

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW): “Mission U” is a Program of Mission Education, Christian Social Action and Program Planning. It is a study not only for United Methodist Women, but for anyone interested in Christian mission. The “Mission U” meeting will be held at The Inn at Reading July 21-22, 2017. The three studies this year are Living as a Covenant Community, Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church and Climate Justice. There are UMW scholarships available for first time attendees. Scholarships must be applied for by May 30. For more information check the UMW bulletin board or call Kathy Shope (464-2415).

UMW SEWING: Tuesday, May 30 at 9:00 AM in room 214/215

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR FIRST CHURCH STUDENTS: FUMC students may apply for a scholarship towards their education. Applicant criteria include active FUMC membership for at least one year, completion of freshman year (or 25% of program), and an aggregate GPA of 2.5 or higher. Individuals remain eligible for funds for three years of undergraduate study and then three years of graduate study but must complete the application yearly. Graduate/vocational/seminary students may also apply. Priority for funds is given to seminary students. Part time students will also be considered if funds are available. Information and applications can be printed from the FUMC website: www.EngageGodFirst.com/scholarship

Applications may also be picked up at the church office. A current transcript must accompany the applications. Deadline for the church office to receive COMPLETED applications is JUNE 15. Incomplete applications will not be given consideration. Questions contact: Don Griswold, degriswold2@gmail.com, committee chair.

GRADUATE SUNDAY: On June 4, graduates will be acknowledged in all 3 worship services. Following the 10:45 service there will be a Graduate Luncheon for all 2017 graduates and their families. Invitations will be mailed to those who graduated December 2016 through June 2017 requesting an RSVP. If you or someone in your family is a 2017 graduate please contact Kate Beiler ASAP, at youth@engagegodfirst.org with the following: Graduate’s full name, graduating from, graduate degree, and future plans. Families are invited to bring photo albums or scrapbooks of their graduate to put on display and share at the Graduate Sunday Luncheon.

CELEBRATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4, AT 9:30 AM: Join us in Celebration Center during the Contemporary Worship service as we celebrate another year of Sunday School. Each of the 4 classes will present something they learned. Children will help lead in worship. You won’t want to miss the big reveal of the Lego project the 4th and 5th graders have been working on. June 4 marks the transition into Summer Sunday School when Sunday School classes will be combined. Invite friends and family to join the fun!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: Starting Sunday, June 4, “Navigating Life’s Transitions” summer study begins with guest presenter Herb Landis from the Samaritan Counseling Center teaching on forgiveness and healing. The following Sunday Dr. Greg Carey comes to discuss how our Christian faith calls us, and helps us, to forgive those in our lives who have hurt or disappointed us. These two sessions will encourage your daily walk with God as a forgiven people. The remainder of the summer schedule is as follows:

- June 18 – Loss and Our Response
- June 25 – Loss and Our Response
- July 2 – Listening to God & Others
- July 9 – Listening to God & Others
- July 16 – Israel Pilgrimage Update
- July 23 – August 27 – “Christian: One of Many.”

Please join us this summer during the 9:30 hour in room 214/215 as together we deepen our faith in God through dialogue, prayer, and fellowship.



Contemporary Worship at 9:30

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor. – 1 Chronicles 16:29

Call to Worship

Worship Music
*Look to the Son
Oh our Lord*

Welcome

What’s happening at First Church!

Worship Music: *Christ is Enough*

Prayer Pastor Joe DiPaolo

The Word **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Sermon “*A Living Hope*” Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Service of Baptism and Confirmation

Worship Music: *All in All*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Worship Music: *Cornerstone*

Blessing

First United Methodist Church

Senior Pastor: Rev. Joseph DiPaolo

Associate Pastor: Rev. Kerry Leeper

Pastor of Discipleship & Administration: Rev. Eddie Cameron

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May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Mission

Connect People to Jesus Christ
Grow Disciples
Relieve Suffering

Prelude *Antiphonal Flourish* William Payn
Youth Handbell Choir; Judy Williams, Piano; Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting

Introit (10:45) *The God of Abraham Praise* No. 116
Chancel Choir, Jan Betty, Conductor

* Call to Worship
Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.
And also with you.
The Lord is with us.
Praise the Lord!

* Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 103

Common Prayer Pastor Eddie Cameron, Liturgist
Almighty God: We rejoice that we have been redeemed from the old life of sin, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son. Grant that we may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and exhibit true holiness of heart and life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading **John 3:1-16** (Pew Bibles, NT, page 88) Liturgist

Anthem (10:45) *Soon and Very Soon* Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir; Jan Betty, Director

Children’s Message (10:45) Laura Sambrick

Anthem (10:45) *Let Your Light Shine* *Besig/Price*
Chapel Choir; Peter Omudsen, Conductor

Concerns of the People Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Choral Call to Prayer (10:45) *Nearer, My God, to Thee* (Stanza 1) No. 528
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E’en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (10:45)

* please stand if able

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS! CONFIRMATION SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017

We welcome all to worship today. To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the “Yellow Connect Card” that is found in your bulletin. This card helps the church track changes in email, phone, address, and more. On the card you can tell us your areas of interest by checking all that apply. Be sure to share your prayer requests with the staff by writing them on the card. Place the yellow card in the offering plate today. Thank you for helping us to get to know and stay connected with you!

