

Welcome to
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors
June 27, 2021



From Here
to Eternity

“What Am I Doing on Earth for Heaven’s Sake?”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

"Highlands (Song of Ascent)" – Emily Hammaker

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Reception of New Members

Ministry of Music

"Living Hope" - Emily Hammaker

Sermon

"What Am I Doing on Earth for Heaven's Sake?" – Pastor Denny

Hymn

"We Are Called"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Benediction

Postlude

"Toccatà (from Symphony for Organ no. 5)" – Charles-Marie Widor

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Rev. Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Emily Hammaker, Ellen Hill, Al & Nancy Robinson,

..... Flossie Ryder

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome & Prayer

Praise and Worship

"Forever"

"You're Beautiful"

Sermon

"What Am I Doing on Earth for Heaven's Sake?" - Pastor Denny

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"Forever Home"

Benediction

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From Here to Eternity: “What Am I Doing on Earth for Heaven’s Sake?”

Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)

Because of the reality of heaven, I am called to...

...care _____!

*For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that **the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains** until now;... (Romans 8:19-22)*

...love _____!

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

*Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, **just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.**’ (Matthew 25:34-40)*

...work _____!

*“How terrible it will be for you legal experts and Pharisees! Hypocrites! You give to God a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, but you forget about the more important matters of the Law: **justice, peace, and faith**. You ought to give a tenth but without forgetting about those more important matters. You blind guides! You filter out an ant but swallow a camel. (Matthew 23:23-24 CEB)*

...share _____!

*“For **God so loved the world** that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17)*

*The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, **not wanting any to perish**, but all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)*

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of June 27



Sunday

“What Am I Doing on Earth for Heaven’s Sake?”

Monday

Psalm 48

Tuesday

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Wednesday

Mark 6: 1-13

Thursday

James 1: 1-8

Friday

James 1: 9-11

Saturday

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 their loved ones, the Himes, Junkins, and Shenberger families, placed by Fred and Doris Junkins.

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/studies listed below. All groups listed below welcome new class members to join any time!



- **Combined Adult Summer Sunday School** – Adults all ages ready to meet in person are invited to a series of lessons centered around the theme **Respond**. Runs from July 4 through September 5 and meets in room 123 from 9:40 - 10:40 am. Lessons taught by First Church pastors and leaders, readings from Proverbs, the Book of Ruth, Mark's Gospel, the Book of Job and more. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com.
- **Wednesday Men's Group** – Enjoy great fellowship and short-term Bible studies on various men's topics. Beginning a new study July 7 - now is the perfect time to join! Meets in person outside at the home of Barry Eaton at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Contact Barry at 1785eaton@gmail.com if interested.
- **Women's Summer Book Club** – Love to read? Interested in reading together with First Church friends? Pick up a copy of **No One Ever Asked** by award-winning author Katie Ganshert. Inspired by real-world events, this story explores the way we see one another, the lies we tell ourselves and the results of blindness to the truth. Contact Tina Eaton to let her know you are reading, and we will pick some dates in August to gather for fellowship and book discussion.
- **Interested in starting a new group?** It can be a group gathered around a common activity, interest or life stage. Contact Tina Eaton to talk about your idea, receive resources and tips, and get started today!

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: Rich Hayworth, Skip Hutter, Sally Kauffman,
Dick Reed

We would like to thank the church for the prayers, cards, and the support during Rose's hospitalization and her passing. Pastor Denny and others were so helpful and appreciated during this time. Our church is like family, caring and supportive. Rose loved the church and



the people. ~Leta Rohlmeier and Family

Join us for **10 Minutes with God**, our prayer challenge for July! Simply choose a time and place that you can make your 10-minute appointment with God every day, and stick with it for the 31 days of July! This is not so much of a challenge in learning how to pray, but is more about the discipline of sticking with it and making a habit of prayer for a life with God. Use the prompts below during your 10-minute appointment... if your appointment gets cut short or something in your day causes it to be delayed, that's ok, but make sure to fit it in your day somewhere. The intention is to build a habit that will deepen your relationship with God. Happy praying!

GRATITUDE: Begin by thinking about what you are most grateful for today. Is there a word or attribute of God that comes to mind? Take a moment to focus on that and thank God for who he is and what he's done that makes you feel this way.

AWARENESS: Now that you've entered this quiet, reflective state, revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were or were not your best self. Talk to God and listen to what He is teaching you about these things.

SIGNIFICANT MOMENT: Did you have any special moments in the past 24 hours? It could have been an event or interaction with a person. Take time to sit in the silence and listen for what God might be trying to say to you through these significant moments.

PEACE: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong-doings (it could be against God, another person or even yourself). Ask him to show you if there is any relationship repairing needed, then ask him to fill you with his peace about these things.

OTHERS: Lift up to God anyone that you feel called to pray for today, asking Him to bless and guide them.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Close your 10-minute appointment with God using the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray.



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

TODAY at the 8:15 a.m. service we will **welcome three new members** to our church! *Don't forget to pick up a new member spotlight sheet before or after worship and add to your church directory.* Please take some time to connect with these folks and welcome them into our First Church family!

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. 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)



- **TODAY:** What Am I Doing on Earth for Heaven's Sake?

Upcoming Sermon Series — “All Day Every Day”: There are 168 hours in a week. The typical follower of Jesus spends one hour a week in church. What about the other 167 hours? The New Testament Book of James has been called the handbook of practical Christianity. In this 12-week journey through James, we will discover how to follow Christ humbly, obediently, and with an open heart all day every day! Join us for the first set of sermons in July:

- July 4: "Considering It All Joy" (James 1:1-11)
- July 11: "Growing Strong In Broken Places" (James 1:12-16)
- July 18: "Inviting God to Change My Heart" (James 1:17-21)
- July 25: Guest Preacher: Rev. Marian Hartman

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

Change for Water - Water is the foundation of our very lives; yet, according to CDC estimates, only 2% of the population in Sierra Leone has access to clean, readily available drinking water! Help us to support the **Well Drilling Fund for Sierra Leone** by dropping your loose change, or even bills, into the blue "Change for Water" bucket located at our Sierra Leone display in the Tower hallway. 100% of your donations will be used to provide training and dig wells for schools and communities in need.



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!

FUMC Ministry and Employment Opportunity

First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg is seeking a full-time Director of Children and Family Ministry. This person will be responsible for the overall vision and implementation of the faith development of children (birth through 5th grade), in partnership with their families. Education related to children and/or family ministry, or applicable experience is required. To view the full job description, visit the church website at fumchurch.com or <https://fumchurch.com/director-of-children-and-family-ministry/>. Please submit resumes to office@fumchurch.com or to Ellen Hill, Office Manager, at 135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Relationship Builder

The next stop on the **2021 FUMC Garden Tours** is TODAY, Sunday, June 27 from 5-7 pm at the home of Bonnie and Gary Klinger (119 N. York Street, Mechanicsburg - candy canes on the front porch). Street-parking is available on adjacent Green Street. Stay tuned for additional dates and gardens to tour this summer!

The **widows/widowers fellowship** will dine together on Tuesday, July 13th at Snapper's restaurant at 5:00 p.m. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at (717)766-0145.

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. Not a camper, no problem! You can support our campers in several ways! You can sign up to be a Prayer Partner (**now needed since camp has officially started!**), 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.

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.



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



*Summer Camp is NOW UNDERWAY!
Please keep campers and the camp staff in your
prayers this week.*

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