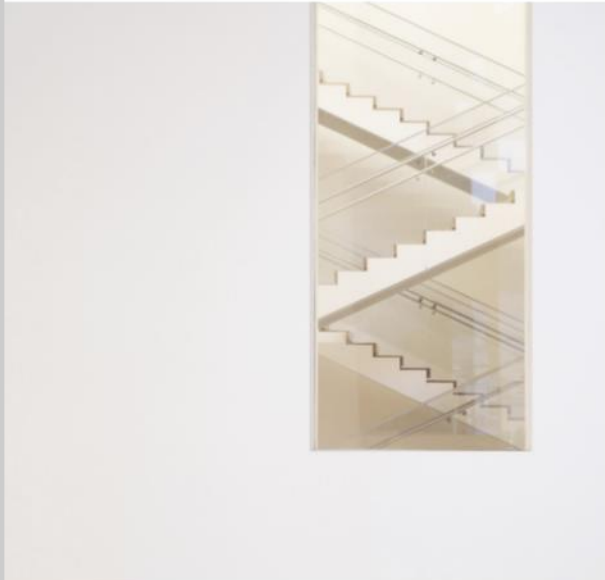


*Welcome to*

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

*September 5, 2021*



**ALL DAY  
EVERY DAY**

Planning for Tomorrow by  
Surrendering Today

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

*"As the Deer" - arr. Flick*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" - No. 117*

Wesleyan Prayer

Ministry of Music

*"I'll Fly Away" - Albert Brumley*

Scripture Reading

*James 4: 13-17 (NLT)*

Sermon

*"Planning for Tomorrow by Surrendering*

*Today" – Pastor Denny*

Ministry of Music

*"Nothing Else"*

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - No. 140*

Benediction

Postlude

*"Grace, Grace" - Towner*

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## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

*Preaching*..... Pastor Dennis Keller

*Worship Leader* ..... Sarah Pugh

*Worship Team* ..... Kathie Bittenbender, George Canonizado, Caleb Flick, Paul Mariano,

..... Flossie Ryder

*Sound & Media* ..... Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Praise and Worship  
*"Death Was Arrested"*  
*"Just As I Am"*

Scripture Reading  
*James 4: 13-17 (NLT)*

Sermon  
*"Planning for Tomorrow by Surrendering Today" - Pastor Denny*

Ministry of Music  
*"Nothing Else"*

Communion Prayer

Communion

Praise and Worship  
*"Have My Heart"*

Benediction

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# All Day Every Day: “*Planning for Tomorrow by Surrendering Today*”

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## LIFE

Planning for tomorrow  
begins with surrendering today.

*Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.” (James 4:13 NLT)*

- Time ("Today or tomorrow...")
- Location ("We will go to a certain town...")
- Itinerary ( "Spend a year there, carry on business...")
- Goal ("And make money.")
- **GOD (!!!)**

Planning for tomorrow  
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*How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone. (James 4:14 NLT)*

*My days are like a shadow soon gone. I’m dried up like dead grass. (Psalm 102:11 CEB)*

*Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” (James 4:15 NIV)*

*Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it. (James 4:16-17 NLT)*

*Then he told them a parable: “A certain rich man’s land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he*

*thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God." (Luke 12:16-21 CEB)*



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*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)*

## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of September 5



***Sunday***

***“Planning for Tomorrow by Surrendering Today”***

Monday

Proverbs 1:20-33

Tuesday

Psalms 19

Wednesday

Mark 8:27-30

Thursday

Mark 8:31-38

Friday

James 5:1-6

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

## September 5, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of George and Kathryn Fishel, placed by the Taylor and Van Kirk families.

### Lifelong Learner

Stay in God's Word with our **daily Bible reading plan**, which is customized to go along with our weekly sermons! Find it on page 6 of this bulletin or on our church website, [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com).

New to First Church? Attend a **First Step Gathering**, which will provide the opportunity to meet our pastor and staff, and connect with others while you learn more about our church. Next gathering is scheduled on September 26 from 9:45 – 10:45 am. Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) to register today!

