

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

August 16, 2020

SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES

DISCOVERING GOD'S LOVE IN ROMANS 8

“The Spirit’s Intercession”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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Shifting Perspectives

Prelude

Introit: "Gonna Be A Great Day"
Flossie Ryder & Kathie Bittenbender

Welcome

Call to Worship

Handbell Anthem

"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

Unison Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 28-30

Praise Chorus

"God Is So Good"

Sermon

"All Things For Good" - Pastor Denny

Musical Response: *"Goodness of God"*

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Announcements

Closing Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Pastor John Shellenberger

Accompanist/Music Leaders ... Caleb Flick, Handbells, Sarah Pugh, Flossie Ryder,
Kathie Bittenbender

Sound & Media..... Ken Rapp, Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten,
Elijah Ometz

“All Things For Good”

Romans 8: 28-30

Three reasons for Christians to be joyful:

1. Our _____ turn out for good.

²⁸ We know that **all things work together for good** for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. (verse 28)

* _____ happen to Christians.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Romans 8:35)

* When things work together in your life it's because of _____.

* Although bad things happen, God is _____ for good.

Jesus wept. (John 11:35)

2. Our _____ can never be lost.

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn within **a large family**. (verse 29)

" The gospel does not promise you better life circumstances; it promises you a better life."
(Dr. Timothy Keller)

3. Our _____ are yet to come.

³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also **called**; and those whom he called he also **justified**; and those whom he justified he also **glorified**. (verse 30)

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of August 16

Sunday “All Things For Good”



Monday Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10

Tuesday Psalm 124

Wednesday Matthew 16; 13-20

Thursday Romans 12: 1-8

Friday Romans 8: 31-34

Saturday Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

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The **altar flowers** for today's service are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. C Richard and Pauline G. Brandt, placed by C. Richard Brandt.

Lifelong Learner

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: We thankfully are not aware of anyone in the hospital at this time.

Recovering at Home: Joseph Moomaw, Erma Rupp, Veloice Washburn, Easton Messner, Linda Shuey and Mike Lehman

Rehabilitation: Carvel Markley is at Encompass Health

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



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 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, 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](#)

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](#)

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!

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.



Back-Pack Blessing and Back-to-School Water Battle Bonanza –On August 30th at 1:00 pm in the church parking lot, all First Church Families are invited to have their backpacks and school electronics blessed for the 2020-21 school year. After the blessing, we will have a time of water games and a grand water battle until 2:00 pm. Please pre-register your family for this wonderful event at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount so we can plan for a safe and super fun time!

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!



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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