

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday



135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - No. 278

Unison Prayer

Praise Chorus

"His Name is Wonderful" - No. 174

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

Choir Anthem

"Ride on, King Jesus"

Sermon

"Who Is Jesus?"

Hymn of Response

"All Glory, Laud, & Honor" - No. 280

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

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" - No. 160

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Melody Small

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir

Sound & Media Jim Murdoch, Roger Walton, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten,
Zac Garner



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Hosanna"

"Majesty"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading

Luke 19: 28-40 (NSRV)

Sermon

"Who is Jesus?"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"Jesus Paid it All"

Benediction

Postlude

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“Who is Jesus?”

1. Jesus is a **king who brings peace.**

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there **a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.**

Luke 19:29-35

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and **riding on a donkey,**
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

Luke 2:14

⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, **‘Peace to this house!’** ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

Luke 10:5-6

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^{al} in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8

2. Jesus is a **king who brings a different kind of power.**

³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for **all the deeds of power that they had seen, ...**

Luke 19:36-37

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

3. Jesus is **a king who is worthy of all praise.**

...the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "**I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.**"

Luke 19:37-40

Jesus is the king that nobody expects.
Jesus is the king that everybody needs.

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of April 10



Sunday

Who Is Jesus?

Monday

John 12:1-11

Tuesday

John 12:20-36

Wednesday

John 13:21-32

Thursday

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Maundy Thursday

Friday

John 18:1-19:42

Good Friday

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

April 10, 2022

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bobb, Mrs. Emma Wagner, and Mr. Raymond Glace, placed by Kirk and Sue Bobb.



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.

Growing in Christ – Hybrid (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 found by studying God's Word. Taking a brief pause, then will begin a new study on May 1.

Christian Fellowship – Meets in room B003, targets adults all ages/stages of faith

Contact: Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com A close-knit group, eager to apply God's Word to life's challenges. Currently studying Draw the Circle by Mark Batterson.

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@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: Rick Kauffman at

smkrak423@yahoo.com Comprised of a group of elders in the church, uses the United Methodist adult Bible study lessons, which focus this quarter on following Jesus and the meaning of true discipleship.



[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](#)

Don't forget our **Eggstravaganza Event TODAY** at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall! And a reminder to pick up your **subs** that were ordered anytime after the 1st service. And - as an added bonus, The Christian Fellowship class is selling a limited number of **peanut butter eggs**. The eggs will be available in the narthex (by the subs). Cost is \$10 for a bag of 6 eggs.

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 or Sandy Walton.



[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 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** until **May 1**. 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!** 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 meeting 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](tel:717-697-2524) or ljcbuddenbaum@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.

Trustees Work Day: The Trustees will be doing clean-up and mulching around the church and the parsonage on Friday April 22nd starting at 8am. All help is welcome, the more hands the quicker the job will go. Just show up at the church with gloves, a shovel, and an other tools you want to bring. Thank you in advance. Any questions, contact Mark Mengle.

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!

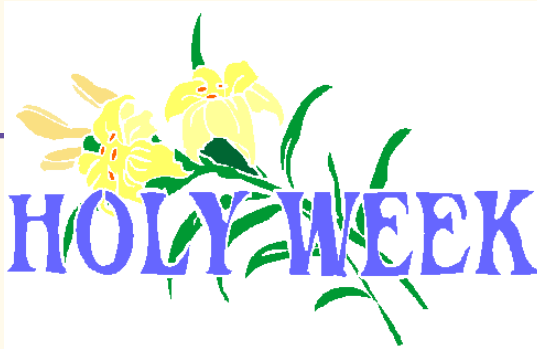
- Remind text list - Text @4Gyo to 81010
- Instagram: fourgyouthministry
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Email uthrock@fumchurch.com to receive emails

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: TODAY!! Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza**, 1:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- **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 am** - Sunrise Service at the Mechanicsburg Cemetery led by our Youth (Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall)
 - 8:30 am** - Foundation Service (traditional)
 - 11:00 am** - 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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