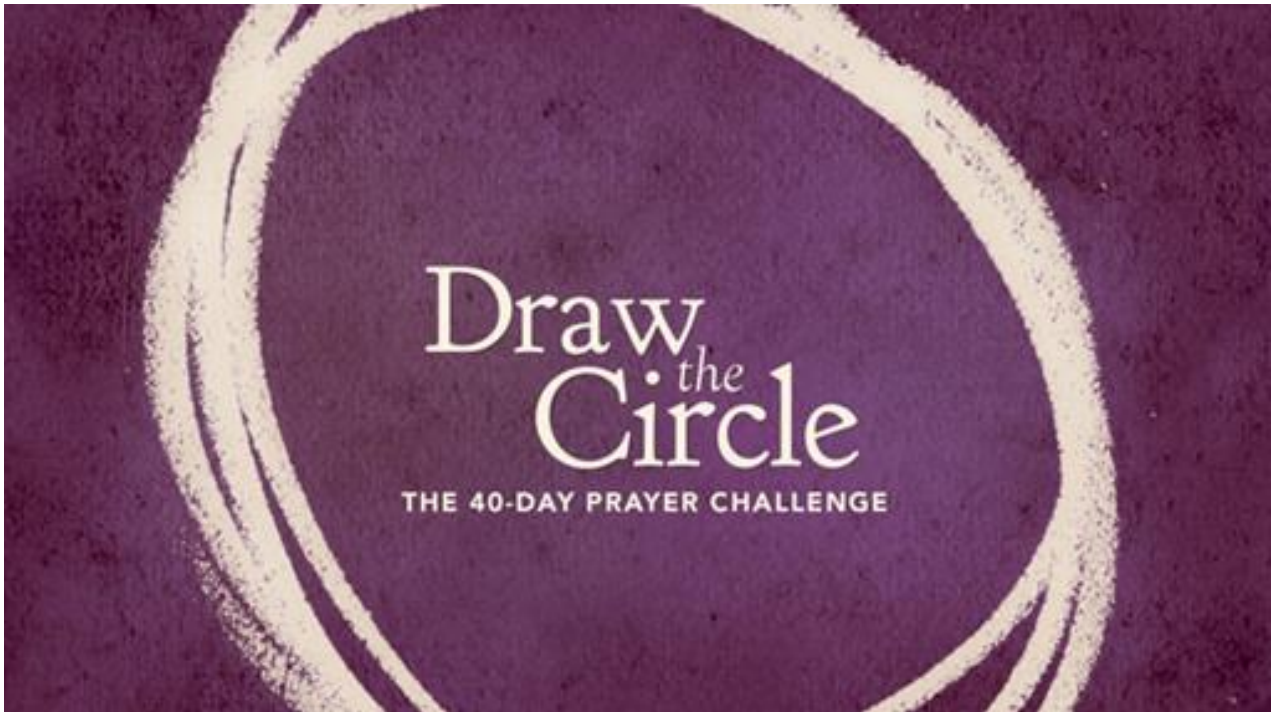


*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*March 27, 2022*



*“Think Long”*

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

*"Hymn of Promise" - No.707*

Affirmation of Faith - No. 883

Ministry of Music

*"What Wondrous Love is This"*

Scripture Reading

*Joshua 14: 6-12 (NRSV)*

Sermon

*"Think Long"*

Hymn

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer" - No. 496*

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"I Know Whom I Have Believed" - No. 714*

Benediction

Postlude

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## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

*Preaching*..... Pastor Dennis Keller

*Worship Leader* ..... Sarah Pugh

*Worship Team* ..... Deb Dillane, Sounds of Worship Choir

*Sound & Media* ..... Jim Murdoch, Roger Walton, Holly Kurten, Zac Garner,

..... Jason Kichline



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Shepherd"*

*"God I Look to You"*

*"Faithful to the End"*

Scripture Reading

*Joshua 14: 6-12 (NRSV)*

Sermon

*"Think Long"*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"The Blessing"*

Benediction

Postlude

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*Worship Leader* ..... Sarah Pugh

*Worship Team* ..... George Canonizado, Dave Florey, John Gross, Jason Kichline,  
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*Sound & Media* ..... Jim Murdoch, Elijah Ometz, Zac Garner, Holly Kurten

# “Think Long”

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1. Think Long: Pray ALAT (As Long As It Takes).

