

*Welcome to*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*September 4, 2022*



*"Love One Another"*

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - No. 384*

Celebration of Baptism

*Calvin Charles Marshall*

Handbell Anthem

*"Island Song"*

Scripture Reading

*John 15:9-17*

Sermon

*Love One Another*

Invitation, Confession, Pardon

Sharing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Bread & Cup

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"God Be with You till We Meet Again" - No. 673*

Benediction

Postlude

*"Friend of Mine"*

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching ..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist ..... Sarah Pugh

Worship Team ..... Gail Leinhos, Handbells, Kathie Bittenbender, Al Robinson  
Nancy Robinson

Sound & Media ..... Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson, Roger Walton, Jason Kichline,  
Holly Kurten



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Praise and Worship

*"King of Kings"*

Welcome/Prayer

*"A Thousand Hallelujahs"*

*"How He Loves"*

Wee Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading

*John 15:9-17*

Sermon

*Love One Another*

Communion Prayer

Communion

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"Build My Life"*

Benediction

Postlude

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Worship Team .....Dave Florey, Jason Kichline, Sarah Pugh,  
Tracy Wertz, RJ Wertz

Sound & Media.....Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson, Roger Walton,  
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**“Love One Another”**  
**First in the Series: “One Another One Another”**  
**John 15:9-17**

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12 (NRSV)

“Jesus’ desire for his believers to be one came from the knowledge that our unity would be a powerful witness to God’s love. When believers, who are all different, can live in harmony, people take notice. With all the things that could divide us, our ability to be united through the differences is what will draw others to us – because they want to know why we are behaving in a way that unites rather than divides.”

(Kelli Jordan, “Together We Can”)

“The primary activity of the early church was one-anothering one another.”

(Andy Stanley)

Living Sacramentally =  
An outward and visible sign of  
An inward and spiritual grace

<sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5 (NRSV)

### Abiders Choose Love

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. I John 4:7-9 (NRSV)

# Weekly Bible Readings



## Week of September 4th

<i>Sunday</i>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Psalm 14</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Timothy 1:12-17</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 15:1-10</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Rest and Reflect</b>



## 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*

## September 4, 2022

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of George and Kathryn Fishel by the Taylor and Van Kirk Families.



### 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:

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) to register.

**“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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) to register.



### *Praying Follower*

**Our Moms in Prayer** group prays together each Monday that school is in session from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in room 105, and all mothers and grandmothers are invited to drop in anytime! No prayer experience required, your child can be any age/any stage of life. Contact Deb Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.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](mailto: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](mailto: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:
  - 16 oz. to 40 oz. liquid concentrate household cleaners (no spray cleaners)
  - Reusable cleaning wipes (no terry cloth or microfiber)
  - 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](tel:717-433-3687) (call or text) or [swalton54@comcast.net](mailto:swalton54@comcast.net).

**Widows and Widowers Fellowship** The widows/widowers fellowship will dine at Momma Spriggs restaurant in Carlisle on Tuesday, Sept 13th at 11:230 a.m. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at (717) 766-0145.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@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 John Bowen at [bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

**Camp Fancy Fundraising Gala, Saturday, October 22, 2022 – Save the Date!** Everyone who values the power of Camp and Retreat experiences to change lives, this invitation is for you! Come one and come all for an evening of inspiration, fun, and generosity. Camp Fancy means you can choose your attire from prom night outfits to outdoor gear just be sure to have one part of your outfit that is “fancy” as part of the celebration. Enjoy the Wesley Forest grounds and a catered meal as we honor some special folks together, hear stories of making a difference, and raise needed funds for Camp & Retreat Ministry. This inaugural event will take place at Wesley Forest Camp and Retreat Center, 58 Wesley Forest Lane, Weikert, PA from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will be honoring long-time volunteer and Camp Dean, David Poole, along with special music, auction items, great food and much more! See all the details here: <https://susumcamps.org/gala>. With any questions about Camp Fancy, how to volunteer, make a donation or contribute an auction item, contact Camp and Retreat Ministries Board Members, Steve Noss at [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or Lori Hoffnagle at [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support of the Camp and Retreat Ministry!

## **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)

If you have a four year old or second grader, please reach out to Katie at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com).

**Beginning September 18th**, our Sunday evening youth gathering will kick off for the school year for students 6th-12th grade! Join us for 4G in the youth lounge from 6:30-8:15. Those interested in the youth worship team should come early from 5:45-6:30

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.



# CAFE 21:12

CHECK IN | CONNECT | COLLABORATE

## **A NEW WAY FOR KIDS AND TEENS TO ENGAGE WITH FIRST CHURCH**

Starting Sunday, Sept. 11, students in grades 1-12 are invited to spend the Sunday school hour in the Youth Lounge for a casual morning gathering with breakfast-y treats. This is a great space for checking in, connecting and collaborating with other students across generations.

We can't wait to kick off a new Sunday school year with you! See you next week at 9:45 a.m.!

*Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast..." John 21:12*

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