

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

October 3, 2021



“Shiphrah and Puah: Fierce Faith”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King" - No. 61

Prayer

Handbell Anthem

"Freely, Freely"

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1: 15-22 (NRSV)

Sermon

"Shiphrah and Puah: Fierce Faith" – Pastor Denny

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

Choir Anthem

"We Come Together Here" - James Stevens

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"God Will Take Care of You" - No. 130

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Eric King, Handbell Choir, Sounds of Worship Choir

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



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"See a Victory"
"Such an Awesome God"

Scripture Reading
Exodus 1: 15-22 (NRSV)

Sermon
"Shiphrah and Puah: Fierce Faith" - Pastor Denny

Pastoral Prayer

Communion

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship
"Stand In Your Love"

Benediction

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Jason Kichline, John McHenry, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh,
..... Abigail Wertz, Tracy Wertz

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

Grit: “Shiphrah and Puah: Fierce Faith”

People with Grit:

1. Have determination: They are unusually resilient and hardworking.
2. Have direction: They know in a very, very deep way what they want.
-Angela Duckworth, "Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance"

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3)

*These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. The total number of people born to Jacob was seventy. Joseph was already in Egypt. Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that whole generation. **But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.** (Exodus 1:1-7)*

***Not one** of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass. (Joshua 21:45)*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.”

*Therefore they set taskmasters over them to **oppress** them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were **oppressed**, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became **ruthless** in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives **bitter** with hard service in mortar and brick and in*

every kind of field labor. They were **ruthless** in all the tasks that they imposed on them. (Exodus 1:8-14)



The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birth stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." **But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.** (Exodus 1:15-17)

Even in my fears, God can birth
a fierceness of faith in me.

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of October 3



Sunday

“Shiphrah and Puah: Fierce Faith”

Monday

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Tuesday

Psalms 22:1-15

Wednesday

Hebrews 4:12-16

Thursday

Mark 10:17-31

Friday

Judges 4

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

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The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. David D. Coover, placed by the family.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur W. Farr, placed by his wife, Dolores D. Farr.



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.

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 **TODAY**, 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 iparis@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 in Fellowship Hall beginning October 10, targets adults all ages/stages of faith
Contact: Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com
This group provides a caring community that loves to study the Word of God, laugh together, pray for one another, and encourage each other in faith.
 - 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** – Beginning a new 5-session study on October 6 entitled, "James for Men". All men are invited to come and work their way through the book of James together. Currently meets in person (outside) at the home of Barry Eaton at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, but will move inside or on zoom as the weather turns colder. Contact Barry at 1785eaton@gmail.com if interested.
- 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, meets 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

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Morris Barr, Dave Nesmith

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.

October Prayer Challenge – Penny Prayers: As Marion Amberg, author of the book, *Penny Prayers: True Stories of Change* says, "Engraved on every penny is a prayer – In God We Trust. This prayer can lift burdens and instill a deep peace, even in the worst of times. By saying the penny prayer, 'God, I trust in you,' we can find hope one penny at a time."

So, this month your challenge is an easy, yet profound one. Simply carry a penny in your pocket everywhere you go. When you feel stressed, worried or just need to feel God's presence, touch the penny in your pocket, feel the texture of the words on your fingertips and say the penny prayer. Then breathe deeply and remember that God is always with you.



Passionate Worshipper

We periodically offer **home communion** to those in our church family who, for various reasons, are unable to partake in Holy Communion during Sunday worship. Please contact Janice Bowen if you are aware of a family member or friend who may like to receive communion at home. Serving communion to a fellow-believer is a meaningful way of faith-sharing. If you would consider being a part of the team that assists with home communion, please contact Janice at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112.

Current 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.

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

All women are invited to join the third annual **sewing day** to make feminine hygiene products for Mission Central on October 16 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. These kits allow women to go to work to feed their families or girls to remain in school and get the education they need. If you can measure, cut or sew we need you to join us in this important project. Pack a lunch and bring sewing essentials such as a machine, sharp scissors, rotary cutters, cutting mats and rulers. Contact Donna Nichols at djnichols43@hotmail.com if you plan to attend and to let her know what supplies you will be bringing.

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

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

Chicken BBQ tickets available now! The handbell choirs are sponsoring their 20th annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, October 30. The hours are 10am-4pm, cost is \$10. Reserve your tickets now by seeing a member of the handbell choirs, or calling or emailing Kathie Bittenbender, rbittenben@verizon.net.

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

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