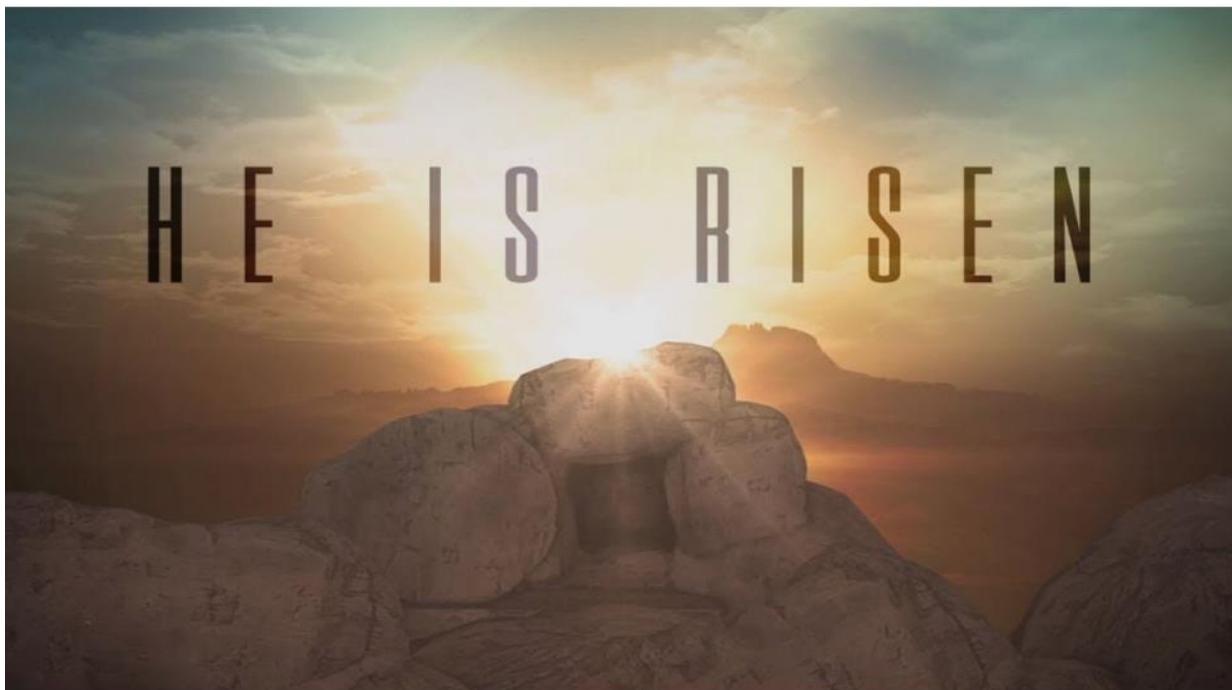


*Welcome to*  
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*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors*  
*April 4, 2021*



***“Jesus Goes Ahead of Us”***

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Prelude

*"Easter Medley"*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

Affirmation of Faith

Ministry of Music

*Hand Sign Choir*

The Gospel

*Mark 16: 1-8*

Anthem

*"He Lives"*

Sermon

*"Jesus Goes Ahead of Us" - Pastor Denny*

Hymn

*"In The Garden"*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Because He Lives"*

Benediction

Postlude

*"Hallelujah Chorus"*

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..... Sarah Pugh

*Sound & Media* ..... Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols

# Jesus Goes Ahead of Us

*Mark 16: 1-8*

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Resurrection is **not** a "happy ending" story that happened in history 2000 years ago. Resurrection is a **dynamic movement, an experience of grace** each one of us is called into again and again and again.

1. Resurrection calls us to experience \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” (verse 3)*

*As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; **and they were alarmed.** (verse 5)*

*But he said to them, “**Do not be alarmed;** you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. (verse 6)*

*There is no **fear** in love, but **perfect love casts out fear...** (1 John 4:18)*

2. Resurrection calls us to experience \_\_\_\_\_.

*But go, tell **his disciples and Peter** that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you. (verse 7)*

***All of them** deserted him and fled. (Mark 14:50)*

*At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, **you will deny me three times.**” And he broke down and wept. (Mark 14:72)*

“Simon son of John, **do you love me?**” (John 21:17)

3. Resurrection calls us to \_\_\_\_\_.

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for **terror and amazement had seized them**; and they said nothing to anyone, for **they were afraid**. (verse 8)

Where will you take the story from here?



