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*August 9, 2020*

# SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES

DISCOVERING GOD'S LOVE IN ROMANS 8

*“The Spirit’s Intercession”*

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# Shifting Perspectives

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*"Blessed Assurance"*

Unison Prayer

Special Music

*"Living Hope" - Kalie & Cassidy Nuss*

Scripture Reading

*Romans 8: 26-27*

Sermon

*"There, When You are Speechless" - Pastor John*

Prayer Hymn "Spirit of the Living God"

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Closing Song

*"Great Are You Lord"*

Benediction

Postlude

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

*Preaching*.....Pastor John Shellenberger

*Worship Leader*.....Pastor Dennis Keller, Sarah Pugh

*Accompanist/Music Leaders* ...Caleb Flick, Worship Band, Kalie Nuss, Cassi Nuss

*Sound & Media*.....Ron Nichols, Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

# “There, When You Are Speechless”

Romans 8: 26-27 (NRSV)

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**Focus:** Today I want us to Shift our Perspective and join with Paul's overall clear intent: He wants to encourage us, especially when we feel our own weakness, because the Holy Spirit is praying for us. Even though we do not know how to pray as we should, we should be encouraged to keep praying!

## Points to Consider:

1. Likewise....add the following to what was said before

2... The Spirit ...comforter, advocate

3... Helps us...personal, intentional

But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him, and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? **Then tell her to help me.** (Lk 10:40)

4....In Our Weakness...our status

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize **with our weaknesses** (astheneia), but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. (Heb 4:15)

5...we do not know how to pray...the problem

6. God is There...the solution..... but that very Spirit intercedes

7. Look at how we are surrounded by God in this scripture and in life.

## Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of August 9

### *Sunday “The Spirit’s Intercession”*

Monday Genesis 45: 1-15

Tuesday Psalm 133

Wednesday Matthew 15: 10-20,  
21-28

Thursday Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Friday Romans 8: 28-30

Saturday Rest and Reflect





# First News First

Weekly Edition

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

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The **altar flowers** for today's service are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Randy Hassinger, placed by his wife and family.

## 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:** Linda Shuey

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Erma Rupp, Veloice Washburn, Easton Messner, Linda Shuey and Mike Lehman

**Special Circumstance:** Paul Nesmith

**Loving Sympathy** to the Harris family on the death of Anna's grandmother, Virginia Kirby, Wednesday, August 5.

The July/August edition of the Upper Room is 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*



While our church doors are open again, we invite you to continue to sing and worship online with **Sacred Space**, a new time of worship time premiering on select Sunday evenings. Experience the Holy Spirit through song, prayer, and scripture, led by some of our music & worship staff/volunteers. Tune in to Facebook, YouTube, and the church website on August 2nd, 16th, and 30th at 7:00pm.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.fumchurch.com), Sing, pray, hear the message proclaimed and respond through your weekly giving.



## *Dedicated Missionary*



Join us as we continue our support to Mission Central through the online auction! Mission Central has been and continues to monitor COVID-19. The March Mission Central Gala has turned into the August Mission Central Online Auction! It will run August 6-9, 2020. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY! We are so very grateful for your support! In order to bid on the Mission Central online auction, you must create a Bidding Owl account. Details of how to do that are [here](#). Our online auction site is [here](#). Please don't hesitate to reach out to Stephanie ([stitzel@susumc.org](mailto:stitzel@susumc.org)) if you have any questions.

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](#)

**Share the Harvest!** If you have garden goodies to share, we'd love to have them! New for this year, please feel free to place them on the table near our Little Free Pantry (located near the corner of Simpson and High Streets) any time! We can share with our church family and our neighbors. Bring your veggies, fruits and flowers to bless others!

**Yard Sale Donation Collection Continues through this Wednesday!** Please bring your donations of household items for the UMW Yard Sale, Wednesday, from 10:00 am to noon to the church multipurpose room. The sale will be held NEXT 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](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com) or Lisa Aronson at [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto: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: [tsu.me/mgsn7g](https://tsu.me/mgsn7g). Questions about the Bake Sale, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).

## **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!



# YARD & BOOK SALE COLLECTION THIS WEDNESDAY!

Drop off your donations for the UMW Yard Sale and books for the **Book Sale** on **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](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com) or Lisa Aronson at [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com).





To Our Beloved FUMC Camp & Retreat Families and Supporters,

The Susquehanna Conference's Camp & Retreat Ministry Board made the decision to suspend all summer camp and retreat programming through September 1, 2020.

**The Camp Staff is actively planning for the Fall Retreat season starting 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.

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

Let's covenant together to go on a hike or a walk and take time off from everything and go somewhere near where you live and immerse ourselves in beauty. Let's take the time to walk slow miles or some steps with God and diminish every other distraction. Take time to truly walk with God and listen to His words about our hearts, lives and futures and the future of camp. This "holy time" will cement the community together and launch us into the remainder of the camp year in very unexpected and profound ways. It's amazing what setting aside one simple day to walk with God can do.

**We hope that you will share your experiences with us!**

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.

There will be opportunities for generosity in financial giving as part of the "Camp Comeback Campaign". Your generosity can be the way God provides "*streams in the wilderness.*"

**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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