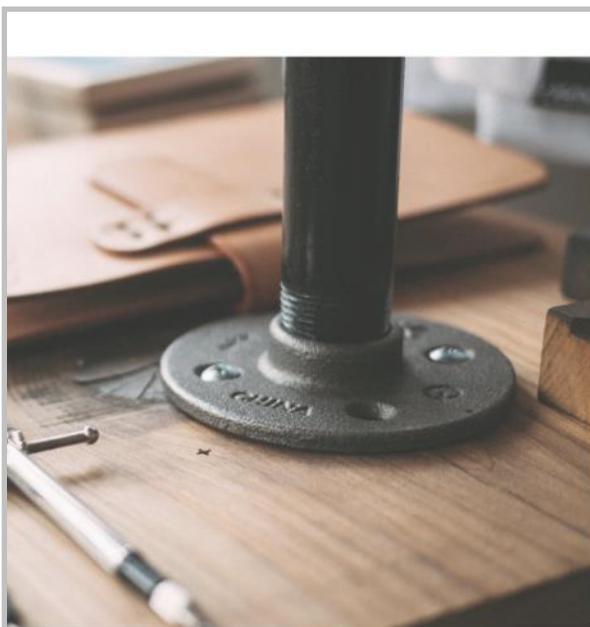


Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

July 11, 2021



ALL DAY EVERY DAY

Standing Firm When Tested

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“Standing Firm When Tested”

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

"Living for Jesus" - arr. Rebecca Bonham

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading

James 1: 12-16 (NRSV)

Choir Anthem

"Down By the Riverside" - arr. by Jay Althouse

Sermon

"Standing Firm When Tested" – Pastor Denny

Hymn of Response

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Recognition of Dawn & Anna

Closing Hymn

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Benediction

Postlude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - arr. David Evan Thomas

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Rev. Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team Choir, Caleb Flick, Karen Philp, Sarah Pugh

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



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"God So Loved"

Recognition of Dawn & Anna

Scripture Reading
James 1: 12-16

Praise and Worship
"Defender"

Sermon
"Standing Firm When Tested" - Pastor Denny

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship
"I Thank God"

Benediction

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“All Day Every Day: Standing Firm When Tested”



What does temptation look like in your life?

1. God is not our _____. God is our _____.

No one, when tempted, should say, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. (James 1:13)

*And lead us not into temptation, but **deliver us** from the evil one. (Matthew 6:13)*

2. Taking the bait of temptation has _____.

*But one is tempted by one’s own desire, being **lured and enticed** by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it **gives birth** to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, **gives birth** to death. Do not be deceived, my beloved. (James 1:14-16)*

3. God can use temptations that _____ to grow faith that _____.

“Temptations, of course, cannot be avoided, but because we cannot prevent the birds from flying over our heads, there is no need that we should let them nest in our hair.” (Martin Luther)

Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive **the crown of life** that the Lord has promised to those who love him.
(James 1:12)

3 Practical Ways Resist Temptation and Experience Blessings

- Trust in God's _____.

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:3-4)

- Rest in God's _____.

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Matthew 4:5-7)

- Rely on God's _____.

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" (Matthew 4:8-10)

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of July 11



Sunday

“Standing Firm When Tested”

Monday

2 Samuel 7: 1-14

Tuesday

Psalms 89: 20-37

Wednesday

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Thursday

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Friday

James 1: 17-21

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

July 11, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Ingraham, placed by Tammy Ingraham and 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 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: Susan Broy, Rich Hayworth, Charlotte Hess,
Sally Kauffman, Jack Koser

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:** "Standing Firm When Tested" (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

Are you involved in our church's **Hospitality** Ministry? Yes, you are! While you may not "officially" be on the Welcoming Ministry Committee, you are most definitely a part of our hospitality ministry! This ministry is the church's first effort of friendliness and kindness. It has a simple, yet important, goal ~ to serve the Lord by making everyone who attends a service feel welcome and important from the moment they drive or walk on to the church property! There are many ways to do this...through courteous manners, warm smiles, kind words. This ministry requires a sincerity and genuineness. A genuine love for God. An honest desire to please the Lord. A sincere love for the church. A heart for people to grow in Christ. Yes, we are ALL called to offer Christ's hospitality to others...we are ALL called to be a part of our hospitality ministry!

Food Trucks return on Friday, July 16! We will be welcoming the following trucks: Wichway Sandwiches, Potato Coop, Get Smok'd, Philly Hoagie, Lucky Penny, Farm Show Milkshakes, and Savory's Funnel Cakes. Join us in the parking lot from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Tables and chairs under the canopy will be provided. This is a great way to meet our neighbors and enjoy great food!

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** (*@ 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.



CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VBS- We want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make our VBS evenings happen! They showed up in the extreme heat and crazy weather to make sure all the VBS kids had a wonderful time and none of it would have happened without them! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!! =>

Sunday Childcare Help Needed!!- Help is needed to provide childcare during the 11:00am service. Please visit <https://www.timetosignup.com/kidscount/sheet/1314143> to sign up for a Sunday this summer to help! Clearances are required. Any questions email Dawn 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



Summer Camp is NOW
UNDERWAY!

Please keep campers and the
camp staff in your prayers this
week.

GREEN HILLS - "Faith Quest Mini Camp" July 11 - 14

Dan W. (Counselor)

Elizabeth W. (Counselor)



UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION
Christian Love in Action!

Please keep these work
camp volunteers in your
prayers this week.

Allport/Bigler/Woodland - VIM Work Camp July 11 - 16

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