



First News First

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

"Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak, Slow to Grow Angry"

Last month we began a series of messages called, "All Day Every Day," focusing on the New Testament Book of James. James offers practical guidance for living as followers of Jesus, not just the one hour a week we're in church, but the other 167 hours of the week of our everyday lives. Digging into this letter, I'm amazed at how these ancient words are so relevant for our lives today. Among his most relevant words for us today, James writes:

Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. (James 1:19)

Imagine if we would make it our practice all day every day to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry." When we don't slow down, when we don't take the time to hear each other, we create conflict and anger with one another. If we're quick to listen, if we're slow to speak, a natural response is that we're slow to be angry.

So what does it mean to be quick to listen and slow to speak? It means to consider our heart before engaging our mouth. Not every truth is ours to tell. Not every opinion needs to be expressed. Not every correction needs to be made. Not every thought needs to be spoken.

In a world of people that are eager to get in the first word, to win the argument, to sway others to their side, we are called to follow the example of Jesus, the greatest listener that ever walked the earth. Jesus often went away to a quiet place where he listened to God in prayer. Out of his prayer life flowed the grace to listen with compassion, not just with his ears, but with his heart. In relationship with Jesus we learn to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

As I think about the example of Jesus, and reflect on the teaching of James, my prayer for our church family is that we would excel in listening! Listening builds loving relationships. Listen to God, both in your devotional time and in the midst of your daily activity. Listen to members of your family. Listen to your friends. Listen to your neighbors, your co-workers, the strangers you meet. Listen to your sisters and brothers in the household of faith.

1. Listening shows you love. By listening you put aside your agenda and give your full attention to the one you are listening to.
2. Listening shows you care. By listening you convey your desire to understand what the one you are listening to is experiencing, feeling, and thinking.
3. Listening shows you value others. By listening you take the time to get to know people, their situations, their stories, the way Jesus did. It is a great honor to get to do this!

Lord, teach us all to listen!

Joining in the ministry of listening with you,
Pastor Denny

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Adult Groups, Studies and More

Looking for new ways to grow closer to Christ? Check out our weekly Bible reading plan (page 10) or join one of the ongoing groups/studies listed below. All groups listed below welcome new class members to join any time!

- **Combined Adult Summer Sunday School** – Adults of all ages who are ready to meet in person are invited to enjoy a series of lessons centered around the theme “Respond” on Sunday mornings in room 123 (the Guyer classroom) from 9:40 – 10:40 a.m. through September 5. Lessons will be led by a variety of First Church teachers, who will touch on lessons from Proverbs, the Book of Ruth, Mark’s Gospel, the Book of Job and more. Questions? Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com.
- **Wednesday Men’s Group** – This group enjoys great fellowship and great short-term Bible studies together. Currently studying *The Art of Neighboring*. As followers of Jesus, we are called to love God and love our neighbors, but do we always do that? Learn to push past the barriers that keep us from building deep connections with the people around us and, most importantly, please God. Meets in person (outside) at the home of Barry Eaton at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Zoom participants are welcome to join as well. Contact Barry at 1785eaton@gmail.com if interested.
- **Women’s Summer Book Club** – Love to read and interested in reading something together with First Church friends? Pick up a copy of *No One Ever Asked* by award-winning author Katie Ganshert. Inspired by real-world events, this story digs into the way we see one another and explores why we are occasionally blind to the truth. Contact Tina Eaton to let her know you are reading, and we will pick some dates in August to gather for fellowship and book discussion.
- Interested in starting a new group? It can be a group gathered around a common activity, interest or life stage. Contact Tina Eaton to talk about your idea, receive resources and tips, and get started today!

Connect Using The Bible App

Check out the YouVersion Bible app, available for both android and iOS smartphones/tablets, or on your laptop at bible.com. There are many wonderful devotional studies, plus you can create groups to study, chat with friends and share prayer requests!

