

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors*

*June 19, 2022*



*"Grace That Clothes"*

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"This Is My Father's World"- No. 144*

Opening Prayer

Special Music

*"You Raise Me Up"*

Scripture

*Galatians 3:23-29*

Sermon

*"Grace That Clothes"*

Hymn of Response

*"Grace Alone"*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

Benediction

Postlude

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching ..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist ..... Sarah Pugh

Special Music ..... Doug Eppler, Caleb Flick

Sound & Media ..... Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Make Us One"*

*""This Is Amazing Grace"*

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Living Hope"*

Scripture

*Galatians 3:23-29*

Sermon

*"Grace That Clothes"*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"*

Benediction

Postlude

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*Worship Leader* ..... Sarah Pugh

*Worship Team* ..... Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten,  
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## “Grace That Clothes”

Galatians 3:23-29

### Clothed with Christ

<sup>27</sup> *As many of you as were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ.***

*Galatians 3:27 (NRSV)*

### You Are All God’s Children Through Faith

<sup>23</sup> *Now before **faith** came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until **faith** would be revealed.* <sup>24</sup> *Therefore the law was our **disciplinarian** until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous [a] by **faith**.* <sup>25</sup> *But now that **faith** has come, we are no longer subject to a **disciplinarian**,* <sup>26</sup> *for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through **faith**.*

*Galatians 3:23-26 (NRSV)*

### The Law:

- Reveals aspects of **the nature and character of God.**
- Directs people toward **abundant life** where everyone thrives.
- Points to **our need for a Savior.**

*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”*

*Matthew 5:17 (NRSV)*

### Faith:

- Gratefully receives a gift that God has chosen to give us, completely without regard to our deserving.
- Relies on the Word of God as the one truth upon which we stake our lives.

*Abraham didn’t focus on his own impotence and say, “It’s hopeless. This hundred-year-old body could never father a child.” Nor did he survey Sarah’s decades of infertility and give up. He didn’t tiptoe around God’s promise asking cautiously skeptical questions.*

***He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what he had said. That’s why it is said, “Abraham was declared fit before God by trusting God to set him right.”***

***But it's not just Abraham; it's also us!*** *The same thing gets said about us when we embrace and believe the One who brought Jesus to life when the conditions were equally hopeless. The sacrificed Jesus made us fit for God, set us right with God.* *Romans 4:19-25 (The Message)*

You Are All One in Christ Jesus

<sup>28</sup> *There is **no longer** Jew or Greek; there is **no longer** slave or free; there is **no longer** male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.* *Galatians 3:28 (NRSV)*

**A Prayer for My Closet Door**

Lord,  
as I get dressed for the day,  
I remember that I am your child  
chosen, holy, and beloved.  
I pray that I might be clothed with compassion,  
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.  
And above all, let me put on love  
and honor you in all that I do.  
(Colossians 3:12,14)

## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of June 19th



***Sunday***

**Worship “Grace That Clothes”**

**Monday**

**Psalm 77**

**Tuesday**

**2 Kings 2:1-14**

**Wednesday**

**Luke 9:51-62**

**Thursday**

**Galatians 4:1-20**

**Friday**

**Galatians 4:21-31**

**Saturday**

**Rest and Reflect**



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

*Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors*

**June 19, 2022**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Jack Koser, Lois Bender, Grace & Elmer Thumma and Carroll & Ann Koser by Grace Koser.

We lift up and hold in prayer those recovering at home, Elvin Hess, Dick Reed, Tracy Rainelli and Emma Whitcomb (Church of God Home)



## 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!

- **Christian Fellowship** – Meets in room B003, targets adults all ages/stages of faith, contact Wayde Leister at [waydeleister@outlook.com](mailto: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.
- **New class for summer, "Transform"**, is focused on the Holy Spirit’s work in empowering us to be the church and carry out God’s mission. This class will be a mix of lessons, along with presentations from our youth mission trip team, folks engaged in missions in Mechanicsburg, and more! First class will be held with the Guyer Class in room 123 at 9:45 a.m. on July 3.



## 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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112.

**Joy in the Morning** - a small group invitation! Next meeting – Monday, July 11th @ 1 - 2 pm. 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 and update on location, contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611 x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com).



## Passionate Worshipper

This morning, we **welcome guest soloist** Doug Eppler! Doug serves as the director of marketing and communications for York Revolution Professional Baseball, and the team’s on-field master of ceremonies. He has been acting and singing for more than 30 years; most recently, he performed the title role in Jesus Christ Superstar in Stewartstown Summer Theatre’s April production at Allegro Winery. Doug has served as a soloist and choir member for St. John the Baptist Church in New Freedom, PA, and Stewartstown United Methodist Church. He resides in York, and is the proud father of a son and daughter

**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](http://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 con-



### **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](mailto: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](https://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**

**Gleaning 2022!** This growing season, we are excited to have the opportunity to once again glean locally in partnership with Oak Grove Farms! We plan to provide fresh produce for families receiving monthly groceries at Fishing Creek Salem UMC's Food Pantry. Please contact Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112 to add your contact information to the FUMC 2022 'Glean Team'! Gleaning 1 – Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm (meet in Oak Grove Farms parking lot) Gleaning 2 - Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6 pm (Oak Grove Farms parking lot).

