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**WELCOME TO**

**First United  
Methodist Church**

**MECHANICSBURG, PA**



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**WHAT EVERY CHILD NEEDS**

**“What Every Child Needs”**

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**MAY 12, 2024**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

Hymn  
*"For the Beauty of the Earth" - No. 92*

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem  
*"The Gift of Love"*

Scripture  
*Luke 2:41-52*

Sermon  
*"What Every Child Needs"*

Hymn  
*"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" - No. 383*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer  
Announcements and Offering  
Doxology

Closing Hymn  
*"Jesus Shall Reign" - No. 157*

Benediction  
Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Jenn Myers

Accompanist..... Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship, George Canonizado and Kathie Bittenbender

Sound and Media.....Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp, Taylor Shepley, Sarah Pugh

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Bless God"*

*"Abide"*

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Because of Jesus"*

Scripture

*Luke 2:41-52*

Sermon

*"What Every Child Needs"*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements & Offering

*"Build My Life"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Jenn Myers

Worship Team.....Janice Bowen, Nate Erno, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh,  
Luke Wertz, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media..... Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp, Taylor Shepley

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## WEEK OF MAY 12

**Deborah Circle**  
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**Isaiah 61**  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Third Friday Food Trucks**  
Friday, 4:30-8 p.m.

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## WEEK OF MAY 19

**Mom Connection**  
Monday, 6 p.m.

**Pickleball in the Park**  
Tuesday, 5 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study**  
Wednesday, 10 a.m.

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visit our website at  
[fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com) for  
more details on all  
of our upcoming  
events!*



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## WEEK OF MAY 12

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 2:1-13
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 2:14-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	Psalms 104:24-35
<b>Thursday</b>	Romans 8:22-27
<b>Friday</b>	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Rest and Reflect

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donald and Viola Adams and Jimmy Shannon by the Shannon family.

## MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jenny Scott Kerstetter by Marge and Dick Scott.

# TEACHING NOTES

## “What Every Child Needs”

Luke 2:41-52

1. Jesus' parents weren't perfect, but they were loving.

<sup>41</sup> Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. <sup>42</sup> When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. **His parents didn't know it.**

Luke 2:41-43

*No doubt about it: children are a gift from the Lord...*

Psalm 127:3

2. Jesus had a whole village that supported his faith formation.

*Supposing that he was among **their band of travelers**, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among **their family and friends**.*

Luke 2:44

<sup>45</sup> When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple. He was **sitting among the teachers**, listening to them and putting questions to them. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers.

Luke 2:45-47

3. As Jesus grew, he discovered the necessity of being "in my Father's house."

<sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were shocked. His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that **it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?**" <sup>50</sup> But they didn't understand what he said to them.

Luke 2:48-50

4. Jesus calls us to be faithful stewards of our children.

<sup>51</sup> Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. <sup>52</sup> Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

Luke 2:51-52

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **LIFELONG LEARNER**

### **Cru Evangelism Training | NEXT SUNDAY, May 19, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Join Cru missionaries Matt and LeeAnn Herring in the multipurpose room for a fun and interactive experience as you learn how to more effectively share the Gospel with people who don't know Jesus.

### **Deborah Circle | Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.**

All women are invited to join the Deborah Circle for their next meeting in room 105. Kathie Bittenbender will lead the group. Contact Sandy Walton ([717-433-3687](tel:717-433-3687)) for more details.

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## **PRAYING FOLLOWER**

### **Share Your Joys and Prayer Concerns With Us!**

Green prayer cards are located in the pews and at the prayer station under the balcony. Fill one out during worship and place it in the offering basket or Janice Bowen's mailbox. You can also contact Janice directly ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112).

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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.

### **Ecumenical Choir Concert | Sunday, May 19, 3 p.m.**

The Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches will feature more than 100 singers from over 30 local churches at its 35th annual concert. This free event will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church (410 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg).

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## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

### **May Mission Focus: Timeless Connections**

Did you know May is Mental Health Awareness Month? Many factors impact mental health in the United States today, and it's always a sign of strength (not weakness) to seek help. Timeless Connections is a life coaching practice with a focus on faith and



hope based out of First Church. Timeless Connections offers hope to those struggling with grief and loss, relationship issues, anxiety, depression, and elder care issues, decision-making, and motivational strategies. To learn more, visit [timelessconnections.org](https://timelessconnections.org) or contact Patti Vogl ([pvogl@timelessconnections.org](mailto:pvogl@timelessconnections.org) or 717-766-4611, ext. 108).

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **Community Dinner | Sunday, May 19, 5 p.m.**

The next community dinner will be held at Mechanicsburg First Church of God (28 E. Main St.). This collaborative event with other local churches blesses the downtown community with a meal, music and a gift card drawing, free of charge. To learn more or volunteer, please contact Lori Hoffnagle ([l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com)).

### **Vacation Bible School | July 15-19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

At Camp Firelight, you'll join Lu (short for Lumen) the lightning bug for an epic adventure filled with games, music, crafts, snacks and amazing Bible stories. VBS is for kids age 4 through completed fifth grade. Register your child or sign up to volunteer on the Church Center app or at [fumchurch.com/vbs2024](https://fumchurch.com/vbs2024).

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **First Church Scholarships | Applications due May 26**

The First Church Trustees have available scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. If you're graduating high school or currently pursuing a postsecondary education, you can apply through the Church Center app, online ([fumchurch.com/scholarship2024](https://fumchurch.com/scholarship2024)), or by picking up a hard copy in the church office.

### **Altar Flowers**

Would you like to honor your loved ones and help beautify our sanctuary? We still have some dates available to reserve altar flowers in 2024. Open dates are July 21, July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 18, and Nov. 3. Contact Linda Weldon ([lindaweldon@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaweldon@hotmail.com) or 717-519-9615) to learn more and save your spot.

### **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 tithes or offerings in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary, send them into the church office, or give online at [fumchurch.com](https://fumchurch.com) or in the Church Center app.

## 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 and Kids Worship

Every Sunday these special worship programs are held (for kids through fifth grade) at the 11 a.m. service.

**Vacation Bible School |  
July 15-19, Sign up today!**

## 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

**Mission Trip | June 30-July 6**

**Impact | July 24-28**

*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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*Third Friday*  
**FOOD TRUCKS**



**MAY 17**  
**4:30-8 P.M.**

**Featuring multiple trucks  
with a variety of food and  
live music!**

PASTOR DENNY AND BETSY'S



# Retirement Celebration

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 | 4:30-7 P.M.

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 19

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