From the Library

Drumroll, please! Exciting news! The library is now open for business every Sunday before the first service and during the Sunday School hour until the second service starts. It has been 18 months since we have been open, and we have many wonderful books for you just in time for your vacation. We are ready for you!

Domestic abuse is a problem our society has yet to conquer, but where do you go for help if your abuser is a celebrated police officer from a powerful and prominent family? Janice Cantore tackles that quandary in her latest book, **Breach of Honor**. Set in Oregon, Officer Leah Radcliff feels safer on the job than at home with her volatile husband, Brad. Then one night it all comes to a tragic conclusion, but will anyone believe Leah’s side of the story? It seems that many in the Table Rock police department have a secret they want to keep, and they will go to any length to keep Leah quiet. Officer Clint Tanner is one of the few who is willing to help her and her attorney to produce the evidence they need to show Brad’s true character. In her darkest hours Leah is leaning on the One who has promised to never leave her. **Breach of Honor** has a five star rating, and many reviewers have said it was the best suspense book they have read this year—see what you think.

Talking to all of you book lovers out there, I am sure my story of loving the library from an early age is very familiar. I was allowed to ride my bike there by myself and usually took the limit of books every time. When I lived in England, the American library was an hour away, and I never missed an opportunity to visit it when I was on the base—it was a lifeline. So that tells you why the **Librarian of Boone’s Hollow** was on my must buy list. During the Great Depression, Addie Cowherd is attending college and planning to become a novelist when her parents run out of money for her education. She takes a job as a traveling

librarian, who ventures into rural Kentucky on horseback to deliver books and magazines. But instead of being welcomed with open arms, she is rejected as an outsider, and outsiders aren't welcome in Boone's Hollow. Emmett Tharp is no outsider, but he has returned to the Hollow as the first college graduate in his family only to find he is also being rejected by a community with high unemployment, a community that values moonshine over a degree. Can two "outsiders" come together to win the town's trust and support? I won't spoil that ending for you! This is Pam—"As a former librarian, I think this book sounds like a great read. But I am not sure I would have had the gumption to be a traveling librarian. A similar book that you can get at the public library is **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek**."

Just a reminder that the library is having our annual sale on August 21st during the UMW Yard Sale. We are still accepting gently used donations of adult and children's books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs and DVDs. (Please no video cassettes or encyclopedias). The library supports itself through this sale, and we offer some great reads at low prices—please check us out!

See you in the library!

~ Pam and Donna

'Going Beyond' Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer, September 25

The Women's Ministry Team at First United Methodist Church is excited to host the live simulcast with Priscilla Shirer on Saturday, September 25th! We will be offering an in-person option in our sanctuary which includes a box lunch along with virtual viewing which includes a fun hospitality bag (delivered before the event). All women are invited to attend! Details about the event and registration can be found [here](#). You can also contact Patti Herring at familyzeke@verizon.net for the registration or with questions. Space is limited, so register soon!

JOIN US FOR THE
Going Beyond
SIMULCAST
**PRISCILLA
SHIRER**
Worship with Anthony Evans
SEPTEMBER 25, 2021



Praying Follower



August Prayer Challenge – Musical Prayers!

Many of us use scripture in our prayers, but have you ever used music in your personal prayer time? Music goes beyond what words can express... it connects with our emotions, stirs our spirit and helps us to more fully express what is in our hearts. Let's look at a few different ways you can use music in your prayers – throughout the month of August, give one or all of these ideas a try!

- Sing Your Prayer - If you have a hymnal at home, open it up and find a song to use as your prayer (and if you would like to borrow a hymnal from church, just let Tina Eaton know). Sing it out loud and let the sound of your voice be your prayer. Allow the act of singing to open your heart to conversations with God. No matter if you think you have a beautiful voice or not, sing out loud for your audience of One!
- Pray the Lyrics - When we worship together in the church, we often don't take time to really consider the words. Hymns and worship songs have their foundation in scripture, so try using the lyrics for your prayer. Simply read the words, taking time to meditate on what they mean and how they relate to your life. Give it a try with a song like Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art or some other hymn and, whatever you choose, turn the words into your prayers! If you're looking for a more contemporary song that references a specific scripture verse or passage, try wordtoworship.com.... this is a great

online tool to use in your search!

