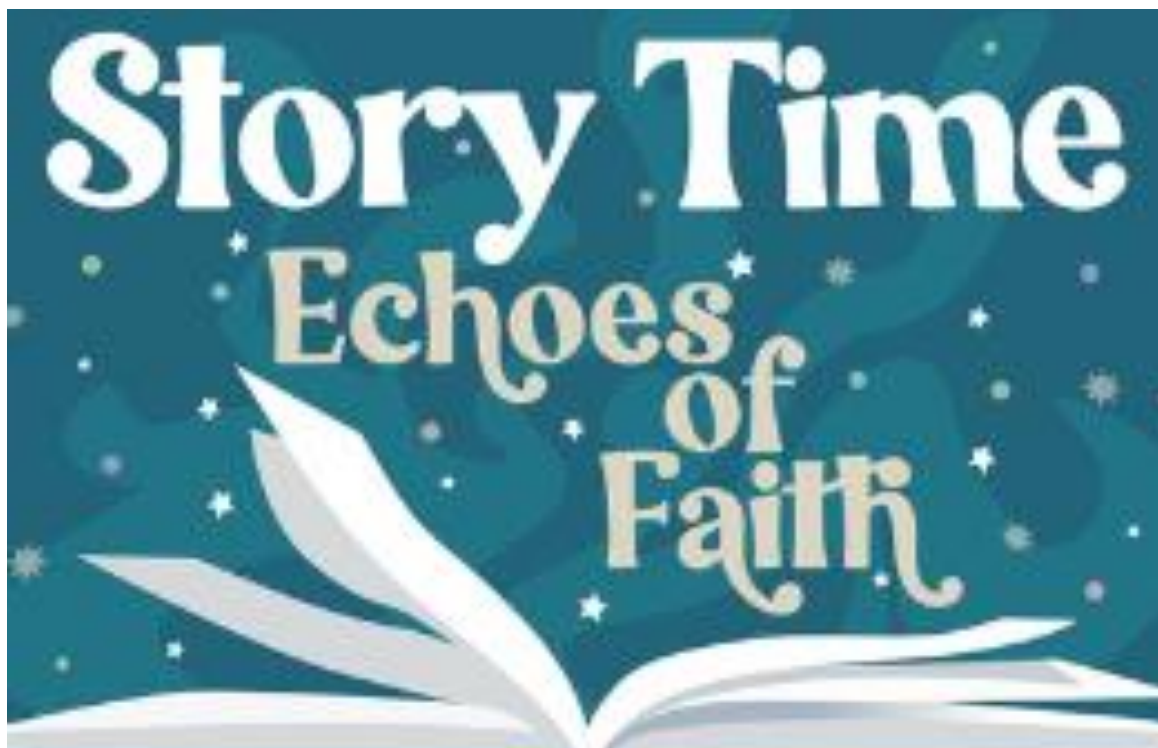


Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

July 31, 2022



"Antlers Forever!"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Praise Chorus

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

Opening Prayer

Praise Chorus

"Seek Ye First" - No.405

Story Reading

"Antlers Forever!" by Frances Bloxam

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon

Antlers Forever!

Hymn of Response

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"- No. 140

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist Katie Knorr

Special Music Karen Philip, Don Coldren, Stu Diehl, Tammy Ingraham,

Sound & Media Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"This Is Amazing Grace"

"Raise a Hallelujah"

"King of Kings"

Baptism

Emmett Wade Messner

Story Reading

"Antlers Forever!" by Frances Bloxam

Wee Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon

Antlers Forever!

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"New Wine"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship LeaderKatie Knorr

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

Worship Team Dave Florey, John Gross, George Canonizado, Jason Kichline

“Antlers Forever!” by Frances Bloxam

Matthew 6:25-34

“O dear!” cried poor Orville, “A terrible thing!
I’ve worked on these antlers since early spring!
Now winter is coming, and what shall I do
Without my fine antlers? Oh, boo hoo hoo hoooo!”

“And why do you worry...?”

