

*Welcome to*  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors*  
*January 23, 2022*

*you*  
are the body



***“You Are the Body: Gifted to Serve”***

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Many Gifts, One Spirit" - No. 114*

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Praise Chorus

*"Bind Us Together"*

Scripture Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NRSV)*

Ministry of Music

*"I Am Resolved"*

Sermon

*"You Are the Body: Gifted to Serve" - Pastor Denny*

Hymn

*"We Are the Church" - No. 558*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Forward Through the Ages" - No. 555*

Benediction

Postlude

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

*Preaching*..... Pastor Dennis Keller

*Worship Leader* ..... Sarah Pugh

*Worship Team* ..... Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir

*Sound & Media* ..... Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Let the Light In"*

*"Build My Life"*

Scripture Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NRSV)*

Sermon

*"You Are the Body: Gifted to Serve" - Pastor Denny*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"The Stand"*

Benediction

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## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

*Preaching* ..... Pastor Dennis Keller

*Worship Leader* ..... Sarah Pugh

*Worship Team* ..... George Canonizado, John Gross, Jason Kichline, Sarah Pugh,  
..... Allison Ometz, Tracy Wertz

*Sound & Media* ..... Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of January 23



***Sunday***

***“You Are the Body: Gifted to Serve”***

Monday

Nehemiah 8: 1-10

Tuesday

Psalms 19: 1-6

Wednesday

Psalms 19: 7-14

Thursday

Luke 4: 14-21

Friday

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

# ***“You Are the Body: Gifted to Serve”***

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*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.  
(I Corinthians 12:27)*

“What does it look like for **you** to be the body of Christ **now**?”

1. The Holy Spirit is at work in **every person** who confesses Jesus is Lord.

*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “**Jesus is Lord**” except by the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:1-3)*

2. **Every manifestation** of the Holy Spirit is valuable to the whole body.

*Now there are **varieties of gifts**, but the same Spirit; and there are **varieties of services**, but the same Lord; and there are **varieties of activities**, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. (I Corinthians 12:4-6)*

The Holy Spirit has given **you** gifts. Yes, **you!**

3. The Holy Spirit gives **each of us** something to do. It’s **God’s response** to the needs of our community.

*To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
(I Corinthians 12:7)*

“The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” - Frederick Buechner



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

*Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors*

## January 23, 2022

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of their mothers, Brenda Eaton and Norma Aughenbaugh, placed by Barry and Tina Eaton.



### 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](http://fumchurch.com). Looking to add additional faithful **steps beyond** that? Consider these opportunities – 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 a.m.**
  - **Faith in Everyday Life** - Meets in room 207, targets 30-50somethings  
Contact: Jenell Paris at [iparis@messiah.edu](mailto: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.
  - **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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)  
**New 7-week study of 1 Peter starts January 16.** Join us as we walk through this short letter and discover the importance of our witness in this world. Drop in or contact Tina at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) for zoom link.
  - **Christian Fellowship** – Meets in room B003, targets adults all ages/stages of faith  
Contact: Wayde Leister at [waydeleister@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 B004, targets primarily 60+  
Contact: Bob Wertz, Sr. at [robert\\_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**
  - **First Step Gathering:** All newcomers are invited to attend a special gathering **TODAY**, January 23, from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Denny and the staff are looking forward to

connecting with you to share more about the many ministries and missions of First Church. Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) if interested in attending.

- o **Next Step - New Member Class:** Our next 4-week new member class will be held in Fellowship Hall from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. beginning February 6. Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) if you have questions or are interested in attending.
- o **New Thursday Bible Study** – “Free from Bondage God's Way” is a 6-week study of Galatians/ Ephesians written by Kay Arthur, and facilitated by Juanita Guise. Begins January 27, meets on Zoom from 7:00- 8:30 pm. Colored pencils are recommended, but not required. Order a workbook online or request one from Juanita. Contact her at [kguise@comcast.net](mailto:kguise@comcast.net) for the Zoom link.
- o **MOPS** – A group for mothers of young children that meets once a month, 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. 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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details.



### [Praying Follower](#)

**Our love and sympathy** to the family and friends of Alberta Knause, who passed away on January 14, 2022.

**Our love and sympathy** to the family and friends of Jack Koser, who passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2022.

