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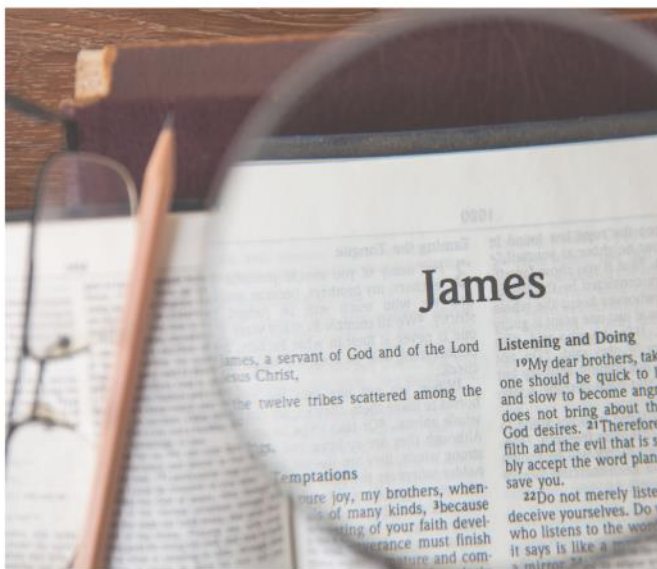
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

July 4, 2021

ALL DAY EVERY DAY

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“Considering It All Joy”

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

"Trumpet Concerto Movement I" - Haydn

Welcome

Prayer & Sending Mission Team

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)"

Unison Prayer & Prayers of the People

The Gospel

James 1: 1-11

Sermon

"Considering It All Joy" – Pastor Denny

Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Invitation, Confession & Pardon

Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Benediction

Postlude

"Scarlatti Suite (Movement III)"

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Rev. Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team George Canonizado, Caleb Flick, Sarah Pugh

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Roger Walton



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"God So Loved"

Prayer

Praise and Worship
"God I Look to You"

The Gospel
James 1: 1-11

Sermon
"Considering It All Joy" - Pastor Denny

Pastoral Prayer

Communion

Praise and Worship
"Graves Into Gardens"

Benediction

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"All Day Every Day: Considering It All Joy"

Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" (Matthew 13:55-56)

(For not even his brothers believed in him.) (John 7:5)

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. (I Corinthians 15:7)

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,... (James 1:1)

1. Whenever we face trials, Jesus offers us _____.

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4)

"Joy is the serious business of heaven." (C.S. Lewis)

2. Our _____ is not _____.

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. (James 1:5)

3. Jesus calls us to go _____!

But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. (James 1:6-8)

What is one area in your life in which today you need to single-mindedly follow Jesus?

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of July 4



Sunday

“Considering It All Joy”

Monday

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Tuesday

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Wednesday

Mark 6: 14-29

Thursday

Psalms 24

Friday

James 1: 12-16

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

July 4, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Doris & Harold Zimmerman and Merle and Della Zimmerman, placed by the family.

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

Hospitalized: Charlotte Hess, Jack Koser

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Rich Hayworth, Sally Kauffman

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

Current 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:

- **TODAY:** "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



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.

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 **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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