

Our Mission  
 Connect People to Jesus Christ  
 Grow Disciples  
 Relieve Suffering

Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Lloyd Larson  
 Pastor Joe DiPaolo, trumpet; Allen Popjoy, piano

Announcements & Greeting Pastor Joe DiPaolo

\* Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 139:7-10. 23-24)  
 Where can we go from God's Spirit? Where can we flee God's presence?  
**If we take the wings of the morning, or go to the farthest limits of the sea, God is there!**  
 Search us, O God, and know our thoughts.  
**See if there are any evil ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.**

\* Hymn *O Worship the King* No. 73

Common Prayer Liturgist  
 8:15-Katherine Spear 10:45- Susan Kepner  
**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being: you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant us singleness of purpose, and purity of heart, in pursuing your perfect will. By the light of your truth, enable us to see life clearly; and through obedience to your commands, let us find perfect freedom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem (10:45) *Just a Closer Walk* Jack Schrader  
 Summer Choir; Brian Norcross, Conductor

Scripture Reading **Matthew 5:43-48** (Pew Bibles, NT, page 5) Liturgist

Sacrament of Baptism (10:45)  
*Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is Emma Colyer Turner, daughter of Stuart & Jennifer Emert Turner and granddaughter of Kit & Pam Emert.*

Children's Sermon (10:45) Laura Sambrick

Concerns of the People

Choral Call to Prayer (10:45) Spirit of the Living God No. 393  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Joe DiPaolo

The Lord's Prayer (10:45) No. 895  
 \* please stand if able

## 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*

Worship Music:  
*Your Love Awakens Me*  
*Never Gonna Stop Singing*

Welcome

What's happening at First Church!

Worship Music:  
*Relentless*  
*This is Amazing Grace*

Prayer Pastor Joe DiPaolo

The Word **Psalm 139:1-24**

Sermon *"Searched and Known"* Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Offering  
*Here's my Heart*

Blessing

### First United Methodist Church

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 Pastor of Discipleship & Administration: Rev. Eddie Cameron  
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### BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join Pastor Joe DiPaolo as he leads a 26-week study on "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study." This class is an introductory course to studying the Bible. The class incorporates both group and personal study along with a video component, to take you from Genesis to Revelation. No previous experience in studying Scripture is necessary.

The class runs in two 13-week study sessions (13-weeks on the Old Testament and 13 on the New Testament) on Monday nights from 7:00-8:45 PM. The first 13-week session begins on Monday, September 18, 2017 and runs consecutively on Mondays through December 11, 2017 (Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11). The second 13-week session begins on Monday, January 29, 2018 and runs through April 30, 2018 (Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30).

The cost of the books for each 13-week session is \$18 (\$36 total for both sessions). Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church with "Disciple 26-week" placed in the memo line. Books should be paid for at the first session. Questions should be directed to Pastor Joe DiPaolo at [jdipaolo@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:jdipaolo@engagegodfirst.org). To sign-up, email Pastor Joe to let him know you'll be joining him, or call the office at 717-394-7231.

### INVITATION TO GENESIS

You are invited to join Pastor Kerry beginning on Monday, September 11, 2017, to study the book of Genesis. Invitation to Genesis is one of the short-term studies offered in the Disciple Bible study series. The option is open to attend either Monday mornings from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, or Monday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. The class meets on the following dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20.

The participant book for the study costs \$18 and should be paid for at the first class. Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church and "Genesis" should be written in the memo line. No reading is expected to be completed prior to the first class which is an orientation session to the study. However, come to class with your ideas, thoughts and questions about Genesis. To sign-up for the class please contact Pastor Kerry at [kleeper@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:kleeper@engagegodfirst.org) or you may call him in the church office at 717-394-7231 ext. 306.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

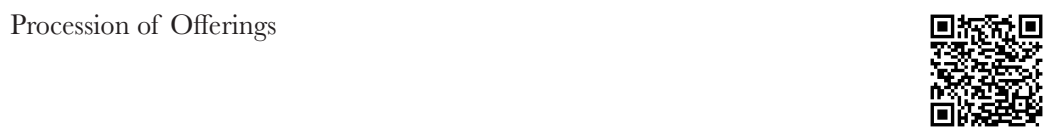
Today, Pastor Kerry continues the study, "Christianity: One of Many Faiths," focusing our time and conversation on Buddhism. This intergenerational study will focus on the similarities and differences of faiths in and around Lancaster City, and the world. Please join us this summer during the 9:30 hour in room 214/215 as together we deepen our faith in God through dialogue, prayer, and fellowship. On September 3, Rev. Mutwale Ntambo wa Mushidi and his wife Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine will share about their ministry in Tanzania. Come hear how God is working through them to further the kingdom here on earth!

