

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 19, 2021



**ALL DAY
EVERY DAY**

Standing on the Promises

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“Standing on the Promises”

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

"This Is My Father's World" - No. 144

Prayer (In Unison)

Choir Anthem

"For Such a Time as This" - Joseph Martin

Scripture Reading

James 5: 7-11 (NLT)

Sermon

"Standing on the Promises" – Pastor Denny

Hymn of Response

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" - No. 496

Time of Prayer: Bless Our Schools Sunday

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Standing on the Promises" - No. 374

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader George Canonizado

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome & Prayer

Praise and Worship

"The Stand"

"Do It Again"

Scripture Reading

James 5: 7-11 (NLT)

Sermon

"Standing on the Promises" - Pastor Denny

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"Stand In Your Love"

Benediction

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader George Canonizado

Worship Team Janice Bowen, George Canonizado, John Gross, Ellen Hill,
..... Jason Kichline, Sarah Pugh

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols

All Day Every Day: “Standing on the Promises”

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
(Matthew 5:11-12 NRSV)

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33 NLT)

Endure suffering patiently
like the farmers...

*Dear brothers and sisters, **be patient** as you wait for the Lord’s return. **Consider the farmers** who **patiently wait** for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must **be patient**. Take courage, for **the coming of the Lord is near.*** (James 5:7-8 NLT)

Endure suffering patiently
like the Lord's prophets...

*Don’t grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door! For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, **look at the prophets** who spoke in the name of the Lord. We give great honor to those who endure under suffering.* (James 5:9-10 NLT)

Endure suffering patiently
like Job...

*We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, **you know about Job**, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for **the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.*** (James 5:11 NLT)

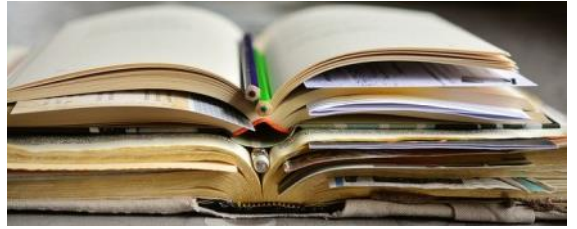
In times of trouble, stand firm.

*May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! He is the **compassionate** Father and God of **all comfort**. He's the one who **comforts** us in **all** our trouble so that we can **comfort** other people who are in every kind of trouble...*

(2 Corinthians 1:3-4a CEB)

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of September 19



Sunday

“Standing on the Promises”

Monday

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Tuesday

Psalms 124

Wednesday

Mark 9:38-50

Thursday

James 5:13-16

Friday

James 5:17-20

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

September 19, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of William Seig, placed by Marilyn Seig and family.



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 in Fellowship Hall 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** - 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** - 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** - 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** - 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** - 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** - 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. Next meeting is October 20. 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 **Monday Men's Bible Study** – Led by Ken Guise, begins September 27 on Monday evenings at 6:45 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

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.

Our love and sympathy to the Eaton family in the death of Barry's mother, Brenda Eaton, on September 10, 2021

Hospitalized: Morris Barr

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Judi Buddenbaum, Rev. Ron Burgard, Dee Farr, Ginnie Miller, Kathy Semanko

Bless Our Schools Sunday is today! Let us know your requests for students, teachers and their schools, and our Moms in Prayer group will pray over them throughout the school year. If attending worship in-person, simply fill out a card and return when you leave. If attending worship online, contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com with your requests. Looking for scripture to use in your own prayers? Check out the prayer display under the church balcony or visit momsinprayer.org.

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 and September:

- **TODAY:** "Standing On The Promises" (James 5:7-11)
- September 26: "Becoming A Community That Heals" (James 5:13-18)

Upcoming Sermon Series - "Grit: Endure. Persevere. Thrive": It takes grit to follow Jesus and "run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). Grit is passion and perseverance. Enemies of grit are fear, drift, trials, indifference, and Grit is something we all need these days. In this series we're going to look at the stories of some women of faith who had a "never say quit" kind of grit in the face of difficult circumstances. Their stories encourage us as we endure, persevere and thrive as followers of Jesus today. Begins Sunday, October 3.

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

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.

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.



Relationship Builder

FALL KICKOFF – TODAY

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!*



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!

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 theaton5@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.

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.



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@fumchchurch.com to sign up.

Bible Sunday- TODAY 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: [fouryouthministry](#)
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Remind text list - Text @4Gyo to 81010

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