

Welcome to
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors
January 17, 2021

GOOD NEWS!

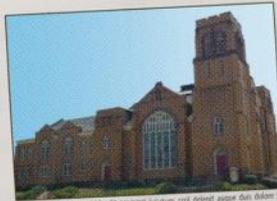
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“Jesus Uses Ordinary People”

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www.fumchurch.com



GOOD NEWS!

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"We Would See Jesus"

Affirmation of Faith

Ministry of Music

"When Peace Like a River" - George Canonizado

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 14-20 (NRSV)

Sermon

"Jesus Uses Ordinary People" - Pastor Denny

Hymn of Response

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Pastor John Shellenberger

Worship Team Kathie Bittenbender, George Canonizado, Caleb Flick,
..... Ellen Hill

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp

Good News: Jesus Uses Ordinary People

Mark 1: 14-20

1. Jesus shows up in the _____

*As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew **casting a net into the sea**—for they were fishermen. (verse 16)*



*As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat **mending the nets**. (verse 19)*

2. "Follow me" is an invitation to _____.

*And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you **fish for people**."
(verse 17)*

3. "Follow me" is a promise of _____.

And immediately they left their nets and followed him. (verse 18)

Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. (verse 20)



*Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.**”
(verses 14-15)*

Weekly Bible Readings:
Week of January 17

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>“Jesus Uses Ordinary People”</i>
Monday	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
Tuesday	Psalm 62
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
Thursday	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
Friday	Mark 1: 21-28
Saturday	Rest and Reflect





First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

January 17, 2021

The **alter flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren, placed by Don and Debbie Karns.

Lifelong Learner



New Study! All are invited to participate in "*Oneness Embraced*", a study by Dr. Tony Evans on reconciliation, God's Kingdom perspective and how we are stronger together. This 6-week study will begin on January 24 and will held on Zoom from 10:00 - 11:00 am on Sunday mornings. No cost for class, contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com if interested.

Because our building remains closed right now (with the exception of a few vitally important ministries) we are continuing to offer studies and groups in alternative and Covid-safe ways. 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** – This small group meets on Zoom at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com if interested. Masks required, heaters provided!
- **Faith in Everyday Life** – This small group meets on Zoom on Sunday mornings and focuses on fellowship and friendship. Class members share in leading reflections and discussions based on Scripture. Contact Jenell Paris at iparis@messiah.edu for more details.
- **Faithful Families** – This group, comprised of parents in the child-raising stage of life, meets on zoom on Sunday mornings and focuses on discussion-based Bible studies. Contact Bob Wertz, Jr. at wertzfive@gmail.com for more details.
- **Christian Fellowship** – This class is currently engaged in a study called "How Happiness Happens" by Max Lucado. New class members are welcome anytime! For all ages/stages of faith. Meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Contact Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com for more details and the Zoom link for this online study.
- **Growing in Christ** – This class is currently studying "The Good Life: What Jesus Teaches about Finding True Happiness", which focuses on the Beatitudes. For all ages/stages of faith. Meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details and the Zoom link for this online study.
- **Helping Hands** - Meets on zoom at 10:00 am. 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** – A group of elders in the church who use the United Methodist quarterly adult Bible lessons for daily independent study. 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 winter? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for study ideas and to get the ball rolling!



Praying Follower

Recovering at Home: David Brill, Dianne Burgard, Sarah Pugh, Rose Rohlmeier, Bob Wertz Sr.

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

Current Sermon Series - Good News!: Are you ready for a new year? As 2021 begins, we continue to feel the lingering effects of the pandemic and the unrest of 2020, but the new year is a time to embrace new possibilities. At the beginning of his gospel, Mark declares that the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is good news. (Mark 1:1) In this series we're going to walk closely with Jesus through the first chapter of Mark. As we do, we'll discover why the coming of Jesus is still the good news we all need and how believing the good news makes all the difference in our lives.