**Ready for the Next Step?** Join us for a 4-week study, "Our Disciple's Path". Explore spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts and grow in your commitment by becoming a church member. The fall Next Step class is scheduled to begin on October 3 from 9:45 – 10:45 am. Childcare provided. To register, contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).

### Steps Beyond -

- **Sunday School Enrichment** - All groups begin meeting this fall at a **new time from 9:45 – 10:45 am**.
  - **Faith in Everyday Life**  
Begin September 19, meets in room 207, targets 30-50something  
Contact: Jenell Paris at [jparis@messiah.edu](mailto:jparis@messiah.edu)  
A group focused on fellowship and friendship/mutual support in and outside the classroom. Class members share in leading reflections and discussions based on Scripture.
  - **Growing in Christ**  
Begins September 19, meets on zoom, targets adults all ages/stages of faith  
Contact: Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)  
A welcoming group that focuses on prayer and studying God's Word in an encouraging environment. Contact Tina for zoom link.
  - **Christian Fellowship**  
Begins September 19, meets in room B003A/B, targets adults all ages/stages of faith  
Contact: Wayde Leister at [waydeleister@outlook.com](mailto:waydeleister@outlook.com)  
A caring group, eager to apply God's Word to life's challenges. Enjoys short-term Bible studies that challenge and inspire. Contact Wayde for zoom link.
  - **Faithful Families**  
Begins September 19, meets in room B005, targets parents  
Contact: Bob and Tracy Wertz at [wertzfive@gmail.com](mailto:wertzfive@gmail.com)  
An active group of parents with older school-aged and young adult children who study Scripture, encourage one another, and celebrate life together in and out of the classroom.
  - **Helping Hands**  
Begins September 12, meets in room B004A/B, targets primarily 60+



Contact: Bob Wertz, Sr. at [robert\\_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com](mailto:robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com)

A group of active seniors who focus on studies which provide encouragement and instruction on faithful living, and who enjoy fellowship activities together outside of class.

#### o **Guyer Class**

Begins September 12, meets in room 123, targets primarily 70+

Contact: Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)

A lecture-based class, taught by a variety of church leaders, is comprised of a group of elders in the church who use the United Methodist quarterly adult Bible lessons.

#### • **Additional Learning /Growth Opportunities**

o **Wednesday Men's Group** – This group enjoys great fellowship and small-group studies together. 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.

o **Wednesday Women's Lunch and Learn** – Bring your own lunch/enjoy fellowship while discussing 7-week study “Brave” by local author Tabitha Deller. Facilitated by Tina Eaton, begins October 6 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Order study guide at [amazon.com](https://amazon.com) and contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) to register.

o **MOPS** – Mothers of Preschoolers meets to embrace the journey together once a month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings beginning September 15. Cost is \$32.00 (covers special guest speakers and dinner together). Fun family outings scheduled throughout the year! Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details and to register.

o **Thursday Bible Study** – Led by Juanita Guise, begins September 16 on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm on zoom. Come to study the topic of holy living in, “Live Like You Belong to God”. Contact Juanita at [kguise@comcast.net](mailto:kguise@comcast.net) for more details and to order your study book (or order for \$7.99 at [shop.precept.org](http://shop.precept.org)).

o **Sunday Men's Bible Study** – Led by Ken Guise and David Mengle, begins September 26 on Sunday evenings at 6:15 pm on zoom. Will start with the book of Jude, then move to a study in Hebrews entitled, “The Key to Living by Faith”. Contact Ken Guise at [guiseken100@gmail.com](mailto:guiseken100@gmail.com) for more details. Order study book for \$9.99 at [shop.precept.org](http://shop.precept.org).

