
WELCOME TO



KEEP CALM & CARRY ON

First and Second
Thessalonians

“The Word is Out”

SEPT. 1, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE **(8:30 A.M.)**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"
- No. 327

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon
The Word is Out

Hymn
"Take Our Bread" - No. 640

Communion

Announcements & Offering

Closing Hymn
"I Love to Tell the Story" - No. 156

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE **(11 A.M.)**

Welcome

Praise & Worship

"What a Beautiful Name"

"Rest on Us"

Kids Moment

Child Care Dismissal

Scripture Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

"Living Hope"

Sermon
The Word is Out

Communion

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Praise and Worship
"The Blessing"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Sarah Pugh

Accompanist (8:30 a.m.)

Brandon Rhody

Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band (11 a.m.)

Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith, Abigail Wertz, Tracy Wertz, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media

Ron Nichols, Taylor Shepley, Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of George and Kathryn Fishel by the Taylor and Van Kirk families.

KIDS NEWBORN-GRADE 5

Stay Connected!

Learn more about our programs and upcoming events on our website (fumchurch.com) and on the Church Center app. Contact Director of Children and Family Ministry Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com) with questions.

Kid Worship | Starts Sept. 8

At the 11 a.m. service, we offer Kid Worship for children in grades 1-5. At both services, we welcome children age 6 and under for Wee Worship and child care. Kids activity bags are always available at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Coming Up

- Bible Sunday | Sept. 15, 8:30 and 11 a.m.
- Wonderful Wednesday | Oct. 16-Nov. 13, 5-7 p.m.

YOUTH GRADES 6-12

Keep in Touch!

- Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010).
- Follow our Instagram (@fourgyouthministry).
- Like us on Facebook (4G-First United Methodist Youth Group).
- Contact Pastor of Discipleship Lisa Aronson (adultministry@fumchurch.com) to receive email updates.

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NOTES

CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 4-7 P.M.

First Church
Green Space

Bring a lawn chair
and a side dish or
dessert to share!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fall classes
kick off **Sept. 8,**
9:45-10:45 a.m.!



See all current
opportunities at
fumchurch.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

September Sermon Series and Study: Keep Calm and Carry On

Join us Sunday mornings as we dive into Paul's letters to the church in Thessalonica and explore the core beliefs and practices of Christianity that we need to know to honor Jesus and impact the world. Pick up a booklet outside the sanctuary or visit the Daily Bible Reading Plans section on our website to follow along throughout the week with Scripture readings and reflection questions.

Deborah Circle | Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

All women are welcome to join this small group for a devotion and discussion. Deborah Circle meets on the second Tuesday of every other month in room 105. Sandy Walton will lead this month's devotion. Contact Sandy with questions ([717-433-3687](tel:717-433-3687)).

Mom Connection: Better Together | Starts Sept. 16, 6-8 p.m.

This group connects moms of children newborns through high school age who are seeking friendship, support and encouragement along the parenting journey. Monthly meetings begin with dinner, followed by a theme-based topic designed to help develop connections and offer support and resources for Christ-centered parenting. Learn more and sign up at fumchurch.com or on the Church Center app.



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 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](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112).



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Bible Sunday | Sunday, Sept. 15, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

We want to equip believers of all ages to dive into Scripture in a relevant, accessible way. On Bible Sunday, we provide new, age-appropriate Bibles to our four-year-olds, and kids in second, sixth, and ninth grade. If your child is interested in receiving a Bible (even if they can't attend worship on Bible Sunday), please contact Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com). If you're an adult in need of a Bible, please contact Lisa Aronson (adultministry@fumchurch.com).

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 | Thursday, Sept. 12, 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 leftover 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.

United Women in Faith Annual Day | Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.

All women are invited to the Harrisburg District Annual Day at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hegins. This year's keynote speaker is Zina Speck and workshops will focus on "Living Vibrantly" Registration costs \$12 (includes lunch) and must be completed by Sept. 21. To learn more or register, contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Men's Breakfast | THIS SATURDAY, Sept. 7, 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.



GENEROUS GIVER

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.

Scrip Program | Next Orders Due NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 8

Scrip is a fundraising program that invites you to purchase gift cards from First Church for local and national retailers. When you do, a portion of the proceeds help fund ministries at First Church. Typically, you receive your gift cards one week after placing your order. Pick up an order sheet in the lobby gathering space next to the water fountains.

***Scan here or visit fumchurch.com
for more details on upcoming
events and opportunities!***



From Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee

We're looking for a **full-time Director of Communications and Youth Ministries** to join our staff. This position involves 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), along with implementing a variety of communications for the congregation and community.

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).



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