

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*August 15, 2021*

# ALL DAY EVERY DAY

Loving People I Don't Want & Don't See

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***“Loving People I Don’t Want and Don’t See”***

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - arr. Don Wyrzten*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"To God Be the Glory" - No. 98*

Opening Prayer

Ministry of Music

*"Blessed Assurance"*

Scripture Reading

*James 2: 1-13*

Sermon

*"Loving People I Don't Want and Don't See" – Pastor Denny*

Ministry of Music

*"Give Me Your Eyes"*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Freely, Freely" - No. 389*

Benediction

Postlude

*"Joyful Joyful" - arr. Wayne Wold*

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

*Preaching* ..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller

*Worship Leader* ..... Al Robinson

*Worship Team* ..... Caleb Flick, Gail Leinhos, Sarah Pugh

*Sound & Media* ..... Jason Kichline, Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome & Prayer

Praise and Worship

*"Set a Fire"*

*"New Wine"*

Scripture Reading

*James 2: 1-13*

Sermon

*"Loving People I Don't Want and Don't See" - Pastor Denny*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"More Like Jesus"*

Benediction

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*Worship Leader* ..... Dave Florey

*Worship Team* ..... George Canonizado, Dave Florey, John McHenry, Allison Ometz,  
..... Tracy Wertz, Abigail Wertz

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# All Day Every Day: “Loving People I Don’t Want and Don’t See”

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1. Jesus chooses the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi’s fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus’ disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with such scum?”*

*Jesus answered them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.” (Luke 5:29-32 NLT)*

*"God, send to us, and send us to, the people nobody else wants and nobody else sees."*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ has no place in the church.

- Jesus has special concern for the poor.

*Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? (verse 5)*

- Jesus calls us to lift up those who have been put down.

*But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? (verses 6-7)*

- Jesus gives us the Great Commandment.

*You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. (verses 8-9)*

3. The Lord asks us to \_\_\_\_\_ the mercy that has been  
\_\_\_\_\_ to us.

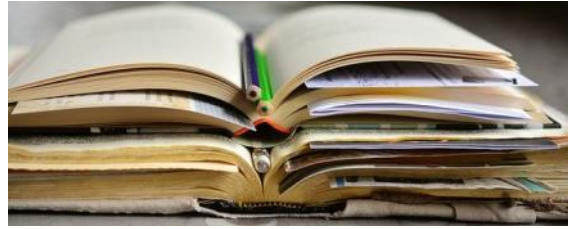
"God, help me to love the people  
I don't want and don't see."

"While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight. While little children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight. While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight. While there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight. I'll fight to the very end!" (William Booth, Founder of The Salvation Army)

*God blesses those who are merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy. (Matthew 5:7 NLT)*

## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of August 15



***Sunday***

***“Loving People I Don’t Want and Don’t See”***

Monday

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Tuesday

Psalm 84

Wednesday

Ephesians 6:10-20

Thursday

John 6:56-69

Friday

James 3:13-18

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

## August 15, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. C. Richard Brandt, placed by C. Richard Brandt II.

### 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 9:30 – 10:30 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. 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 the friends and family of Richard Hayworth, who passed away on August 6.

**Our love and sympathy** to Sarah Pugh and her family in the death of Sarah’s uncle, Jack, on August 11.

**Hospitalized:** Morris Barr

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Dee Farr



**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 are discovering 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:** "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 lobby by the mailboxes. 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 along with related registration/medical forms. Periodically review the COVID-19 safety guidelines and updates as part of your camp registration and preparation process. If you have any questions about Summer Church Camp, please contact Deb Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or 717-697- 5982, Amy Ortiz at [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com) or 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 MINISITRIES!**

**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](https://www.kidscount.org/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.

### **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!!-** Your help is needed for many openings in the Children's Department for the fall. All services! Please prayerfully consider offering your help just one Sunday a month to spend some time and get to know the children of First Church. Please email Dawn at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com) to sign up.

### **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Help us connect with you! Watch these platforms and your emails for opportunities to connect and learn with others!

- Instagram: [fouryouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/fouryouthministry)
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Remind text list - Text @4Gyo to 81010

## **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.



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however other Camp and Retreat Options are  
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*Please keep campers and the camp staff in your  
prayers this week.*

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