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**WELCOME TO**



**KEEP CALM & CARRY ON**

Never Give Up

**SEPT. 8, 2024**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Where He Leads Me" - No. 338*

Opening Prayer

Ministry of Music

*"One Day At a Time"*

Scripture Reading

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-13*

Sermon

*Never Give Up*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Offering

Closing Hymn

*"Wonderful Words of Life" - No. 600*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Welcome

Praise & Worship

*"King of My Heart"*

*"Raise a Hallelujah"*

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Praise Your Name"*

Scripture Reading

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-13*

Sermon

*Never Give Up*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements & Offering

Praise and Worship

*"Christ Be Magnified"*

Benediction

Postlude

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

## Liturgist

Krissy and Eliza Marshall (8:30 a.m.)  
Sarah Pugh (11 a.m.)

## Accompanist (8:30 a.m.)

Brandon Rhody

## Special Music (8:30 a.m.)

Kathie Bittenbender

## Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Sarah Pugh

## Worship Band (11 a.m.)

John McHenry, Allison Ometz,  
Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith,  
Tracy Wertz

## Sound and Media

Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch,  
Jim Robinson, Holly Kurten

# ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of those who serve and have served in our armed forces by Georgianna Braund.

# KIDS

## NEWBORN-GRADE 5

### Kid Worship | Starts TODAY

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, located in the 1st floor children's wing. 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.

### Stay Connected!

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

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# YOUTH

## GRADES 6-12

### Coming Up

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### 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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)) to receive email updates.

# NOTES

*“Give us pure hearts that we may see Thee; a humble heart that we may hear Thee; a heart of love that we may serve Thee; a heart of faith that we may live Thee.”*

- Dag Hammarskjold in *The Markings*

# CHURCH PICNIC



TODAY 4-7 P.M.

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](http://fumchurch.com)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIFELONG LEARNER

### **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 Monday, 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](http://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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112).



## PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

### **Bible Sunday | NEXT 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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)). If you're an adult in need of a Bible, please contact Lisa Aronson ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for other ways to connect to First Church.



## DEDICATED MISSIONARY

### **Gleaning at Oak Grove Farms | THIS 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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112) to be added to our 2024 Glean Team communications.

## **Annual Feminine Hygiene Sewing Day | Saturday, Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m.**

In many developing countries, women have to miss school and work and face cultural stigmas due to a lack of feminine hygiene products. Join us in Fellowship Hall to make reusable products that Mission Central will distribute around the world. Learn more at [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com) or on the Church Center app, and please contact Donna Nichols ([djnichols43@hotmail.com](mailto:djnichols43@hotmail.com)) if you plan on attending.

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **Church Picnic | TODAY, 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).

### **Third Friday Food Trucks | Sept. 20, 4:30-8 p.m.**

Each month, we welcome five to six gourmet food trucks that serve a variety of delicious foods in our parking lot. This event is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors in a fun, casual atmosphere. In September, we welcome That's What Cheese Said, Get Smok'd BBQ, 717 Tacos, Philly Cheesesteak Co., and Whistle Stop on Wheels, along with special music by Scott Hallman.

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Scrip Program | Next Orders Due TODAY, 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, and place your order today!

### **Share the Harvest**

Looking to share extra flowers, fruits or vegetables from your garden? Check out the Share the Harvest display in the lobby gathering area outside the children's wing. Feel free to leave some produce to share with our congregation and community, or take some with you. You can also place extra food in the Little Free Pantry alongside our parking lot.

***Scan here or visit [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)  
for more details on upcoming  
events and opportunities!***





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