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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



IN THE GARDEN

**“Decisions in the Garden”**

FOUNDATION SERVICE

AUG. 11, 2024

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Hymn of Promise" - No. 707*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music

*"Abide"*

Scripture

*Genesis 3:1-6; John 18:1; Matthew 26:36-39*

Sermon

*"Decisions in the Garden"*

Affirmation of Faith

*No. 883*

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

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

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist..... Sue Shier

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Cynthia Smith, Abigail Wertz, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Bill Richie, Taylor Shepley

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"This I Believe (The Creed)"*

*"Abide"*

Kids Moment

Summer Child Care Dismissal

*"Run to the Father"*

Scripture

*Genesis 3:1-6; John 18:1; Matthew 26:36-39*

Sermon

*"Decisions in the Garden"*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

*"New Wine"*

Benediction

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Rev. Mira Hewlett

Worship Leader.....Lauren Sanker

Worship Team.....Nate Erno, Trace Morgan, Sarah Pugh, Abby Wertz

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Taylor Shepley

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## WEEK OF AUG. 11

### Covered in Love

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

### Third Friday Food Trucks

Friday, 4:30-8 p.m.

### Yard, Book and Bake Sale

Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon

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## WEEK OF AUG. 18

### Pickleball in the Park

Tuesday, 5-7 p.m.

### Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### Men's Group (Off-Site)

Wednesday 8 p.m.

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



# SCRIPTURE FOCUS

## *John 18:1; Matthew 26:36-39 (NRSVUE)*

*<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.*

*<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated.*

*<sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want."*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. C. Richard Brandt by the Brandt family.

# NOTES

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## From Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee

SPRC recently accepted Jenn Myers' resignation from her position as First Church's Director of Office Management and Communications, effective Aug. 31. We treasure Jenn as a member of First Church and have been honored to have her as part of our staff.

We are currently hiring for two staff positions:

### **1. Director of Youth Ministries**

20-25 hours per week with flexible work hours, working with middle and high school students and their families. Our current Youth Pastor, Lisa Aronson, will be available to train and mentor as she transitions into her role as Pastor of Discipleship.

### **2. Director of Office Management and Communications**

Full-time role with some flexibility involves creating and implementing a variety of communications for the congregation and community, along with overseeing day-to-day office operations.

Positions will be open until filled. If you or someone you know is interested in either position, please contact SPRC Chair, Cheryl Mengle ([cmengle57@gmail.com](mailto:cmengle57@gmail.com)), or Pastor Mira Hewlett ([pastormira@fumchurch.com](mailto:pastormira@fumchurch.com)).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **LIFELONG LEARNER**

### **Upcoming Retreats**

Want to get away with God? Our annual Men's Retreat will take place at Mount Asbury from Nov. 8 to 9. The 2025 Women's Retreat will be Jan. 24-26 at Rhodes Grove. Registration information will be available soon.

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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.

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## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

### **Hope Walks Brace Painting | NEXT 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 treat and correct the issue early. Children are more likely to wear leg braces and complete their treatment when they look colorful and fun. Join us in Fellowship Hall to paint a brace that will change a child's life! While brace-painting is for all ages (with parent supervision for kids), we will have alternative painting projects for younger children.



## **Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Wednesday, Aug. 21**

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 at 6:30. Prior to serving, we also prepare the meal in the church kitchen. Contact Tiffany Holland ([tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com)) or Lori Hoffnagle ([Lhoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:Lhoffnagle@yahoo.com)) to find out how you can help.

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **Third Friday Food Trucks | THIS FRIDAY, Aug. 16, 4:30-8 p.m.**

Each month, we welcome several gourmet food trucks that serve a variety of delicious foods to our parking lot. This event is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors in a fun, casual atmosphere. This month, we welcome Potato Coop, The Italian Job, J&D's Cheesesteaks, MoMo BBQ and East Coast Mini Donuts.

### **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. Join us in our Green Space and parking lot for a potluck dinner, followed by fellowship and worship. Please bring a lawn chair and a favorite side dish or dessert to share (hot dogs, hamburgers, iced tea and water will be provided).

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **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!

### **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](http://fumchurch.com) or in the Church Center app.

## **KIDS** Newborn-Grade 5

### **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.

## **YOUTH** Grades 6-12

### **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**

Church Picnic | Sept. 8  
Battleball Tournament | Oct. 20

*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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**Rev. Mira Helwett, Senior Pastor**

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HOPE WALKS

FREEDOM FROM CLUBFOOT



# BRACE PAINTING

Aug. 18 | 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Pre-registration encouraged

Details at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)

# Yard Sale

Shop, eat, and support several  
First Church ministries at our  
annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale!

Saturday, Aug. 17  
8 a.m. to noon

