

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

April 18, 2021



First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

“Peace Be With You”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Thine Be the Glory"

The Apostles' Creed

Praise Chorus

"Christ Beside Me"

The Gospel

Luke 24: 36-48

Sermon

"Peace Be With You" - Pastor Denny

Hymn

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Don Coldren, Caleb Flick, Scott & Karen Philp, Flossie Ryder

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Battle Belongs"

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

Ministry of Music

Wonderful Wednesday Hand Sign Choir

The Gospel

Luke 24: 36-48

Sermon

"Peace Be With You" - Pastor Denny

Prayer & Offering

Praise and Worship

"I Will Rise"

Benediction

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“Peace Be With You”

Luke 24: 36-48

Jesus uses **many means** to bring peace to anxious hearts.

*While they were talking about this, **Jesus himself stood among them** and said to them, “**Peace be with you.**”*

Listen to your heart...

*They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “**Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?**” (verses 37-38)*

Look...

***Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself.** (verse 39a)*

*And when he had said this, **he showed them his hands and his feet.** (verse 40)*

Touch...

***Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.**” (verse 39b)*

Smell and Taste?...

*While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “**Have you anything here to eat?**” They gave him **a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.** (verse 41-42)*

The Scriptures...

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ *Then **he opened their minds to understand the scriptures...*** (verses 44-45)

Your Story

***You are witnesses** of these things.* (verse 48)

What means is Jesus using to bring peace to your heart?

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of April 18



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Worship

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 133

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

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The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Margaret and Harvey Cook, placed by the family.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gayle Elder Anderson, placed by her mother, Annabelle Elder.

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 if interested.
- **Men's Bible Study** – Currently studying 1 & 2 Peter and the Book of Jude. 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**
 - **Faith in Everyday Life** –This small group meets at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg as weather permits (with zoom as a backup) and focuses on fellowship and friendship. Class members share in leading reflections and discussions based on Scripture. Contact Jenell Paris at 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 for more details.
 - **Christian Fellowship** – Currently studying *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 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 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@plantsiteanalytics.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 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 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. 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 Susan Broy and family in the death of David Broy on April 9th.

Our love and sympathy to Dick Reed and family in the death of Joanne Reed on April 10th.

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Caroline Brown, Ben Miller, Helen Ritter,
Lincoln Washburn

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. 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!

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

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. 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

Isaiah 61 Resumes! We are looking for people to help serve the homeless or less fortunate on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Harrisburg. Safety protocols will be followed, such as wearing masks, gloves and distancing. Just need 3 volunteers to help serve, gather trash and ensure safety procedures are followed. Questions or to volunteer, contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com or Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

Operation Wildcat Sale is happening next Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24th. Help is needed to set up and sell. See Time to Sign Up at tsu.me/jmwwtz. You can also support the sale by shopping! Once again, it will be held at Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ, 1050 S.



York Street, hours are Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday, 7:30 am to noon. Lots of great bargains and specials and Food Trucks both days!

Spread the love by **spreading tan bark!** The annual spreading of the tan bark at the church and parsonage will take place on Friday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your own gloves, wheelbarrows and rakes. Rain date is April 24th. Questions, contact Mark Mengle at mmmengle55@gmail.com or Judi Buddenbaum at ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net. Many hands make light work!

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.

[Relationship Builder](#)



Radical hospitality can be offered in so many ways! As we continue to regather this spring, let's concentrate on being "intentionally invitational!" We can do this by inviting friends, family and neighbors to a Sunday morning church service or invite them to a Third Friday food truck event. As we reconnect with our community and celebrate this transition into a post-quarantine period, let's also continue to intentionally reach out to people not comfortable returning yet through phone calls, texts and handwritten notes! These efforts are so encouraging to those who receive them!

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 you food today! Visit the camping website www.susumcamps.org. For questions, please contact Mount Asbury at 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 or 717-697-5982 or Amy Ortiz at amy.ogden7@gmail.com. You may also contact the church office at 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**, May/June 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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