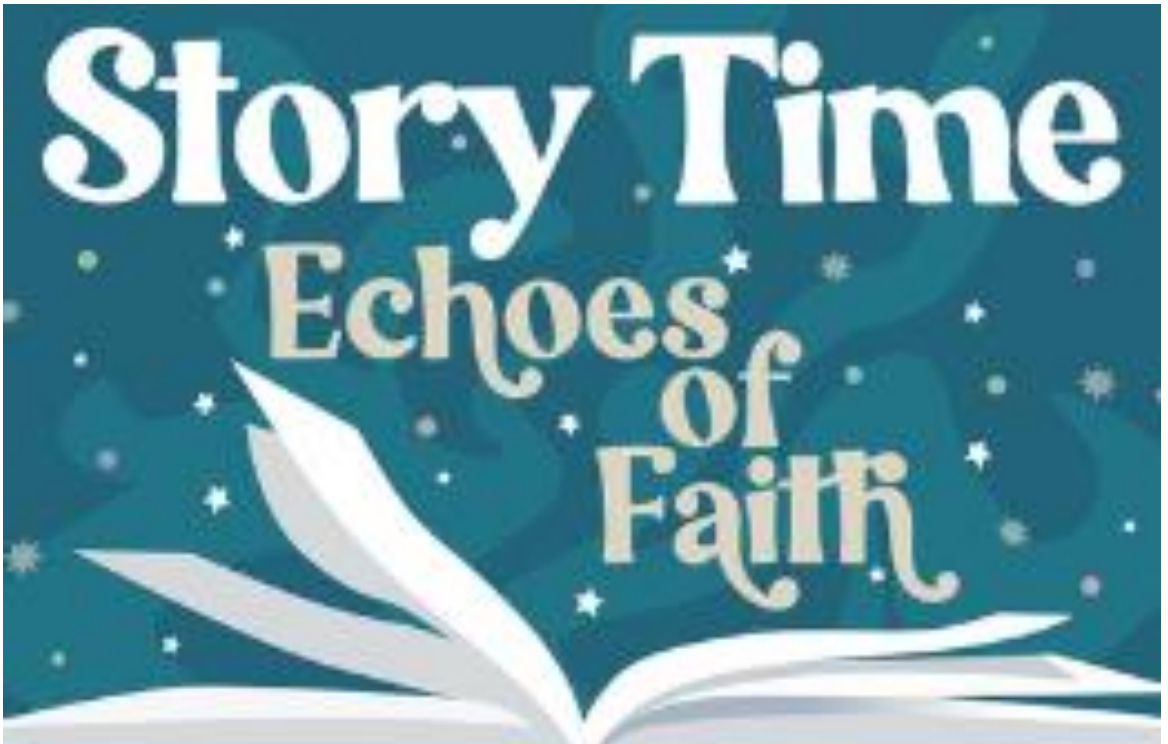


Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

August 7, 2022



"Bear Came Along"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

www.fumchurch.com





FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Praise Chorus

"Come, Christians, Join To Sing" - No. 158

Affirmation of Faith

Story Reading

"Bear Came Along" by Richard T. Morris

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:19-25

Sermon

Bear Came Along

Hymn of Response

"One Bread, One Body"- No. 620

Invitation, Confession, Pardon

Sharing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Offering & Announcements

Recognition of Graduates

Closing Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"- No. 2223

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist Luke Wertz

Special Music Karen Philip, Don Coldren, Sue Bruner, Tammy Ingraham,

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Ken Rapp, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"God So Loved"

"Cornerstone"

"How He Loves"

Story Reading

"Bear Came Along" by Richard T. Morris

Wee Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:19-25

Sermon

Bear Came Along

Communion Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Offering & Announcements

Recognition of Graduates

Praise and Worship

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship LeaderLuke Wertz

Sound & Media..... Michael Garman, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten

Worship TeamDave Florey, John Gross, Jason Kichline, Abigail Wertz,
Tracy Wertz

“Bear Came Along”

by Richard T. Morris

Illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Hebrews 10:19-25

“... the things that bind us are greater than the things that divide us, and that while we are each distinct from one another, with quirks that make us so unique, we’re all journeying down the same river together.”
LeUyen Pham, Artist for “Bear Came Along”)

Things That Bind Us Together in Christ:

- We Gather Regularly
- We Love Lavishly
- We Act Decisively

1. We Gather Regularly

²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NRSV)

Bear came along.
Bear was just being curious...
When he realized what the river could do,
But he didn't know he was on an adventure...until...
Froggy hopped on.
Froggy was a lonely frog who was looking for a friend,
but he didn't know how many she had...
until...the Turtles showed up.
The Turtles tried to warn them about the things that could go wrong,
but they didn't know how to enjoy the ride...

2. We Love Lavishly

²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NRSV)

until...Beaver climbed aboard.
Beaver was born to captain; he knew exactly where to go,
but he didn't know about the detours until...
the Raccoons dropped in.
The Raccoons were so excited about the twists and turns ahead,
but they didn't know they had to be careful...
until...they crashed into Duck.
Duck was so content being right where she was,
but she didn't know there was a world to see...until...



³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35 (NRSV)

3. We Act Decisively

*²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, **but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.***

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NRSV)

Bear held on to Froggy!
Froggy held on to Turtles!
Turtles held on to Beaver!
Beaver held on to Raccoons!
Raccoons held on to Duck!

Oh, what a ride!

So many different animals living their different lives,
but they didn't know they were in it together...until... the river came along.

Weekly Bible Readings



Week of August 7th

<i>Sunday</i>	Worship “Bear Came Along”
Monday	Isaiah 5:1-7
Tuesday	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Wednesday	Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Thursday	Luke 12:41-48
Friday	Luke 12:49-56
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Randall C. Hassinger by his wife, Peg Hassinger.



Lifelong Learner

Summer Sunday School continues with the theme “Transform”, a series focused on the work of the Holy Spirit, the church and God’s mission. This combined adult class offers a mix of lessons, along with special mission-focused events. All lessons will be held in room 123 and all special events will be held in the multipurpose room. Start time is 9:45 a.m. Here is the schedule:

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

A special time of prayer for our schools is coming up Sunday, August 21 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. We will join together with members from other Mechanicsburg churches to pray onsite at each school in our Mechanicsburg District. Stay tuned for more details, and If you’re interested in facilitating prayer or simply participating, contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call the church.

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.



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 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.

As flooding continues to devastate Kentucky, please consider supporting UMCOR and Mission Central in the following ways.... Pray for those impacted by this devastation and by making monetary donations to Mission Central's disaster relief. You can also donate supplies – they are in need of the following for their Flood/Cleaning Buckets:

- 16 oz. to 40 oz. liquid concentrate household cleaners, no spray cleaners
- Re- useable cleaning wipes, no terry cloth or microfiber
- Scouring pads, no stainless steel or pads with soap in them

Volunteer! We are in need of warehouse and donation door assistance. This can be short term or longer term. (Please email Laurie Whitmyer at lwhitmyer@missioncentral.org for details.)



Relationship Builder

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 September 3rd.. 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](tel:717-697-2524) or ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net.

The **Knit at Nite** group is also meeting on ZOOM, every other Tuesday at 6:00pm. Contact Mary Helm, [717-975-0925](tel: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](https://www.instagram.com/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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