

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

April 25, 2021



DisAbility Awareness Sunday

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

www.fumchurch.com





FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Confession

Hymn

"Abide With Me"

Scripture Readings

Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Peter 4:1-8

Sermon

"H.U.G. Your Neighbor" - Kathy Brubaker

Praise Chorus

"The Servant Song"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Speaker Kathy Brubaker

Worship Leader Rev. Dennis Keller

Worship Team George Canonizado, Caleb Flick, Sarah Pugh

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch, Roger Walton



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Holy Spirit"

"Ways"

Prayer

Scripture Readings

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Sermon

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Praise and Worship

"You Hold It All Together"

Benediction

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Worship Team Youth Band

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch, Elijah Ometz

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of April 25



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Worship

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-16

1 John 4:17-21

John 15:1-8

Rest and Reflect



First News First

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The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alan Steuart and the Steuart Hotchkiss families, placed by Harriet Steuart.

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** – Beginning a **new study on May 2** on the Book of Ephesians by Pastor J.D. Greear. 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@plantsite logistics.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



Hospitalized: Rose Rohlmeier

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Helen Ritter, Jack Koser

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



As we **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

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!

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. Now is also a great time to sign up for electronic giving! Please contact the church office at office@fumchurch.com with any questions or for more information.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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



Mission Central says thanks!

"Thank you, First UMC! Your steadfast support, prayers and love have been instrumental to all of us at Mission Central. We are so grateful for your recent donation and because of you, Mission Central had a record breaking 2020. Last year, we assisted over 3.3 million people with over \$10.9 million in resources. And as always, all items are provided at no cost to the recipient."

Some accomplishments include:

- Distributed over \$780,000 in medical supplies and equipment to support 241,000 people.
- Launched a school partnership where over 13,000 students and their families received support.
- Supplied \$433,000 in Flood Buckets/Cleaning Kits to recovery efforts.



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CENTRAL**

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