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**WELCOME TO**

**First United  
Methodist Church**

**MECHANICSBURG, PA**



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**JUSTIFIED BY FAITH**

**“Justified By Faith”**

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**JULY 9, 2023**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn  
*"Grace Greater Than Our Sin" - No. 365*

Prayer of Confession

Ministry of Music  
*"Pick a Winner"*

Scripture  
*Romans 4:18-25*

Sermon  
*"Justified By Faith"*

Hymn  
*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - No. 452*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
Announcements and Offering  
Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn  
*"My Hope Is Built" - No. 368*

Benediction  
Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Luke Wertz

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Anthony Ciucci, Handbell Choir

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Fred Espenshade, Jim Robinson

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

### **Pickleball**

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

### **Women's Summer Book Study**

Tuesday, 6:45 p.m.

### **Ice Cream Social**

Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

### **Vacation Bible School**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon

### **Isaiah 61**

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### **Third Friday Food Trucks**

Friday, 4:30 p.m.

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more details on all  
of our upcoming  
events!***



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## ***WEEK OF JULY 9***

**Sunday**

Worship

**Monday**

Genesis 25:19-34

**Tuesday**

Psalms 119:105-112

**Wednesday**

Romans 8:1-11

**Thursday**

Matthew 13:1-9

**Friday**

Matthew 13:18-23

**Saturday**

Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles L. and Helen P. Ritter by Frankie and Sandy Carley.

# NOTES



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **LIFELONG LEARNER**

### **Women's Summer Book Club | July 11, July 25, August 8, 6:45 p.m.**

Women of all ages are invited to the First Church Green Space for fellowship and light refreshments this summer as we read and discuss "Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" by Tish Harrison Warren, a wife, mother and Anglican priest). This book explores life through the lens of liturgy-- small practices and habits that form our spiritual lives. Each chapter explores a common daily experience, like waking up, checking email or brushing your teeth, and relates it to a spiritual practice. Bring a lawn chair and come to all four meeting times or just drop in when you can! Register on the Church Center app, at [fumchurch.com/bookclub](http://fumchurch.com/bookclub), or by contacting Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 104). Get the book on your own or contact Tina for assistance. In case of rain, the group will meet in room 105.

### **Summer Sunday School**

This July and August, we will offer one combined class for adults entitled, "Inspired by God." A collection of Bible lessons, mission presentations, and a hands-on mission activity, this series focuses on the ways God transforms the world through us when we use the spiritual gifts He has given us. Bible lessons will be held in room 123 (the Guyer Classroom), mission presentations will be held in the multipurpose room and the mission activity will be held in Fellowship Hall. Keep an eye out for more details about special presentations and activities!

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## **PRAYING FOLLOWER**

### **Share Your Prayer Requests**

To share joys and concerns, visit our Prayer Station under the balcony or contact Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 112). While you're there, help yourself to a devotional book or journal to enhance your personal prayer time.

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## **PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER**

### **Online Worship**

Worship with us and invite others to join any time of the week! Check out our livestream at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays or watch recorded messages on our YouTube and Facebook pages 24/7. If you're unable to access online worship services, contact Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for other ways to connect to First Church.

### **Handbell Mini Camp | July 24-27**

Want to try out playing handbells, enhance your technique, or just spend time with other ringers? Whether you're a player or a director, have played handbells for years or have never picked one up, we'd love for you to join us. Mix and match sessions and come to as many or as few as you'd like — just be sure to sign up by July 18! Visit our website or contact Kathie Bittenbender ([rbittenben@verizon.net](mailto:rbittenben@verizon.net)) to learn more and sign up!

## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

### **July Mission Focus: Mission Central**

Mission Central is a Mechanicsburg-based nonprofit dedicated to connecting God's resources with human need. This month, we're supporting Mission Central's disaster relief efforts through collecting supplies and assembling CARE Kits. Our goal is to provide Mission Central with at least 75 CARE Kits, which we will assemble at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20. We invite you to join us in the joy of serving by donating items and helping us assemble the kits. Stop by the display table in the main entrance hallway to learn more!

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **Pickleball in the Park | Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.**

Join us on the pickleball court at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park (across from the pool) for some fun and games! No experience is necessary, and paddles and balls will be available to borrow. In the event of bad weather, we will play in the multipurpose room. Contact Janice Bowen ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

### **Modified Church Office Hours | July 10-15**

The office will be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday, July 10, and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. July 11-July 15.

### **Senior Ice Cream Social | Wednesday, July 12, 2:30 p.m.**

Join us in Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of friendship while enjoying a refreshing ice cream treat with toppings! Jeff Hoffnagle, our favorite gameshow host, has agreed to offer some entertainment! Contact Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112) with questions.

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Giving to First Church**

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. Everything you give to First Church helps us build disciples and love our neighbors. You can place any tithes or offerings in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary, send them into the church office, or give online via our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)) or on the Church Center app.

### **VBS Needs**

Looking for a way to support First Church's VBS? We're in need of empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls. You can drop your donations off in the basket in the main entrance hallway or at the church office.

## KIDS

### Stay Connected!

Want to know more about First Church Kids? Check out our landing page or contact Director of Children and Family Ministries Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

### Wee Worship for the Summer

We offer child care and special worship during Sunday services through the summer for kids ages six and under.

### Hero Hotline: VBS 2023 | July 17-21

Join Super Meer the Meerkat and learn what it means to be a true hero! Sign up on Church Center.

## YOUTH

### Keep in Touch!

Help us connect with you so that you don't miss any of the fun!

- Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010).
- Follow our Instagram (@fourgyouthministry).
- Like us on Facebook (4G — First United Methodist Youth Group).
- Email Lisa to receive emails about all things First Church Youth.

### Coming Up

Impact | July 26-30

*Thanks for joining us in worship!*

8:30 a.m.	FOUNDATION SERVICE (Traditional)
9:45 a.m.	SUNDAY SCHOOL (View classes at <a href="http://fumchurch.com">fumchurch.com</a> )
11 a.m.	THE GATHERING SERVICE (Modern)
4 p.m.	REJOICING SPIRITS (Fourth Sunday of each month)

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**Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors**

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