

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

October 31, 2021



“Lois and Eunice: Caught More Than Taught”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

www.fumchurch.com





FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

"Adagio" - arr. M. Davies

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" - No. 158

Affirmation of Faith

Reception of New Members

Hymn

"We Are The Church" - No. 558

Ministry of Music

"Jesus Loves Me" - arr. Fred Bock

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:1-8a (NRSV)

Sermon

"Lois and Eunice: Caught More Than Taught" – Pastor Lisa

Praise Chorus

"Sanctuary"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Consecration Sunday Testimony

Closing Hymn

"Go, Make of All Disciples" - No. 571

Benediction

Postlude

"Aria" - Georg Goltermann

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Leader Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Team George Canonizado, Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir

Sound & Media Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Singing in the Victory/Our God Reigns"

"No Longer Slaves"

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:1-8a (NRSV)

Sermon

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Praise and Worship

"Rattle!"

Benediction

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Weekly Bible Readings

Week of October 31



Sunday

“Lois and Eunice: Caught More Than Taught”

Monday

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Tuesday

Psalms 127

Wednesday

Hebrews 9:24-28

Thursday

Mark 12:38-44

Friday

Ephesians 2:19-22

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 Rev. Raymond and Margaret Tyson, placed by James and Janet Tyson.



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 4 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 on Zoom
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! Contact Tina for the 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** – 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

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Steve Almond, Mary Cain, Ray Powers

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.

November Prayer Challenge – 30 Days of Gratitude

During this Thanksgiving season, let's practice the spiritual discipline of gratitude together! *Revive our Hearts* has an easy to use guide for a 30-Day Gratitude Challenge, so why not give it a try? Go to reviveourhearts.com/articles/growing-in-gratitude-a-30-day-challenge to get your copy of the guide, or pick up a copy at the prayer display under the balcony at church. Each day you will be challenged to grow in gratitude through the devotional challenges.

We encourage you to take notice of what God does in your heart over this next month. If you would like a journal to keep track of your progress, you can pick up a blank journal at the display too. Cultivating a heart of gratitude is the beginning of your journey to joy! Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com if you have questions or would like to share any stories about how this challenge has blessed you!



Passionate Worshipper

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

Save the Date for our 2021 Church Conference! All church members are invited to attend First UMC's Church Conference tomorrow, 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 on 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.

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

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.

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

Ministry Staff

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