

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday



“Easter’s Invitation”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

"When In Our Music God Is Glorified" - Handbells

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today - No. 302

Affirmation of Faith #888

Choir Anthem

"Majesty "

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12 (NRSV)

Sermon

"Easter's Invitation"

Hymn of Response

"Because He Lives" - No. 364

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

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"He Lives" - No. 310

Benediction

Postlude

"Easter Medley" - Schrader

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Caleb Flick, George Canonizado, Handbells,
Sounds of Worship Choir

Sound & Media Fred Espenshade and Ken Rapp



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Praise and Worship
"Let the Light In"

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)"
"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

Scripture Reading
Luke 24:1-12 (NSRV)

Sermon
"Easter's Invitation"

Praise and Worship
"Thank You Jesus for the Blood"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship
"Stand In Your Love"

Benediction

Postlude

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Worship Team Dave Florey, John Gross, Jason Kichline, Abby Wertz, Tracy
Wertz, Sarah Pugh

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“Easter’s Invitation”

1. Easter invites us to **acknowledge our pain.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking **the spices that they had** prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. Luke 24:1-3

“What pain are you holding in your hands?”

2. Easter invites us to **pay attention to what God is doing.**

“Pain is God’s megaphone to arouse a deaf world.”
(C.S. Lewis, [The Problem of Pain](#))

⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.
⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? **He is not here, but has risen.**

Luke 24:4-5



“How is the Risen Christ being revealed to you?”

3. Easter invites us to **experience life, hope, and possibilities.**

⁶ **Remember how he told you**, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then **they remembered his words**, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, **they told all this** to the eleven and to all the rest.

Luke 24:6-9

“What is your **first day story?**”

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of April 17



Sunday

Worship– Easter Sunday

Monday

Acts 5:27-32

Tuesday

Psalms 150

Wednesday

Revelation 20:19-31

Thursday

John 20:19-23

Friday

John 20:24-31

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



Easter Flowers

In Loving Memory Of:

Placed by:

Marlin, Kathryn and Roger Crowl

Raymond Guyer

Carol Miller

Ronald and Ryan Guyer

William and Mabel Guyer..... Bonnie Guyer

Glenn and Dolores Herring

Betty Good..... Rick and Patti Herring

Nicholas Vogl..... His Family

L. Gene Adams

Rose A. Myers..... Jean Adams and Family

Doris and Harold Zimmerman

Merle and Della Zimmerman..... Steven Zimmerman

Our loved ones The Buddenbaum Family

Memorial Donations

In Loving Memory Of:

Given by:

Our sons Brian and Steven Miller..... Roy and Ginnie Miller and Family

Wayne Eckert

Evelyn Carney

Richard Carney

Barbara Eckert.....Barb Eckert

William Seig,

Loving father and husband..... Marilyn Seig and Family

David B. Coover

David D. Coover II

Alexis D. Coover

Amanda K. Strous

Reamer "Bud" ad Grace Becker

David D. and Helen B. Coover.....Sandra Coover and Pam and Jim Murdoch

Our Parents

Ukraine Relief.....Bob and Judy Wertz





we are
witnesses

*****NEW SERMON SERIES MAY 1st*****

We Are Witnesses

The church has been around for two thousand years, touching every generation since Christ and spanning every continent on earth. Countless numbers of people have come to know and experience the saving love of Christ and have had their lives transformed. How has this happened? It has happened one life at a time, as ordinary people spread the good news of how God's love has touched, healed, and transformed their lives.

In this series we're going to turn to the Acts of the Apostles and hear stories of those who first declared, "We are witnesses." Their stories become our stories as we bear witness to the good news of the Risen Christ today.



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

April 17, 2022

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paul E. Nesmith by the Nesmith Family.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gayle Ann Elder by her mother, Anabelle 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. 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 jparis@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.

Join us on Sunday, April 24th at both morning services for **DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY**. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Douglas Curry, a Worship Ministries Pastor and faculty member at Messiah University. As a parent of a child with a different ability, Dr. Curry speaks from personal experience. Our Rejoicing Spirits service will then meet at 4 pm that afternoon. Plan now to be a part of this special day that celebrates the unique gifts of all of God's children.

First Church is hosting a **National Day of Prayer Gathering**, and all are invited to join us in the sanctuary on Thursday, May 5th at 12:00 pm. Cannot attend? Pray from your home or place of work. Prayer guides will be available at the Welcome kiosks and on our website, <https://fumchurch.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 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. 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 tsu.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 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!

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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.

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