Matthew 6:28a

1. To overcome worry, start with God, not your circumstances.

“It’s Vitamin M! That’s the thing I must lack.
You get that from beezels, and those grow out back.
I really hate beezels-but losing your antlers is serious stuff!”

So Orville ate beezels, and beezels galore,
until he was full, then he burped and ate more!

With Owl holding on, Orville started to spin.
There was screeching and flapping-a terrible din!
When finally they quit, Orville crashed in a heap,
And Owl was too tired to make even a peep...

They waited a minute, till all the dust cleared,
And then Orville saw it was just as he feared...

A big voice then called out, "Come, come, my sad fellow!

I was miles away, but I heard every bellow.

Explain your loud cries. They're upsetting us all."

When Orville looked up, he saw this moose was tall!

A moose large and broad with a beautiful beard.

"Oh, sir!" said young Orville. "It's just as I feared.

I just could not save them! My antlers fell off!

It's terribly sad! Now my friends will all scoff!"

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, **and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.** Are you not of more value than they? Matthew 6:26

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ **yet I tell you**, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ **But if God so clothes the grass of the field**, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—**you of little faith?** Matthew 6:28b-30

2. To overcome worry, trust that God knows how it's going to turn out.

Said Big Moose, "What nonsense! It's clear you don't know

that moose shed their antlers so new ones can grow.

You must wait till spring, when new antlers will sprout.

And they'll be much bigger, of that have no doubt.

They'll also be heavy, and that's why it's best

that antlers fall off, so our heads get a rest...

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

¹⁶ He replied, "Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them." ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

2 Kings 6:16-17

3. To overcome worry, leave tomorrow in God's hands.

**And that is the story of Orville, the moose,
who learned not to fret when his antlers got loose!**

³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6:34

Weekly Bible Readings

Week of July 31st



<i>Sunday</i>	Worship "Antlers Forever"
Monday	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Tuesday	Psalms 50:1-8
Wednesday	Hebrews 11:1-16
Thursday	Hebrews 11:17-28
Friday	Luke 12:32-40
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

July 31, 2022

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Roxann Guyer and Carlee Guyer by Kim Guyer.

The mache basket is given to the glory of God and in memory of Lois M Coover by Howard and Beverly Hertzler.



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 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 or 717-766-4611 x112.

Joy in the Morning - a small group invitation! Next meeting – Monday, August 8th @ 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.



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. 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.

The International Handbell Symposium Concert which First Church's Praise Ringers will be participating



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.

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 ttsu.me/ryyunnr. Thanks for sharing and caring for our community! Questions or for a list of donation suggestions, contact Lori Hoffnagle or Sandy Walton.

United Women in Faith Mission U, Express Day registration still open! Join a few of us at Chambers Hill UM Church on July 30 for the Building Communities of Hope and Joy presentation. Details can be found in the June and July newsletter or contact Lori Hoffnagle at l.hoffnagle@yahoo.com



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 or 717-766-4611 x112 to add your contact information to the FUMC 2022 'Glean Team'! Gleaning - Wednesday, August 3rd – 6 pm (Oak Grove Farms parking lot).

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 6th. This is a great way to make connections and enjoy some wonderful fellowship with other men! Contact Barry Eaton at 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 : **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 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.

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 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.

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. 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 or Donna Nichols at 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

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.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support our wonderful Youth by donating your treasures! The Youth will sell the items to raise funds for future mission trips. The collection will start **August 8** in the multipurpose room, and items can be dropped off during church office hours or during evening collection hours on Wednesdays (8/10, 8/17) from 6:00-8:00. Items can include all types of sellable household treasures, however old TVs will not be accepted. Questions, contact Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com

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 to receive emails

Little Friends Preschool is in need of a few new teachers for the coming school year! Applicants should be loving, energetic, patient individuals with great communication skills, a flexible mindset, and a love of sharing the love of God with children from all backgrounds. Classes meet Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:30am-12:00pm. Clearances must be provided prior to the start of the school year, and all applicants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Teaching degree and/or experience is a plus but is not required for these particular classes. Anyone interested should contact Director Jemma Church at lfns@fumchurch.com or 717-796-0723.

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