
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Story Time

Echoes
of
Faith



“The Friend Ship”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JULY 30, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Come Christians Join to Sing" - No. 158

Opening Prayer

Ministry of Music

"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"

Story Book

"The Friend Ship"- By Kat Yeh and Chuck Groenink

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41

Sermon

The Friend Ship

Hymn

"We are the Church" - No. 558

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology #94

Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - No. 557

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Anthony Ciucci

Special Music.....Women of Light

Sound and Media..... Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Jim Robinson

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Living Hope"

"House of the Lord"

"Gratitude"

Storybook

"The Friend Ship" - By Kat Yeh and Chuck Groenink

Summer Childcare Dismissal

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41

Sermon

The Friend Ship

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Good Grace"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Sarah Pugh

Worship Team..... George Canonizado, John Gross, Emily Hammaker,
Krissy Marshall, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media..... Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Jim Robinson

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Pickleball

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Gleaning

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

NEXT WEEK

Mission Presentation

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Salt 'n Light Worship Night

Sunday, 7 p.m.

Women's Summer Book Club

Tuesday, 6:45 p.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 30

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Genesis 32:22-31

Tuesday

Genesis 32:22-31

Wednesday Psalm 17

Thursday

Romans 9:1-5

Friday

Matthew 14:13-21

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Roxann and Carlee Guyer by Ron and Kim Guyer.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lois M. Coover by her family.

TEACHING NOTES

“The Friend Ship”

Written by Kat Yeh

Illustrated by Chuck Groenink

Mark 4:35-41

*Hedgehog was curled up in a prickly little ball
in the lonely nook of a lonely little tree
when she heard someone say her name.*

“Poor Hedgehog seems so lonely!”

I know, but it will get better.

Friendship is out there – all she has to do is look.”

Hedgehog jumped up.

“The Friend Ship is out there!

All I have to do is look!”

And she got right to work.

1. God created us for community.

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.”

Genesis 2:18

2. The antidote to loneliness is open-heartedness.

“We did not have to wait for others to open their hearts to us. By opening our heart to them, we could feel connected to them, whether on a mountaintop or in the middle of Manhattan.”

– Douglas Abrams, “The Book of Joy”

Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

3. The church is called to be a Friend Ship!

³⁶ *And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.*

³⁷ *A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.*

Mark 4:36-37

“People aren’t looking for a friendly church. They are looking for friends.”

– Rick Warren

The rose placed on the altar today is to God's glory and in celebration of the birth of Amelia Marjorie Batson, born July 17, 2023, to Andy and Mallorie Batson.

Congratulations Batson family!

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: 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)

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.

Salt 'n Light Worship Night | Sunday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair and join us in the First Church parking lot for an inspiring evening of outdoor worship, led by our friends at Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry! Don't forget to invite a friend!

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

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. In addition, volunteers are needed to help with the event on Aug. 8-9 in shifts. If you are interested in helping, visit timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/1345926 or contact Deb Karns (717-645-3958)



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, 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) with questions.

Change for Water

Water is the foundation of our very lives. Yet, according to CDC estimates, only 2% of the population in Sierra Leone has access to clean, readily available drinking water! Help us to support well digging in Sierra Leone by dropping your loose change (or even paper bills) into the blue Change for Water bucket located in the lobby in front of the multipurpose room. Thank you to those who support this wonderful mission!

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.

Backpack Blessings | August 20

Bring your backpacks to Sunday services, where we'll have a special prayer time for our teachers, students and school staff.

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

Yard Sale | Aug. 19

Thanks for joining us in worship!

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| 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) |

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

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