- **Focus Your Prayer** - Do you listen to music when you study or work? Background music can remove distractions and help you focus your thoughts. Try listening to our playlist, "Where Words Fail, Music Speaks" at First UMC of Mechanicsburg on Spotify. Don't forget, you need to sign up for an account, but it's free!

Using music as a part of your prayers also fosters a special time of personal worship with God, which is a great addition to gathering with your church family to worship on Sundays!

Weekly Prayer Letter

If you have not already done so, sign up for our weekly prayer email so that you can receive a list of praises and requests from our church family. Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com to share requests and to sign up for this once-a-week list.

Passionate Worshipper



Current Sermon Series — "All Day Every Day"

There are 168 hours in a week. The typical follower of Jesus spends one hour a week in church. What about the other 167 hours? The New Testament Book of James has been called the handbook of practical Christianity. In this 12-week journey through James, we will discover how to follow Christ humbly, obediently, and with an open heart all day every day! We hope that you will join us for the following messages in August:

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| • August 1 | Guest Preachers: Rev. Marian Hartman and
Rev. Pat Woolever | |
| • August 8 | <i>"Expressing Faith In Acts of Love"</i> | James 1:22-27 |
| • August 15 | <i>"Loving People I Don't Want and Don't See"</i> | James 2:1-13 |
| • August 22 | <i>"Choosing God's Wisdom"</i> | James 3:13-18 |
| • August 29 | <i>"Waging Peace In Conflict"</i> | James 4:1-10 |

Handbell Announcements

Come, play Bells with us! Handbell rehearsals begin again Monday, August 23, at 6:30 pm in the Music Room. We always welcome new ringers! If you are brand new to ringing, give Kathie Bittenbender a call, or email her at rbittenben@verizon.net.

The bells are hosting a food stand at the annual UMW yard sale, August 21. The annual Chicken BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, and yes, Thanksgiving pies will be made again!

The Bells plan to be in "full ring" mode this fall, playing in church, in concert again at the Fredricksen Library in December, and at the Ecumenical Concert and our home church in May. Next summer, the plan is to attend our 4th International Handbell Symposium to be held in Nashville, USA!

We love our church and the support and love you show us!

SAVE THE DATE: Sounds of Worship Choir Rehearsals Begin!

WHEN: Thursday September 9

WHERE: Music Room, off of Fellowship Hall, basement of the church

TIME: 7:00-8:00PM

Come help give worship leadership to the congregation, and praise our Lord with musical adoration! All vocal parts are needed and everyone is WELCOME! We sing at the 8:15 a.m. service most Sundays of the month. For more information, contact SOW Director Flossie Ryder at [717-766-0811](tel:717-766-0811) or Sarah Pugh, Worship Arts Director at worship@fumchurch.com.

Livestream Team — New Ministry

Livestream worship is underway! This new group forming has exciting potential to reach beyond the walls of our church. *Because of the higher demand for more volunteers to livestream, we are looking for more individuals to help grow our livestream team.* No prior experience is needed, and training is provided. If you would like to meet the challenge of modern church and advance the kingdom into a digital era, please contact Sarah Pugh at worship@fumchurch.com.

