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**WELCOME TO**

**First United  
Methodist Church**

**MECHANICSBURG, PA**



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**REJOICE IN THE LORD, ALWAYS**

**“Rejoice in the Lord,  
Always”**

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**JUNE 16, 2024**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

Hymn  
*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" - No. 89*

Opening Prayer

Hymn  
*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" - No. 334*

Scripture  
*Philippians 4:4-9*

Sermon  
*"Rejoice in the Lord, Always"*

Hymn  
*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" - No. 133*

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

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

Ministry of Music  
*"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media..... Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

*"This I Believe (The Creed)"*

Summer Child Care Dismissal

*"Same God"*

Scripture

*Philippians 4:4-9*

Sermon

*"Rejoice in the Lord, Always"*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

*"Way Maker"*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....Nate Erno, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh, Abigail Wertz,  
RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## WEEK OF JUNE 16

### Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday Night Men's Group

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

### Third Friday Food Trucks

Friday, 4:30-8 p.m.

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## WEEK OF JUNE 23

### Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 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 JUNE 16

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	1 Samuel 17:32-49
<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalm 9:1-8
<b>Wednesday</b>	Psalm 9:9-20
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
<b>Friday</b>	Mark 4:35-41
<b>Saturday</b>	Rest and Reflect

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jack Koser by Grace Koser and Pete and Cindy Hertweck.

# NOTES

# Thank You!

All our words fall short to express our gratitude for our Retirement Celebration this past Sunday evening. Everything was just perfect! It was the best covered dish meal ever! We were overwhelmed by the love and laughter shared by everyone who spoke, and it was a blessing to greet so many of you in person.

We want to extend a special word of thanks to our Welcoming Ministry Committee, members of our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and our church staff for organizing this wonderful celebration. Special thanks to Patti Herring who coordinated the event, and to her husband, Rick, for doing such an excellent job as our emcee.

We are still making our way through your cards and gifts. During the celebration, Cheryl Mingle, chair of our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, presented us with a gift on behalf of the entire congregation. Sunday evening, we opened it to discover several gift cards – one from Lowe's, which we'll put to good use in our new home, and seven more from local ice cream shops. As we enjoy summer treats, we will remember and give thanks for all of you!

Although we're retiring at the end of June, you'll always have a special place in our hearts. We could not have imagined a better place than First Church for our last nine years of active ministry. From our very first day in July 2015 until now, we have been blessed by your love, care and prayers, and the many opportunities to serve with you in "Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors."

We love you... and there's nothing you can do about it!

Pastor Denny and Betsy

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **LIFELONG LEARNER**

### **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](http://fumchurch.com/vbs2024).

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## **PRAYING FOLLOWER**

### **Camp Prayer Partners**

Join us in praying for our First Church campers and counselors this summer! Sign up on Church Center or by contacting First Church Camp Coordinators Deb Noss ([sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or 717-697-5982) or Amy Ortiz ([amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com)). Our Camp Coordinators will contact you with the name of a camper or adult volunteer who you can pray for and encourage before and during their time at camp.

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## **PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER**

### **Rejoicing Spirits | Sunday, June 23, 4 p.m.**

First Church invites everyone to attend this "shush-free" worship experience that celebrates all expressions of worship and individuals of all abilities. This monthly service includes music, scripture, prayer and a brief message, along with refreshments and fellowship afterward.

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## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

### **June Mission Focus: Youth Mission Trip**

This summer, 19 First Church youth and adults will travel to Dayton, Ohio. The team will work alongside No Longer Strangers, a ministry that aids refugees who have been resettled in the city from war-torn countries, to complete home projects and run an afternoon children's ministry. Stop by the table in the display table in the main entrance hallway to learn more about the trip, the team and how you can support their work.

### **Summer of Serving**

Summer often means taking a break from our usual routines. Why not use it as a chance to serve in a new way? Pick up a Summer of Serving booklet at the entrance to the sanctuary to learn about opportunities to serve in our church and community this summer. Lots of opportunities are low-commitment and suitable for kids, teens and adults of all ages and abilities.

### **Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Wednesday, June 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Isaiah 61 Ministries serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County through a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and life groups. First Church members



help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. Through December, we will also prepare the meal to share with our neighbors. Contact Tiffany Holland ([tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com)) to find out how you can help.

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **Jubilee Day Parking | Thursday, June 20**

Did you know that our church parking lot is open to the public for free parking on Jubilee Day? Mechanicsburg's Jubilee Day is the largest, longest-running one-day street fair on the East Coast, attracting up to 70,000 attendees! As a service to the community, we provide parking with an optional donation to benefit First Church Youth's summer mission trip. If you'd like to help us practice radical hospitality on Jubilee Day, we'd love to hear from you! Sign up on Church Center or contact Lisa Aronson ([uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com)).

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

Join us for some fun and games on the pickleball courts at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park! No experience is necessary, and paddles and balls will be available to borrow. If the weather is poor, we'll play in the church multipurpose room. Contact Janice Bowen ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) with questions or to be added to the email list for updates and alerts.

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Yard Sale Collection | Starts Monday, Aug. 5**

We're looking forward to another great Yard, Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, Aug. 17, and we appreciate your donations! We'll begin accepting yard sale donations in the multipurpose room on Aug. 5. We're unable to accept donations before then due to limited storage space. You can donate your books, CDs, DVDs or puzzles to the Church Library book sale anytime, or contact Denise Swank ([dmom64@gmail.com](mailto:dmom64@gmail.com) or [717-795-8747](tel:717-795-8747)) to donate a baked good. Contact Lori Hoffnagle ([l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com)) with questions.

### **Change for Water**

Water is the foundation of our very lives. Yet, according to the United Nations, over 2 billion people lack access to clean, readily available drinking water. Help us to support well-digging efforts in Africa 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.

### **Retirement Celebration: Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Pastor Denny and Betsy's retirement last Sunday. The Welcoming Ministry Committee would especially like to thank Metro Diner for donating salads and macaroni and cheese, as well as Jenn and John Gross for preparing the chicken.

## 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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# JUBILEE DAY PARKING



**As a service to our community,  
we provide parking on Jubilee Day for  
a free-will donation to benefit our  
youth mission trip.**

*Third Friday*

# FOOD TRUCKS



**JUNE 21**  
**4:30-8 P.M.**

**FUN, FELLOWSHIP &  
DELICIOUS FOOD!**

**Find out what trucks are coming  
this month at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)!**