“God is never early. God is never late. God is always on time.”  
(Draw the Circle, page 102)

*So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day; ...*  
(Joshua 14:12a NRSV)

2. Think Long: Pray with a posture of waiting.



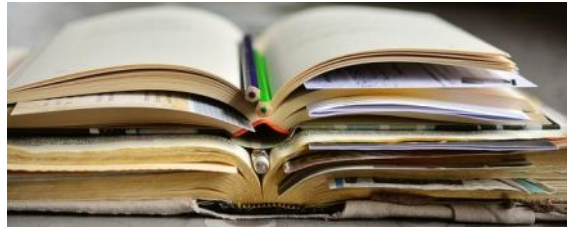
*Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. (Daniel 6:10 NRSV)*

3. Think Long: Find your voice.

“Our prayers don’t die when we do. God answers them forever.”  
(Draw the Circle, page 111)

## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of March 27



***Sunday***

***“Think Long”***

**Monday**

Isaiah 43: 16-21

**Tuesday**

Psalm 126

**Wednesday**

Philippians 3: 4b-14

**Thursday**

John 12: 1-8

**Friday**

Psalm 36: 5-11

**Saturday**

Rest and Reflect



# First News First

Weekly Edition

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

**March 27, 2022**

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robert & Mildred Shannon and Jimmy Shannon, placed by the Shannon family.

The **maché basket** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gayle Elder Anderson, placed by her mother, Annabelle Elder.



## 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.**
  - o **Faith in Everyday Life** - Meets in room 207, targets 30-50somethings  
Contact: Jenell Paris at [jparis@messiah.edu](mailto:jparis@messiah.edu)  
A group focused on fellowship and friendship/mutual support in and outside the classroom.  
Currently studying Draw the Circle.
  - o **Growing in Christ** – Hybrid (meets both on zoom and in-person in Fellowship Hall), 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.
  - o **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.
  - o **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.
  - o **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.
  - o **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**

- 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**

**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:

- **Worship with us** (either in person or online) 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 us on our Instagram page [@fumchurch](#).
- **Gather with a “check-in” partner, join a small group (contact Tina Eaton for group options) or study independently.**

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**

Come to **CAMP SUNDAY!** Date: March 27th during Children’s Time at the 11 a.m. service! Learn about camp - Participate in some fun activities - Ask questions. All are welcome!

Today, we welcome **Deborah Dillane (Deb)** as our guest organist at our 8:30 service! Deb has served as a church musician for more than 50 years. She retired in 2020 from Christ Lutheran Church in Elizabethtown after 24 years, directing 6 choirs and playing the organ for all services. She worked for 14 years as a music instructor at Milton Hershey School. Throughout her career she has taught piano and organ students and has accompanied soloists and choirs throughout the region. She was the accompanist for 4 international choir tours, under the leadership of Dr. Pierce Getz. She is currently a member of the Harrisburg American Guild of Organists where she serves on the board.

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***

### **First Church Accepting Applications for Two Open Positions**

First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg is seeking and now accepting applications for:

- **A full-time Director of Office Management & Communications.** This person will be responsible for working with staff to plan and supervise office operations, as well as all internal and external church communications, in line with the mission, vision, core values and strategic objectives of First Church. Education related to business and/or communications, or applicable experience is required. Further details describing the qualifications, skills, experience, and responsibilities related to this position can be found in the full job description. [Click here](#) to view the current job description.
- **A part-time Administrative Assistant.** This person will be responsible for performing the day-to-day tasks in the church office, and working with volunteers to cover the office needs in a way that contributes to the ministry efforts of the staff, committees, ministry teams and church members. Proficiency with desktop publishing software (e.g. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher) is required. Further details describing the qualifications, skills, experience, and responsibilities related to this position can be found in the full job description. [Click here](#) to view the current job description.

Selected applicants must submit a PA State Police Criminal History Report, a PA Department of Human Services Certification, and an FBI Criminal History Report Check. Interested candidates should submit their resume to [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com).

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/ryyunnr](http://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](#)

The Mechanicsburg churches invite the community to participate in a **Good Friday Prayer Walk ending with a children's Easter Egg Hunt** on Friday, April 15. Prayer walkers will gather on the lawn at Mechanicsburg First Church of God, 28 E. Main Street, at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15. Participants will walk and pray throughout the Mechanicsburg community in groups. All participants will then reconvene at 11:30 on the lawn at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 132 E. Main Street, for a brief closing prayer and Easter Egg hunt for children ages 2 to 12. All are welcome to participate! No registration required. For all the details, visit [trinity-on-main.org](http://trinity-on-main.org) or [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com). Questions or if you would like to be a prayer leader, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [l.hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l.hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) (717-697- 5982) or Amy Ortiz [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com). You may also contact the church office at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto: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.

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 [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 Katie at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).



## [Generous Giver](#)

The **Trustees Scholarship forms** are now available. Paper copies are available in the church office or from Lisa Aronson. They will also be available electronically on the youth page at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com). Please return completed forms to the church office or to Judi Buddenbaum (placed in her church mailbox or mailed to her directly) by May 21.

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

## 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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