## [Praying Follower](#)

**September Prayer Challenge – Back to School Prayer:** In this “back to school” season, let’s all pray for children, youth, college students, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, the children of our church and community, teachers, administrators, support staff, bus drivers, crossing guards and more! Try using this format, provided by Moms in Prayer International™. Because schools are continuing to adjust plans according to circumstances surrounding Covid, let’s focus our prayers on this attribute - *God, our Master Planner!*

1. **Praise**—Praise God for **who He is**, His attribute as our Master Planner, the One who has the perfect plan, the One who plans our day-to-day steps. *Suggested scripture: Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 32:8, Psalm 33:11, 2 Peter 3:9*
2. **Confession**—Silently confess your sins to the God who forgives. *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*
3. **Thanksgiving**—Thank God for **what He has done**. *In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18*
4. **Intercession**—Coming to God in prayer on **behalf of others**. Insert name(s) of person(s) you are praying for in the blank spaces: *LORD, may You show \_\_\_\_\_ Your ways, teach them Your paths, guide \_\_\_\_\_ in Your truth and teach \_\_\_\_\_. Savior, may \_\_\_\_\_’s hope be in You all day long. Psalm 25:4-5*

Take this prayer challenge one step further by sending someone that you prayed for a note to share an encouraging word. Interested in **joining our Moms in Prayer** group? Contact Deb Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com). This 1-hour group meets on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm.





**Our love and sympathy** to Sadie Heim and family in the death of her son-in-law, Terry, on August 25, 2021

**Our love and sympathy** to Rodney Clark and family in the death of his father, Dick Clark, on August 27, 2021.

**Hospitalized:** Morris Barr, Matt Miller

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Jack Koser

**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.

### *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 and September:

- **TODAY:** "Planning for Tomorrow by Surrendering Today" (James 4:13-17)
- September 12: "Counting on My Lord, Not My Money" (James 5:1-6)
- September 19: "Standing On The Promises" (James 5:7-11)
- September 26: "Becoming A Community That Heals" (James 5:13-18)



**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*

#### **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.

**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).



## [Relationship Builder](#)

### FALL KICKOFF – SEPTEMBER 19!

Plan to celebrate, and invite your friends and neighbors to participate with us on this special day as we:

Join together for **morning worship** in-person or livestreamed at our Foundation service at 8:30 am (a *NEW TIME!*) or in-person at our Gathering service at 11:00 am.

Learn and grow together by participating in **Sunday School enrichment** at 9:45 AM (a *NEW TIME!*)

Come back later for our **Outdoor Worship/Tailgate Picnic** in the church parking lot from **4:00 to 7:00 pm**. *Bring your own picnic and lawn chairs*, and refresh your spirit as we enjoy food, fellowship and games for all ages together!

***\*NOTE: Bibles will also be handed out to children and youth at all worship services that day as we reaffirm our commitment to God's Word for all ages!***



The **Widows/Widowers fellowship** will dine together on Tuesday, September 21 at 4:30pm at Café Magnolia. If you plan on attending or need transportation, please contact Bonnie Guyer at (717)766-0145.

**FUMC Men's Golf Outing!** All men are invited to the FUMC Men's Golf Outing on **Friday, September 24** at Armitage Golf Course, Mechanicsburg. Tee times start at 12:30 p.m. Rates include golf and cart, dinner is on your own. Format is 'best-ball' tournament style, so all skill levels are welcome! The rates are \$34 for those under 50 years and \$27 for those over 50 years. Additional discounts for Hampden Twp. residents and Military. Spouses and guests are welcome to join for dinner at Caddy Shack after the outing. Please contact Barry Eaton at [theeaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theeaton5@verizon.net) to reserve your spot!

**Women's Simulcast Event - September 25:** We are excited to host the Priscilla Shirer 'Going Beyond' Simulcast event on Saturday, September 25! We are offering an in-person and virtual viewing of this event. The in-person event will be held in our church sanctuary, starting at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited! See details and registration here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScB0jCM\\_tm4hAVWTaQ7rdtWFIFFAzaATUdEhzQQ2Fh-am7MfQ/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScB0jCM_tm4hAVWTaQ7rdtWFIFFAzaATUdEhzQQ2Fh-am7MfQ/)



[viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](#). Please register by September 11. Any questions, contact Patti Herring at [familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net).

**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!

**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!



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:**

**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](mailto: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](#)
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Remind text list - Text @4Gyo to 81010

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