ONE THOUSAND PRAYERS for  
MECHANICSBURG

## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of April 4



*Sunday*

*John 11:25-26*

Monday

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Tuesday

Acts 10:34-43

Wednesday

I John 1:1-2:2

Thursday

John 20:1-18

Friday

John 20:19-31

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



## ***Easter Flowers***

### ***In Loving Memory Of:***

### ***Placed by:***

Howard and Elaine Fugate

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Our sons Brian and Steven, and our parents ..... Roy and Ginnie Miller

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The Church Staff- For keeping First Church's "motor running" during Covid.

Thank You! ..... Jerry and Pat Sheely



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

**April 4, 2021**

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of past and present teachers, placed by the Guyer Sunday School Class.

## 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!



- **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 Mengle, 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 [jparis@messiah.edu](mailto:jparis@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** – Currently studying - "Why Easter Matters" by Andy Stanley. Runs through April 4. For all ages/stages of faith. Meets at 10:00 am. Contact Wayne Leister at [waydeleister@outlook.com](mailto:waydeleister@outlook.com) for more details and the zoom link. .
  - **Growing in Christ** – Currently studying - "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

Our **love and sympathy** to Gail and Jim Siemons in the death of Gail's mother, Lois Britton, on March 23rd.  
Our **love and sympathy** to Dawn Fisher and family in the death of Dawn's father, Terry Rishel, on March 26th.

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Paul Cain, Tom Mullikin, Helen Ritter, Lauren Sanker, Mary Saville



**One Thousand Prayers** - All are invited to participate in praying for our community with a goal of praying for 1000 places throughout the month of April! Here's how it works:

- Use the "Time to Sign Up" link [here](#) to reserve your prayer kit or contact Tina Eaton to say you'll pray!
- Pick up your prayer kit as you exit after Sunday worship or make other arrangements with Tina. The kit contains further instructions and everything you will need.
- As you pray through the month, provide feedback to Tina Eaton so we know if we've reached our goal, thus blanketing our community in prayers of care!

Thanks for praying for our community! If you have questions or would like to participate, please 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*



**New white paraments** for the altar, pulpit, and lectern have been purchased in memory of long-time member Lois Coover, who for many years prepared the communion elements for our church. Lois was a dedicated servant who paid attention to all the details of communion preparation, including the white paraments for the communion service. White paraments are also used for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and the six Sundays between Easter and Pentecost. These new white paraments will always be a visible reminder of Lois's service to First Church.

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.

**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*

The **Missions Committee** invites you to join us for a six lesson study based on the book, "When Helping Hurts" starting **Tuesday, April 6**. "Poverty is much more than simply a lack of material resources, and it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve it. When Helping Hurts shows how some alleviation efforts, failing to consider the complexities of poverty, have actually (and unintentionally) done more harm than good." Michelle Schwartzmann, VIM Coordinator, will be leading this study once a month for six months via Zoom conferencing. All are welcome to join us! The study is free, no book required, just join



in for the lesson and discussion. To receive the zoom link or for more information, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

## [Relationship Builder](#)

**Thank you** to everyone at church for their cards, kind words and support they provided to us regarding my dad's passing. ~*Tracy Wertz and family*

**Summer Church Camp is a GO!** The Camp and Retreat Ministry is excited to share details and registration information about summer camps! Visit the camping website <http://www.susumcamps.org> to see all the offerings for camp this summer in the 2021 Camp Retreat Brochure along with related registration/medical forms. 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!). Register for summer camp by May 1, 2021 for the \$25 **Early Bird** discount! There are also **Sibling Discounts** as well as an **Invite-a-Friend Gifts**. See the brochure for details. If you have any questions about Summer Church Camp or unable to access the website and need a brochure, feel free to contact Deb Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or 717-697-5982 or Amy Ortiz at [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com). You may also contact the church office at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611. 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!



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 [oriolerick1@verizon.net](mailto:oriolerick1@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: April 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).

## [Generous Giver](#)

The **Little Friends Preschool** invites you to support their upcoming Move-A-Thon, Thursday, April 8. Students will hop, balance, bend and stretch through four different stations to learn that Everyone can move, even if it looks a little different. Students will also learn about healthy eating, the importance of playing outside and including everyone in play. If you would like to support the Little Friends or have questions, you can contact Jemma Church at [lfn@s@fumchurch.com](mailto:lfn@s@fumchurch.com) or feel free to send a donation to Little Friends Preschool, c/o First United Methodist Church, 135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg.



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**

**BOOMERANG (aka Zoomerang!)**- Sunday, April 25th @ 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](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

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