

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*March 14, 2021*

Father, forgive them, for they know  
not what they do. Luke 23:34 Today I tell you  
today you will be with me in Paradise. Luke  
23:43 Woman, here is YOUR SON. John 19:26

My God, my  
God, why  
have You  
forsaken me?  
Mark 15:34 I  
am thirsty.  
John 19:28 It is  
finished. John  
19:30 Father,  
into Your  
hands I  
commend my  
spirit. Luke  
23:46

LAST  
WORDS

***“Behold Your Son..... Behold Your Mother”***

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Lift High the Cross"*

Apostles Creed

Ministry of Music with Flugelhorn and Trumpet

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Gospel Reading

*John 19: 25-27*

Sermon

*"Behold Your Son.... Behold Your Mother"* - Pastor Denny

Hymn

*"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Jesus United By Thy Grace"*

Benediction

Postlude

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***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

*Preaching* ..... Pastor Denny Keller

*Worship Leader* ..... Pastor John Shellenberger

*Worship Team* ..... Caleb Flick, Sarah Pugh, George Canonizado

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

# Seven Words: "Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother"

## John 19:25-27

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"Jesus, through the words he speaks to his mother and friend, creates the church, and that church becomes family to one another!" (Robb, Seven Words p.68)

1. The Church is a Family where \_\_\_\_\_

*Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. (verse 25)*

### The Role of Women in Jesus' Ministry

- Women financially supported Jesus and his disciples (Luke 8:1-3)
- A woman was the first missionary to the Samaritans (John 4:28-29)
- A woman anointed Jesus with oil as preparation for his burial (Matthew 26:6-13)
- Women first came to the tomb Easter morning (Mark 16:1-8)
- A woman became the first to proclaim the Resurrection (John 20:11-18)

<sup>26</sup> You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, **for you are all one in Christ Jesus.** (Galatians 3:26-28)

2. The Church is a Family where \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>26</sup> *When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "**Woman**, here is your son."* (verse 26)

<sup>4</sup> *Jesus replied, "**Woman**, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."*  
(John 2:4)

*I came that they may have life, and have it **abundantly**.* (John 10:10)

3. The Church is a Family where \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>27</sup> *Then he said to the disciple, "**Here is your mother**."* And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (verse 27)

"I believe that the reason Jesus' mother and the Beloved Disciple are not named in this Gospel is so that we can each identify ourselves as having the same intimate relationship with Jesus and character traits they had." (Robb, Seven Words, p.65)

4. The Church is a Family where \_\_\_\_\_

*Meanwhile, **standing near the cross of Jesus** were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.* (verse 25b)

# Weekly Bible Readings

## Week of March 15



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*This daily Bible reading plan will guide you during the 40 days of Lent as you prepare for celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter!*

*Each reading corresponds with a personal*

*reflection in our Lenten devotional booklet. It is our prayer that this meaningful spiritual discipline will draw you closer to the heart of God and closer to one another during this very special season.*

### ***Sunday***      ***Worship, Rest, and Reflect***

Monday	1 Timothy 4:4-11	Good Girl!	John Bowen
Tuesday	Philippians 4:10-13	Content in all Circumstances	Betsy Keller
Wednesday	Psalms 40	Great is Thy Faithfulness	Karin McHale
Thursday	Matthew 25:14-30	Use it Well	Anna Harris
Friday	John 14:1-14	Pause, Ponder and Pray	Vickie Coover
Saturday	Isaiah 30:18-21	Waiting	Merri Shellenberger



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

## **March 14, 2021**

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wade and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall, placed by Linda and Larry Hall.

The **maché basket** is given to the glory of God and in memory of Judy Rickards, place by John Rickards and family

### Lifelong Learner

Looking for new ways to grow closer to Christ? Check out our weekly Bible reading plan or join one of the ongoing groups/Bible studies listed below. New class members are welcome to join any class at any time!



- **Alpha** - Come to talk about the big questions of life and Christian faith. Started in January and runs through March 30. 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](mailto:pastorjohn@fumchurch.com).
- **Seven Words** – Join Pastor Denny to study the seven last words of Christ on the cross. 6-week study began February 24 and runs through March 31 at 6:45 pm. Contact Pastor Denny at [pastordenny@fumchurch.com](mailto:pastordenny@fumchurch.com) to receive the Zoom link.
- **Wednesday Men's Group** – Studying “Race and the Gospel”, which 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](mailto:1785eaton@gmail.com) if interested.
- **Men's Bible Study** – Set to begin a study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude in March. Led by Ken Guise/David Mingle, Sunday evenings, 6:15 pm on zoom. Contact Ken at [guiseken100@gmail.com](mailto:guiseken100@gmail.com) for more details and Zoom link.
- **Sunday School**
  - **Faith in Everyday Life** –This small group meets on zoom and focuses on fellowship and friendship. Class members share in leading reflections and discussions based on Scripture. Contact Jenell Paris at [iparis@messiah.edu](mailto:iparis@messiah.edu) for more details.
  - **Faithful Families** –This group, comprised of parents in the child-raising stage of life, meets on zoom and focuses on discussion-based Bible studies. Contact Bob Wertz, Jr. at [wertzfive@gmail.com](mailto:wertzfive@gmail.com) for more details.
  - **Christian Fellowship** – Beginning a new study today - "Why Easter Matters" by Andy Stanley. Runs through April 4. For all ages/stages of faith. Meets at 10:00 am. Contact Wayde Leister at [waydeleister@outlook.com](mailto:waydeleister@outlook.com) for more details and the zoom link. .
  - **Growing in Christ** – Beginning a new study today - "Easter" by Pastor J.D. Greear. Runs through April 18. For all ages/stages of faith. Meets Sunday mornings 10:00 am. Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details and the zoom link.
  - **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](mailto: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 at home. Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) to receive study materials.

