

Welcome to
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors
June 13, 2021



From Here
to Eternity

“A Grown-up Vision of Heaven”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

"Who is On the Lord's Side?" – arr. Caleb Flick

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Unison Prayer

Ministry of Music

"Yes, My Lord" – Choir

Sermon

"A Grown-up Vision of Heaven" – Pastor Denny

Hymn of Response

"Blessed Assurance"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Victory in Jesus"

Benediction

Postlude

"Marching to Zion" – arr. Carlton R. Young

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Rev. Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Choir, Caleb Flick, Karen Philp, Al & Nancy Robinson, Flossie Ryder

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



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Be Enthroned"

"Forever Home"

Sermon

"A Grown-up Vision of Heaven" - Pastor Denny

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"What a Beautiful Name"

Benediction

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team John Gross, Jason Kichline, Geri Nuss, Allison Ometz,
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From Here to Eternity: “A Grown-up Vision of Heaven”

When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

(I Corinthians 13:11-12 CEB)

What does the Bible actually teach about heaven?

1. In heaven, I will _____!

*Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. In the same way that **everyone dies in Adam**, so also **everyone will be given life in Christ**.* (I Corinthians 15:21-22 CEB)

2. In heaven, I will _____!

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. (I Corinthians 15:42-44 NRSV)

3. In heaven, I will _____!

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. (Revelation 21:1-2 CEB)

I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will

be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Revelation 21:3-4 CEB)

As a result of all this, my loved brothers and sisters, you must stand firm, unshakable, excelling in the work of the Lord as always, because you know that your labor isn't going to be for nothing in the Lord. (I Corinthians 15:58 CEB)

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of June 13



Sunday

“A Grown-up Vision of Heaven”

Monday

Psalm 103: 15-22

Tuesday

James 4:13 - 5:11

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5: 1-10

Thursday

Luke 23: 32-43

Friday

John 14:15-21, 27-28

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 their parents, placed by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Adams.

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** – 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.
- **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 iparis@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.
 - **Growing in Christ** – **Currently studying** 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.
 - **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!

This year, the **ACCESS Team** is providing a **scholarship** for a graduating high school senior or someone who is currently an undergraduate/graduate student who desires to work in specific career/occupational programs with the intention of helping those with intellectual and developmental disabilities explore and achieve their highest potential. This scholarship would be eligible for the following fields of study: child care; human, public or social services; teaching; physical, occupational, speech or music therapy; sign language and psychology. Applications are available in the church office or by contacting a member of the ACCESS Team. Completed applications may be submitted to Karin McHale, (717) 379-8329, or dropped off in the church office (att: Karin McHale) by July 18th for the subsequent school year.

Praying Follower

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Skip Hutter



Join the **Ephesians 1 Prayer Challenge** during June! Think of a person or persons you would like to pray for this month, 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 on a regular basis 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?

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.

[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-Thursdays 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.

Current 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. 2 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? 3 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. 4 You know the way to the place I'm going." John 14:1-4 (CEB)

- **TODAY:** 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?

[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.

Since 2014, we have supported **Homeland Hospice's casserole program** by donating pre-made casseroles in the month of June as a gift to area families receiving hospice care. This is a wonderful way to connect with a need in our community for home-cooked comfort. If interested, simply prepare a casserole in any size disposable pan and attach a list of ingredients and cooking directions. Casseroles may be delivered to the church office or placed directly in the church freezer on the marked trays. Please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 766-4611 x 112) for more information. Thank you!



[Relationship Builder](#)

Our **extravagant hospitality** can be beautifully expressed in our efforts to be a church FOR the community, not just a church IN the community! How can we do this? Pastor Danny Franks of The Summit Church offers several important thoughts on this. We can encourage ourselves **to live "sent" lives** ~ caring for our neighbors and providing for the most vulnerable. We can **connect with local ministries** (Mission Central, New Hope Ministries, Neighborhood Center ~ for example), coming alongside and serving with them. We can **pray that God will reveal the needs in our community to our listening ears** and that we will be obedient and courageous in meeting those needs. And we do all of this not to make much of our church or our resources, but to make much of the love of Jesus for the people around us!



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 <https://www.susumcamps.org> to see all the offerings for camp this summer in the 2021 Camp Retreat Brochure along with related registration/medical forms. Periodically review the COVID-19 safety guidelines and updates as part of your camp registration and preparation 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 a special **Invite-a-Friend Gift** (*a custom logo hammock*). 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. **Again, register early and keep in close contact with the Camping Coordinator team!** **P.S. URGENT need for CAMP PRAYER PARTNERS!** The first camps start June 20. Please contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or 717-697- 5982 if you would like to help.

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

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://fumcmechanicsburg.mycokesburyvbs.com>

REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 21, SO REGISTER TODAY!!

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

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