

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

November 1, 2020

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“Uncommon Joy”

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Prelude

"Give Me Jesus" - arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"For All the Saints"

Time of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

Unison Prayer

Music Ministry

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon

"Uncommon Joy" - Pastor Denny

Communion Hymn

"I Come With Joy"

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Breaking Bread

Giving the Bread & Cup

Closing Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Blessing

Postlude

"For All The Saints" - arr. Mark Hayes

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Pastor John Shellenberger

Worship Team George Canonizado, Karen Philp, Sarah Pugh

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Jim Murdoch

“Uncommon Joy”

Matthew 5: 1-12

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
(verse 4 NRSV)*



1. God doesn't expect us to be _____.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... a time to mourn, and a time to dance;... (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4)

*"Rejoice **in the Lord** always; again I will say, Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)*

"Joy does not just happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day." (Henri J.M. Nouwen)

2. When our hearts are broken, God wants us to _____.

So I was completely quiet, silent. I kept my peace, but it did no good. My pain got worse. (Psalm 39:2)

3. Four ways God comforts those who mourn:

a) God _____ with us.

Jesus wept. (John 11:35 RSV)

b) God gives us a _____ for support.

In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in



Christ, and individually we belong to each other... (Romans 12:5)

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

(Romans 12:15)

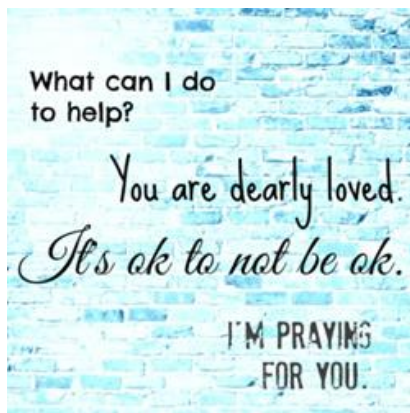
c) God gives us the _____.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

d) God uses our pain to _____.



He's the one who comforts us in all our trouble so that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God. (2 Corinthians 1:4)



Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of November 1

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>“Uncommon Joy”</i>
Monday	Psalms 78: 1-7
Tuesday	Joshua 24: 1-13
Wednesday	Joshua 24: 14-25
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Friday	Matthew 25: 1-13
Saturday	Rest and Reflect





First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

November 1, 2020

The **altar flowers** for today's service are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Raymond J and Margaret S. Tyson, placed by their children.

Lifelong Learner



Please join us, Tuesday November 10th at 7 pm on Zoom for a virtual, **health and wellness presentation focused on the topic of a gluten-free diet**. We will hear from Giant Foods nutritionist, Kilene Knitter, MS RD LDN, as well as from a Panel of FUMC members who eat gluten-free. To register and receive the Zoom link for the presentation, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112.

Because our building remains closed right now (with the exception of Sunday worship and a few vitally important ministries), we are continuing to offer studies and groups outside or online. Even if you were not previously a member of these groups, you are welcome to join any group at any time:

- **Wednesday evening men's group** - Meets at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com if interested.
- Several **Sunday School classes** will continue or resume meeting on Sunday Mornings. You are invited to contact the following leaders for more information on what they are studying and how to become involved:
 - Faith in Everyday Life - Meets in-person at Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg. Focuses on fellowship and friendship. Class members share in leading reflections and discussions based on Scripture. Contact Jenell Paris at jparis@messiah.edu for more details.
 - Faithful Families - Meets online. For parents in the child-raising stage of life. Focuses on discussion-based Bible studies. Contact Bob Wertz, Jr. at wertzfive@gmail.com for more details.
 - Christian Fellowship - Currently engaged in a study by Bob Goff, entitled "Dream Big", which helps participants to recapture the version of their lives they dreamed about before fear started calling the shots. For all ages/stages of faith. Contact Wayne Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com for more details and the zoom link for this online study.
 - Growing in Christ - Studying "The Good Life", a study of the Beatitudes by Pastor Derwin Gray. For all ages/stages of faith. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details and the zoom link for this online study.
 - Helping Hands - Meets online. A group of active seniors who focus on studies which provide encouragement and instruction on faithful living. Contact Bob Wertz, Sr. at robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com for more details.
 - Guyer Class - Independent study. A group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist quarterly adult Bible lessons. Contact John Nesbit by phone or Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details.

Do you feel called to offer something new for a few weeks this fall? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to get the ball rolling!



Praying Follower

Hospitalized: Donald Wright

Recovering at Home or Rehabilitation: Gwen Harkins, Charlotte Hess, Tom Mullikin

The November/December 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! Please use this [google link](#) to share your joys and concerns with us, or share your prayer requests by contacting Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112.

