
WELCOME TO



KEEP CALM & CARRY ON

Born for This

SEPT. 15, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision" - No. 451

Bible Sunday Presentation

Choir Anthem

"He Will Carry You Through"

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Sermon

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Offering

Doxology & Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Benediction

Postlude

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

Welcome

Praise & Worship

"Goodness of God"

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Kids Moment/Bible Sunday

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

"Majesty"

Sermon

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Praise and Worship

"Build My Life"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Lisa Aronson

Accompanist (8:30 a.m.)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music (8:30 a.m.)

Sounds of Worship

Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band (11 a.m.)

Nate Erno, John Gross, Krissy Marshall, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker

Sound and Media

Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Seig by Marilyn Seig and family.

KIDS

NEWBORN-GRADE 5

Kid Worship

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

- Wonderful Wednesday | Oct. 16-Nov. 13, 5-7 p.m. An evening for the whole family!

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.

YOUTH

GRADES 6-12

4G Youth Group I Starts TODAY

Students 6th - 12th grade meet in the Youth Lounge/Gym for dinner, games, lesson, and conversation from 6:00-8:00pm. Enter at office entrance.

Coming Up

- Small Group Kick Off | Sept 22, 6:00-7:30
- Parent Mtg & Battle Ball Practice I Sept 29, 6:00-7:30

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.



Adult Sunday School

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Faith in Everyday Life

Location: Fellowship Hall Leader: Jenell Paris

This group is for adults of all ages focused on fellowship and friendship and mutual support in and outside the classroom. Through the end of October, the class will walk through "One Another: Choosing Each Other in a Politically Divided World." This study from The Colossian Forum invites Christians to cultivate mindsets and habits to grow in faith. It isn't about changing political positions, but learning to respect others' beliefs and still be in relationship despite differences.

Growing in Christ

Location: Room B006 Leader: Marjorie Snyder

This welcoming group enjoys digging deeper into the Scriptures to learn and apply Scriptural truths in our everyday lives. The class generally consists of prayer, a video lesson and a group discussion. Drop in for a single class, or a specific study, or stay as long as you like! This fall, the class will study the book of Genesis.

Christian Fellowship

Location: Room B003 Leader: Wayde Leister

This friendly, caring class is eager to apply God's Word to life's challenges and is currently watching a video series on N.T. Wright's book *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*. Wright was asked to write a modern version of C.S. Lewis's book *Mere Christianity*, and *Simply Christian* addresses questions about why we expect justice, why we crave spirituality, why we're attracted to beauty, why relationships are often so painful, and how the world will be made right.

Faithful Families

Location: Room B005 Leaders: Bob and Tracy Wertz

Join an active group of parents with older school-aged and young adult children who study Scripture, encourage one another and celebrate life together in and out of the classroom.

Helping Hands

Location: Room B004 Leader: Bob Wertz, Sr.

A group of active seniors who focus on encouraging instructions for faithful living, and who enjoy fellowship activities together outside of class. Lessons follow the United Methodist Church Adult Bible Study series.

Guyer Class

Location: Room 123 Leaders: Deb and Steve Noss

This class, comprised of a wonderful group of seniors who are young at heart, is taught by a variety of church leaders. Lessons follow the United Methodist Church Adult Bible Study series which includes daily devotions.

Growing Together - FOR ALL AGES!

Location: Youth Lounge Leaders: Katie Knorr and Lisa Aronson

This class meets on the third Sunday of the month. This intergenerational class strives to live into Paul's Philippians 2:2 message that urges us to "be of one heart and one mission". The class will provide a hands on activity and time of devotion suitable for all ages.

Sunday School Questions? Contact Lisa Aronson uthrock@fumchurch.com.

Today's Sermon

To understand more about **spiritual gifts** and take an online inventory visit <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>.

General Conference: What Happened? | Sept 22 9:45am | Multi-Purpose Room

Hear from Pastor Mira and Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver about the international gathering of United Methodists that met in May. This is the only body that can make church polity and theological changes. Learn what happened and outcomes for local churches and our denomination.

Pray Big for Your Child

A book by Will Davis Jr. uses scripture and helps frame audacious prayers for any stage and circumstance in your child's life. It includes a 31 day prayer guide and 12 around the clock reminders to help you pray for your child throughout the day.

Next Steps

First Church's membership class will be Oct 13-Nov 10th 9:45-10:45 am with childcare provided if notified ahead. Pastor Mira, staff and leaders will explore UMC history, structure and vows of membership PLUS looks at what makes First Church unique. Sign up in the Church Center app or call the Church Office by Oct 1st.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

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 or on the Church Center app.

First Step Gathering | Sunday, Sept. 29, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

New to First Church or haven't been around for a while? Stop by room 105 to get to know Pastor Mira, our staff and other newcomers, and learn about opportunities to take your next step in faith at First Church. Find more details and let us know you're coming at fumchurch.com, on the Church Center app, or by contacting Lisa Aronson (adultministry@fumchurch.com).



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

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.

Rejoicing Spirits | NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 22 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.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Wednesday, Sept. 18

Isaiah 61 Ministries serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County. First Church members prepare a meal in our kitchen, then help dinner to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. Contact Tiffany Holland (tholland1967@gmail.com) or Lori Hoffnagle (L_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) to learn more and get involved.

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).

Ushers and Greeters Needed!

First Church is looking for more greeters and ushers for both worship services. Greeters/ushers are asked to serve just one Sunday a month, and can select dates that work for them. To get involved, contact Judi Buddenbaum - ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net (early service), or Katie Hammaker - kahammaker@comcast.net (late service).



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Third Friday Food Trucks | THIS FRIDAY, 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.



GENEROUS GIVER

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
for more details on upcoming
events and opportunities!***





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