

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

August 14, 2022



"The Imperfect Church"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Hymn of Promise" - No. 707

Affirmation of Faith (*No. 885*)

Ministry of Music

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Sermon

The Imperfect Church

Hymn of Response

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"- No. 344

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord" - No. 593

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Special Guest ☺

Liturgist Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team Gail Leinhos, Devon Betz, Scott Philp, Flossie Ryder,
Janice Bowen, Allie Canterbury

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols, Roger Walton, Jim



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Way Maker"

"Raise a Hallelujah"

Wee Worship Dismissal

Praise and Worship

"King of Kings"

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Congrats on 40 years in ministry, Pastor Denny and Betsy!!!

We're so thankful for all the ways that you serve our church family every day.

You are loved!

Weekly Bible Readings



Week of August 14

<i>Sunday</i>	Worship “The Imperfect Church”
Monday	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Tuesday	Psalm 71:1-6
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:18-29
Thursday	Luke 13:1-9
Friday	Luke 13:10-17
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

August 7, 2022

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. C. Richard Brandt by C. Richard Brandt, II.



Lifelong Learner

Summer Sunday School — This combined adult class continues with the theme “Transform”, a series focused on the work of the Holy Spirit, the church and God’s mission. 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:

- Aug.14 - **Celebration - Pastor Denny & Betsy's 40th Year in Ministry!**
- Aug. 21 - **Presentation - U.S./Mexico Border Mission**
- Aug. 28 - Lesson - Loving Beyond Barriers
- Sept. 4 - Lesson - Follow

First Step Gathering — New to First Church? Get to know other newcomers, meet Pastor Denny and the staff, and learn more about our church on **Sunday, Sept. 18, at 9:45 a.m.** in room 207. Childcare will be available. Please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to register.

Wednesday Bible Study — As a companion to our fall sermon series, come dig deeper into what we’re learning on Sunday mornings. Two groups will meet for seven weeks beginning **Sept. 7**. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611) to register for the daytime study (meets at noon, facilitated by Tina Eaton) or the evening study (meets at 6:45, facilitated by Pastor Denny).

“A Disciple’s Path” — Ready for the next step? Explore faith fundamentals or become a church member by participating in this six-week study. Together with Pastor Denny, you’ll explore living a faith-filled life through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. This study begins **Sunday, Sept. 25, at 9:45 a.m.** in room 207. Childcare will be available. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to register.



Praying Follower

Prayer for our Mechanicsburg District Schools — Cover our schools in prayer! Local churches are ensuring a presence at each school in the district; First Church will pray at Northside Elementary School on **Sunday, Aug. 21, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** All are invited to attend to pray for the building, students, teachers and staff as they start a new school year!

Green Prayer Cards — We invite you to take a card (located at the sanctuary entrance) to share your joys and concerns with us. Please place them in the designated basket as you leave worship. You can also share prayer requests by clicking this [here](#) or contacting Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112.

Moms in Prayer Group — All mothers and grandmothers with children of any age are invited, and no prayer experience is required to join this group. These moms will pray together each Monday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in room 105 beginning **Aug. 29**. Contact Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) or Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more information.

Joy in the Morning — 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, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com. The next meeting will take place **Sept. 19, 1:00-2:00 p.m.**



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. 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, ext. 112 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 — Support the Well Drilling Fund by dropping your loose change or bills into the blue “Change for Water” bucket in the Main Entrance hallway. 100% of donations go to training and digging wells for schools and communities in Sierra Leone.

Kentucky Disaster Relief — UMCOR and Mission Central need your support to help those affected by the flooding in Kentucky. Here are some ways you can help:

- Pray for those impacted by this devastation and the volunteers on the ground helping.
- Make a monetary donation to Mission Central’s disaster relief.
- Donate supplies for cleaning buckets:
 - o 16 oz. to 40 oz. liquid concentrate household cleaners (no spray cleaners)
 - o Reusable cleaning wipes (no terry cloth or microfiber)
 - o Scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads with soap in them)
- Volunteer in Mission Central’s warehouse or at the donation door (contact Laurie Whitmyer at lwhitmyer@missioncentral.org for details).

