

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

August 22, 2021



**ALL DAY
EVERY DAY**

Choosing God's Wisdom

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“Choosing God’s Wisdom”

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory" - No. 577

Prayer

Praise Chorus

"Thy Word" - No. 601

Scripture Reading

James 3: 13-18 (NLT)

Ministry of Music

"Consider the Lilies" - Women of Light

Sermon

"Choosing God's Wisdom" – Pastor Denny

Hymn

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" - No. 382

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"He Leadeth Me" - No. 128

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Women of Light, Caleb Flick, Nadine Ogden, Nancy Robinson,

..... Flossie Ryder

Sound & Media Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Roger Walton



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome & Prayer

Praise and Worship
"More Like Jesus"
"Our God"

Scripture Reading
James 3: 13-18 (NLT)

Sermon
"Choosing God's Wisdom" - Pastor Denny

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship
"God I Look to You/Reign Above It All"

Benediction

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All Day Every Day: "Choosing God's Wisdom"

Two types of wisdom:

_____ wisdom.

*For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are **earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.** (James 1:15 NLT)*

*For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. **For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.** (James 1:15-16 NLT)*

_____ wisdom.

*But the wisdom from above is first of all **pure.** It is also **peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others.** It is **full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds.** It shows **no favoritism** and is **always sincere.** (James 1:17 NLT)*

1. God's wisdom is _____.

2. God's wisdom is _____.

3. God's wisdom is _____.

4. God's wisdom is _____ to others.

5. God's wisdom is _____.

6. God's wisdom shows _____.

7. God's wisdom is _____.

*For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but **we proclaim Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God**. For **God's foolishness** is wiser than human wisdom, and **God's weakness** is stronger than human strength. (I Corinthians 1:22-25 NRSV)*

The best life is found when
I'm foolish enough to choose God's wisdom.

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of August 22



Sunday

“Choosing God’s Wisdom”

Monday

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Tuesday

Psalms 45: 1-2, 6-9

Wednesday

1 John 4: 7-16a

Thursday

1 John 4:16b-21

Friday

James 4:1-10

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

August 2, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of William H. Neumyer, Jr., placed by his loving 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 9:30 – 10:30 am through September 5. Lessons led by a variety of First Church teachers. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@funchurch.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 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

Hospitalized: Jim Alderman, Morris Barr, Skip Hutter

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Jane Bonser

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.... 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!



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 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:** "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. 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 - 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.



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

Enjoy a Concert Featuring Caleb! Our own Caleb Flick will be performing in an upcoming recorded concert to be shown on PBS on Friday, August 27 at 10:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 29 at noon. The 'Music of Johannes Brahms' concert will feature local and international artists, accompanied on the piano by Caleb. Tune in to PBS or set your DVR to enjoy Brahms' most beautiful music! Here is a link to the trailer from the concert, enjoy! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln-53DIrPKw>.



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 or 717-697- 5982, Amy Ortiz at amy.ogden7@gmail.com or the church office at 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.

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. Thanks for your support!

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:

Backpack Blessings- Sunday, August 29th 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.

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@fumchchurch.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: [fourgyouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/fourgyouthministry)
- 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 worshipping 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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*Please keep campers and the camp staff in your
prayers this week.*

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