

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors*

*January 30, 2022*



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JANUARY 30, 2022

*“Speak”*

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Song  
*"Shepherd"*

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Praise and Worship  
*"Garments"*

Scripture Reading  
*1 Peter 3:13-18 (NRSV)*

Ministry of Music  
*"Lord of the Dance"*

Sermon  
*"Speak" - Luke Wertz*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Song  
*"Love Will Never Fail"*

Benediction

Postlude

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## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

*Preaching*..... Luke Wertz

*Worship Leader* ..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

*Worship Team* ..... Youth Band, Handbell Choir

*Sound & Media* ..... Elijah Ometz, Ken Rapp



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Shepherd"*

*"Garments"*

Scripture Reading

*1 Peter 3:13-18 (NRSV)*

Sermon

*"Speak" - Luke Wertz*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"Love Will Never Fail"*

Benediction

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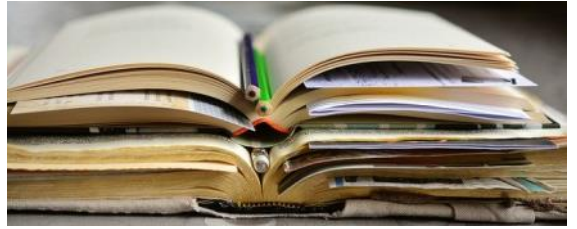
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## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of January 30



*Sunday*

*“Speak”*

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



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

## January 30, 2022

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bobb, Mrs. Emma Wagner, and Mr. Raymond Glace, placed by Kirk and Sue Bobb.

The **maché basket** is given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Chapman, placed by Sue Chapman.



### 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**
  - **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 Smithmyer family in the death of Jody’s father, Larry Gibney, on January 25, 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 by providing essential items while they look for permanent housing. Specifically, First Church is seeking the following items: **shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and feminine hygiene products (pads, panty shields, etc.)**. Donated items will be accepted throughout mid-February. Look for the collection boxes at the Alley Entrance and outside of the Multipurpose Room. Items can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or on weekdays during normal business hours. 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).



### [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).



### [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: fourgyouthministry
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Email [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive emails



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