

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 26, 2021

ALL DAY EVERY DAY

Experiencing God's Healing

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“Experiencing God’s Healing”

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

"It is Well With My Soul" - Philip Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - No. 139

Prayer

Choir Anthem

"This Is My Story" - Fanny Crosby

Scripture Reading

James 5: 13-18 (NRSV)

Sermon

"Experiencing God's Healing" - Pastor Denny

Prayer of Confession

Ministry of Music

"Dancing On the Waves"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" - No. 133

Benediction

Postlude

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" - arr. Tom Fettke

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team Karen Philp, Sounds of Worship Choir

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"Good Grace"
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture Reading
James 5: 13-18 (NRSV)

Sermon
"Experiencing God's Healing" - Pastor Denny

Ministry of Music
"Dancing on the Waves"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship
"Mighty to Save"

Benediction

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Worship Leader Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team Dave Florey, Jason Kichline, Krissy Marshall, John McHenry,
..... Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz

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

All Day Every Day: “Experiencing God’s Healing”

Why does Jesus heal?

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. (Matthew 4:23 NRSV)

1. Jesus heals in response to God's promises.

*The prayer of faith **will** save the sick, and the Lord **will** raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins **will** be forgiven. (James 5:15 NRSV)*

2. Jesus heals because he has compassion for people.

*As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had **compassion** for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Mark 6:34 NRSV)*

3. Jesus sometimes heals in response to peoples' faith.

*“Daughter, **your faith has made you well**; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” (Mark 5:34 NRSV)*

4. Jesus always heals to bring glory to God.

*Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see **the glory of God?**” (John 11:40)*

What does James mean by healing?

Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:15-16a NRSV)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,... (Psalm 103:2-3 NRSV)

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” (Mark 2:5 NRSV)

How can we experience healing?

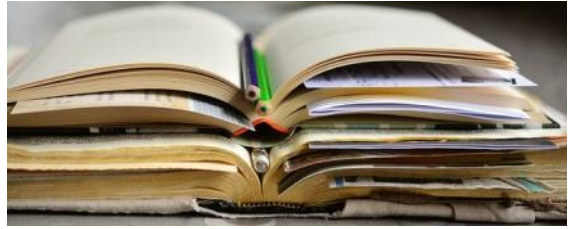
*Are any of you suffering hardships? **You** should **pray**. Are any of you happy? **You** should **sing praises**. Are any of you sick? **You** should **call for the elders** of the church to come and **pray** over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. **Confess your sins** to each other and **pray** for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:13-16a NLT)*

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b NRSV)

When I join God in the healing of others, I experience God’s healing in me.

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of September 26



Sunday

“Experiencing God’s Healing”

Monday

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Tuesday

Psalms 26

Wednesday

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Thursday

Mark 10:13-16

Friday

Exodus 1

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

September 26, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Deanna Lynn Otto, placed by her parents.



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 for **TODAY** 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*.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **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, meets 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.

Hospitalized: Morris Barr

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Nancy Eddy, Jack Koser, Kathy 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.



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:** "Experiencing God's Healing" (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

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.



Generous Giver

First Church is once again participating in the annual **CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 17 at 1:00 pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church**. Please join us to end hunger in our community and around the world! We would love your support by donating to our page or walking with us! This year, our walk will be led by Red Robin, yay! For more information, visit our page at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-walkers> or contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

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.

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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