**Hospitalized:** Peg Hassinger

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Dave Brill

**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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112.



### [Passionate Worshipper](#)

The Bells are making **pies** again this February 12! Cherry and/or Apple with a crumb topping or double crust. Please see a member of the bell choir to order. We also have order sheets at each door, or feel free to call Kathie Bittenbender. We thank you for your support. We are planning to attend our 4th International Handbell Symposium this summer. It is back in the USA this year – Nashville!

**Current Sermon Series: “You Are the Body”** - Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking, “*Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.*”

They see something of significance in the baby in Bethlehem, even when many of those closest don't see it. Like the wise men, we who have seen the light of Christ are called to reflect it so that others see Christ through our loving presence. You are invited to journey with us through our daily Bible readings and Sunday worship services. We are guided by Paul's instructions in 1 Corinthians 12-15 to let the light of Christ shine around us and in us, and then through us to a world yearning for the love that “*never ends.*” (1 Corinthians 13:8). **You** are the Body of Christ.

**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](http://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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112 for other ways to connect with our worship.



## *Dedicated Missionary*

**Soupy Saturday: Home Edition!** If you enjoy cooking, please join us in uniting our home kitchens this winter (January /February) to stock the church freezer with a variety of soups! These soups will be shared with church members recovering at home this winter, as well as with Homeland Hospice. Containers are available at the welcome kiosk in the main lobby outside the gym. Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112.

**Collection for Women Refugees:** The Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church is working with the International Service Center to support Afghan families that are coming to our area. In response to the needs of these families, the United Methodist Women at First Church will be collecting items to support the women. We will be collecting the following items during the month of January: *shampoo, conditioner, body wash, feminine hygiene products (such as maxi pads, panty shields, etc.)*. Look for the collection boxes at the Alley Entrance and outside the Multipurpose Room starting this Sunday! Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle, UMW president, at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

**In response to the recent tornadoes in the mid-west, we encourage you to give to our partner organizations, Mission Central and UMCOR.** Mission Central is standing by to send needed items to the affected communities. You can support that effort by making a donation to Mission Central [here](#). You can also give to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), in which 100% of your donation reaches the chosen mission project. Find the link to make a donation [here](#). If you would like to give through our church, please indicate on your check if you would like it to go to Mission Central or UMCOR. Join us as we continue to keep these families and communities in prayer. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

Are you looking for the **collection containers for eye glasses, Squares & Prayers quilting kits/ donations and more?** Check out our central collection station outside of our library (conveniently located by the alley entrance so you can easily drop off donations on Sunday mornings when you come for worship). Thank you!

**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. If you or your group would like to sign up, see the available months on the Time to Sign Up at [ttsu.me/ryyuunr](https://ttsu.me/ryyuunr). Thanks for sharing and caring for our community! Questions or for a list of donation suggestions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

### **FUMC Ministry and Employment Opportunity**

First Church 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](http://fumchurch.com). Please submit resumes to [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or to Ellen Hill, Office Manager, at 135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.





## *Relationship Builder*

As we enter into the New Year, it is more important than ever to show **EXTRAVAGANT HOSPITALITY** to those both inside our church doors and to the community beyond! Wearing your nametag inside the church building helps newcomers to get to know others and feels very welcoming! But we must remember to focus outside our building as well...to extend our hospitality into our community. The Lewis Center for Church Leadership suggests that one important way to do this is to get to know the community surrounding the church ~ walk the streets and observe how the community is changing, assess the community needs and determine how we can serve those needs and, most importantly, be attuned to where God is already at work in our community!

**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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).

**Women's Retreat, February 5, 2022.** New for next year, we are holding a **one-day** retreat at Mt. Asbury Retreat Center, Newville! All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Cost is just \$25 and includes 2 meals and program led by local Christian authors of the book, 'The River Journey.' Space is limited, sign up today! Questions contact Patti Herring at [familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net). Find the form at the display table outside the Multipurpose room or click on the Google form here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQhNZyoMDIAtQwd-ILDj5O4cTjY-jqY2C3BsuRv1TpDb5ezEA/viewform>.



## *Generous Giver*

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](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) with any questions or for more information.

## **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Want to know more and **stay connected** to the happenings in the children's department? Email [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com) to be added to the monthly email newsletter..

## **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Help us connect with you! Watch these platforms and your emails for opportunities to connect and learn with others!

- Remind text list - Text @4Gyo to 81010
- Instagram: fouryouthministry
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Email [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive emails

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