FLOWERS: The two flower arrangements in the Gathering Place are from Yvonne Sparks memorial service.

REFUGEE RECEPTION: Following the 10:45 service in the Gathering Place, please greet the two Syrian Families with whom First Church partners and supports.

DISCOVERY CORNER PRESCHOOL (DCP) FUNDRAISER: Today in the Gathering Place DCP is taking orders for Sundae’s Best Chocolate Sauce. The recipe is from a pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. Visit the DCP table to taste a sample! All proceeds benefit the preschool.

HEROES NEEDED! VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 6:30 PM, ROOM 209: You can be a hero this summer! Take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite bible heroes and discover some of the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. VBS Hero Central uses epic music, crafty crafts, heroic recreation to help kids (and leaders!) discover their strength in God. **VBS runs July 16-20, 6-8 PM.** There are lots of ways to help. Any amount of time you can offer would be appreciated. Join us **May 24, 6:30** to find out more. Sign up today using the blue connect card found in your bulletin.

KOREA SERVICE AND LEARNING PILGRIMAGE: JUNE 18-27, 2017: The Korea Service & Learning Pilgrimage will travel June 18-27, 2017 to Seoul and Incheon, South Korea. The team, led by Youth Minister Kate Beiler, is made up of 18 youth, young adults, adults, and local clergy: Pastor Joe DiPaolo, Marty Beiler, Rev. Carolene Brubaker, Rene Dolly, JoAnne Foss, Brenda Grager, Ally Hayes, Hun Ju Lee, Jason and Julie Perkowski, Allen Popjoy, Sophia Steed, Mandy, Nick, and Ben Lynam, Sue Grimm Mattox, and District Superintendent BK Chung. These travelers represent our United Methodist Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, five local congregations, and the hands and feet of Christ. During the Pilgrimage they will be working with Naeri and Chungdong Methodist Churches serving, learning, and experiencing the Korean culture and First Church missionary, Henry Appenzeller’s, legacy. There will be a blessing for the First Church travelers in all three services on Sunday June 11th. The team is grateful for your prayers and support. Thank you to all those who came out to the Korean Tea & Auction fundraiser yesterday. If you would still like to make a donation go to the church website donation page and click “Other Gifts.” In the memo area write “Korea Trip Support.” Look for more follow up information about the trip after the team returns.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Are you going through a difficult time – emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a time of transition, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don’t have to go through it alone. The Stephen Ministers at First Church are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To get connected to a Stephen Minister, talk with Pastor Joe, Pastor Kerry or Pastor Eddie.

8:15 ONLY
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem *Let Your Light Shine* *Besig/Price*
Chapel Choir; Peter Omudsen, Director

Prayer after Communion
Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we will go into the world renewed in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* No. 593

* Blessing

Dismissal *Here I Am, Lord (refrain)* No. 593
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Postlude *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* arr. Michael Burkhardt
Peter Omudsen, Organ

CONFIRMATION: Be sure to welcome those who profess their faith through confirmation today. They are: Josey Dombach, Kate Kmiecjak, Andrew Vogelbacher, Amanda Yingling, and Jenna Yingling. Pray for them as they continue their journey of discipleship with Jesus.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are presented to the glory of God in honor of Megan Norcross and Justin Weld for their wedding day.

	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	W: Sandy Flick N: Don, Kim, Tom & Ben Banzhof	Rick Pontz, Evelyn Pontz, James & Tish Thorbahn	W: Gerald Kiger N: Sarah Fisher
Ushers	Jeffrey Bradley, Nancy Bradley, Annette Day, James Day, Philip Harnish, Robin Williams Harnish, Douglass Ockrymiek	Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahn, Tom & Mary Whitlatch	Barry Rodeffer, John donald, Gerald Kiger, Kyle McWilliams, Edwin Schimmel, Ronald Trout, Carol Yost, Harry Yost.
Liturgist	Pastor Eddie Cameron		Pastor Eddie Cameron
Communion Assistant	Confirmands		
Acolyte	Austin Day		Grace Lehman
Welcome Center	Ron Lee	Griswold Family	Jan Betty
Fellowship Time	Deb Richer	Mearkle, Troop and Thorbahn Families	Refugee Reception
Safety & Security	Steve Shank		

* Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* No. 402

Prayer for Illumination Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Scripture Reading **1 Peter 1:3-9** (Pew Bibles, NT, page 218) Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Sermon *“A Living Hope”* Pastor Joe DiPaolo

* Gloria Patri *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* No. 176
Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Service of Confirmation Baptismal Covenant 1, No. 33

8:15 ONLY
Invitation to The Lord’s Supper Austin Day, Acolyte

Confession and Pardon
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

* Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory *Here I Am to Worship* arr. Victor Labenske
Mary Dewey, Piano

Procession of Offerings 

* Doxology *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (stanza 5)* No. 160
Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte
8:15-Austin Day 10:45-Grace Lehman