

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

June 5, 2022



"Grace That Transforms"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - No. 384

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem

"Come, Come Unto Me"

Scripture

Galatians 1:13-16, 23-24

Sermon

"Grace That Transforms"

Hymn of Response

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"- No. 420

Invitation, Confession, Pardon

Sharing Signs of Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Bread and Cup

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Spirit Song" -No. 347

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist Jeff Hoffnagle

Worship Team Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship

Sound & Media Roger Walton, Michael Garman, Holly Kurten,
Sarah Pugh



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Let the Light In"

"Holy Spirit"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Revelation Song"

Scripture

Galatians 1:13-16, 23-24

Sermon

"Grace That Transforms"

Communion Prayer

Communion

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"Graves Into Gardens"

Benediction

Postlude

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Worship Leader Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team George Canonizado, Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz,
John Gross, Geri Nuss

“Grace That Transforms”

First in the Series: “Galatians: Gospel of Grace”

Galatians 1:13-16, 23-24



“The primary goal of the spiritual life is human transformation.”

(John Ortberg)

1. Grace *goes before us*.

¹³ You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴ I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors.

¹⁵ But when the one^[b] who had **set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace** was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the gentiles,...

Galatians 1:13-16a

2. Grace *invites us to be set free*.

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ **who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:3-5a

3. Grace can and does **transform lives**.

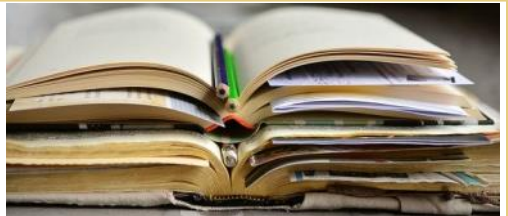
23 they only heard it said, “The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.” 24 And they glorified God because of me.
Galatians 1:23-24

4. Once you have experienced God’s transforming grace **don’t accept anything less**.

*6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a **different gospel**— 7 not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.*
Galatians 1:6-7

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of June 5th



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Worship “Grace That Transforms”

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Galatians 2:1-10

Galatians 2:11-21

Rest and Reflect



First News First *Weekly Edition*

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary by Gerald and Darlis Aumiller.

We lift up and hold in prayer those recovering at home Emma Whitcomb, Jon Kellenberger, Joan Maines, Joe Moomaw, Tracy Rainelli and John Behel.



Lifelong Learner

While some of our regular Bible Study and Sunday School enrichment groups are now taking a break for the summer, there are still several options to choose from if you are interested in taking your next faithful step in discipleship. The start time for all of these Sunday morning groups is 9:45 a.m. and newcomers are welcome to any group at any time!

- **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 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 Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com. Currently studying “Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today” by well-known pastor and author Adam Hamilton.
- **Guyer Class** - Meets in room 123, targets primarily 70+, but *all are welcome!* Contact: Rick Kauffman at smkrak423@yahoo.com. The summer curriculum, entitled “Transform”, looks at the chasm between the way things are in the world today and the way God desires things to be.
- **Reaching and Teaching: First Church on a Mission** - This special **summer** offering will begin meeting July 3 in the Multipurpose Room. Come to hear stories from our own First Church members involved in missions near and far, and engage in a variety of mission-focused activities! Stay tuned for more details.



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 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](#)

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](#)

Attention all Men! Although our men's study groups will not be meeting on Monday or Wednesday evenings this summer, there will still be plenty of opportunities for men to connect:

- **Breakfast gatherings** happen on the first Saturday of each month. Start time is 7:30 a.m. and the group is typically seated to the right as you enter the main dining room. This is a great way to make connections and enjoy some wonderful fellowship with other men!
- **A golf outing** is scheduled June 24 at Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle. "Scramble" format - not a competitive tournament, so no matter what your skill level, it's a lot of fun! Play begins at 12:30 p.m. After golf, spouses or a guest are invited to join for a group dinner at Fiddler's Restaurant at the Golf Club. Space is limited, contact Barry Eaton to reserve your spot ASAP!
- **Join the Men's Ministry contact list** to receive information on additional summer activities. If you have other suggestions for things to do this summer, please contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com.

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 <https://www.susumcamps.org> and refer to this week's on-line bulletin for full details. **NOTE:** Prayer Partners will be needed by mid-June. Please email the

camp coordinators, Deb or Amy, if you would be willing to pray for and send a note to someone at camp. **SPECIAL PLEA:** Our Camp Site 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. For question and other details - 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.

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

Share the Harvest-If you have extra flowers, fruits or vegetables, you are invited to bring them to the Share the Harvest display on the counter in the gathering area by the Children's Department. If you don't have a garden, help yourself to the items there, or take something for a friend. In addition, if you have any small glass jars (think jelly or condiment jars) or CDs/DVDs to discard, please leave them at the Share the Harvest table. Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, x112 * The Little Free Pantry sharing shelf has also returned for the summer if you'd like to share from your garden with the community!

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 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 or mthelm4@yahoo.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

As summer approaches, so does our summer kids worship schedule. We will continue to offer childcare up to 2nd grade for both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Children 2nd grade-5th grade will remain with their families during worship. If your child is interested in activity pages for during the service, please see Miss Katie before worship begins at the child check-in station.

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://fumcmecanicsburg.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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