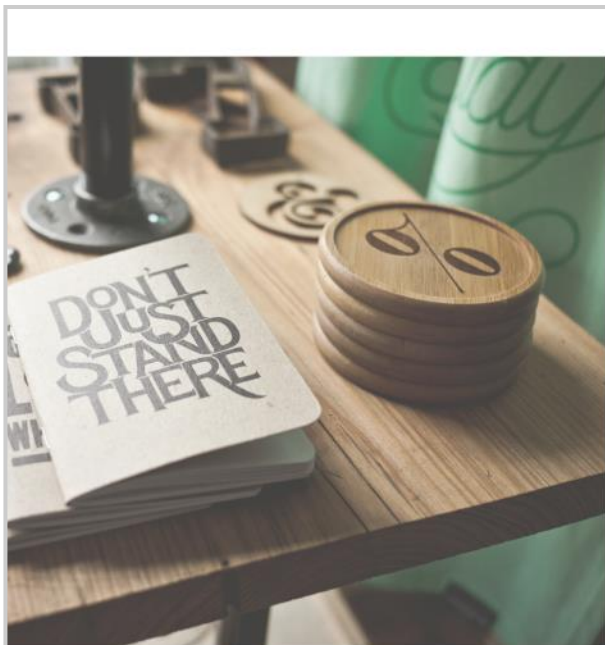


*Welcome to*

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors*

*August 8, 2021*



# ALL DAY EVERY DAY

Expressing Faith in Acts of Love

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

*"The God of Abraham Praise" - arr. Richard Proulx*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See" - No. 454*

Affirmation of Faith

Praise Chorus

*"Make Me a Servant" - TFWS No. 2176*

Scripture Readings

*James 1: 22-27; James 2: 14-19*

Sermon

*"Expressing Faith In Acts of Love" – Pastor Denny*

Hymn of Response

*"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" - No. 430*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Jesu, Jesu" - No. 432 vv. 1-3, 5*

Benediction

Postlude

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful" - arr. Keith Kolander*

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*Worship Team* ..... Caleb Flick, Sarah Pugh, Al & Nancy Robinson

*Sound & Media* ..... Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"I Will Follow"*

*"Goodness of God"*

Scripture Readings

*James 1: 22-27; James 2: 14-19*

Sermon

*"Expressing Faith In Acts of Love" - Pastor Denny*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"Open Space"*

Benediction

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## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of August 8



***Sunday***

***“Expressing Faith In Acts of Love”***

Monday

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Tuesday

Psalms 111

Wednesday

Ephesians 5:15-20

Thursday

John 6:51-58

Friday

James 2:1-13

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

# All Day Every Day: “Expressing Faith In Acts of Love”

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1. Good works are the \_\_\_\_\_ of what we believe.

*But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.*

*But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.*

(James 1:22-25)

*If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. (James 1:26-28)*

2. Good works are not the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith, but \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.

*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?*

*Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

(James 2:14-17)

*But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. (James 2:18-19)*

*For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.*

(James 2:26)

Is my faith alive and expressed in acts of love?

3. Do for \_\_\_\_\_ what you wish you could do for \_\_\_\_\_.

(Andy Stanley)



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

*Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors*

## August 8, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Randy Hassinger, placed by his wife, Peg Hassinger, 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 enjoy lessons centered around theme “Respond” on Sunday mornings in room 123 (the Guyer classroom) from 9:40 – 10:40 am through September 5. Lessons led by a variety of First Church teachers. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).
- **Wednesday Men’s Group** – Enjoy great fellowship and great small-group studies together. Currently studying *The Art of Neighboring*. Meets in person (outside) at the home of Barry Eaton at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Zoom participants welcome to join. Contact Barry at [1785eaton@gmail.com](mailto:1785eaton@gmail.com) if interested.
- **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!

### Praying Follower

**Our love and sympathy** to Ken Hammaker and family in the death of Ken’s sister, Deb Landrum.

**Our love and sympathy** to the Dougherty family in the death of Tammy Dougherty.

**Congratulations** to grandparents Jim and Pam Murdoch in the birth of their granddaughter, Lola Rose.

**Hospitalized:** Morris Barr, Dee Farr

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Joanne Ciampa, Bill Morland

**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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112.



**August Prayer Challenge – Musical Prayers!** Ever use music in your personal prayer time? Music goes beyond what words can express... it connects with our emotions, stirs our spirit and helps us to more fully express what is in our hearts. Throughout the month of August, try one or all of these ways to make your prayers musical!

