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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors
January 24, 2021

GOOD NEWS!

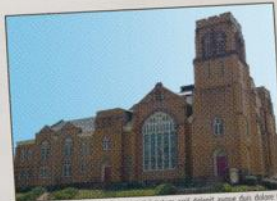
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"Jesus Teaches with Amazing Authority"

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GOOD NEWS!

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Unison Prayer

Praise Chorus

"His Name is Wonderful"

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 21-28 (NRSV)

Sermon

"Jesus Teaches with Amazing Authority" - Pastor John

Ministry of Music

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor John Shellenberger

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sarah Pugh, Nancy Robinson, Jim Robinson,
..... Flossie Ryder

Sound & Media Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten,
..... Roger Walton

Good News: Jesus Teaches with Amazing Authority

Mark 1: 21-28

What _____ you?

Scriptures about being amazed:

- *And they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. (Isaiah 13:8; KJV)*
- *And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion. (Mark 2:12; KJV)*
- *And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. (Luke 2:48; KJV)*
- *And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulcher; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any ; for they were afraid. (Mark 16:8; KJV)*

Quotes about Amazement:

- The devil knows your name but calls you by your sin. God knows your sin but calls you by your name.
- Lord I am amazed by Your love for me.
- The more I study nature the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Science brings men nearer to God. - Louis Pasteur
- Amazing Grace how sweet the sound.

What are the _____ and _____ responding to this amazing authority?

- a. He taught matters of the _____ and _____ which are necessary for salvation. But the scribes taught trifling matters of _____ which were passing away, such as the washing of hands and of cups.
- b. What Christ taught in word, he fulfilled _____.

- c. The scribes were mere _____ of the Law, but Christ
_____ sent from heaven.
- d. While the scribes sought _____ and
the praise of men, our Lord taught solely for
_____ and our salvation.

*Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
(Matthew 28: 18-20; ESV)*

The result of Jesus authority
is liberation and awe
release to the bound,
possibility to the cornered,
and hope to the despairing.

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of January 24

Sunday

“Jesus Teaches with Amazing Authority”

Monday

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Tuesday

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Thursday

James 5: 13-20

Friday

Mark 1: 29-39

Saturday

Rest and Reflect





First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

January 24, 2021

The **alter flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lois Hollinger-Morland, placed by Brad Hollinger and William S. Morland.

Lifelong Learner

Several **Bible studies and small groups** are being offered online this winter, and all are invited to come for fellowship and learning!

- **Alpha** – Come to look at the big questions of life and faith and talk about the real answers. Started in January, but you are welcome to join any time! No cost, led by Pastor John and Merri Shellenberger Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm on zoom. Questions, or need the zoom link? Contact Pastor John at pastorjohn@fumchurch.com.
- **Elijah** - Through Elijah's story, come to understand the value of seasons of growth and testing in your spiritual maturity. 7-session study begins February 16. Registration fee \$24.99 (for online videos and a workbook, PLUS bonus materials). Register at <https://onlinestudy.lifeway.com/v/ElijahOBS>. Need a scholarship or want to participate in a First Church online discussion group (Wednesdays over lunchtime at noon)? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com
- **Seven Words** - Join Pastor Denny to study the seven last words of Christ on the cross, exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. 6-week study begins Wednesday, February 24 at 6:45 pm. Contact Pastor Denny at pastordenny@fumchurch.com to sign up and receive the zoom link. (If you are interested, purchase book from any online retailer to read on your own).
- **Wednesday Men's Group – Race and the Gospel** addresses racism and injustice using Paul's words in Ephesians. Meets on zoom, 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com if interested.
- **Jesus in Me** – An 8-week study on the Holy Spirit, Led by Juanita Guise, meets on Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:15 pm on zoom beginning January 28. Contact Juanita ASAP at jguise@comcast.net to sign up, receive your workbook and zoom link.
- **Men's Bible Study** - Began in the fall with Paul's letters to Timothy, and resumes this winter with completion of Timothy and study of Paul's letter to Titus. New participants welcome any time! Led by Ken Guise/David Mengle, Sunday evenings, 6:15 pm on zoom. Contact Ken at guiseken100@gmail.com for more details and zoom link.
- **Sunday School**
 - o **Faith in Everyday Life** –Small group meets on zoom and focuses on fellowship/friendship. Class members share in leading reflections and discussions based on Scripture. Contact Jenell Paris at jparis@messiah.edu for more details.
 - o **Faithful Families** –Comprised of parents in the child-raising stage of life, meets on zoom, focuses on discussion-based Bible studies. Contact Bob Wertz, Jr. at wertzfive@gmail.com for more details.
 - o **Christian Fellowship** –Currently engaged in studying "How Happiness Happens" by Max Lucado. New class members welcome anytime! For all ages/stages of faith. Meets at 10:00 am. Contact Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com for more details and the zoom link.



- o **Growing in Christ** –Currently studying "Oneness Embraced", a study by Dr. Tony Evans on reconciliation and God's Kingdom perspective. For all ages/stages of faith. Meets Sunday mornings 10:00 am. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details and zoom link.
- o **Helping Hands** -Meets on zoom at 10:00 am. 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.
- o **Guyer Class** –Group of elders in the church who use the United Methodist quarterly adult Bible lessons for daily independent study at home. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to receive study materials.

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: John Aronson, Dianne Burgard

Interested in participating in **Moms in Prayer**? We have a group meeting Monday evenings, prays for children at any age/stage of life, all mothers/grandmothers welcome to join in at any time! Meets on zoom, 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Contact Deb Noss as sdppp@msn.com with questions or to receive zoom link.

Pray as a part of the national **Kingdom Come Prayer** event from home on your own for a specific hour on February 9 – 11 at <https://alphausa.org/kingdom-come-prayer>. When you sign up, you'll receive a free download of the Prayer Guide. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com.

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

Save the date - Virtual Ash Wednesday service on February 17! Check future bulletins and the upcoming February newsletter for more information to come.

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 Teaches with Amazing 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 having 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 9. 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



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.

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.

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



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.

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.

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!)- TODAY @ 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: fourgyouthministry

Request to join our FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group

Join our **Remind text list** - Text @4Gyo to 81010

Be My Valentine!



Let's send some love and joy to others!

We are collecting Valentine cards (store bought or handmade) and treats to share with our church members. Feel free to bring them to Janice Bowen's front porch (720 Eppley Road) anytime before **February 11** or bring to the church parking lot on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 during the Little Free Pantry collection (1/27, 2/3, 2/10).

Questions, contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 ext.112 or wecare@fumchurch.com





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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