**Senior Ice Cream Social – Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm - Fellowship Hall** Join us for an afternoon of friendship while enjoying a refreshing treat of ice cream with toppings at First Church on July 19th! Pastor Denny, as well as some of our retired pastors, will join us for the afternoon! Jeff Hoffnagle has offered to be our Gameshow host in playing some Family Feud! Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112

**Men's Breakfast Gatherings** happen on the first Saturday of each month. Start time is 7:30 a.m. and the next one is coming up on July 2. This is a great way to make connections and enjoy some wonderful fellowship with other men! Contact Barry Eaton at [theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net) for more details.

**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](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) (717-697-5982) or Amy Ortiz [amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com). You may also contact the church office at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [kidscout@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscout@fumchurch.com)

**Summer in the children's Dept.** . 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:

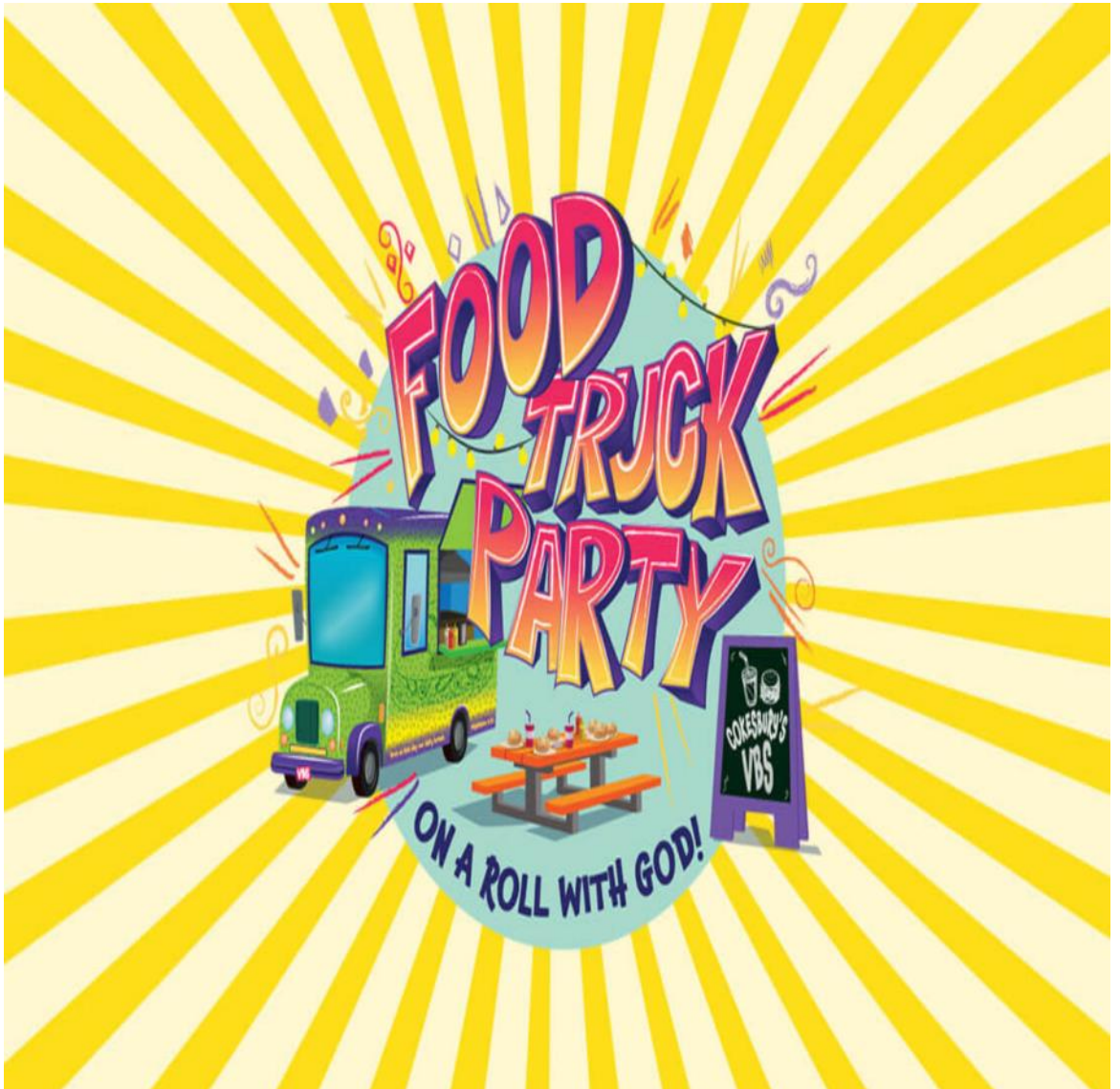
- Dates: July 11-15th
- Time: 9:00 AM- 12:00 NOON
- Cost: \$5/child
- Open to children 4 years old through completed 5th grade (entering 6th grade)

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



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

Many Youth and Adult Volunteers Needed! Volunteers can sign up at <https://tsu.me/fumcvbs>



## **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](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive emails

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