- **Sing Your Prayer** - If you have a hymnal at home, open it up and find a song to use as your prayer (and if you would like to borrow a hymnal from church, just let Tina Eaton know). Sing it out loud and let the sound of your voice be your prayer. Allow the act of singing to open your heart to conversations with God. No matter if you think you have a beautiful voice or not, sing out loud for your audience of One!
- **Pray the Lyrics** - When we worship together in the church, we often don't take time to really consider the words. Hymns and worship songs have their foundation in scripture, so try using the lyrics for your prayer. Simply read the words, taking time to meditate on what they mean and how they relate to your life. Give it a try with a song like Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art or some other hymn and, whatever you choose, turn the words into your prayers! If you're looking for a more contemporary song that references a specific scripture verse or passage, try [wordtoworship.com](http://wordtoworship.com).... this is a great online tool to use in your search.
- **Focus Your Prayer** - Do you listen to music when you study or work? Background music can remove distractions and help you focus your thoughts. Try listening to our playlist, "Where Words Fail, Music Speaks" at First UMC of Mechanicsburg on Spotify. Don't forget, you need to sign up for an account, but it's free!

### *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 next set of sermons in August:



- **TODAY:** "Expressing Faith In Acts of Love" (James 1:22-27)
- August 15: "Loving People I Don't Want and Don't See" (James 2:1-13)
- August 22: "Choosing God's Wisdom" (James 3:13-18)
- August 29: "Waging Peace In Conflict" (James 4:1-10)

**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](http://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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112 for other ways to connect with our worship.

### *Dedicated Missionary*

**Change for Water** - Help support the Well Drilling Fund by dropping your loose change, even bills, into the blue "Change for Water" bucket in the main entrance hallway. 100% of donations go to training and digging wells for schools/communities in Sierra Leone.

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](mailto: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](http://fumchurch.com) or <https://fumchurch.com/director-of-children-and-family-ministry/>. Please submit resumes to [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or to Ellen Hill, Office Manager, at 135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

## Relationship Builder

The Hospitality Team reminds everyone that we are called to reflect the love of Christ by creating an environment in which every visitor, member and guest feels special and welcome in our church home! Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:40 that, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me." We are blessed to reflect Christ's love to others through our hospitality!

**Summer Camp might be winding down however other Camp and Retreat options are still available!**

Visit the camping website <http://www.susumcamps.org> to see all the offerings for camp and retreat options 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. Then access the online link to complete the registration process or make the appropriate plans. 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](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or 717-697- 5982 or Amy Ortiz at [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com). You may also contact the church office at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ON-GOING SUPPORT OF YOUR CAMP AND RETREAT MINISTRIES!**

**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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).



## Generous Giver

**New Hope Ministries needs your help!** They are seeking volunteers at the Mechanicsburg Center, see details here: <https://nhm-pa.org/volunteer-needs/>. They are also asking for donations at the Mechanicsburg Center, specific needs are: canned fruit, canned tuna and chicken, shampoo/conditioner, bath soap,





toothpaste and pasta. They are also asking for diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6. Questions about New Hope Ministries or donations, contact Debbie Karns at [deborahkarns1@gmail.com](mailto:deborahkarns1@gmail.com). Thanks for your support!

**Annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale, August 21** - We need your **treasures!** The collection for the annual yard sale will start on Monday, August 9 in the multipurpose room. For daytime drop off, please call the church office at 717-766-4611 before stopping by. Evening drop offs will take place on Wednesday August 11 and August 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **Books**, dvds, cds and puzzles can be dropped off on Sunday mornings outside the Church library.

Cookies and brownies and muffins, oh my! **We need your tasty treats** to sell at the yard sale! Please see the Time to Sign Up for more information: <https://www.timetosignup.com/kidscount/sheet/1301964>. Questions, contact Denise Swank at [dmom64@gmail.com](mailto:dmom64@gmail.com).

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](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) with any questions or for more information.

## SAVE THE DATES!

We will kick-off the fall season on **Sunday, September 19!** Invite your friends and neighbors that day as we:

- Rejoice and recommit ourselves to worshiping and learning together in small groups and classes designed to enrich our spiritual growth.
- Reconnect and relax together at our all-church Tailgate Picnic in the church parking lot from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Bring your own picnic and lawn chairs, and renew your spirit through outdoor worship, fellowship and games for all ages.
- Bibles will also be handed out to children and youth as we reaffirm our commitment to God's Word for all ages on this special day!



A reboot of our Wonderful Wednesday program, expanded to include small groups and Christian education opportunities for the whole family! 6-week fall semester will run October 20 through December 1 (no class Nov. 24). Stay tuned for more details to follow.

## **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Backpack Blessings-** Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the church parking lot. Please plan to join us that afternoon as we welcome back our friend Mr. Justin and his Chemistry For God show! (He was an absolute hit at VBS!) But most importantly to bless backpacks for a wonderful and safe school year ahead. Any questions email Dawn at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).

**Sunday Childcare Help Needed!!-** Help is needed to provide childcare during the 11:00am service on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please visit <https://www.timetosignup.com/kidscount/sheet/1314143> to sign up if you are able to help. Clearances are required. Any questions email Dawn at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto: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 these campers and  
the camp staff in your prayers  
this week.

*Green Hills (August 5-8)*

Amy E.

*Salt 'n Light Creative Arts Camp (August 8-13)*

Nate E.

Kendal F.

Cassidy N.

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