* Hymn	<i>Give to the Winds Thy Fears</i>	No. 129
Prayer for Illumination		Rev. Joe DiPaolo
Scripture Reading	<b>Psalm 139:1-24</b> (Pew Bibles, OT, p. 545)	Rev. Joe DiPaolo
Sermon	“ <i>Searched and Known</i> ”	Rev. Joe DiPaolo
* Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i>	No. 882
* Gloria Patri	<i>He Is Lord</i>	No. 177

**He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

<b>8:15 ONLY</b>	
Invitation to The Lord’s Supper	Acolyte
Confession and Pardon <b>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.</b> (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! <b>In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.</b>	
* Passing the Peace	

Invitation to the Offering		Liturgist
Offertory	<i>A Hymn Medley</i>	
	Ruth Crabtree, soprano; Christine Fitzgerald, alto; Paul Richer, tenor; Bill Crabtree, piano	



* Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 95
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving		Acolyte
8:15-Austin Day		10:45- Allison Fitzgerald

<b>8:15 ONLY</b>	
The Great Thanksgiving	
The Lords Prayer	
<b>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.</b>	
Anthem	Great Is Thy Faithfulness Bill Crabtree, piano William Runyan
Prayer after Communion	
<b>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.</b>	

* Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	No. 451
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\* Blessing

Dismissal	<i>God Be With You till We Meet Again (stanza 1)</i>	No. 672
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**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude	<i>Rondeau</i> Allen Popjoy, piano	Joseph Mouret
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	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	W: N:	Rick & Evelyn Pontz, Stephanie Cooke, Amanda Newell	W: Jack & Jane Donald N: Martha Adams & Polly Pearce
Ushers	Jeffrey Bradley, Nancy Bradley, Annette Day, James Day, Philip Harnish, Douglas Ockrymiek	Rick & Evelyn Pontz, Stephanie Cooke, Amanda Newell	Barry Rodeffer, John Donald, Gerald Kiger, Kyle McWilliams, Ronald Trout, Carol Yost, Harry Yost
Sound Tech	Cole Lehman	Chris Reindollar	Chuck McWilliams
Liturgist	Katherine Spear		Susan Kepner
Communion Assistant	John Spear		
Acolyte	Austin Day		Allison Fitzgerald
Welcome Center	Ron Lee	Bill & Ruth Coakley	Gerry Harber
Fellowship Time	Carol Pyfer	Thorbahn & Mearkle Families	Cathy Doremus
Safety & Security	Mark Pedersen		

# FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## August 27, 2017

*We welcome all to worship today. To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the “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. Staff members pray for each request on Monday afternoon. Place the card in the offering plate today. Thank you for helping us to get to know and stay connected with you!*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy, Ben and Claire Williams in memory of Stan, a loving husband and father.

### YOUR CHANCEL CHOIR NEEDS YOU

Perhaps you have enjoyed hearing the FUMC Chancel Choir for many years, or you have just started to attend FUMC, and wonder if you could be part of this singing ensemble. The answer is YES, and you are invited to become part of the FUMC Chancel Choir, a musical family that praises God every week through music. The Chancel Choir has two rehearsals each week. You can choose to attend one or both of these rehearsals:

- Thursday nights from 7:45 to 9:15 (preparing the anthem for the week, looking ahead to future anthems, and preparing cantata for the season)
- Sunday mornings 9:30 to 10:30 (generally preparing only the anthem for the week)

To join, let Brian Norcross, the Director, know of your interest. You can email Brian at [brian.norcross@fandm.edu](mailto:brian.norcross@fandm.edu) or call 717-358-4233. You are invited to be part of the music family. The first rehearsal of the season is Thursday, September 7.

### CHOIR START-UPS

With the coming of autumn, music springs to life at First Church. The first rehearsals of the season for music is as follows (you are invited to participate!):

- Carol Choir: (grades 3 through 6), Wednesday, September 6, 7:00-8:00 PM, Jan Betty, director
- Chapel Choir: (grades 7 through 12) Wednesday, September 6, 7:00-8:00 PM, Peter Omundsen, director
- Cherub Choir: (age 3 through grade 2), Saturday, October 7, 10:30-11:30 PM, Jan Betty, director
- Youth Handbells: Wednesday, September 6, 6:00-7:00 PM, Peter Omundsen, director
- Wesley Handbells: (adults) Thursday, September 7, 6:45-7:45 PM, Peter Omundsen, director
- Chancel Choir: (all interested singers) Thursday, September 7, 7:45-9:15 PM, Brian Norcross, director

### CHILDREN’S CHOIR

It’s not too late to have your children join the Carol or Cherub Choirs! Please contact Jan Betty @ 717-653-9537 or [jan@mycyberlink.net](mailto:jan@mycyberlink.net)

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## **PASTORAL CARE AND HOSPITALIZATION**

If you are hospitalized and have not received a pastoral care visit for 2-3 days, please inform the church office. There are times when the information of your stay is not listed in the hospital’s Chaplain Office under First UM Church. You are important to us, and we want to connect with you in times of crisis. Also, if you have a scheduled procedure, write it on the Connect Card under prayer requests. This enables us to provide spiritual care and support before and after surgery.

