

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

October 24, 2021



“Dorcas: Doing Simple Things With Great Love”

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

"Alleluia, Alleluia" - No. 162

Unison Prayer

Praise Chorus

"Lord, Be Glorified"

Scripture

Acts 9:36-42 (NRSV)

Choir Anthem

"God Is So Good" - arr. Douglas Wagner

Sermon

"Dorcas: Doing Simple Things With Great Love" – Pastor Denny

Hymn of Response

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" - No. 430

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - No. 57

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Barry Eaton

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir

Sound & Media Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch, Roger Walton



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"How Good Is He"

"Ways"

Scripture

Acts 9:36-42 (NRSV)

Sermon

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Praise and Worship

"Who You Say I Am"

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..... Sarah Pugh

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Grit: “Dorcas: Doing Simple Things With Great Love”

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have **life**, and have it **abundantly**.* Acts 10:10 (NRSV)

in-dif-fer-ence

a lack of interest, concern, or sympathy

1. The Risen **Christ is the Source** of grit.

*There was **a believer** in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas).*
Acts 9:36a (NLT)

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 12:11-12 (NRSV)

Your primary identity is in Christ.

2. Gritty **goodness gives life** to others.

*She was **always doing kind things** for others and helping the poor.* Acts 9:36b (NLT)

***The room was filled** with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them.* Acts 9:39b (NLT)

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, **serve one another** with whatever gift each of you has received.* 1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

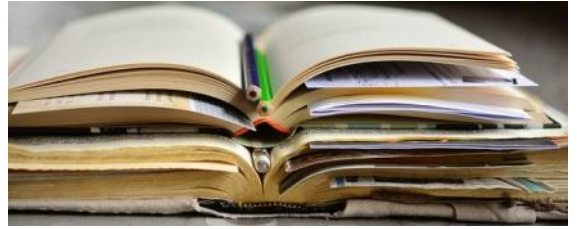
"Simple things done in great love change the world." (Mother Teresa)

3. The more you **give**, the more you **live**.

*Turning to the body he said, “Get up, Tabitha.” And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive. **The news spread** through the whole town, and **many believed in the Lord**.* Acts 9:40b-42 (NLT)

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of October 24



Sunday

“Dorcas: Doing Simple Things With Great Love”

Monday

Ruth 1:1-18

Tuesday

Psalms 146:1-10

Wednesday

Hebrews 9:11-14

Thursday

Mark 12:28-34

Friday

2 Timothy 1:1-8

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 Florence Hoy and Gladys Peck, placed by the Hoy family.



Lifelong Learner

We invite you to join us for an informative **presentation on home medical supplies and equipment** during the Sunday School hour on November 7 in the Multipurpose Room beginning at 9:45am. Robin Mueller and Zach Mace from locally owned small business, IMA Medical Supply in Carlisle, will be our speakers. Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112.

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.

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 in Fellowship Hall, targets adults all ages/stages of faith
Contact: Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com
All are invited to come and trace the steps of Jesus through Israel and explore the major themes of the Gospel of Mark. Study runs from October 10 - December 19. New participants welcome anytime!
 - 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** – Currently studying "The Book of James For Men" by Vince Miller, the founder of Resolute, a mentoring ministry for men of all ages/stages of life (visit beresolute.org for more information). 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. Currently working on "The Key to Living by Faith", a study of the book of Hebrews. Contact Ken Guise at guiseken100@gmail.com for more details and the zoom link.



Praying Follower

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.

Our love and sympathy to the friends and family of Victor Norris, who passed away on October 19.

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Jenny Dose

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 - "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

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.

Save the Date for our 2021 Church Conference! All church members are invited to attend First UMC's Church Conference on Monday, November 1 at 6:30 pm in the green chairs section of the sanctuary as we celebrate our mission and ministry in 2021.

Shoe Collection for Costa Rica Mission Trip! Bring your new or gently used shoes to the drop off locations at the Office and Alley entrances October 24 and October 31. The shoes will be weighed and the team going to Costa Rica (with Rice & Beans Ministry) will get paid by the pound. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com or Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com.

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 Entrance hallway. 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

Here is the thing about **HOSPITALITY** ~ we can practice it wherever we go! Think about that! We can practice it every time we step outside of our door or drive out of our driveway! We can practice it with our extended family, our church family, our friends, our neighbors, our colleagues ~ the possibilities are endless! It can be as simple as a smile or a wave or as involved as delivering a meal to someone! 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 kidscount@fumchurch.com.



Generous Giver

Christmas is just around the corner! First Church will once again be collecting shoe boxes for **Operation Christmas Child and Christmas Gifts for New Hope Ministries Christmas Blessings Express**. Visit the table outside the multipurpose room to pick up your shoe boxes and to locate the Scrip order form for gift cards for New Hope. See details [here](#). Questions? Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

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.

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 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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