

*Welcome to*  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors*  
*March 6, 2022*



***“Drawing a Circle”***

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

*"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" - No. 269*

Celebration of Baptism

Reception of New Members

Hymn

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See" - No. 454*

Scripture Reading

*Luke 4: 1-13 (NRSV)*

Sermon

*"Drawing a Circle"*

Ministry of Music

*"And We Remember"*

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Giving the Bread and Cup

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Take Time to Be Holy" - No. 395*

Benediction

Postlude

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## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

*Preaching*..... Pastor Dennis Keller

*Worship Leader* ..... Deb Noss

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

*Sound & Media* ..... Zac Garner, Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols, Roger Walton



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Champion"*

*"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"*

Reception of New Members

Scripture Reading

*Luke 4: 1-13 (NRSV)*

Sermon

*"Drawing a Circle"*

Communion Prayer

Communion

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"O Come to the Altar"*

Benediction

Postlude

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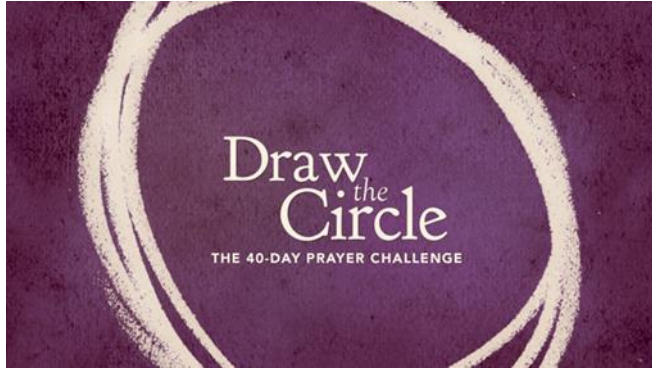
*Worship Team* ..... George Canonizado, Dave Florey, Ellen Hill, Sarah Pugh,  
..... Tracy Wertz, Abigail Wertz, RJ Wertz

*Sound & Media* ..... Zac Garner, Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols, Roger Walton

# “Drawing a Circle”

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Our Lenten Challenge: Pray Every Day for 40 Days



*Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)*

“The true purpose of prayer is to get into God’s presence so that He can outline his agenda for us.” (Draw the Circle, page 11)

1. Find a **time** to pray.

*If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

2. Find a **place** to pray.

*But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Matthew 6:6)*

3. Find a **problem**, a **promise**, or a **person** to circle in prayer.

“What is your Jericho?”

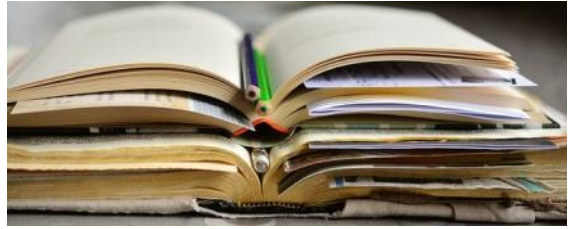
4. Find a **friend** or a **small group** to pray with and for you.



*Joshua told the people, “**Consecrate yourselves**, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.” (Joshua 3:5)*

## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of March 6



*Sunday*

*“Drawing a Circle”*

Monday

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Tuesday

Psalms 27

Wednesday

Philippians 3: 12-16

Thursday

Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1

Friday

Luke 13: 31-35

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

**March 6, 2022**

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kenneth Knott and Lester & Eileen Wolfe, placed by the Knott 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](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.  
Currently studying Draw the Circle.
  - **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)  
Focuses on the Truth of God's Word. Currently studying Draw the Circle. 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. Currently studying Draw the Circle.
  - **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. Currently studying Draw the Circle.
  - **Helping Hands** - Meets in room B004, targets primarily 60+  
Contact: Bob Wertz, Sr. at [robert\\_wertz@plantsiteologistics.com](mailto:robert_wertz@plantsiteologistics.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: Rick Kauffman at [smkrak423@yahoo.com](mailto:smkrak423@yahoo.com)  
Comprised of a group of elders in the church, currently studying Draw the Circle.
- **Additional Learning/Growth Opportunities**
  - **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*

**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 and 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, join a small group or study independently.** To register how you will participate, [click here](#) or contact Tina Eaton.

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*

First Church is taking orders for Easter lilies which will be placed in the church sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17 and can be ordered in memory of a loved one(s). See page 11 of this bulletin for the order form and for more information. Questions can be directed to the church office at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611.

We are currently looking for some new **greeters** for our Sunday morning services. For the 8:30 a.m. service, greeters need to be in place by 8 a.m. and for the 11 a.m. service, greeters need to be in place by 10:40 a.m. The training is very simple and the only requirements are a smile and a friendly hello. If you would be interested in helping once a month, please contact Judi Buddenbaum at [ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net) or 717-697-2524.

**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*

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**

Our church welcoming ministry is **more important now than it's ever been!** As we head into Lent in March, we anticipate seeing more church members return after a long absence. It is important for us to help them feel comfortable returning to an environment that is a little different from when they left. We are also seeing more new guests who have moved into our community and have not had an opportunity to check out churches, but are ready now. Because some of these guests have not been in a church for a long time, it is important for us to help them feel comfortable. Let's do our part in welcoming people — with a friendly greeting, a wave or a handshake!

The **Covered in Love Knitting Group** is now meeting in-person on Wednesdays beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to join if you love to knit or crochet or do some other kind of crafty work. Questions? Contact Judi Buddenbaum at 717-697-2524 or [ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net).

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 [rhamshe47@aol.com](mailto:rhamshe47@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: fourgyouthministry
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Email [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive emails

## Easter Flower Order Form



Easter lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17. You have the option of purchasing a lily for \$10.00 or giving a monetary gift in memory/honor of your loved one. Monetary gifts will be forwarded to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

If you would like to purchase a flower or give a monetary gift and also be included in the memorial insert in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, please complete the following form and return it to the church office by **Monday, March 28**. Checks should be made payable to **First United Methodist Church**. Order forms can be submitted to the church office.

**NOTE: Please be sure to indicate if you would like to pick up your flower.** Plants may be picked up at the Easter Sunday service. If you are unable to pick up your lily, other arrangements can be made by contacting the church office. Plants not claimed by April 22 will be donated or disposed of.

1. Number of **plants**: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle one:*    In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of **Gifts**: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle one:*    In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Placed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be picking up the flowers?**    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_

# Ministry Staff

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