Another way to help those affected by the flooding is through providing campers to use as temporary shelters while local residents reclaim their existing structures. Campers should be towable with all working appliances. If you’re interested in making a donation, contact CP Foster at cpfoster8@yahoo.com or Calvary UMC of Lawrenceville at 570-827-2627.



Relationship Builder

Third Friday Food Trucks — Enjoy great food and fellowship in our parking lot on **Aug. 19, starting at 4:30 p.m.** This month’s trucks include Lucky Penny, 717 Tacos, Shredderz, Audrey’s Cup of Sunshine and Scoop O Dough. Tables and chairs provided, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair!

Annual Fall Picnic — Kick off the new season with our First Church family on **Sunday, Sept. 11**, at Pleasant View Park (90 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg). A time of worship will begin at the pavilion at 4:00 p.m., followed by a pot-luck supper and fellowship. Hot dogs, hamburgers, iced tea and water will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share, along with your own place settings and lawn chairs. Relax and enjoy each other’s company until the sun sets!

Pickleball in the Park — Whether you're a single player or double, whether you play pickleball every week or have never played, you're invited to join us **Tuesday evenings at 5:30** on the pickleball court at Mechanicsburg's Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park! Bring a friend and assume we will be there unless it's wet and rainy! Contact Janice Bowen at 717-766-4611, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com for more details.

Knit at Nite Group — This group meets on Zoom **every other Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.** Contact Mary Helm at 717-975-0925 or mthelm4@yahoo.com with questions.

Covered in Love Knitting Group — meets at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays** in the Fellowship Hall. If you love to knit, crochet or do some another kind of crafty work, we'd love to have you. Questions? Contact Judi Buddenbaum at 717-697-2524 or ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net.

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, ext. 112 *The Little Free Pantry sharing shelf has also returned for the summer if you'd like to share from your garden with the community!

Men's Breakfast — All men are invited to gather for good food and fellowship on the first Saturday of every month at Brothers Diner (705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg). The next gathering is **at 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 3** Please contact Barry Eaton at theeaton5@verizon.net to RSVP.

Men's Hike — Enjoy the great outdoors this fall on a men's hike! Stay tuned for more details later in September and contact Joh Bowen at bowenhome720@gmail.com if you're interested in helping plan or just want to participate.



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.

The Annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale is almost here (**Saturday, Aug. 20**)! We need your donations:

- Support our youth mission trips by donating your household treasures (please no old TVs)! Drop your items off in the multipurpose room during church office hours or on Wednesday, August 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com with any questions.
- The church library seeks gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles (please no VHS tapes, cassette tapes, text books or encyclopedias) for adults and kids. Leave your donations outside the library (near the alley entrance) on Sunday mornings, or make arrangements to drop off large donations by contacting Pam Van Kirk (717-903-9196 or pamvk1@gmail.com) or Donna Nichols (717-574-9894 or djnichols43@hotmail.com).
- The United Women in Faith need your baked goods to raise funds for women, children and youth in need! To donate, please contact Denise Swank at dmom64@gmail.com or 717-795-8747. Please have all baked goods individually packaged. You can drop off your donations at the church office this week or bring them the morning of the sale.

Collection for Little Free Pantry — We're so grateful for the ways you bless our neighbors through this ministry! To donate items to our Little Free Pantry, place them in the collection basket inside the alley door entrance of the church on Sundays or drop them off at the church office during office hours. Most needed items include canned tuna and chicken, 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. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at L.hoffnagle@yahoo.com.

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

Back to school is just around the corner! We have some exciting upcoming events that you'll want to mark on your family's calendar:

- Aug. 20 — Annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale (with free school supply giveaways)
- Aug. 28 — Backpack Blessings and Bless Our Schools Sunday (for students, teachers and school staff)
- Sept. 11 — Fall Kickoff Sunday (KidWorship returns for 11:00 a.m. service)
- Sept. 25 — Bible Sunday

Stay tuned for more events later this fall!

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support our wonderful youth by donating your treasures to the yard sale! The youth will sell the items to raise funds for future mission trips. 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 — @fouryouthministry
- Facebook — 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Email — send a message to uthrock@fumchurch.com to receive emails

Lost and Found — A Bible was found in the Fellowship Hall with personal items inside. If you're missing your Bible (blue and white Common English Version), please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112.

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 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 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 Preschool Director Jemma Church at lfns@fumchurch.com or 717-796-0723.

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