Spotify Playlist

On the first Wednesday of each month, we release a new monthly playlist on Spotify. Each song-- hand-picked by staff, musicians, and volunteers-- has been on our hearts, and prayed over for a holy and meaningful connection with our congregation. For Spotify users, search for the user First UMC of Mechanicsburg, and click on the playlist titled “*Where Words Fail, Music Speaks*”. For non-Spotify users, click this link to listen to the playlist: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5rbHEYEfHei97cUI8rjwNJ?si=qzOB7cTVRg6iAU1L4BY2hA>

Dedicated Missionary



First Church Accepting Applications for Director of Children and Family Ministry

First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg is seeking a full-time Director of Children and Family Ministry. This person will be responsible for the overall vision and implementation of the faith development of children (birth through 5th grade), in partnership with their families. Education related to children and/or family ministry, or applicable experience is required. To view the full job description, visit the church website at fumchurch.com or <https://fumchurch.com/director-of-children-and-family-ministry/>. Please submit resumes to office@fumchurch.com or to Ellen Hill, Office Manager, at 135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Change for Water

Water is the foundation of our very lives; yet, according to CDC estimates, only 2% of the population in Sierra Leone has access to clean, readily available drinking water! Help us to support the **Well Drilling Fund for Sierra Leone** by dropping your loose change, or even bills, into the blue "Change for Water" bucket located at our Sierra Leone display in the Tower hallway. 100% of your donations will be used to provide training and dig wells for schools and communities in need.

Isaiah 61 Returns in Harrisburg!

First Church is pleased to support Isaiah 61 Ministries, a local organization that serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County. They provide a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and Life groups. Specifically, First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. The next volunteer opportunity is Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. New safety protocols have been established, such as wearing a mask, gloves and physical distancing. If you would like to carpool or have any questions, please contact Tiffany Holland tholland1967@gmail.com.

Upcoming Virtual VIM Training!

The next Volunteers in Mission Virtual Training will be September 9, 16 and 23. VIM Training prepares us to have a positive impact in mission whether it is a few hours or weeks, local, national, or global. It is open to those who have led teams and those who have never been on a mission trip. Taking this training does not require you to lead a trip but equips you for service. Topics covered include: Best Practices, Cultural Awareness, Health & Safety, Team Orientations, Useful Forms, Insurance and Fundraising.

See registration and details here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdomQ-PFT9071WBtB8zMwjXoLRdxzJgQdXYwi1xFCt711EBCA/viewform>.

UMW Conference Annual Day, November 6, 2021 – Save the Date!

The Susquehanna Conference United Methodist Women will be holding their Annual Day at Fishing Creek Salem, Goldsboro on Saturday, November 6 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At this time, they are planning for an in-person event, however, they plan to also offer Annual Day via livestream for those who cannot attend in person. The topic will be: *Championing Mental Wellness*, with keynote speaker, Sharon Engdahl, Executive Director of the Mental Wellness Awareness Association for Pennsylvania. All women are welcome to attend! Watch for more information on how to register. Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com with any questions.

Get Connected With Service Opportunities

If you have not already done so, sign up to receive our periodic “Service Opportunities” email. Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com to share opportunities and to sign up.

Relationship Builder



Extravagant Hospitality

The mission of a hospitality ministry has been described as providing a welcoming environment of love, acceptance, comfort, support, care, and unity for visitors, members, guests, and friends...thus enhancing their worship experience, encouraging fellowship, and helping to build a community of believers! We are called to reflect the love of Christ by creating an environment that is welcoming, hospitable and friendly ~ one in which every visitor, member and guest feels special and welcome in our church home! The word of God teaches us that we have a duty to do these things. Hebrews 13:2 is a beautiful example of this ~ **"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it."** Matthew 25:40 shows us another clear reminder ~ **"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.'"** It is truly a blessing for each one of us to have the opportunity to reflect Christ's love to others through our hospitality!

Mechanicsburg Community Day and Wrench Hunt, Saturday, August 7, 2021

First Church, along with other local churches, have partnered with the Mechanicsburg Borough and the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership for Community Day in the Park on Saturday, August 7. The event features live music, old-fashioned baseball exhibition, inflatables and games, food trucks, craft vendors, chicken BBQ, and much more! The event will be held at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this free family-friendly outdoor event! See more information on the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership website here: <https://downtownmechanicsburg.com/events/community-day-in-the-park/>. Good news! - The Wrench Hunt will be taking place again the week before Community Day, see details here: <https://downtownmechanicsburg.com/events/wrench-hunt-2/>. If you would like more information, feel free to contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

Widows/Widowers Fellowship

The widows/widowers fellowship will dine at Mama Spriggs on Tuesday, August 10 at 5:00 p.m. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at 717-766-0145.

