
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



IN THE GARDEN

“The Garden of Eden”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JULY 28, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Morning Has Broken" - No. 145

Unison Prayer

Ministry of Music

"Hymn of Promise"

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-13

Sermon

The Garden of Eden

Hymn

"Pass It On" - No. 572

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn

"This Is My Father's World" - No. 144

Benediction

"Trees of the Field"

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist.....John Bowen

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Angela Ruediger, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Bill Richie

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Praise and Worship

"Let the Light In"

"Gratitude"

Kids Moment

Summer Child Care Dismissal

"How Great Is Our God/How He Loves"

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-13

Sermon

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Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Great Are You Lord"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Mira Hewlett

Worship Leader.....John Bowen

Worship Team.....Janice Bowen, George Canonizado, John Gross, Sarah Pugh,
Lauren Sanker, Cynthia Smith

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Jim Robinson

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF JULY 28

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Senior Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

WEEK OF AUGUST 4

Yard Sale Collection Begins

Monday, 9 a.m.

Men's Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Family Movie Night

Friday, 6-8 p.m.

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



SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Genesis 1:1-13 (NRSV)

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

MACHE BASKET

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

NOTES

From Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee

SPRC is currently looking for a Director of Youth Ministries to join our First Church staff. This position would be for 20-25 hours per week with flexible work hours. Our current Youth Pastor, Lisa Aronson, will be available to train and mentor as she transitions into her role as Pastor of Discipleship.

If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact SPRC Chair, Cheryl Mengle (cmengle57@gmail.com), or Pastor Mira Hewlett (pastormira@fumchurch.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Mission Presentation | NEXT SUNDAY, Aug. 4, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Join us in the multipurpose room for a summer mission presentation. We'll hear from Alyssa Sutowski, Manager of New Hope Ministries' Mechanicsburg Center, and Hope Harrison, Executive Director of Mission Central, about how their organizations are sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors.

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 or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Sermon Series Photos

During our new "In The Garden" series, We'd love to feature some photos from our congregation of gardens, trees, plants and/or birds. Not every photo will be used, but we'll share some during worship and online throughout the series. Please send any photos you'd like to share to Jenn Myers (communications@fumchurch.com).

Salt 'n Light Worship Night | NEXT SUNDAY, Aug. 4, 7 p.m.

Join us in the green space for a campfire style worship night, led by our friends at Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry. Please bring a bag chair and come ready to worship. In the case of inclement weather, we will worship in the sanctuary.

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

Gleaning at Oak Grove Farms | THIS THURSDAY, Aug. 1, 6 p.m.

We're excited to once again partner with Oak Grove Farms to glean crops. One Thursday of each month during the growing season (June-October), First Church's Glean Team will meet in the parking lot at Oak Grove Farms. Then, we'll head into the fields to collect left-over produce to share with our neighbors in need at One80 Ministries' Friday Giveaways. Contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112) to be added to our 2024 Glean Team communications.

Hope Walks Brace Painting | Sunday, Aug. 18, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Clubfoot is a common birth defect that can leave children with lifelong mobility issues. Hope Walks is a Christ-centered organization working in developing countries around the world to ensure children have access to braces and casts that treat and correct the issue early. Children are more likely to wear the braces and complete their treatment when they look colorful and fun. Join us in Fellowship Hall to paint a brace that will change the life of a child in need! While brace-painting is for all ages (with parent supervision for kids), we will have alternative painting projects for younger children.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, Aug. 3, 7:30 a.m.

Join other First Church men for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday of each month at Brothers Restaurant (705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg). Please contact John Bowen or Bob Wertz, Jr. if you are interested in attending.

Church Picnic | Sunday, Sept. 8, 4-7 p.m.

Each fall, we look forward to reconnecting after the summer months at our annual Church Picnic. Don't forget to save the date!



GENEROUS GIVER

Handbell Choir Fundraiser at Isaac's | THIS THURSDAY, Aug. 1

Support First Church's Handbell Choir by dining in or ordering takeout at Isaac's (4940 Ritter Rd.). Bring a flier (or a photo of it on your phone) and show it to your server to ensure the Praise Ringers receive a portion of the proceeds.

Community Aid Cart

You can now easily donate clothing, shoes and accessories at the Community Aid cart located just inside the main entrance doors. This replaces the bin that was on our church property, which would fill up very quickly. Proceeds from your donations benefit the United Women in Faith missions. Drop off your items anytime during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Thanks for your support!

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).

Summer Worship Child Care

Every Sunday through the summer there is childcare (for ages 6 and under) at the 11 a.m. service. Activity bags available for older kids at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Movie Night | Aug. 9, 6-8 p.m.

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

Salt 'n Light Worship Night | Aug. 4, 7 p.m.

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)

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

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***BASEBALL GAME
AND
PICNIC***

VS

**HARRISBURG
SENATORS**

**RICHMOND
FLYING SQUIRRELS**

SUNDAY, AUG. 18

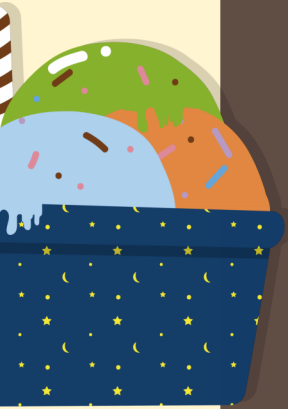
FNB FIELD

PICNIC 12-2 P.M. | GAME STARTS AT 1 P.M.

GET YOUR TICKET ON CHURCH CENTER BY JULY 28!



SENIOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Wednesday, July 31
1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

