

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



“Pray Hard”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness - No.140

Prayer of St. Patrick

Ministry of Music

"Above the Hills of Time"

Scripture Reading

Joshua 3: 1-8 NRSV

Sermon

"Pray Hard"

Ministry of Music

"The Lamb"

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"I Am Thine, O Lord" - No. 419

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir, Handbell Choir

Sound & Media Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Holly Kurten, Zac Garner,
Jason Kichline



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Do It Again"

"Take My Life and Let It Be"/ "Surrender"

"Lord, I Need You"

Scripture Reading

Joshua 3: 1-8 (NRSV)

Sermon

"Pray Hard"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"Shine Like Stars"

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“Pray Hard”

1. Prayer is *a habit to be cultivated*.

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 (NRSV)

Praying hard is *praying through*.
(Mark Batterson)

2. Pray like *it depends on God*.

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

Consecrate- “Surrender all of you to all of God.”

²⁶ Likewise *the Spirit helps us in our weakness*; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but *that very Spirit intercedes* with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because *the Spirit intercedes for the saints* according to the will of God. Romans 8:26-27 (NRSV)

“God is my defender and I believe He is contending for me if my cause is just and my heart is right.” (Draw the Circle, page 90)

3. Work like *it depends on you*.

⁸ Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’ Joshua 3:8 (NIV)

Faith is *taking the first step*.

“I wonder what would happen if we all agreed to read one of the Gospels, until we came to a place that told us to do something, then went out to do it, and only after we had done it...began to read again?” (Peter Marshall)

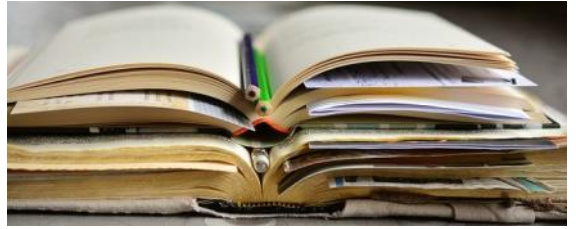
The Bible wasn't meant to be ***read through***. It was meant to be ***prayed through***.

What promise do you need to circle?



Weekly Bible Readings

Week of March 20



Sunday, March 20

Draw the Circle Part 3

Monday, March 21

Joshua 5:9-12

Tuesday, March 22

Psalm 32

Wednesday, March 23

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Thursday, March 24

Luke 15:1-11a

Friday, March 25

Luke 15:11b-32



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

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The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of 58 years of marriage by Jim and Gail Siemons.

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 – 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
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
Focuses on the Truth of God's Word. Currently studying Draw the Circle. Contact Tina at 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
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
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@plantsite logistics.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
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 for more details.



[Praying Follower](#)

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Bill Morland

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.

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:

- **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.



[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 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 ljbuddenbaum@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. 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](#)

Psalm 31:2 says: "Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me." The Missions Team is **collecting relief supplies** for Ukraine. You will find a collection box in the Narthex. We will collect **band aids, gauze rolls/pads and wrapped bars of soap**. 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 UMCOR. Thank you.

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/ryyunr. Thanks for sharing and caring for our community! Questions or for a list of donation suggestions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.



Relationship Builder

Summer Church Camp is a GO! The Camp and Retreat Ministry is excited to share details and registration information about summer camps! Visit the camping website <https://www.susumcamps.org> to see all the offerings for camp this summer in the **2022** Camp Retreat Brochure. The link will provide you with related forms and the entire camp registration and preparation process. To provide the BEST camp experience, please send camping registration confirmations to our Camp Coordinators (Deb Noss or Amy Ortiz) so that they can pair you with a prayer partner and offer financial assistance. First Church will pay for one half of the camping fees! Enroll now and receive an **Early Bird Discount**. There are also **Sibling Discounts** as well as special **Invite-a-Friend Gifts**. See the brochure for details. If you have any questions about Summer Church Camp or are unable to access the website and need a brochure, feel free to contact Deb Noss sdppp@msn.com (717-697- 5982) or Amy Ortiz amy.ogden7@gmail.com. You may also contact the church office at office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611. **Again, register early and keep in close contact with the Camping Coordinator team!** P.S. Not a camper, no problem! You can support our campers in several other ways! Be a Prayer Partner, give financially, fund a camper or sign up for a one-day work camp! Contact one of our Camp Coordinators for more details.

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.

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 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 Katie at 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 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? Check out our [landing page](#) full of great information! Any questions, please contact Katie at kidscount@fumchurch.com

Come to CAMP SUNDAY! Date: March 27th during Children's Time 11:00 AM Service! Learn about camp - Participate in some fun activities - Ask questions. All are welcome!

"Camp is a unique place where we can encounter God."

Sunday School for kids is back! Every Sunday morning at 9:45, kids ages Kindergarten through 5th grade can check in at the children's greeter desk to join Miss Katie for games, activities and a lesson. Childcare will continue to be provided for children birth to PreK. See you there!

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 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 _____

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