Trinity's Closet on Main

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is holding a Clothing Closet on the 2nd Saturday of each month. They have a variety of gently used clothes (in all sizes) for men and women to choose from. Breakfast to go is provided for each person - including a cup of coffee! The Closet is open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. every 2nd Saturday. Trinity is located at 132 E. Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The next Clothing Closet will be held on Saturday, August 14. Questions, contact Vanessa Storlie at trinityburgoutreach@gmail.com.

Third Friday Food Trucks, Friday, August 20 – Hosting Harrisburg Singers!

We are excited to announce that we are now offering seating under a canopy at the Food Trucks on August 20 in our parking lot! The time is 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will be welcoming the following trucks in August: Lucky Penny, Shredderz, Marsico's Italian, Wichway Sandwiches, Potato Coop, Farm Show Milkshakes and Sarah's Creamery. Mark your calendar for upcoming dates on September 17 and October 15. Check our Facebook page and website closer to the next date, as the trucks may change.

New for this year, we will be hosting the **Harrisburg Singers** in the parking lot on Friday, August 20. The Harrisburg Singers is one of central PA's finest choral ensembles. Consisting of 40 members, they have a unique harmony and unity that reflect a genuine celebration of music. The group takes special pride in its ability to perform works from many different traditions sensitively and with the highest level of musicianship.

To celebrate the return of live music, select members from the Singers will be performing solo selections from their most popular concert, Pops to Broadway. Come enjoy familiar pop music and Broadway hits! Tables and chairs provided, but you may want to bring your own chair to enjoy the concert near the stage.

UMW Yard, Book and Bake Sale, August 21, 2021

We are looking forward to the annual UMW Yard, Book and Bake Sale in our church parking lot on Saturday, August 21 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. See all the details below:

- Yard Sale Spots are Sold out! Just a reminder, any leftover items from your sale can be donated to Operation Wildcat for their sale to raise funds for families in Mechanicsburg School District.
- 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 Monday, **August 9** in the church multipurpose room. You may drop off items throughout the week, however, please contact Ellen Hill at 717-766-4611, during office hours, to make arrangements to drop off. You may also drop off items on Wednesday, **August 11** and Wednesday, **August 18** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Questions, contact Lisa Aronson at uthrock@fumchurch.com.
- The Little Friends Preschool will hand out free school supplies in handmade pouches to children who visit the sale.
- The church Library will have a variety of books, puzzles, CD's, DVD's available for purchase. The library is asking for gently used children and adult books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs (but please no videos, cassettes or encyclopedias) for our annual sale. Proceeds from the sale keep the most current Christian fiction on our shelves for your reading pleasure. Donations can be left outside the church library (near Alley entrance) on Sunday mornings. If you have a large donation call Pam Van Kirk at 717-903-9196 or Donna Nichols 717-574-9894 to make arrangements for a drop off. Thanks in advance.
- The church Handbell Choirs will have food available for purchase to support their ministry of music.
- Enjoy tasty treats from the UMW Bake Sale! (We will be asking for donations of baked goods, so start thinking of something yummy to make!) To donate baked goods, contact Denise Swank at dmom64@gmail.com or 717-795-8747. See Time to Sign Up here: <https://www.timetosignup.com/kidscount/sheet/1301964>.

There is something for everyone at the sale! If you have any questions, please contact Donna Nichols at djnichols43@hotmail.com. Thanks for your support!

Save the Date for Sewing

We hope to be able to offer a sewing day on October 16 to make Feminine Hygiene Kits for Mission Central. Last year due to Covid we were unable to work on this valuable project and we are praying this year will be a go. Please watch for more details as the date gets closer.