## **SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR LABOR FOR LANCASTER: HOPE HAPPENS HERE!**

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Sunday, September 3, 2017 from 1:00-5:00 PM  
www.LaborforLancaster.com

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## **WEDDING INVITATION**

*Dear First Church Community,*

*Our Minister of Youth and Young Adults, Kate Beiler, and her fiancé Michael Toner, together with their families, would be honored by your presence at their wedding on Saturday, September 16th at 3:00pm. The ceremony will be in the sanctuary followed by a tea & biscuit reception in the gathering area. Both are open to all. No RSVP is necessary. Please feel free to contact Kate at [keb1354@gmail.com](mailto:keb1354@gmail.com) for details or with questions. Kate and Mike love the idea of celebrating with their church family and look forward to seeing you on their happy day!*

## **YOUNG ADULTS LANC IMPACT! HAPPENINGS**

On Sunday, September 10, the College and Career Coffee + Conversation Hour begins in room 240 from 9:30-10:30 AM. This is a time for 18-35 year olds to come together for fellowship, prayer, discussion, and coffee. If you are willing to turn on a coffee pot, open in prayer, or start off the faith conversation, please contact Kate Beiler at [youth@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:youth@engagegodfirst.org) ASAP. Due to Kate being away for part of the month of September on her honeymoon she will need leaders to step up immediately.

On Sunday, September 17, the Young Adults are going hiking in County Park! Plan to meet by the covered bridge at Kiwanis Rd. off of Golf Rd. Park to the right before going onto the bridge. Bring a bagged sandwich and snack for dinner; we'll find a spot along the way to break for dinner. The hike will begin with prayer and introductions. This is a dog and people-friendly hike so bring your best friend! Contact Megan Blackmon with questions, [meganalisewilliams@gmail.com](mailto:meganalisewilliams@gmail.com). It was wonderful having so many Young Adults join for the August Cookout & Music night. We hope to continue to grow our Young Adult community!

## **8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING**

Confirmation letters have been sent to 8th grade students. If you are in 8th grade and wanting to participate in the confirmation process to follow Christ and become a member of the church, you are welcome to participate. Families who have received letters should return their response to Devon Key or Kate Beiler by September 10. You can also email your response to Kate at [youth@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:youth@engagegodfirst.org). The informational meeting for confirmands and their parents will be on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 AM in the Green Youth Room (L4). The meeting will be led by Kate Beiler and teachers Joe Reed and Marge Kuhn. If you are uncertain about participating in the process, we encourage you to attend the meeting to find out more about what is required. There you will also meet other participants.

## **SYRIAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

One of our Syrian Refugee families is in need of a queen-sized bed and mattress as well as a chest of drawers for the new baby expected in October. If you have either of these items that you would like to donate, please call Julie Shearer: 1-717-490-8784, or email [jashearer120@gmail.com](mailto:jashearer120@gmail.com).

## **SOUND ADVICE**

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On Sunday, September 10, the College and Career Coffee + Conversation Hour begins in room 240 from 9:30-10:30 AM. This is a time for 18-35 year olds to come together for fellowship, prayer, discussion, and coffee. If you are willing to turn on a coffee pot, open in prayer, or start off the faith conversation, please contact Kate Beiler at [youth@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:youth@engagegodfirst.org) ASAP. Due to Kate being away for part of the month of September on her honeymoon she will need leaders to step up immediately.

On Sunday, September 17, the Young Adults are going hiking in County Park! Plan to meet by the covered bridge at Kiwanis Rd. off of Golf Rd. Park to the right before going onto the bridge. Bring a bagged sandwich and snack for dinner; we'll find a spot along the way to break for dinner. The hike will begin with prayer and introductions. This is a dog and people-friendly hike so bring your best friend! Contact Megan Blackmon with questions, [meganalisewilliams@gmail.com](mailto:meganalisewilliams@gmail.com). It was wonderful having so many Young Adults join for the August Cookout & Music night. We hope to continue to grow our Young Adult community!

## **8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING**

Confirmation letters have been sent to 8th grade students. If you are in 8th grade and wanting to participate in the confirmation process to follow Christ and become a member of the church, you are welcome to participate. Families who have received letters should return their response to Devon Key or Kate Beiler by September 10. You can also email your response to Kate at [youth@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:youth@engagegodfirst.org). The informational meeting for confirmands and their parents will be on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 AM in the Green Youth Room (L4). The meeting will be led by Kate Beiler and teachers Joe Reed and Marge Kuhn. If you are uncertain about participating in the process, we encourage you to attend the meeting to find out more about what is required. There you will also meet other participants.

## **SYRIAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

One of our Syrian Refugee families is in need of a queen-sized bed and mattress as well as a chest of drawers for the new baby expected in October. If you have either of these items that you would like to donate, please call Julie Shearer: 1-717-490-8784, or email [jashearer120@gmail.com](mailto:jashearer120@gmail.com).

## **SOUND ADVICE**

Our sanctuary is a remarkably beautiful and complicated room. Perhaps the most complicated aspect is sound amplification. The new system in the sanctuary, after several adjustments, is serving the lower level of the sanctuary well. But there are deficiencies in the balcony. An enhancement for the balcony has been designed and implementation is intended by September. We appreciate your sound patience as we work to improve your hearing!