

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*April 11, 2021*



***“Twists of Faith: Camp and Retreat Journeys”***

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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## FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

*"In The Garden"*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"*

Unison Prayer

Praise Chorus

*"Lord Be Glorified"*

Scripture Reading

*Exodus 3: 1-7 (NIV)*

The Gospel

*Matthew 4: 18-22 (NIV)*

Sermon

*"Twists of Faith: Camp and Retreat  
Journeys" - Rev. Kevin Witt*

Ministry of Music

*"New Wine"*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's  
Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

Benediction

Postlude

*"Once For All"*

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*Preaching* ..... Rev. Kevin Witt

*Worship Leader* ..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller

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

*Sound & Media* ..... Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Death Was Arrested"*

*"Goodness of God"*

Prayer

Scripture Reading

*Exodus 3: 1-7 (NIV)*

The Gospel

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## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of April 11



### *Sunday*

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### *Worship*

Acts 3:12-19

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Rest and Reflect



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

**April 11, 2021**

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, placed by Ken and Juanita Guise.

The **rose on the altar** is placed to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Charlie Leister to parents Ian and Christina Leister, big sister Alice Leister, and grandparents Wayde and Sandy Leister and family on April 3, 2021.

## 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** – Starting a **new study** on April 11, *Before Amen - The Power of a Simple Prayer* by Max Lucado. All are welcome! Runs through May 2. For all ages/stages of faith. Meets at 9:30 am. Contact Wayde 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 9:30 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!

The deadline to submit **scholarship applications** with First United Methodist Church is May 22nd and can

be found on the church website, [www.fumchurch.com](http://www.fumchurch.com). Look for the “Youth” tab and then click on “Youth Events and Activities” from the dropdown menu. Completed forms can be mailed to Judi Buddenbaum or the church office (135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055).

## *Praying Follower*

**Our love and sympathy** to the Morgan family in the death of Roxanne Morgan on April 2nd.

**Our love and sympathy** to the family and friends of former First Church member, Bob Bingaman, who passed away on March 31st.

**Hospitalized:** Lincoln Washburn

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Paul Cain, Helen Ritter

**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!

- Pick up your prayer kit as you exit after Sunday worship or contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com). The kit contains further instructions and everything you will need.
- As you pray through the month, provide feedback to Tina so we know if we've reached our goal, thus blanketing our community in prayers of care!

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 our 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*

Thanks for your support of the Little Free Pantry on our property. Please consider helping to stock our pantry during this difficult time for families. We still need someone for May! If you or your group would like to sign up, see the available months [here](#). Please be sure to place items that are not expired or near expiration. A list

of suggestions for the spring/summer months can be found [here](#). Thanks for sharing and caring for our community! Questions about the Little Free Pantry, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).



## [Relationship Builder](#)

**Drive Thru Scavenger Hunt - April 18 from 1-4 p.m.:** Drive through the woods of Mount Asbury as you search for all kinds of camp items: canoes, flashlights, tents, a giant earth ball, pool toys, and more! Come and join in this FREE family fun and have a friendly competition with those in your vehicle. We're also be selling Pulled Pork meals and Soup by the quart as a fundraiser that will benefit the Camp & Retreat Ministry. Pre-Order your food today! Visit the camping website [www.susumcamps.org](http://www.susumcamps.org). For questions, please contact Mount Asbury at [mountasbury@susumc.org](mailto:mountasbury@susumc.org) or call 717-486-3827

**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 are 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!



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 15 (rescheduled date). 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 [lfns@fumchurch.com](mailto:lfns@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

## **Ministry Staff**

### **Pastor:**

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