Squares and Prayers Update

The Squares and Prayers Quilting and Sewing Circle will continue to work from home until the first Monday after Labor Day. We welcome anyone who can knot, sew, or for fellowship. Thank you for your continual support!

Joy in the Morning - a small group invitation!

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. We will meet next on Monday, August 23 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the lobby gathering room at Bethany Village's West Apartments. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, drawing upon readings from the book, [With the Dawn Rejoicing](#). For more information, contact Janice Bowen at [717-766-4611 x112](tel:717-766-4611) or wecare@fumchurch.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

We will kick-off the fall season on **Sunday, September 19!** Invite your friends and neighbors that day as we:

- Rejoice and recommit ourselves to worshipping and learning together in small groups and classes designed to enrich our spiritual growth.
- Reconnect and relax together at our all-church Tailgate Picnic in the church parking lot from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Bring your own picnic and lawn chairs, and renew your spirit through outdoor worship, fellowship and games for all ages.
- Bibles will also be handed out to children and youth as we reaffirm our commitment to God's Word for all ages on this special day!



A reboot of our Wonderful Wednesday program, expanded to include small groups and Christian education opportunities for the whole family! 6-week fall semester will run October 20 through December 1 (no class Nov. 24). Stay tuned for more details to follow.

Generous Giver

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through June 30, 2021 — 50% of year

General Fund

2021 budget	\$ 905,000	
Expected income	\$ 452,500	(50% of budget)
Actual giving	\$ 476,207	(52% of budget)
Actual expenses	\$ 445,820	(49% of budget)

We have an encouraging monthly report as we follow our mission of Opening Doors and spreading the Good News! Our year-to-date financial position continues to be blessed by the faithfulness of our Lord

through the gifts of our congregation and friends. Thank you again for keeping First Church in your prayers and thoughts as we go through this extraordinary time.

Our expenses remain in good shape as we continue to offer online services, in addition to opening up more and more through the year. We ask for your continued prayer and support as we make our way through the summer months.

CROP Hunger Walk, October 17

First Church will once again be participating in the annual CROP Hunger Walk sponsored by Church World Services. This year's date is Sunday, **October 17** at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 117 W. Keller Street (the church behind us!) This year we are excited to announce the 50th Anniversary of the CROP Hunger Walk in Mechanicsburg! If you want to support the CROP Walk and our walkers, please donate to our page here: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-walkers>. We'd love to have you walk with us! You can choose to walk one or three miles, throughout the beautiful streets of Mechanicsburg. All walkers will receive a Free tee-shirt and a meal will be served after the Walk compliments of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Let's all help to 'End hunger, one Step at a Time!' For more information or how to join us, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

Share the Harvest

We once again invite you to *share the harvest* with others this summer! If you have extra flowers, fruits or vegetables to share, bring them to the Little Free Pantry side shelf anytime this summer. We also hope to return a 'Share the Harvest' table outside the gym for Sunday mornings, so be on the look out! If you don't have access to a garden, feel free to help yourself or share with a friend! If you have questions, contact Janice Bowen at we care@fumchurch.com or 766-4611 x112.

Little Free Pantry Update

Thanks for your support of the **Little Free Pantry** on our property. Please consider helping to stock our pantry during this difficult time for families. Please be sure to place items that are not expired or near expiration. If you or your group would like to sign up, see the available months here: <https://tsu.me/ryyunr>. A list of suggestions for the spring/summer months can be found [here](#). **Feel free to sign up for just one week, if that works better for you!** If you would like to choose a week over the summer or if you have donations for the pantry, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.





August Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, August 1

Monday, August 2

Tuesday, August 3

Wednesday, August 4

Thursday, August 5

Friday, August 6

Saturday, August 7

Guest Preachers: Rev. Pat Woolever & Rev. Marian Hartman

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

James 1:22-27

Rest and Reflect

Sunday, August 8

Monday, August 9

Tuesday, August 10

Wednesday, August 11

Thursday, August 12

Friday, August 13

Saturday, August 14

“All Day Every Day: Expressing Faith In Acts of Love”

I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

James 2:1-13

Rest and Reflect

Sunday, August 15

Monday, August 16

Tuesday, August 17

Wednesday, August 18

Thursday, August 19

Friday, August 20

Saturday, August 21

“All Day Every Day: Loving People I Don't Want and Don't See”

I Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

James 3:13-18

Rest and Reflect

Sunday, August 22

Monday, August 23

Tuesday, August 24

Wednesday, August 25

Thursday, August 26

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

“All Day Every Day: Choosing God's Wisdom”

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

I John 4:7-16a

I John 4:16b-21

James 4:1-10

Rest and Reflect

Sunday, August 29

Monday, August 30

Tuesday, August 31

“All Day Every Day: Waging Peace In Conflict”

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125



Summer Camp might be winding down however other Camp and Retreat Options are still available!

The Camp and Retreat Ministry is excited to share details and registration information about activities for you!

Visit the camping website <http://www.susumcamps.org> to see all the offerings for camp and retreat options in the 2021 Camp Retreat Brochure along with related registration/medical forms. Periodically review the COVID-19 safety guidelines and updates as part of your camp registration and preparation process. Then access the on-line link to complete the registration process or make the appropriate plans.

Praying for your camping, retreat and work camp experiences is very important to us! If you register online or participate in any of these activities, please send the confirmation email notice to our Camp Coordinators (Deb Noss or Amy Ortiz), so that we can pair you with a prayer partner. If you mail in the registration, please contact our Camp Coordinators via phone or email.

Pray and ask God how He would like you to use your gifts for Him this year! Will you:

- **Attend** a camp, retreat or event this year, or
- **Volunteer** as a Dean, Nurse, Counselor or Jr. Counselor, or
- **Pray** for a camper, a retreat participant, a campsite day worker, or
- **Provide** financial assistance to support a camper or camp program, or
- **Help** with a one-day work camp at one of the camp sites?

If you have any questions about Camp and Retreats or are unable to access the website and need a brochure, feel free to contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or 717-697-5982 or Amy Ortiz at amy.ogden7@gmail.com. You may also contact the church office at office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ON-GOING SUPPORT
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P.S. Who doesn't
like to receive
mail? See what
our friends
**Bob & Kathie
Bittenbender**
sent to us!

Be on the look-
out for more
'mail' from camp
supporters!



Church News and Notes

Our love & sympathy...

to Leta Rohlmeier and family in the death of Rose Rohlmeier on June 14
 to Tammy Ingraham and family in the death of Tammy's step-mother, Anne, in June
 to Pastor Ron and Dianne Burgard in the death of Ron's mother, Eveyln Burgard Adams, on July 12
 to Sandy and Frankie Carley and family in the death of Sandy's mother, Helen Ritter, on July 15
 to Sadie Heim and family in the death of Sadie's brother, Marlin



Special Birthdays

Marty Coover	August 1	Dean Otto	August 31
Grace Koser	August 2	Sally Kauffman	September 8
Jane Heller	August 3	Emma Whitcomb	September 8
Barry Adams	August 5	Pat Sheely	September 11
Pauline Trace	August 12	Ken Nelson	September 13
Becky Yost	August 16	George Rehfuß	September 16
Jerry Sheely	August 18	George Carpenter	September 18
Morris Barr	August 22	Joan Stokes	September 19
Kay Coldren	August 25	Marley Ann Schmick	September 21
Jo Barth	August 27	Ralph Harkins	September 25
Victor Norris	August 29	Peggy Shenberger	September 28

Special Anniversaries

- ♥ Tom & Jeanne Mullikin married 55 years on August 6
- ♥ Fred & Doris Junkins married 55 years on August 9
- ♥ John & Dolores Shell married 67 years on August 15
- ♥ Harry & Joyce Woods married 68 years on August 23
- ♥ Jerry & Pat Sheely married 63 years on August 24



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