

Welcome to
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors
April 3, 2022



“The Ripple Effect”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - No. 400

Unison Prayer

Praise Chorus

"God Is So Good"

Scripture Reading

Joshua 4:1-7 (NRSV)

Choir Anthem

"For Such A Time As This"

Sermon

"The Ripple Effect"

Hymn of Response

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

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

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Standing on the Promises - No. 374

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Al Robinson

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir

Sound & Media Michael Garmen, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten, Zac Garner,

..... Jason Kichline



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"Battle Belongs"
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

God & Family Cub Scout Recognition

Scripture Reading
Joshua 4:1-7NRSV

Sermon
"The Ripple Effect"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship
"Promises"

Benediction

Postlude

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Emily Hammaker, Tracy Wertz

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“The Ripple Effect”



When your children ask in time to come, **‘What do those stones mean to you?’** ⁷ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.

Joshua 4:6b-7 (NRSV)

1. Our prayers have a **ripple effect** beyond our ability to comprehend.



⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Luke 2:52

2. Our **little prayers** make **a big difference**.

⁶ Do not worry about anything, but **in everything** by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And **the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

“What you do makes a difference. But it’s the little things—the small acts of kindness, the sacrifices you make that no one sees, the prayers you pray that no one hears, the little steps of faith that scare you to death. That’s how the kingdom advances.” (Mark Batterson)

3. The end of our forty-day prayer challenge *is just the beginning.*

“Dear God, a, b, c, d, e, f, g.”



Weekly Bible Readings

Week of April 3



Sunday

The Ripple Effect

Monday

Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

Tuesday

Luke 19:28-40

Wednesday

Isaiah 50:4-9

Thursday

Philippians 2:5-11

Friday

Luke 23:1-49

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

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The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by the Guyer 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. 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 iparis@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
Focuses on the Truth of God's Word. Currently studying Draw the Circle. Contact Tina at 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
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
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
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
Comprised of a group of elders in the church, currently studying Draw the Circle.



[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 or 717-766-4611 x112.

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 or fumchurch.com. Questions or if you would like to be a prayer leader, contact Lori Hoffnagle at l.hoffnagle@yahoo.com.



[Passionate Worshipper](#)

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 **wound care items, small first aid kits, non-adhesive dressings, alcohol swab/pads, band aids and gauze pads**. 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 for your donations.

Special Mission Presentation - Josh and Megan Herring will be coming to First Church to provide us with a ministry update on their campus ministry work with **DiscipleMakers** on Sunday, April 24 in the Multipurpose room from 9:45 – 10:45 am! All are invited to attend!

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

Mission Central On-Line Auction Thursday March 31st through Monday April 4th! This is Mission Central's biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will be used for Mission Central's operating expenses which allows them to do critical work. Show your support and start bidding today at www.biddingowl.com/missioncentral



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.

Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza! Join us at 1pm on Sunday, April 10th for an afternoon of food, faith, and fun where we can celebrate Palm Sunday as a church community! Bring a blanket or chair (or use one of ours) and watch a past Passion Play performance and play some Easter Trivia. Welcome to all ages! Also, make sure to sign up with a Bell Choir member (or find an order sheet outside the sanctuary) to purchase your R&K sub or pretzel sandwich that will be delivered on Palm Sunday! Proceeds from the sub sale will benefit the Bell Choir as they travel this summer to Nashville, TN for their 4th International Symposium! You can pick up your sub (or bring something else for you to eat) and head right over to our watch party, let's come together for lunch and a show!

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.

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

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. 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 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

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

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.

Holy Week Schedule

All are invited to join us as we experience the hope and joy found in the Good News that Christ is Risen!

- **April 10: NEW! Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza**, 1:00 p.m. - See details under "Relationship Builder"
- **April 14: Maundy Thursday Worship**, 7:00 p.m. - A special service in remembrance of the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. In-person in the sanctuary and livestreamed.
- **April 15: Good Friday Prayer Walk**, 10:30 a.m. - See details under "Praying Follower"
- **April 17: Easter Sunday Worship**

6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service at the Mechanicsburg Cemetery led by our Youth
(Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall)

8:30 a.m. - Foundation Service (traditional)

11:00 a.m. - The Gathering Service (modern)

All events listed will be held in person. The Maundy Thursday and Foundation Service on Easter morning will additionally be available via livestream on the church website after each service. For more information, call or email the church office at [717.766.4611](tel:717.766.4611) or office@fumchurch.com

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