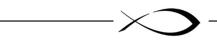
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to Sunday Worship at First



This Week @ First

God at Work: When God Doesn't Make the Headlines

Service Time

Every Sunday at 8:45 AM in person and online

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Prelude

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König

Johann Nepomuk David

Choral Introit

O Thou Who Hearest Every Heartfelt Prayer

"Morecambe"

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Congregational Hymn #139
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Announcements for the Community

Scripture Reading – Exodus 4:10-17

- ¹⁰ Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."
- ¹¹ The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."
- ¹³ But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."
- ¹⁴ Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. ¹⁶ He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. ¹⁷ But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."

Bell Anthem

In the Morning When I Rise

Sandra Eithun

A Time of Prayer
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will 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

*Congregational Hymn #142

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Scripture Reading – Esther 6:1-10

¹That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. ² It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.

³ "What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked.

"Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered.

⁴ The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about impaling Mordecai on the pole he had set up for him.

⁵ His attendants answered, "Haman is standing in the court."

"Bring him in," the king ordered.

⁶ When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?"

Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" ⁷So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, ⁸ have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. ⁹Then let the robe and horse be entrusted to one of the king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!'"

¹⁰ "Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended."

Choral Anthem
Speak to One Another of Psalms

Jean Berger

Sermon

God at Work: When God Doesn't Make the Headlines

*Congregational Hymn #525 We'll Understand It Better By and By

BY AND BY

*Closing Prayer

Choral Benediction
Go Forth For God

"Geneva 124"

Postlude Laus Deo

Théodore Dubois



Offering: You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates on the tables in the front of the Sanctuary as you leave.

January Loose Coin Offering will support our Youth Ministry and their Winter Retreat. Retreats are always a special and meaningful time for students to grow spiritually, connect with others, and be refreshed as they step away from the stress of everyday life. Your loose change (coins), and any designated gifts, will help us replenish this fund and make the retreat more affordable to attend, and hopefully allow more students to participate. Thank you for your contribution. Let your change, change the world!

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Thank you to **Chris Neville** for sponsoring today's Altar Flowers in celebration of his daughter, Shayna's Birthday. Happy Birthday, Shayna!

Thank you to the **Sanctuary Choir** for sponsoring today's Coffee Fellowship in gratitude for the fellowship in music and song!

Renewal Wednesday Supper Menu

January 25 – Chicken Pot Pie Soup and Biscuits February 1 – Lasagna Soup and Italian Salad RSVP at the Welcome Center by noon on Tuesdays. THANK YOU!

Offering Envelopes

There was an issue with the 2023 offering envelopes that has delayed their delivery. We expect the delivery to members' homes by the end of January. Please know that your donations can still be made with using an envelope in the pews or by simply putting your check in the offering plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY



First Church @ a Glance

SUNDAYS	8:45 AM	Worship Service Nursery Care (ages 0-4)	Sanctuary 209 (8:15 AM to 12:00 PM)
		Coffee Fellowship	Gathering Area following Worship
	10:00 AM	K through 5 th grade	204
		3 and 4 year olds	206
		Parenting with God	210
		Sermon Cafe	Side Chapel
		Youth Sunday School	Youth House
	11:00 AM	Acts 2	Wesley Hall
	5:00 PM	Youth Group	Youth House
MONDAYS	7:00 PM	Women's Book Study	Wesley Hall
TUESDAYS	9:00 AM	Good Will Place Pantry	518 Doty Street
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice	
WEDNESDAYS	6:00 AM	ZPray	Zoom
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/406082550	
	4:30 PM	Children's Programs	204
	5:30 PM	Church Supper	Gathering Area
	6:00 PM	Youth	Youth House
	6:00 PM	Adult Programming	Gathering Area
FRIDAYS	6:30 AM	BOB	

The Psalmist's School of Prayer

Prayer is the essence of the Christian life, for prayer is at the very heart of our relationship with the Lord. and whether a person is a new believer or an old saint, each one of us has room for growth in our prayer life. Accordingly, during this year, we will seek to grow in prayer -- to grow in our relationship with the Lord -- by learning how to pray from the Psalmist.

