

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*June 26, 2022*



*"Grace That Forms"*

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Grace Greater Than Our Sin" - No. 365*

Opening Prayer

Praise Chorus

*"Change My Heart, O God" - No. 2152*

Scripture

*Galatians 4:4-7, 19-20*

Special Music

*"Let's Just Praise the Lord"*

Sermon

*"Grace That Forms"*

Hymn of Response

*"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" - No. 382*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"We Are the Church" - No. 558*

Benediction

Postlude

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching ..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist ..... Sarah Pugh

Special Music ..... Gail Leinhos, Caleb Flick

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



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Reckless Love"*

*"Cornerstone"*

Wee Worship Dismissal

*"Thank You Jesus for the Blood"*

Scripture

*Galatians 4:4-7, 19-20*

Sermon

*"Grace That Forms"*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"No Longer Slaves"*

Benediction

Postlude

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*Worship Leader* ..... Sarah Pugh

*Worship Team* ..... Michael Garman, Jim Robinson, Roger Walton, Holly Kurten,  
Jason Kichline, Emily Hammaker, George Canonizado,  
Sarah Pugh

"Grace That Forms"  
Galatians 4:4-7, 19-20

*"What if we are part of something bigger than ourselves?"*

1. God's grace in Jesus Christ is forming the world.

<sup>4</sup>But **when the fulfillment of the time came**, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. Galatians 4:4 (CEB)

*"God is never early. God is never late. God is always right on time."*

*(Mark Batterson, Draw the Circle)*

<sup>5</sup>This was so he could **redeem** those under the Law **so that** we could be adopted.

Galatians 4:5 (CEB)

<sup>13</sup>Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us—because it is written, "Everyone who is hung on a tree is cursed." <sup>14</sup>He **redeemed** us **so that** the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, **and that** we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13-14 (CEB)

*"I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.*

<sup>3</sup>*I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."* Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup>*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 (NRSV)

2. God's grace in Jesus Christ is forming us as children and heirs of the promise.

*<sup>6</sup>Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup> Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son or daughter, and if you are his child, then you are also an heir through God.*

*Galatians 4:6-7 (CEB)*

*"Who teaches you? Whose disciple are you? One thing is sure: You are somebody's disciple. You learned how to live from somebody else. There are no exceptions to this rule."*

*(Dallas Willard, The Divine Conspiracy)*

3. God's grace in Jesus Christ is forming us in community.

*<sup>19</sup>My little children, I'm going through labor pains again until Christ is formed in you. <sup>20</sup>But I wish I could be with you now and change how I sound, because I'm at a loss about you.*

*Galatians 4:19-20 (CEB)*

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep*      *Romans 12:15 (NRSV)*

## Weekly Bible Readings

### Week of June 26th



***Sunday***

**Worship "Grace That Forms"**

**Monday**

**Psalm 30**

**Tuesday**

**2 Kings 5:1-14**

**Wednesday**

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

**Thursday**

**Galatians 5:1-15**

**Friday**

**Galatians 5:16-26**

**Saturday**

**Rest and Reflect**



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

**June 26, 2022**

**The altar flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of our loved ones Himes-Junkins by Fred and Doris Junkins.

**We lift up and hold in prayer** Arlene Hoy and family upon the passing of Arlene's sister and dear church family member, Emma Whitcomb.



## Lifelong Learner

**No matter where** you are in your journey with Jesus, there is always something new to learn, and First Church is here to help by providing a variety of offerings for your next faithful step:

◇ Daily Bible Reading Plan

God speaks to us through His Word, and our daily Bible reading plan is customized to go along with our weekly sermons! You can find the plan each week in our bulletin.

◇ Summer Study

Join us for our summer study, "Transform", to learn more about the work of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be the church and carry out God's mission. This combined adult summer class will offer a mix of lessons, along with scheduled presentations from our youth mission trip team, folks engaged in missions in Mechanicsburg, and more! All lessons will be held in room 123 (the Guyer classroom) and all special presentations will be held in the multipurpose room. Start time is 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. Current summer schedule includes the following, but check our weekly announcements for updates:

July 3, 10, 17 Lessons - Work of the Holy Spirit

July 24 Alaska Youth Mission Trip Presentation/Coffee Fellowship

July 31 Mechanicsburg Missions/Volunteers in Mission Presentation

August 7 Lesson - Book of Acts/Work of the Church

August 14 Pastor Denny's 40 th Anniversary Celebration!

August 21, 28 Lessons - Reestablishing Shalom, Shared Well-Being

September 4 Lesson/Coffee Fellowship



## 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](#)

**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 contact Janice Bowen at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112 for other ways to connect with our worship.



## [Dedicated Missionary](#)

**Volunteers In Mission Training Here! Sign Up Now!** -The Missions Team invites anyone to attend the upcoming Volunteers in Mission Training event on Saturday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The training is free and includes exceptional handouts and free lunch! VIM Training prepares us to have a positive impact in mission whether it is a few hours or weeks; local, national, or global. It is open to those who have led teams and those who have never served on a project. All are invited to attend this event. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) or 717-732-6430. Please register by July 31 for planning purposes

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

**Community Dinner on the Lawn, June 26** - The community dinners resume on Sunday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The dinner is a collaborative event to bless the downtown community with a meal and music, free of charge. The concept comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. If you would like to participate or more information, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) or 717-732-6430.

**Patriotic Concert at Finkenbinder Park, July 3** - Turning Point Church invites the public to the 28th Infantry Division US Army Band Concert in the park on Sunday, July 3 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a lawnchair and enjoy a free concert, free drinks, free popcorn and free ice cream at Finkenbinder Park (211 N. Arch Street, Mechanicsburg). If there is bad weather, the event will be moved to Turning Point Church, 201 E. Green Street. All are welcome to attend! Questions, call 592-9959

**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 [licbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:licbuddenbaum@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.

**Collection for Little Free Pantry-** If you would like to donate items to our Little Free Pantry, there is a collection basket inside the Alley Door entrance at the church. Most needed items include: canned tuna/chicken, any type of boxed mac and cheese, small boxes of cereal, granola bars, individual snack items and small ready to eat meals. Please make sure they are non-perishable and not too far past the expiration dates. You can also drop off the items at the church office during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com). Thanks for blessing our neighbors!

### **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](mailto:kidscount@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 (Scholarships Available)
- Open to children 4 years old through completed 5th grade (entering 6th grade)

To Register Visit: <https://fummechanicsburg.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

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



## **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The team of 24 youth and adults leave Saturday July 2 to serve with Praying Pelican Missions in Wasilla, Alaska. They want to give a big "thank you!" for sending them and giving them this opportunity to serve and experience missions first hand.

As partners in this experience, they want you to join them on their journey:

- Join our Remind text group called "Alaska2022". To join text @fumyouth to 81010 or follow this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/fumyouth>
- Follow our journal on Praying Pelicans' website: <https://www.prayingpelicanmissions.org/mission-trip-journals#current> . Wait until July 2, and then click "view current trips" and find our church name on the list of ongoing trips. Check back often for updates

### **Are you graduating this year?**

**Please** fill out this form <https://forms.gle/sVB2M89SHFbQTHcB7> 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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