Passionate Worshipper



An outdoor worship experience that takes place on Sundays from 4:00 – 4:45 pm in the church parking lot! This time of praise and worship is designed to be a casual, “come as you are” experience for all ages. All appropriate safety measures, like physical distancing and mask-wearing as necessary, are observed. So dress for the weather (we will move inside in the event of a storm), bring your mask, bring your lawn chair and plan to arrive a little early (to allow for physical distancing while finding your spot). We are excited to share in this relaxing, Spirit-filled time of togetherness! Questions? Contact Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com.

Current Worship Series — Uncommon: The apostle Paul writes that followers of Jesus are uncommon people. We live in the world, but we are not of the world. *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect”* (Romans 12:2). If ever there was a time the world needs the witness of an uncommon people who serve an uncommon Savior it's now! In this series, we're discovering some of the uncommon qualities of Jesus and how we can develop those same qualities as we walk with him.

TODAY	“Uncommon Joy”	Matthew 5:1-12	<i>(All Saints Sunday)</i>
November 8	“Uncommon Wisdom”	Matthew 25:1-13	
November 15	“Uncommon Generosity”	Matthew 25:14-30	<i>(Consecration Sunday)</i>
November 22	“Uncommon Gratitude”	Luke 17:11-19	

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, fumchurch.com. Sing, pray, hear the message proclaimed and respond through your weekly giving. If you, or someone you know, are unable to access the online worship service, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 for other ways to connect with our worship.





Dedicated Missionary

The annual **Mechanicsburg Crop Walk** will be held **TODAY!** New this year, walkers can walk anytime to raise funds for this important organization! To support the team, visit the donation page at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mechanicsburgpa/FirstWalkers?tab=MyPage>. Reminder, the funds raised at this walk support Church World Service and also local organizations which include Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels and New Hope Ministries!

Relationship Builder

If you're a young adult (age 22+) in search of connection and Christ-centered community, please check out a new ministry in our area: **Zoe Mazi**. Check out the Facebook page OR email Shannon Zimmerman at zoemazi.lifetogether@gmail.com for more information. (Zoe Mazi means "life together").

For all bird lovers and watchers, the group **Faith, Feathers and Friends** meets each Tuesday at 1pm on Zoom for a time of studying God's Word, fellowship and learning about His marvelous creation. Contact pastorjohn@fumchurch.com if interested.

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.

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)



Generous Giver

The **Handbell choir will again be making pies** on Saturday, November 21st. Order your pies from a bell choir member, or by calling (717-697-6257) or emailing (rbittenben@verizon.net) Kathie. Pumpkin, Mincemeat, and Apple (Crumb Topping or Double Crust) are your choices, and remember to order them baked, or frozen. **Pick up time is noon to 2 pm that day.** That's very important this year as we can't hold them till Sunday at this time. Cost is \$10 a pie.

We are excited to partner with **Operation Christmas Child** again to fill shoeboxes for children around the globe! New for this year, you can pick up your box safely in our parking lot on the following Sundays before and after the 8:15am service and the evening Gathering service: **TODAY; November 8.** Watch for more details about other ways to fill a box and dates to drop off your filled shoebox. Questions? Contact David Mengle at (717) 319-8582.

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

The Gathering- TODAY ****NEW TIME**** at 4:00pm until 4:45pm. Please bring the whole family and join this outdoor worship time on Sunday evenings in the parking lot. There will be music and a message for all ages. Bring your lawn chair and a mask (for times we cannot be distanced). And don't forget, it's Bible Sunday! We hand out Bibles to all 4 years olds and 2nd graders! You can contact Dawn or Anna with any questions- kidscount@fumchurch.com.

Bible Time Anytime- Make your child's time learning about God a priority among all the craziness of their new schedules. Bible Time Anytime is a weekly Bible lesson your child can watch any time during the week. Lessons are appropriate for ages 3 years through 5th grade. We provide materials by the month to be used with the lessons. Please email Dawn and Anna at kidscount@fumchurch.com to request the materials and for more information on how to view the lessons.

Wonderful Wednesday- This Wednesday, November 4th at 4:45pm until 6:00pm. Do you like riddles? Then you will love being a Riddle Ranger with us! Contact Dawn and Anna with any questions- kidscount@fumchurch.com.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall is upon us and yes, youth will look a bit different this year, but we are going to navigate things together and still find ways to gather, gain, grow, and give. **Join us on Sunday evenings before The Gathering for 4G.** Watch your Remind text for weekly details.

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,

Good news! The Susquehanna Conference's Camp & Retreat has now moved into the **Fall Retreat** season. Check the Camp website for the latest news!

COMING SOON!!!

Christmas Light Drive-Thru

Beginning November 27, 2020

Mount Asbury Retreat Center – Newville

Please pray and ask how you can participate in camp or a camp-like experience.

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/>.

Please let us know if you have any registrations questions or need financial assistance. Let us know if you plan on attending a retreat so as to provide a prayer partner.

With Hope and in Christ's Service,

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