

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

May 15, 2022



"What God Called Clean"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Blessed Assurance" - No. 369

Unison Prayer

Choir Anthem

"Yes, My Lord!"

Scripture

Acts 11:1-18

'Sermon

"What God Called Clean"

Hymn of Response

"Spirit of God"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Handbell Anthem

"Swing Low"

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story" - No. 156

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Sarah Pugh

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir, Handbells

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Ken Rapp, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Good Grace"

"Great Are You Lord"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"There Was Jesus"

Scripture

Acts 11:1-18

Sermon

"What God Called Clean"

Pastoral Prayer

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"Build Your Kingdom Here"

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“What God Called Clean”
Acts 11:1-18

How do I join what God is doing?

1. Stay **flexible**; the Spirit is frequently surprising.

⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ Acts 11:6-8

⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times... Acts 11:9-10a

¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us Acts 11:12

2. Stay **rigid** on peoples' need for Jesus.

¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” Acts 11:17

*¹⁶ For God so loved **the world** that he gave his only Son, so that **everyone** who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into **the world** to condemn **the world** but in order that the world might be saved through him.* John 3:16-17

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8



“SAY GRACE AT THE POLLS”

3. Stay **committed** to telling your story.

⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step...

Acts 11:4

¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Acts 11:18

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of May 15th



Sunday	Worship “What God Called Clean”
Monday	Psalm 67
Tuesday	Revelation 22:1-5
Wednesday	John 14:1-22
Thursday	John 14:23-29
Friday	Acts 16:9-15
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

May 15, 2022

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donald and Viola Adams and Jimmy Shannon by the Shannon Family.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jenny Scott Kerstetter by Marge and Dick Scott.

We lift up and hold in prayer those **recovering at home, Margie Kohr, Kirk Bobb, Sue Higgins, Nancy Routh, Grace Koser, Tom Mullikin**



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!

NEW Study This Spring

6-Session Study: Divine Conspiracy – A timely and challenging study focused on the question, “How am I allowing Jesus to be a part of my daily life here and now?” Group participant guide is \$7.00 (if you also wish to read the book, you may purchase it on your own from any online book retailer). Register your participation using the following link: <https://forms.gle/uWxhTAbLHAPYdKVx9>. Begins May 18, meets from 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Leaders: Pastor Denny and Tina Eaton. Point of contact for this group: Tina Eaton

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. Currently studying 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 Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com. A close-knit group, eager to apply God's Word to life's challenges. Currently studying “*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.

Health and Wellness Spring Presentation – May 22, 2022. *Grief and Loss: Then and Now* – 9:45 a.m., multipurpose room. Patti Vogl's topic of 'Grief and Loss: Then and Now,' will include discussion on navigating personal losses in today's public world of social media and how to hold onto hope during seasons of darkness. Patti will also share more about her counseling ministry with *Timeless Connections* based here at First Church.



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 **TODAY 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 tsu.me/ryunr. Thanks for sharing and caring for our community! Questions or for a list of donation suggestions, contact Lori Hoffnagle or Sandy Walton.



Relationship Builder

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**

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! 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.

FUMC Summer Pickle Ball – Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm, Mechanicsburg's Memorial Park

Beginning this Tuesday, May 17th, we will gather weekly to play some Pickle Ball in the Park. Whether you're a single player or double, whether you play pickle ball every week or have never played, we invite you to please join us on the Pickle Ball Court! Bring a friend and assume we will be there unless it's wet and rainy!

Questions? Contact 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](tel:717-697-2524) or ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net.

The **Knit at Nite** group is also meeting on ZOOM, every other Tuesday at 6:00pm. Contact Mary Helm, [717-975-0925](tel:717-975-0925) or mthelm4@yahoo.com.

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 by clicking [here](#) or on the youth page at fumchurch.com/youth/. 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.

Time for a Diaper Derby! We have entered into a “friendly competition” with St. John’s Luthern in Shiresmanstown to collect disposable diapers for Healthy Steps Diaper Bank and New Hope Ministries. 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.

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.

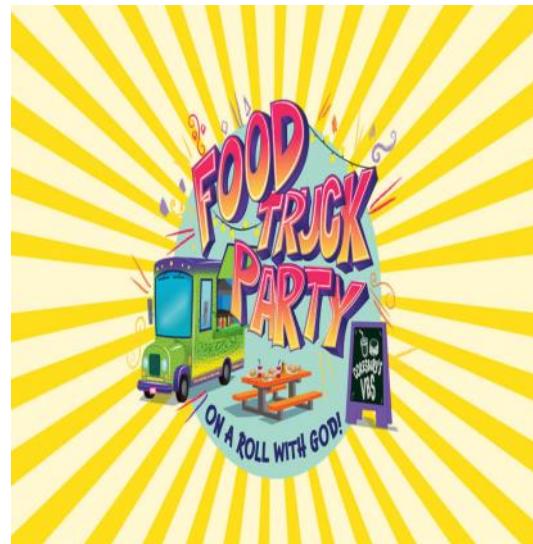
Information:

- 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 is OPEN and if you register before June 12th, your family will receive a special free gift!

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

Many Youth and Adult Volunteers Needed!
Contact Katie to volunteer today,
kidscount@fumchurch.com



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for our Alaska mission trip - 24 youth and adult leaders are serving this summer in Wasilla, Alaska and would love to have you be a partner in our endeavor. If you are able to be a prayerful or financial partner in our trip, check out the Envelope Challenge found in the main lobby or online at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/hE8vgkd/EnvelopeChallenge>

Are you graduating this year?

Please fill out this form <https://forms.gle/sVB2M89SHFbQTHeB7> to help us learn about those in our church family who are graduating so that we can celebrate with them. Please take a moment to fill out the form to share about your future plans and to help First Church stay in touch with you.



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 an Open Position

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.

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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