

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

September 11, 2022



"Encourage One Another"

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

www.fumchurch.com





FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

"I Know Whom I Have Believed" - No. 714

Affirmation

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Praise Chorus

"We Will Glorify the King of Kings"

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Ministry of Music

"Amazing Grace" - Women of Light

Sermon

Encourage One Another

Hymn of Response

"Because He Lives" - No. 364

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - No. 557

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team Karen Philp, Women of Light

Sound & Media Michael Garmen, Ron Nichols, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

"Living Hope"

"Holy Spirit"

Wee Worship Dismissal

"God I Look to You"

Scripture Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon

Encourage One Another

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

"Let the Light In"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship TeamDave Florey, John McHenry, Sarah Pugh,
Tracy Wertz, Cynthia Smith

Sound & Media.....Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten

**“Encourage One Another”
I Thessalonians 5:1-11**

¹¹ Therefore **encourage one another** and **build up each other**, as indeed you are doing.

I Thessalonians 5:11

Encourage = *come alongside of*

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Advocate**, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because **he abides with you, and he will be in you.**

John 14:15-17

*Encourage One Another
Affirmation*

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for **you are all children of light and children of the day**; we are not of the night or of darkness.

I Thessalonians 5:4-5

*Encourage One Another
Accountability*

*⁶So, then, **let us** not fall asleep as others do, but **let us** keep awake and be sober, ⁷for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, **let us** be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.*

I Thessalonians 5:6-8

“Watch over one another in love.” (John Wesley)

*Encourage One Another
Assurance*

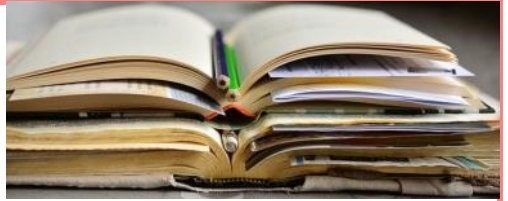
*⁹For God has destined us **not for wrath but for obtaining salvation** through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.*

I Thessalonians 5:9-10

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18

Weekly Bible Readings



Week of September 11th

<i>Sunday</i>	Worship- “Encourage One Other”
Monday	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Tuesday	Psalms 79:1-9
Wednesday	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Thursday	Luke 16:1-13
Friday	Colossians 3:12-17
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



Annual Fall Picnic

Our all-church fall picnic is coming up **TODAY!!!** 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*

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of America and our Loved Ones by Georgianna Braund.



Lifelong Learner

Fall Sunday School Starts Sunday, Sept. 11, 9:45 a.m.

Check out our website (fumchurch.com) for a complete list of classes and contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) with questions. New studies include:

- **“Galatians”** - 6-week study by Kyle Idleman. Meets in Fellowship Hall. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details.
- **“Better decisions - Fewer Regrets”** - 6-week study by Andy Stanley. Meets in room B003. Contact Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com for more details.
- **“Freedom”** – Fall curriculum runs 13-weeks. Two classes to choose from: Contact Bob Wertz at robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com for Helping Hands Class (meets in room B004) or Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for Guyer Class (meets in room 123).

First Step Gathering Sunday, Sept. 18, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Room 207

New to First Church? Meet Pastor Denny and the staff, and learn more about our church. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to register.

Next Step Class Sunday, Sept. 25, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Room 207

Explore faith fundamentals or become a church member through this 6-week study, “A Disciple’s Path”. Led by Pastor Denny. Childcare provided. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to register.



Praying Follower

See You at the Pole, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 9:40 a.m. — All are encouraged to attend SYATP prayer events with their kids at their schools on this day, or join us at the First Church flag pole to pray for our Little Friends Preschool. Our prayer time will be brief, yet powerful!

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.

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 return on Friday, September 16 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm in our church parking lot. This month’s trucks include: Audrey’s Cup of Sunshine, Philly Hoagie on a Roll, Mad Dash, ShreddRRz, The Pretzel Spot, The Sweet Patch, Dough and Arrows (edible cookie dough and ice cream). Tables and chairs provided for your convenience. This is a great way to meet up with friends or meet our neighbors!

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](tel:717-433-3687) (call or text) or 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 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 Oct. 1.** 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 John 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.

Camp Fancy Fundraising Gala, Saturday, October 22, 2022 Come one and come all for an evening of inspiration, fun, and generosity. 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. 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 or Lori Hoffnagle at 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

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.

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:

- 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

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



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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