

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

May 23, 2021



"I Will Rise"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Song
"Living Hope"

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Praise and Worship
"You Hold It All Together"

Scripture Reading
1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Sermon
"I Will Rise" - Pastor Lisa

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Offering & Announcements

Closing Song
"I Will Rise"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Leader Rev. Dennis Keller

Worship Team Youth Worship Band

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Elijah Ometz, Ken Rapp



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Living Hope"

"Shepherd"

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37: 4-10

Sermon

"I Will Rise" - Pastor Lisa

Service of Confirmation

Presentation of Confirmands

Offering

Charge to the Church

Praise and Worship

"I Will Rise"

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Weekly Bible Readings

Week of May 23



Sunday

“I Will Rise”

Monday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Tuesday

Psalms 29

Wednesday

Romans 8:12-27

Thursday

Ephesians 1:15-23

Friday

Luke 15:11-32

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

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The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Amanda K. Strous, placed by her grandparents.

The **maché basket** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean, Doris, Ada, Joan, and Grace, placed by their friend.

Lifelong Learner

New Member Class begins June 6. Four week class will be held Sunday mornings from 9:40 - 10:40 am in room 123 (just inside the the alley entrance of the church). Please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call the church office if interested.

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** – Currently studying *Shaken, a study about discovering your identity in the midst of life's storms*, by Tim Tebo. 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 from 10:00 – 11:00 am at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg as weather permits (with Zoom as a backup) and focuses on fellowship and friendship/mutual support. 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 at 9:30 am. **Currently studying** *All Things New* by Kelly Minter. 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@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 to receive study materials.

Is God calling you to gather a small group to do a study/offer a special activity for a few weeks this spring/

early summer? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to talk about your idea and to get the ball rolling!

Praying Follower

Hospitalized: Helen Ritter

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Tammy Ingraham, Jack Koser

Green Prayer Cards are available at each sanctuary entrance upon arrival for worship.

We invite you to take a card to share your joys and concerns with us. Please place them in the designated basket (along with the pen) as you leave worship. You can also 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.



Join the **Ephesians 1 Prayer Challenge** this June! Think of a person or persons you would like to pray for over 30 days, and use this paraphrased/condensed version from Ephesians 1:17-21 (or put it into your own words) to pray for them each day:

- *I am asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give (name of person you are praying for) the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that (he/she) may know God better.*
- *I pray that the eyes of (name's) heart may be enlightened in order that (he/she) may know the hope to which (he/she) is called.*
- *I pray that (name) may know the riches of God's glorious inheritance in (him/her), and know God's incomparably great power for us who believe... the same power that raised Christ from the dead!*
- *And I pray that (name) will know Jesus, in whom God placed all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked under, not only now, but also in the time to come. Amen.*

Praying this 4-part prayer for someone over 30 days will have powerful results! Just imagine if everyone truly knew God in a way that brought deep hope, an understanding of God's power, a knowledge of their worth to God and an abiding relationship with Jesus?

Passionate Worshipper

Upcoming Sermon Series — "From Here to Eternity": Heaven is our hope as followers of Jesus, but what does the Bible really say about it? This four-week series looks carefully at the timeless truths of Scripture about eternity and its implications for our lives now! Jesus teaches us that "eternity" affects our "here and now." "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going." John 14:1-4 (CEB)

June 6: What's the Big Deal about Heaven

June 13: A Grown-up Vision of Heaven

June 20: The Best is Yet to Come!

June 27: What Am I Doing on Earth for Heaven's Sake?

As we **regather for in person worship** please 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. 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

We would love to celebrate with the **2021 graduates**. If you are graduating (from high school, undergrad, or beyond), please fill out this form and let us know about your graduation and future plans: <https://forms.gle/sT6XwhinjhKREhrF7>. ***Please respond by May 30th!***

Hospitality is a sacred duty. Speaking biblically, hospitality is treating strangers and friends alike. It is welcoming one another into our lives! We need to make sure that others are comfortable. We need to extend ourselves to help others when needed. We need to pay attention to little details. We need to communicate with others. We need to be enthusiastic. And why do we need to do all of these things? To be an example - to glorify God - to cultivate community - to reveal Christ's character! As we look forward to this beautiful month of May, where we celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day, let us each remember that our extravagant hospitality toward others shows the world that we are Christ's disciples!



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!). 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: May

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 online 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! (We may meet in person at church depending on weather, so watch your email) 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.

VBS Registration is OPEN- June 28th through July 2nd for all 4 year olds through entering 6th grade. During the day VBS will be virtual, like last year. However, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of that week from 6:00pm until 6:45 pm we will have some fun, in person activities outside in the church parking lot for families to come participate in! In this uncertain summer, we thought it best to once again hold a virtual VBS, BUT this year include some in person fun with activities in the church parking lot where we can be outdoors and able to have fellowship together! For more details and to register visit: <https://fummechanicsburg.mycokesburyvbs.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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