

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 12, 2021

ALL DAY EVERY DAY

Counting on My Lord, Not My Money

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“Counting on My Lord, Not My Money”

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

Prelude

"When Love is Found" - Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

"Hymn of Promise" - No. 707

Time of Prayer and Remembrance (In Unison)

Choir Anthem

"American Hymn" - Carl Strommen

"America the Beautiful" - No. 696

Scripture Reading

James 5: 1-6 (NLT)

Sermon

"Counting on My Lord, Not My Money" – Pastor Denny

Hymn of Response

"Take My Life and Let It Be" - No. 399

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Nothing Between" - No. 373

Benediction

Postlude

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" - Thomas Gieschen

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir

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



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Time of Prayer and Remembrance

Praise and Worship

"More Like Jesus"

"Open Space"

Scripture Reading

James 5: 1-6 (NLT)

Sermon

"Counting on My Lord, Not My Money" - Pastor Denny

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"For Your Glory"

Benediction

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Worship Team John Gross, Jason Kichline, Geri Nuss, Allison Ometz,
..... Tracy Wertz

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All Day Every Day: “Counting on My Lord, Not My Money”

"Being a Christian isn't just believing in God and being good. It involves a commitment to change the world...By the grace of God each person can make a difference. God created us to be world changers and I hope this book helps you to define what that means for your everyday life."
(Tony Campolo, *You Can Make a Difference*)

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it...
(Psalm 24:1 NRSV)

When it comes to money, the Bible teaches:

- God owns everything.
- We are managers.
- Treasures on earth will not last.

The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment.
(James 5:3 NLT)

Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. (Mark 10:21a NLT)

Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”
(Mark 10:21 NLT)

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through

the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”
(Mark 10:23-25 NLT)

*The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. **Everything is possible with God.**”* (Mark 10:26-27 NLT)

Am I counting on my money
or am I counting on my Lord?



Weekly Bible Readings

Week of September 12



Sunday

“Counting on My Lord, Not My Money”

Monday

Proverbs 31:10-31

Tuesday

Psalms 1

Wednesday

James 3:13-4:3

Thursday

Mark 9:30-37

Friday

James 5:7-11

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

September 12, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones, placed by Georgianna Braund.



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.

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 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.

Steps Beyond -

- **Sunday School Enrichment** - All groups begin meeting this fall at a *new time from 9:45 – 10:45 am*.
 - o **Faith in Everyday Life** - Begin September 19, meets in room 207, targets 30-50something
Contact: Jenell Paris at 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.
 - o **Growing in Christ** - Begins September 19, meets on zoom, targets adults all ages/stages of faith
Contact: Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com
A welcoming group that focuses on prayer and studying God's Word in an encouraging environment. Contact Tina for zoom link.
 - o **Christian Fellowship** - Begins September 19, meets in room B003A/B, targets adults all ages/stages of faith
Contact: Wayde Leister at 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.
 - o **Faithful Families** - Begins September 19, meets in room B005, targets parents
Contact: Bob and Tracy Wertz at 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.
 - o **Helping Hands** - Begins September 12, meets in room B004A/B, targets primarily 60+
Contact: Bob Wertz, Sr. at 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
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 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 and contact Tina Eaton at 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 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 for more details and to order your study book (or order for \$7.99 at 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 for more details. Order study book for \$9.99 at shop.precept.org.



Praying Follower

Hospitalized: Morris Barr

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Matt Miller, Kathy & Joe Semanko

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.

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. This 1-hour group meets on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm.



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:** "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. 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

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 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/1FAIpQLSeB0jCM_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.

What better way to express **extravagant hospitality** than to wave to those we pass by on a daily basis! The WAVE initiative is a “no cost” way to engage with others and perhaps even make their day! Remember that giving a WAVE (We All Value Everyone) is a blessing to those who receive it AND to those who give it! Go ahead give it a try today!

Ministry Safe Training- Anyone working with children or youth in any capacity is required to complete the new online Safe Sanctuary training. You will receive an email with a link to the training and it will appear as it is coming from Pastor Denny. Questions can be directed to Dawn Fisher at kidscount@fumchurch.com.

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!*



[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:

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 to sign up.

Bible Sunday- Sunday, September 19th at 4:00pm. This year we will be presenting Bibles to our 4 year olds and 2nd graders at the church Kick-Off Tailgate in the church parking lot. If you are not able to make it that afternoon please email Dawn at kidscount@fumchurch.com to make other arrangements to get your child's Bible.

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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