

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*July 10, 2022*



*"Grace That Sustains"*

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Hymn of Praise

*"I Know Whom I Have Believed" - No. 714*

Statement of Faith

Praise Chorus

*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" - No. 334*

Scripture

*Galatians 6:1-10*

Sermon

*"Grace That Sustains"*

Hymn of Response

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - No. 452*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" - No. 378*

Benediction

Postlude

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching ..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist ..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Special Music ..... Caleb Flick, Don Coldren, Sarah Pugh, Flossie Ryder

Sound & Media ..... Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*“A Thousand Hallelujahs”*

*“Champion”*

Wee Worship Dismissal

*“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”*

Scripture

*Galatians 6:1-10*

Sermon

*“Grace That Sustains”*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*“Good Grace”*

Benediction

Postlude

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*Worship Leader* ..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

*Worship Team* ..... Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Jason Kickline, Holly Kurten,  
Janice Bowen, John Gross, Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz

“Grace That Sustains”

Galatians 6:1-10

<sup>9</sup> *Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up.*

Galatians 6:9 (CEB)



1. Don't tire of doing good...

***God has given you a family in Christ.***

***Brothers and sisters***, if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual should restore someone like this with a spirit of gentleness. Watch out for yourselves so you won't be tempted too. <sup>2</sup> ***Carry each other's burdens*** and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:1-2 (CEB)

<sup>34</sup> *"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. <sup>35</sup> This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."*

John 13:34-35 (CEB)

2. Don't tire of doing good...

**God has given you a purpose.**

<sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are important when they aren't, they're fooling themselves. <sup>4</sup> Each person should test their own work and **be happy with doing a good job** and not compare themselves with others. <sup>5</sup> Each person will have to carry their own load.

Galatians 6:3-5 (CEB)

For we are what he has made us, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk **in** them.

Ephesians 2:10 (NRSV)

3. Don't tire of doing good...

**God has blessed you to be a blessing.**

<sup>9</sup> Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, let's work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity, and especially for those in the household of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10 (CEB)

# Weekly Bible Readings

Week of July 10th



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Worship “Grace That Sustains”</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Amos 8:1-12</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Psalms 52</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Colossians 1:15-28</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Luke 10:38-40</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Luke 15:1-10</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Rest and Reflect</b>



## Back to School Daze Craze!



EVENT - AUGUST 10 FROM 10:00 UNTIL 5:00 AT NEW HOPE  
MINISTRIES MECHANICSBURG CENTER FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED  
CHILDREN OF NEW HOPE GUESTS. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US WITH DONATIONS.

### ITEMS NEEDED

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| Back Packs - for all grades but especially 8 - 12 | Binders - 3 ring with 1 ½ to 2 inch rings |
| Glue sticks,                                      | Bottles Hand sanitizers - small           |
| Highlighters Index cards - 3x5                    | Markers                                   |
| Mechanical pencils                                | Notebook paper for binders                |
| Notebooks Pencil cases with zipper                | Post-It notes (square)                    |
| Rulers Tissues - Individual packs                 | Binders - 3 ring with 1 ½ to 2 inch rings |
| Calculators - Scientific                          | Colored Pencils                           |
| Crayons   | Dry Erase Markers - Regular and thin tip  |
| Erasers Flash Drives                              | Folders                                   |

Please bring any donations to the Mechanicsburg Center, 5228 East Trindle  
Road by **August 1**



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

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

**July 3, 2022**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Charles L. and Helen P. Ritter by Frankie and Sandy Carley.



## Lifelong Learner

Join us this summer on Sundays for “Transform”, a series focused on the work of the Holy Spirit, the church and God's mission. This combined adult class will offer a mix of lessons, along with scheduled presentations from our Alaska mission trip team, folks engaged in missions in Mechanicsburg, and more! All lessons will be held in room 123 and all special presentations will be held in the multipurpose room. Start time is 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. Current summer schedule includes:

- July 10 - Lesson - Faith & Culture
- July 17 - Lesson - Inclusive Fellowship
- July 24 - **Presentation - Alaska Youth Mission**
- July 31 - **Presentation - Mechanicsburg Missions/Volunteers in Mission**
- August 7 - Lesson - God's First Choice
- August 14 - **Celebration - Pastor Denny & Betsy's 40th Year in Ministry!**
- August 21 - **Presentation - U.S./Mexico Border Mission**
- August 28 - Lesson - Loving Beyond Barriers
- September 4 - Lesson - Follow



## 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.

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 - 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 19<sup>th</sup>! 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 August 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to make connections and enjoy some wonderful fellowship with other men! Contact Barry Eaton at [theeaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theeaton5@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. 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 [ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net). \*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*- We will not be meeting July 13th due to VBS.

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!

**August Library Sale-** The library will be holding their book sale at the UMW Sale on August 20th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. To have a good sale we need gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles for adults or children. We are accepting adult or children's books on any subject but we cannot accept VCR tapes, encyclopedias, or textbooks. This annual sale supports us for an entire year and provides up-to-date titles for your reading pleasure. Books can be left outside the library or if you have a large donation, contact Pam Van Kirk at [pamvk1@gmail.com](mailto:pamvk1@gmail.com) or Donna Nichols at [djnichols43@hotmail.com](mailto:djnichols43@hotmail.com) to facilitate that. After you have donated your books and made room for more, plan to come to our sale for more great reads. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **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 this week, 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)

**Walk in registrations welcome tomorrow morning!  
Many Youth and Adult Volunteers Needed and It's Not  
Too Late to Join the Fun!**

**Contact Katie at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)**



**We are looking for a few people** to be praying for the kids, families, and volunteers during VBS week. If you would like to receive updates during the week with how things are going and how your prayers have provided encouragement and strength during the week, email Katie at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com) and you'll be added to her prayer update list!

## **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The team of 24 youth and adults have returned from Wasilla, Alaska where they served with Praying Pelican Missions. They want to give a big "thank you!" for sending them and giving them the opportunity to serve and experience missions first hand. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 24th** from 9:45am to 10:45am, when they will be in the multi-purpose room to share all about their incredible week of being the hands and feet of God.



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

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