TODAY	"Jesus Uses Ordinary People"
January 24	"Jesus Has Authority"
January 31	"Early Riser"
February 7	"Jesus Isn't Afraid of Your Mess"

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



We are starting a collection for Little Free Pantry items on Wednesday's from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in our church parking lot through the end of February. See more information, like what items are being collected, on page 8. Thanks for sharing and caring for our community! Questions about the Little Free Pantry or the upcoming collections, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

Relationship Builder

You are invited to please stop by Janice Bowen's porch anytime if you are in search of the following: January church **newsletter** or the January/February **Upper Room**, a **facemask**, or a supply of **greeting cards**. Please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 if you have any questions.

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.



Little Free Pantry Collection



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MECHANICSBURG, PA



**Help us support those who are visiting our pantry.
We will be collecting the following items:**

Peanut Butter

Macaroni and cheese

Cereal (small boxes please)

Canned Soup/Canned goods

Tuna

Pasta and Sauce

Snack Bars/Snack Crackers

Other nonperishable items



Collecting this Wednesday

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

First UM parking lot, 135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

We will be collecting every Wednesday through February.

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.



Generous Giver

Church member, Rick Herring, will once again be assisting with AARP to prepare **tax returns** free of charge. This AARP service is for simple returns and you must register, starting February 1 to April. See website [here](#) for registration and locations. AARP is taking all the precautions to keep clients safe with two short appointments and pre-mailing documents. In addition, if you are unable to schedule through AARP, Rick will be offering his personal services from February 1 to February 28 and April 1 to April 10. Please contact Rick at oriolerrick1@verizon.net to schedule an appointment.

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

Bible Time Anytime!- Kids will love this weekly on-line Sunday School lesson for children led by Miss Anna and Miss Dawn for kids aged 3 years through 5th grade that is specifically designed to fit into your children’s busy schedules at any time that works for them. They can be viewed any day and any time through the week! New lessons will be available every Sunday on the First Church Children’s Ministry Facebook page or they can be emailed directly to you. You can find us on Facebook and request to be a part of this private group OR send us your email address at kidscount@fumchurch.com to receive a weekly email. **Make time hearing God’s word, lessons and teachings a part of your child’s week, every week!** *Email Dawn and Anna with any questions.*

BOOMERANG (aka Zoomerang!)- Sunday, January 24th @ 4:00pm. Join us on Zoom! All 3rd, 4th & 5th graders welcome to this time of fun, fellowship and strengthening our relationship with God. In this small group time we learn how to take God’s teachings and apply them to our lives and how we treat and can serve others. Because in Boomerang, it’s all about bringing it back to God! We will email out the Zoom link soon. If you don’t receive the link and would like to email Dawn & Anna at: kidscount@fumchurch.com.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth will look a bit different, but we are going to navigate things together and still find ways to gather, gain, grow, and give. Watch your Remind text for weekly details.

Help us **connect** with you! Watch these platforms and your emails for **opportunities to connect and learn** with others!

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



To Our Beloved FUMC Camp & Retreat Families and Supporters,

As we look back over **2020**, many thoughts and feelings may be aroused. Difficult decisions were made resulting in placing on hold anticipated experiences.

Yet many found new ways to come close to God!

Some spent special time with family. Others found time to take a hike or a walk getting away from the distractions of life while finding time to truly listen to His words for our lives.

These types of "holy times" have helped cement the community together to launch us forward into **2021**.

Funding was required to sustain leadership, facilities, and programs critical to fulfilling the on-going mission of the Camp & Retreat ministries for 2020.

The "**Camp Comeback Campaign**" goal was set at **\$100,000.00**.

Churches, groups, and individuals from across the conference stepped up in support. We are excited and tremendously grateful to announce that gifts and pledges received to date exceed \$100,000.00

Together we have met this challenge! To GOD be the GLORY!

We will let you know more about **2021** camp plans as we receive information from the conference camping and retreat staff. Please keep them in your prayers for wisdom and discernment.

Let us know if you have any questions.

With Hope and in Christ's Service,

The FUMC Camping & Retreat Ministry Team

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