

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

April 24, 2022

DisAbility Awareness Sunday
"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"



135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Lord of the Dance"- No. 261

Prayer of Confession

Choir Anthem

"Jesus Paid It All"

'Sermon

"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"- Dr. Douglas Curry

Hymn of Response

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - No. 140

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

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance" - No. 369

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Dr. Douglas Curry

Worship Leader Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Roger Walton, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"Stand In Your Love"
"Promises"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sermon

"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"- Dr. Douglas Curry

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship
"Who You Say I Am"

Benediction

Postlude

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Worship Team George Canonizado, Dave Florey, John Gross, Abby Wertz, Tracy
Wertz, Sarah Pugh

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Weekly Bible Readings

Week of April 24



Sunday

Worship-DisAbility Awareness Sunday

Monday

Acts 9:1-6

Tuesday

Psalm 30

Wednesday

Revelation 5:11-14

Thursday

John 21:1-14

Friday

John 21:15-19

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



It's time for the Diaper Derby!

We have entered into a “friendly competition” with St. John’s Presbyterian in Shiresmanstown to collect disposable diapers for **Healthy Steps Diaper Bank** and **New Hope Ministries**. The Diaper Bank, founded in 2013, collaborates with local non-profits to distribute diapers to their program participants. Many low income families struggle to buy diapers. Some manage by reusing them. WIC and SNAP benefits cannot be used to purchase diapers.

We will be collecting disposable diapers from **May 1ST to May 29th**. See our display in the main hallway...you can drop off your diapers there anytime. We will also have a sign and collection box at the side entrance by the green chair area on Sunday mornings throughout the month of May.

You can also donate via the Diaper Bank on line, go to www.healthystepsdiaperbank.com diaper drives and click on the Amazon Wish List. The most needed sizes are 4, 5 and 6. Be sure to make note of the number of diapers you donate and either email your name and number of diapers to Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com – OR- put it on a slip at the Diaper Derby table located in the main entrance hallway.

Our collection counts will be posted at the Diaper Derby table each week and the final numbers will be reported in the next newsletter. **Thank you** so much for your participation and let’s win for the Diaper Bank kids! And we’re off!!!



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 24, 2022

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alan C. Steuart and the Steuart and Hotchkiss families by Harriet Steuart.

Correction: The April 17th alter flowers were placed in memory of **Paul E. Nesmith** by the Nesmith Family. Our sincerest apologies to the Nesmith family for the error.



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.

- ◆ **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. **Beginning a new study May 1 on the Book of Titus**, by Chip Ingram. When the gospel takes root in our lives, it produces godliness and the Church stands in bright contrast to the darkness of the world.
- ◆ **Christian Fellowship** – Meets in room B003, targets adults all ages/stages of faith, contact Wayne Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com. A close-knit group, eager to apply God's Word to life's challenges. **Beginning a new study May 1, "Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today"** by well-known pastor and author Adam Hamilton.
- ◆ **Faith in Everyday Life** - Meets in room 207, targets 30-50somethings, contact Jenell Paris at jparis@messiah.edu. A small group focused on sharing, encouragement and prayer. Also enjoys friendship/mutual support in and outside the classroom.
- ◆ **Faithful Families** - Meets in room B005, targets parents, contact Bob/Tracy Wertz at wertzfive@gmail.com. **An active group of parents with older school-aged and young adult children.**
- ◆ **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.

May Prayer Focus: National Day of Prayer - First Church is hosting an hour-long gathering on our National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5 at 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. No need to RSVP – even if you cannot stay for the entire time, just come when you can! Not able to attend? Pray from home or work. Prayer guides are available at the Welcome kiosks and on our website, fumchurch.com. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@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 ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net or 717-697-2524.

Our **Annual Handbell Concert** here at First Church will be Sunday, May 22, at 7pm. Mark your calendars now! Our theme this year is “When In Our Music God is Glorified”. We pray that we glorify our Lord as we play for you on Sundays throughout the year. The concert is free (a free-will offering will be asked to help with our upcoming trip) and refreshments will follow! We hope to see you there.

Mechanicsburg Ecumenical Choir Concert will be happening on **Sunday, May 15th at 3:00pm**. It will be held at St Joseph Catholic Church Mechanicsburg. This concert always raises money for New Hope Ministries, a mission our church supports. We are extremely proud that both the director, Kathie Bittenbender, and the accompanist, Karen Philp are from First Church! We also have 8 or 9 choir members involved! This is a concert you are sure to enjoy! First Church’s Praise Ringers will also be involved as the music for the Offertory.

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](#)

Mission Central has announced that they are inundated with supplies for Ukraine and will suspend collections as of April 20th. However, any items that are still collected will be donated to another area of need. We thank you for your many donations.

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.

Picnic together and enjoy a Harrisburg Senators baseball game on Sunday, June 12! The buffet-style picnic (includes hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, baked beans, pasta salad, chips, cookies, soda and water) runs from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. and the game starts at 1:00 p.m. Discounted tickets are \$20 for adults/\$10 for children ages 4-12. If interested, contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com. Note: All participants must register and pay by May 22

Whether a single player or a pair, all are invited to a "**Pickle Ball Picnic**" at Mechanicsburg's Memorial Park on May 3 at 5:30 p.m. (rain date May 10). Bring some food to share, a place setting for yourself, and a chair. Look for the pop-up picnic canopy near the pickle ball courts. Come to picnic, play pickle ball, or just to visit, and bring a friend! Questions? Contact Carol Erno at cernorn@aol.com or Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com.

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 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!

In-Person Vacation Bible School is back on the menu for this summer! Join us July 11-15th as we get on a roll with God for a weeklong Food Truck Party! Our VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

Information:

- Dates: July 11-15th
- Time: 9:00 AM- 12:00 NOON
- Cost: \$5/child
- Open to children 4 years old through completed 5th grade (entering 6th grade)

Registration opens May 1st and if you register before June 12th, your family will receive a special free gift!

<https://fummechanicsburg.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

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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