

Welcome to
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors
August 28, 2022



"Get Ready for Change"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"- No.92

Backpack Blessings & Bless Our Schools

Praise Chorus

"Jesus Loves Me"- No. 191

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8

Sermon

Get Ready For Change

Hymn of Response

"Abide With Me"- No. 700

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"- No. 156

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Otto

Liturgist Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team Sarah Pugh, Stu Diehl, Jenny Dose, Flossie Ryder

Sound & Media Michael Garman, Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline,
Holly Kurten



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Great Are You Lord"

"Promises"

"Worthy"

Backpack Blessings & Bless Our Schools

Wee Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8

Sermon

Get Ready For Change

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"The Blessing"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Otto

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship TeamJanice Bowen, John Gross, Jason Kichline,
Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh

Sound & Media..... Michael Garman, Fred Espenshade,
Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

Get Ready For Change

Hebrews 13:1-8

1. _____ and _____ change.

2. Consider the _____ of change.

3. _____ change.

4. One thing doesn't change _____

Weekly Bible Readings



Week of August 28th

<i>Sunday</i>	Worship
Monday	Jeremiah 18:1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 139:1-7
Wednesday	Psalm 139:13-18
Thursday	Jeremiah 18:1-11
Friday	John 13:31-35
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



Annual Fall Picnic

Our all-church fall picnic is coming up on Sunday, Sept. 11. This year we are holding it at the pavilion at Pleasant View Park (90 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050). The picnic will begin with worship at the pavilion at 4:00 p.m., followed by a potluck supper and fellowship. Hot dogs, hamburgers, iced tea and water will be provided, but bring a side dish and/or dessert to share, along with your own place settings and lawn chairs to sit, relax and enjoy each other's company until the sun sets on a fun-filled day!



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Skip Hutter by the Hutter Family.



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. 28 - Lesson - Loving Beyond Barriers
- Sept. 4 - Lesson - Follow

New Sermon Series – “One Another One Another”— The phrase “one another” appears frequently in the New Testament, and for good reason! Isn’t it beautiful when sisters and brothers in Christ “*one another one another!*” Join us in worship this fall, as we consider some of the “*one-another’s*” found in scripture. These instructions seem especially timely today as we build relationships with “one another” in the church that reflect the love of Christ to the world around us. Each week we will deepen our relationships with Christ, one another, and our neighbors, learning to love one another just as Christ has loved us.

- September 4 “Love One Another” John 13:34-35; John 15:9-17
- September 11 “Encourage One Another” I Thessalonians 5:1-11
- September 18 “Forgive One Another” Colossians 3:12-17
- September 25 “Pray for One Another” James 5:13-20
- October 2 “Be Kind to One Another” Ephesians 4:1-6, 32
- October 9 “Bear One Another’s Burdens” Galatians 6:1-5
- October 16 “Serve One Another” I Peter 4:7-11

Fall Sunday School Enrichment – All groups begin meeting September 11, 9:45 a.m.

- **Faith in Everyday Life**

Target: 30-50something **Location:** Room 105 **Contact:** Jenell Paris at jparis@messiah.edu
A group focused on fellowship and friendship/mutual support in and outside the classroom. Includes group discussion of Bible passages from the weekly lectionary.

- **Growing in Christ**

Target: All Adults **Location:** Fellowship Hall **Contact:** Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com
Provides a welcoming space for newcomers looking to pray and study God’s Word together. A **new 6-week study on Galatians will begin September 11**. Learn that true freedom is found in surrender, not self-dependence.

- **Christian Fellowship**

Target: All adults **Location:** Room B003 **Contact:** Wayne Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com
A friendly, caring group, eager to apply God’s Word to life’s challenges. Begins a new 6-week study, **“Better decisions - Fewer Regrets”, by Andy Stanley on September 11**. Our decisions don’t just affect our present circumstances; they radiate into our future.

- **Faithful Families**

Target: Parents **Location:** Room B005 **Contact:** Bob and Tracy Wertz at wertzfive@gmail.com
An active group of parents with older school-aged and young adult children who study Scripture, encourage one another, and celebrate life together in and out of the classroom. Stay tuned for more details on their upcoming study this fall.

- **Helping Hands**

Target: 60+ **Location:** Room B004 **Contact:** Bob Wertz at robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com
A group of active seniors who focus on encouraging instructions for faithful living, and who enjoy fellowship activities together outside of class. Lessons this fall focus on “Freedom”, which challenges us, who have experienced God’s gracious salvation, to work for freedom and justice on behalf of others.

- **Guyer Class**

Target: Primarily 70+ **Location:** Room 123 **Contact:** Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com
This lecture-based class, taught by a variety of church leaders, is comprised of a group of elders in the church. Lessons this fall focus on “Freedom”, which challenges us, who have experienced God’s gracious salvation, to work for freedom and justice on behalf of others.



Praying Follower

Our Moms in Prayer group will be praying together each Monday from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in room 105 beginning August 29, and all mothers/grandmothers are invited! No prayer experience required, your child can be any age/any stage of life. Contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com if you would like 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

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.

Deborah Circle women's group of FUMC is reconvening Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement room B003 We will be studying *When Striving Cease* by Ruth Chou Simons. We look forward to seeing old and NEW members! Questions? Contact Sandy Walton at 717-433-3687 (call or text) or swalton54@comcast.net.

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.

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

If you have a four year old or second grader, please reach out to Katie at kidscount@fumchurch.com to let her know your interest in your child receiving a Bible on Bible Sunday.

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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 — @fourgyouthministry
- 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.

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