

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

November 14, 2021



The Sound of Substance

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“The Sound of Substance”

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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" - No. 140

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music

"Hope, Peace, Joy and Love"

Scripture

Mark 12: 41-44 (NRSV)

Sermon

"The Sound of Substance" – Pastor Denny

Consecration of Our Gifts

Ministry of Music

"Thank You For Giving to the Lord"

Prayer of Dedication

Song of Response

"Doxology"

Closing Hymn

"Christ For the World We Sing" - No. 568

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir, Cynthia Smith, Sarah Pugh

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Holly Kurten, Roger Walton



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"Champion"
"Nothing I Hold Onto (Climb)"

Scripture
Mark 12: 41-44 (NRSV)

Sermon
"The Sound of Substance" - Pastor Denny

Consecration of Our Gifts

Ministry of Music
"Thank You for Giving to the Lord"

Prayer of Dedication

Praise and Worship
"Goodness of God"

Benediction/Doxology

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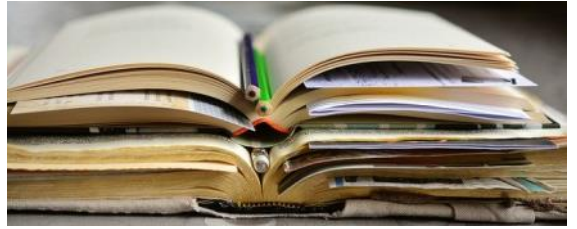
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Worship Team Janice Bowen, George Canonizado, Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz,
..... RJ Wertz

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Weekly Bible Readings

Week of November 14



Sunday

“The Sound of Substance”

Monday

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Tuesday

Psalms 132: 1-12

Wednesday

Revelation 1:4b-8

Thursday

John 18:33-37

Friday

Ephesians 4:11-16

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

“The Sound of Substance”

1. What she did was **GENEROUS**.

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury, ...” (verse 43)

To God, generosity is not measured by the amount, but by the sacrifice.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

2. What she did was **COSTLY**.

“For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” (verse 44)

What does it really cost me to follow Jesus?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.” (C.S. Lewis, Surprised By Joy)

3. What she did was **GIVE HERSELF**.

*As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! **They devour widows’ houses** and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” (Mark 12:38-40)*

*As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? **Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.**” (Mark 13:1-2)*

“First they gave themselves.” (2 Corinthians 8:5)



First News First

Weekly Edition

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The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lance and their loved ones, placed by Larry and Judi Buddenbaum and family.

The **maché basket** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul S. Brandt, placed by his wife, Grace, and family.



Lifelong Learner

Interested in taking a **first step** to grow in your faith? Try our **daily Bible reading plan**, which is customized to go along with our weekly sermons! Find it in this bulletin or on our church website, fumchurch.com. Looking to add additional faithful **steps beyond** that? Consider these opportunities to deepen your journey with Jesus – newcomers are welcome to any group at any time!

- **Sunday School Enrichment** - The start time for all of these Sunday morning groups is **9:45 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** - Hybrid (meets both on zoom and in-person in room 105), 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 through December 19. Contact Tina for Zoom link or drop by in-person anytime!
 - o **Christian Fellowship** - Meets in room B003, 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 B004, 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 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 **MOPS** – A group for mothers of young children that meets to embrace the journey together once a month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Next meeting is November 17. Registration is \$32.00 (covers full year of special guest speakers/dinner, scholarships available). Additional outings with kids scheduled throughout the year! Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details.
- 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, Milt Dougherty, Ginnie Miller

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

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 12 and 19. You have the option of purchasing a poinsettia for \$9.50 or giving a monetary gift in memory/honor of your loved one. For more details and the

order form, see page 10 of the bulletin. Orders are due to the church office by November 26. Questions? Contact Ellen Hill at office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611.

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

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

The Bell Choir is making **pies for Thanksgiving!** The date is Saturday, November 20. We will be baking pumpkin, apple crust, apple crumb, and mincemeat. Sign up sheets can be found near both entrances to the

sanctuary, see a handbell player, or call or email Kathie Bittenbender, rbittenben@verizon.net to place your order today! Orders are due by Monday, November 15. Cost is \$10 and pick-up is noon to 2pm on November 20. Thank you!

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: fouryouthministry
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Remind text list - Text @4Gyo to 81010

Honor your loved ones this Christmas

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on **December 12 and 19**. You have the option of purchasing a poinsettia for **\$9.50** or giving a monetary gift in memory/honor of your loved one. Gift donations will be forwarded to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Please complete the form below, indicating the number of “plants” or “gifts” and place it in the offering baskets or send it to Ellen Hill in the church office by **November 26**.

If you plan to worship in-person on Sunday, December 26, plants may be picked up after the service. If you are unable to attend worship in-person, other arrangements to pick up your plant can be made by contacting the church office. Plants not claimed by December 31 will be disposed of. If you are not planning on taking your poinsettia please consider a monetary gift instead.

POINSETTIA OR GIFT ORDER FORM

Please indicate below, in the correct section, the number of plants and/or gifts that you are giving and who they are being given in memory/honor of.

1. Number of plants _____

Please circle whichever is appropriate: In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): _____

2. Number of Gifts _____

Please circle whichever is appropriate: In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Placed by: _____

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