Do you feel called to offer a new study or activity-based group for a few weeks this spring? Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) to talk about your idea and to get the ball rolling!

## Praying Follower

**Hospitalized:** Rose Rohlmeier, Charlotte Hess, Erma Rupp, Donnie Wright

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Kirk Bobb, Ralph Harkins

**One Thousand Prayers** - New for this year, we will be inviting everyone to participate in praying for our communities with a goal of praying for 1000 places over 4 weeks time! We will be handing out Prayer Kits that will include 'We Prayed for You' door hangers, prayer prompts, prayer locations, etc. to kick off on Good Friday, April 2. More details about how to get your prayer kit will be announced. Thanks for praying for our community!

Questions about One Thousand Prayers, contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).

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 at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) with questions or to receive zoom link.

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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112.



## Passionate Worshipper

As we begin to **regather for in person worship**, we will be following the same safety protocols as before. Please also remember to register for worship (Monday-Thursday on our [church website](#)) if you plan to attend in person. Our service will continue to be livestreamed beginning at 8:15 as well.



**Easter Flowers** — *New this year!* First Church will be taking orders for Easter lilies for anyone who would like to purchase a plant to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4 in memory or honor of a loved one. More information along with the order form can be found on page 10 of this bulletin. Questions? Contact Ellen Hill at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com).

**Current sermon series** — **Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross.** Together, we will look at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. We pray that, through this hopeful and contemplative focus on the cross during the weeks of Lent, you will experience anew the depth of his love for us and discover the meaning of his words for us today.

**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](http://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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112 for other ways to connect with our worship.

## Dedicated Missionary

**New Hope** is in need of the following items: Pasta (not spaghetti or elbows), canned fruit, canned tuna/chicken, bathroom tissue, bath soap, toothpaste, and diapers (size 4, 5, 6). Questions? Contact Debbie Karns at [deborahkarns1@gmail.com](mailto:deborahkarns1@gmail.com).







## Relationship Builder

**Summer Church Camp registration is open!** The Camp and Retreat Ministry is excited to share details and registration information about summer camps! Visit the camping website [here](#) to see all the offerings for camp this summer. Please review the COVID-19 safety guidelines as part of your camp registration process. In order to provide

the BEST camping experience, please send camping registration confirmations to our Camp Coordinators (Deb Noss or Amy Ortiz) so that we can pair you with a prayer partner and offer financial assistance (First Church will pay for one half of the camping fees!). If you have any questions about church camp, feel free to contact Deb Noss ([sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com)) or Amy Ortiz ([amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com)). Not a camper, no problem! You can support our campers in several ways! You can sign up to be a Prayer Partner (watch for details closer to the start of camp), make a financial contribution to help fund a camper or sign up for a one-day work camp! Contact one of our Camp Coordinators for more details. Camp's Great!



**Hospitality Tip** - How wonderful it is to be back together – our re-gathering is a true blessing! But please don't forget those who might not feel comfortable returning just yet. Continue to show everyone your love by making phone calls, sending notes and praying for those you have not seen in worship.

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. 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 April 1 to April 10. Please contact Rick at [oriolerrick1@verizon.net](mailto: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: **Lenten Devotional**, March church **newsletter**, a **facemask**, or a supply of **greeting cards**. Please contact Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112 if you have any questions.

**Ministry Safe Training-** All volunteers who help in the children or youth areas should be watching their email for the new online 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).

## Lenten Devotional

First Church has prepared a *very special* **devotional booklet for Lent, 2021** to keep us connected to one another and connected to Christ as we read one another's stories!

The entire booklet as well as devotions for the week will be provided via weekly church email updates. Paper copies are still available for pick-up upon request. If neither of these options work for you, please contact Tina Eaton at

[adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@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](mailto: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 3years through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, March 28th @ 4:00pm. Join us on Zoom! All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)

## **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Instagram:** [fourgyouthministry](#)

**FB page:** 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group

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

## Easter Flower Order Form



Easter lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4. You have the option of purchasing a lily for \$8.50 or giving a monetary gift in memory/honor of your loved one. Gift donations will be forwarded to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). If you would like to purchase a flower or give a monetary gift and also be included in the memorial insert in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, please complete the following form and return it to the church office by **noon on Friday, March 19**. *Checks should be made payable and mailed to **First United Methodist Church***. Order forms can be mailed to the church or submitted electronically by emailing your order and memory/honor information to Ellen Hill at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com).

**NOTE: Please indicate at the bottom of the form if you would like to pick up your flower.** Plants may be picked up after the Easter Sunday service. If you are unable to pick up your lily, other arrangements can be made by contacting the church office. Plants not claimed by April 9 will be donated or disposed of.

1. Number of **plants**: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle whichever is appropriate:*      In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of **Gifts**: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle whichever is appropriate:*      In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Placed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be picking up the flowers?**    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_

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