
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Story Time

Echoes
of
Faith



“Worrysaurus”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JULY 23, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - No. 139

Affirmation of Faith #885

Praise Chorus

"Seek Ye First" - No. 405

Ministry of Music

"Goodness of God"

Story Book

"The Worrysaurus"- By Rachel Bright & Chris Chatterton

Scripture

Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon

The Worrysaurus

Hymn

"God Will Take Care of You" - No. 130

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and VBS Recap

Offering

Closing Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" - No. 133

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... John Bowen

Accompanist..... Anthony Ciucci

Special Music.....George Canonizado, Kathie Bittenbender, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media..... Ken Rapp, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome
VBS Recap
Prayer

Praise and Worship
"To the End"
"Defender"

Storybook
"The Worrysaurus" - By Rachel Bright & Chris Chatterton

Summer Childcare Dismissal
"All the Way My Savior Leads"

Scripture
Matthew 6:34

Sermon
Worrysaurus

Pastoral Prayer
Announcements and Offering

"Cast My Cares"

Benediction

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... John Bowen

Worship Team..... Janice Bowen, George Canonizado, Allison Ometz,
Lauren Sanker, RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Ken Rapp, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Rejoicing Spirits

Today, 4:30 p.m.

Women's Book Club

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

Movie Night

Friday, 6 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Pickleball

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Gleaning

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

***Scan here or
visit our website at
fumchurch.com for
more details on all
of our upcoming
events!***



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF JULY 23

Sunday	Worship
Monday	Genesis 29:15-28
Tuesday	Psalms 105:1-11
Wednesday	Romans 8:26-39
Thursday	Matthew 13:31-35
Friday	Matthew 13:44-52
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Russell Baker by Janet Baker and family.

TEACHING NOTES

“The Worrysaurus”

Written by: Rachel Bright

Illustrated by: Chris Chatterton

Matthew 6:25-34

1. Don't worry.

*“Therefore I tell you, **do not worry** about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,^[a] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”*

Matthew 6:25

2. God will take care of you.

“Whenever you're feeling a little worry-or you've got that flittery, fluttery butterfly in your tummy, then remember a few things that help you to feel better.”

– Rachel Bright

*Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet **your heavenly Father feeds them**. Are you not of more value than they?*

Matthew 6:26

*But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, **will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?***

Matthew 6:30

3. Invest your energy in the right place.

³¹ *Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’*³² *For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

³³ ***But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.***

Matthew 6:31-33

Questions for Reflection

1. What’s on your worry list?
2. How would you answer Jesus’ question, “Why do you worry?”
3. What are some things that you do to help you remember that God cares for you?
4. What does it look for you to seek first the kingdom of God?
5. How does love and connection with others help us manage our worries?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Summer Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Sundays in July and August we are offering one combined adult class entitled, "Inspired by God," which will meet in room 123 (the Guyer Classroom). In addition, mark your calendar for these special mission presentations/activities:

- TODAY, July 23: Youth Mission Presentation – Mayfield, Kentucky Mission Trip (Multipurpose Room)
 - July 30: Mission Presentation – One80 Ministries (Multipurpose Room)
 - August 6: Mission Presentation – Josh & Megan Herring, DiscipleMakers (Multipurpose Room)
 - August 20: Mission Activity – CARE Kits for Mission Central (for all ages, Fellowship Hall)
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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 or 717-766-4611, ext. 112). While you're there, help yourself to a devotional book or journal to enhance your personal prayer time.

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) for other ways to connect to First Church.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Mission Central CARE Kits | Sunday, Aug. 20, 9:45 a.m.

Mission Central is a Mechanicsburg-based nonprofit dedicated to connecting God's resources with human need, including through disaster relief efforts. Our goal is to provide supplies and assemble at least 75 CARE Kits for Mission Central. We invite you to join us in the joy of serving by donating items and helping us assemble the kits. All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items (they will be considered used). Please remove all packaging except for toothbrushes and soap. All kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into other countries, it is important that kits contain these exact items:

- Combs (any size or shape, including picks and pocket combs)
- Metal nail files or toenail clippers (no emery boards)
- Bath-size soaps (2.5 oz. and larger; no Ivory, Jergens or Lisa brand soaps)

- Toothbrushes (adult size; ensure packaging is completely sealed)
- Adhesive bandages (6 3/4" to 1" width; Band Aid brand preferred)
- Gallon-size reclosable plastic bags (Ziploc-style)

Stop by the display table in the main entrance hallway to learn more!

New Hope Ministries School Supplies Collection | Through Aug. 7

New Hope Ministries is hosting its annual back-to-school event, and you can help! We are collecting index cards, three-ring binders (one inch), pencil cases (zipper pouch style), markers and pocket folders. Drop off your donations at the New Hope display in the main entrance hallway.



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) with questions.



GENEROUS GIVER

Yard Sale Item Collection | Begins Sunday, Aug. 6

Donations for the church yard sale (which benefits youth mission trips) will be collected in the multipurpose room. Items can be left in the multipurpose room during church office hours (9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Friday. If you need help unloading your items or cannot come during the day, you can drop off your items 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9 or 16. Please contact Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) before dropping off any larger items or furniture, and be prepared to re-collect that item if we do not sell or cannot donate it. We cannot accept big-backed TVs, outdated electronics and items that are dirty or do not work.

Youth, parents and other adult helpers: Please sign up here to help collect, organize and sell items: <https://ttsu.me/yardsalehelp>

Yard, Book, and Bake Sale | Saturday, Aug. 19, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The United Women of Faith at First Church will hold their annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale in the church parking lot and multipurpose room. The sale features:

- Numerous household treasures (sales benefit First Church youth missions)
- Food (benefitting our Handbell Choir)
- A variety of books, CDs and puzzles (sales benefit the Church Library)
- Lots of tasty treats (supporting United Women in Faith missions in our community)
- Free school supplies giveaway (available for children on a first come, first served basis)

Contact the church office (office@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611)) with questions.

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.

Movie Night and Picnic | July 28

Join us at 6 p.m. for an outdoor picnic in the green space followed by a family movie in the multi-purpose room.

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

Yard Sale | Aug. 19

Thanks for joining us in worship!

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

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