Each week, we will provide a webpage that will invite the individual to read a few Psalms and to spend the week praying, reflecting on, and internalizing those Psalms. These are not daily assignments, and Pastor David does not want them to feel like burdensome exercises. Rather, he invites you to undertake them as you are able, enjoying the opportunity to learn from the Psalmist.

This is an online series and if your email address needs to be added or updated, please write it down and leave it at the Welcome Center or put it in the offering plate.

Dates to Keep in Mind

February 12 SOUPer Bowl

February 22 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service (new time -- no other Wednesday programs after

supper)

March 12 Daylight Saving Time begins

April 2 Palm Sunday

April 5 No Wednesday Programs

April 6 6:30 PM Last Supper Drama (new time)

April 7 Good Friday Service 12:15 PM

April 9 Easter Services at 8 AM and 10 AM (Nursery at both services –

no Sunday School or other programs)

April 10 Office closed

NEW Community Shelter in January

Our monthly night of service is Tuesday, January 24. Here are ways you can help us meet the needs of people who receive meals at the shelter:

- Provide 24 dessert servings. We need at least 10 people to provide these treats. The desserts may be homemade but need to be individually wrapped. Please bring them to church by Tuesday, January 24, at 12:00 PM.
- Make a designated gift to help cover the cost of our monthly meal.

Please email Lina Green to let her know how you would like to get involved or if you have any questions.

Wanna work with Lina?

Looking for Audio, Video techs and Ushers. You pick your schedule. Training provided. Excellent Resume builder Talk to Lina Green for more information.

Where to be in '23 @ First

Wonderful program opportunities are available for everyone – children, youth and adults – in 2023....

Children's Ministry Updates "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3

Hello, First Families!

We invite you to join us in our children's programming this New Year. There are several ways for kids to grow in their faith and friendships here at First! We had a great time together this fall, but even if you could not attend, it is not too late to join in the fun and fellowship!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us at 10:00 AM Sundays for the following classes. They are offered during the program year (September through May). Even if you didn't attend in the fall, you can start now!

- PreK (3-4 year olds) are in room 206 with Mrs. Parrot
- Grades K-5 are in Room 204 with Pastor David
- Parenting with God class is in Room 210 with Ellen Herrera





WIGGLE & WORSHIP

This is a great mid-week opportunity to keep kids focused on their faith and help build friendships here at church! Join us Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 PM. Kids in 4k through 5th grade are learning about God's character and love for them. We also offer a light snack, music, arts & crafts, and play time! Meet in Room 204 with Ellen. Note: An adult discipleship class is offered during this time in room 210. Wrap up your evening with the church family renewal supper at 5:30 PM (please register for the meal ahead of time-see Ellen or Lina).

NURSERY

Childcare for our littlest church members is available in the nursery (Room 211) Sundays from 8:15 AM-12:00 PM for age's birth through 4. It is also offered from 4:30-5:30 PM Wednesday evenings, during the adult discipleship class/Wiggle and Worship. We provide a safe and loving environment for your child while parents participate in onsite church-based activities.

New families: Please fill out an emergency card for your child (see Sunday school or nursery staff for a copy). Please also sign your child in and out, and keep them home if experiencing fever or cold/flu symptoms.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact me at eherrera@fumcgb.org. We look forward to seeing you soon! ©

Ellen Herrera Coordinator of Children's Ministries



FCYG 2023 Spring Semester Plan

Youth Group (YG): Sunday Nights 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Study: G.O.S.P.E.L.

- A semester of studying what the GOSPEL means to us and how we should live out our faith as Christian young adults
- God Our Sins Paying Everyone Life (GOSPEL)

Sunday School (SS): Sunday Mornings 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Study: Apologetics Christian Living

- A semester study focused on ministry, mission, and how to stand up for our faith as Christians.

Youth Bible Study (YBS): Wednesday Evenings 6:15 PM – 7:15 PM

- Continued Study of the Book of Matthew following the Church Family Dinners.

Winter Jam Retreat - Silver Birch Ranch February 3 – 5

FCYG Easter Dinner: April 2

FCYG Music Night: For King and Country Resch Center GB April 5

FCYG Service Project – Earth Day April 22

Confirmation Lock-in Youth House May 5 – 6

- Confirmation required event to focus on congregational affirmation of your faith.

