

*Welcome to*  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors*  
*February 20, 2022*

*you*  
are the body



***“You are the Body: First Things First”***

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

*"Easter People, Raise Your Voices" - No. 304*

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Praise Chorus

*"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" - No. 176*

Scripture Reading

*1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 (NRSV)*

Ministry of Music

*"Truly God is Good"*

Sermon

*"You are the Body: First Things First"*

Hymn

*"I Love to Tell the Story" - No. 156*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" - No. 369*

Benediction

Postlude

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## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

*Preaching*..... Pastor Dennis Keller

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

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

*Sound & Media* ..... Zac Garner, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship  
*"What a Beautiful Name"*  
*"The Stand"*

Scripture Reading  
*1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 (NRSV)*

Sermon  
*"You are the Body: First Things First"*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship  
*"Stand In Your Love"*

Benediction

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## *LEADING IN WORSHIP*

*Preaching* ..... Pastor Dennis Keller

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

*Worship Team* ..... Emily Hammaker, Dave Florey, John Gross, Jason Kichline,  
..... Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh

*Sound & Media* ..... Zac Garner, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch,  
..... Ron Nichols

# ***“You are the Body: Holding On to The Message”***

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“Can we restore the **price tags** to their rightful place?” (Max Lucado)

*For I handed on to you as **of first importance** what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*

1. First things first: **Receive** the story.

*...that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried...*

*...and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.*

2. First things first: **Hand on** the story.

*...and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. (1 Corinthians 15:5-8)*

3. First things first: **Incarnate** the story.

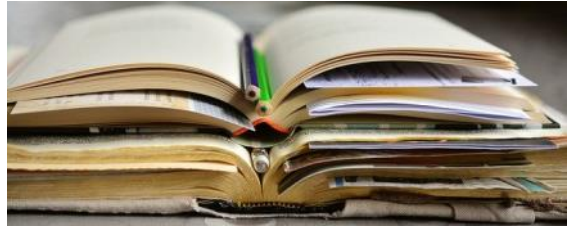
*Now you are **the body of Christ** and individually members of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)*

*For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God **I am what I am**, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. (1 Corinthians 15:10-11)*

“Whenever Christ turns a life around, heals a marriage, transforms a bitter heart, forgives a sinner, teaches a fearful person to love, or shows a greedy person how to give, there is a witness ready to take the stand to tell the good news of God’s grace.” (Lewis F. Galloway)

## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of February 20



***Sunday***

***“You are the Body: First Things First”***

Monday

Exodus 34: 29-35

Tuesday

Psalms 99

Wednesday

Luke 9: 28-36

Thursday

Luke 9: 37-43a

Friday

2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

## February 20, 2022

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of deceased class members, placed by the Helping Hands Sunday School Class.



### 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)  
**Currently studying 1 Peter.** 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 the 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**
  - **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. 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

**Hospitalized:** Linda Shuey

**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.

Do you pray as often and as boldly as you want to? Do you wish you could engage your family in praying with you? If you are searching for a deeper, more passionate and intimate prayer life for your whole family, join us for **Draw the Circle**, our church-wide prayer experience for Lent! There are many different ways to participate:

- **Grab your free copy of the Book, “Draw the Circle: a 40-Day Prayer Challenge”** at church beginning February 27, read the daily devotions during Lent and engage in prayer. (If you would like to make a donation for this book, please stop in the church office or contact Tina Eaton.)
- **Worship with us** (either in person or online) beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, through Easter, April 17 to deepen your experience through the “Draw the Circle” sermon series.
- **Share your prayers and stories** throughout this experience either at church on our Prayer & Vision board (located under the balcony in the sanctuary), or online by joining our “First Church Forum” Facebook page or Instagram page [@fumchurch](#).
- **Gather with a “check-in” partner or join a small group** and meet up once a week for five weeks to watch the videos together, engage in discussion, pray and encourage one-another through this experience together. To sign up, [click here](#) or contact Tina Eaton . There are several ways for everyone to participate:
  - o **Sunday Faith in Everyday Life Group**, 9:45 – 10:45 am in person in room 207 beginning March 6.
  - o **Sunday Christian Fellowship Group**, 9:45 – 10:45 am in person in room B003 beginning March 6.
  - o **Sunday Faithful Families Group**, 9:45 – 10:45 am in person in room B005 beginning March 6.
  - o **Sunday Growing in Christ Group**, 9:45 – 10:45 am, hybrid group (both on Zoom and in person in room 105) beginning March 6.
  - o **Sunday New Member group**, 9:45 – 10:45 am with Pastor Denny in person in Fellowship Hall beginning March 6.
  - o **Monday Joy in the Morning Group** with Janice Bowen, 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Zoom beginning March 7.
  - o **\*\*NEW!! Wednesday evening program for all ages** *includes groups for children, youth and adults*, meets in person, 6:00 – 6:45 pm beginning March 9. *Optional: Bring your own dinner and enjoy fellowship time together as a church family beginning at 5:15 pm in Fellowship Hall.*
  - o **Wednesday evening study with Pastor Denny**, 6:45 – 8:00 pm, in person in room B003 beginning March 9.
  - o **Wednesday evening men’s group** with Barry Eaton/John Bowen, 8:00 – 9:00 pm on Zoom (or outside at Barry’s home, weather permitting) beginning March 9.

- o **Wednesday lunch & learn for women** with Tina Eaton, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, in person under the balcony in the sanctuary beginning March 9.
- o **Check-in Partners** - No time for a group? Sign up to be matched with a “check-in” partner and meet in person or on Zoom (if you already have a check-in partner, please let Tina Eaton know).
- o **Independent Study** - No time to check-in with a partner? Sign up to participate independently and receive the videos to watch on your own. Need more accountability? Connect with us on our “First Church Forum” Facebook page or on Instagram @fumchurch.

Do you enjoy journaling? **Draw the Circle prayer journals** are additionally available for \$5.00 for those who would like to journal throughout this 40-day experience. Contact Tina Eaton if interested.

**Draw the Circle** will inspire you and your family as you build a new, life-long prayer habit and deepen your belief that God can do all things! Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).



### [Passionate Worshipper](#)

**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 (through 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).

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 [tsu.me/ryyunnr](https://tsu.me/ryyunnr). 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 continue to journey through these challenging winter months of colds, flu, Covid and its variants, let us not forget the importance of **extravagant hospitality!** We must continue to focus on RELATIONSHIP BUILDING. Make personal phone calls to people you haven't seen for a few weeks in worship. Keep in tune with the Holy Spirit's promptings to build relationships with new people. YOU may be the only Jesus they see!

Unfortunately we are not able to have our **ham loaf dinner** again this year. However, 2 lb. ham loaves will still be made. If you are interested in a ham loaf (2 lb. for \$12), please contact Bob Hamsher at [rhamsher47@aol.com](mailto:rhamsher47@aol.com) or feel free to call 717-795-1128 and leave a message. Thank you for your interest.

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

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