

Welcome to
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors
May 29, 2022



"Songs in the Night"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"- No. 707

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture

Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

"Songs in the Night"

Hymn of Response

"God Will Take Care of You" -No. 130

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" -No. 363

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist George Canonizado

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Flossie Ryder, Sarah Pugh

Sound & Media Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Resurrecting"

"New Wine"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Baptism

Scripture

Acts 16: 16-34

Sermon

"Songs in the Night"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"Good Grace"

Benediction

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“Songs in the Night”
Acts 16:16-34

1. Christians are not exempt from dark times.

*But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, **they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.***

²⁰ *When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “**These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city**”²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.”*

²² *The crowd joined in attacking them, and **the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.***

²³ *After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.²⁴ Following these instructions, **he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks***

Acts 16:19-24

“Life is pain. Anyone who says differently is selling you something.”
(The Princess Bride)

In this world you will have trouble. John 16:33

2. Dark times are the best times to experience the grace of God.

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately **all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.*** Acts 16:25-26

“If outwardly things are going badly in your life, but inwardly you are confident in God’s love, you can make it.”
(Tim Keller)

3. Your witness during dark times opens doors for others.

²⁷ *When the jailer woke up and saw **the prison doors wide open**, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”*

²⁹ *The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”*
Acts 16:27-31

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.
Romans 8:18

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of May 29th



Sunday

Worship “Disturbing the City”

Monday

Psalm 104

Tuesday

Romans 8:14-17

Wednesday

Psalm 104

Thursday

Galatians 1:1-9

Friday

Galatians 1:10-24

Saturday

Rest and Reflect



First News First Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chilton by Jim and Sue Chilton and John F. Chilton.

We lift up and hold in prayer those recovering at home, Tom Mullikin and Darlene Wilkinson.



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. 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.

Other Growth/Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Men's Group - Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 pm. Currently studying "How NOT to Read the Bible." All men and invited to join at any time. Meets on zoom. If interested, contact Barry Eaton at theaton5@verizon.net or John Bowen at bowenhome720@gmail.com.



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.

Joy in the Morning - a small group invitation! Next meeting – Monday, June 13th @ 1 - 2 pm, Outdoor Patio gathering at Bethany Village (Park near 'West Apartments' entrance. Proceed to the patio near the door marked #62) If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this spiritually-focused small group. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, drawing upon readings and devotionals, including from the book, [With the Dawn Rejoicing](#). For more information, contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@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.

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

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.

Homeland Hospice Casseroles! Since 2014, we have supported Homeland Hospice by donating casseroles in the month of June as a gift to area families receiving hospice care. Simply prepare a casserole in any size disposable pan and attach a list of ingredients and cooking directions. (Pans/forms are available at the Share the Harvest table in the Children's wing lobby.) *Casseroles may be delivered to the church office or placed directly in the church freezer on the marked trays at your convenience any time prior to June 30th. Please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 766-4611 x 112) for more information. Thank you!*

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/ryyunnr. 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! 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. **SPECIAL PLEA::** Our Camp Directors need your help to fill vacant paid summer staff Openings! Would you prayerfully consider accepting a position for the summer or would know of person(s) that might want to heed this call to service? Visit the camping website <https://www.susumcamps.org> for job descriptions and salary information.

Small Group Summer Fellowship - Looking for opportunities for friendship and small group connection? Please join us Friday evening, June 3rd, from 6-8:30 at the Cracked Pot Coffee Shop (130 Gettysburg Pike) for an evening of outdoor worship music! Coffee/tea/treats available for purchase if desired. Questions? Janice Bowen wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112

Our **Share the Harvest table** will once again be available throughout the summer (indoors at the lobby space adjacent to the sink area near the Children's wing) for anyone who would like to either donate or receive from the bounty of summer flowers, vegetables, and fruits!

Pickle Ball in the Park- Tuesday Evenings - 5:30 pm @ Mechanicsburg's Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park Whether you're a single player or double, whether you play Pickleball every week or have never played, we invite you to please join us on the Pickleball Court this summer! 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 or ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net.

The **Knit at Nite** group is also meeting on ZOOM, every other Tuesday at 6:00pm. Contact Mary Helm, 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](#)

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: fouryouthministry
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Email uthrock@fumchurch.com to receive emails

Collecting small glass jars and discs! If you have any small glass jars (think jelly, condiments) or CDs/DVDs to discard, please leave them at the 'Share the Harvest table. Thank you!!!

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