Confirmation Sunday May 21, 2023

Other events TBD:

- Senior High Formal Dinner Night Out
- Spring Lock-in
- FCYG Gaming Lock-in
- Summer Mission Event
- Fall Wilderness Retreat Kick-off to Fall Semester 2023

Patrick Heil

Coordinator of Youth Ministries

Adult Programming

Mondays at 7:00 PM. – **Women's Adult Book Group** will be looking in depth at the chapter of Romans. (books are available in the office)

Wednesdays:

6:00 PM – **Z pray via Zoom** – 30 minutes of prayer time for our church family and the concerns of the world (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/406082550)

12:00 PM – **Books Between Bites --** Are you God's best version of you? If not, consider joining us to read the book *The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You.* Pastor, and bestselling author John Ortberg, first helps gauge your spiritual health and measure the gap between where you are now and where God intends you to be. Bring your lunch if you like. Books are available in the office.

4:30 PM – **New Discipleship Group** – Consider joining a new discipleship group that will begin in late January or early February. Let Lina know if you have questions or want to start with this group.

5:30 PM – **Church Family Supper** – Each Wednesday we gather for supper as a church family. The menu is printed in the bulletin and RSVPS are important. \$5 suggested donation.

6:00 PM – **The Chosen, Season 3** – It's finally here and we will continue watching and discussing together.

Fridays at 6:30 AM – Band of Brothers (BOB) a men's Bible and book study

Sundays:

8:45 AM – Worship

10:00 AM – **Parenting with God** – A time for parents to discuss the current issues surrounding parenting with God as the center.

10:00 AM - **Sermon Café** – A group discussion of the sermon of the day and a time to pray for the church family.

11:00 AM – Acts 2 – A small group time of fellowship and study based upon Our Daily Bread devotionals.

Lina Green

Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries

New Discipleship Group

Beginning in late January or early February on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM. Sign up with Lina Green.

Sermon Café Folks

On Sunday January 29, your class will meet in the Side Chapel. Let Lina Green know if you have any concerns.

Looking for a Small Group? Give Us a Try!

UMW-Women of Faith Circle schedule for Rakow/Kotas Fellowship Group (Louise Hansen's and Sally Enloe's group): **All are welcome!!**

Meets first Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 AM in Wesley Hall.

February 7

March 7

April 4

May 9 - UMW-Women of Faith Salad Luncheon

June, July and August we don't meet, and then we start up again with fellowship in September.

Caregiver Needed

The Baby Place at First UMC seeks a loving caregiver to work with our infants and toddlers full or parttime.

- Must be 18 years of age
- High School Diploma is required
- An associate degree in early childhood is preferred, but we will train the right individual
- Abusive Head Trauma Prevention or Shaken Baby Training required
- CPR/AED Certified or completed within three months
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong understanding of child development stages
- Attentive to the needs and safety of children

Benefits include medical (full-time staff), dental, and vision insurance, paid holidays, a \$500 sign-on bonus (after completion of 90 probation), and free child care for one child (if space allows)—competitive wage based on education and experience. Contact Anita Ebenhoe for more information. Phone 437-0736 or email aebenhoe@fumcgb.org

Altar Flowers

The 2023 Flower Calendar is at the Welcome Center. Beginning January 1, the cost to sponsor the Altar Flowers will increase to \$50.00 each Sunday. We appreciate your willingness to continue to support the flower ministry.

Inclement Weather Updates regarding Sunday Services will be posted by 6:30 AM on the church office voicemail, Facebook, website, app (push notifications) and WBAY scrolling information. There will also be an e-news sent to those on our email list. Other closures will be announced similarly. Not on our email list? Sign up for E-news on our website, www.fumcgb.org.

Prayer Requests



The printed last name option is only available to individuals who are requesting a prayer for himself or herself and/or immediate family.

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

Amanda
Amber Jolie
Amira Rynish
Amy W

Amy & Pat Klimek Andrew & Family

Anthony Audrey Crosby Barbara Raime

Beth
Bill Morris
Bill Shepherd
Bob & Susan G
Bobby C
Branch Benton

Brody

Bruce Guillaume

Carlyn
Carol Dost
Carolle Jaklin
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Dan Smith
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