
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



KEEP CALM & CARRY ON

The Time Between

SEPT. 22, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Forward Through the Ages" - No. 555

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Choir Anthem

"I Surrender Lord"

Sermon

The Time Between

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Offering

Doxology

Closing Hymn

"Go Make of All Disciples" - No. 571

Benediction

Postlude

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

Welcome

Praise & Worship

"Great Are You Lord"

"Take You At Your Word"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

"Gratitude"

Sermon

The Time Between

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements & Offering

Praise and Worship

"Bless God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Max Paris, Jenell Paris

Accompanist (8:30 a.m.)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music (8:30 a.m.)

Handbell Choir, Sounds of Worship

Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band (11 a.m.)

Geri Nuss, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Taylor Shepley

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Deanna Lynn Otto by Marty Otto.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Earl W. Sollenberger by his wife Jody Sollenberger.

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

Small Groups Kick Off | TONIGHT 6:00-7:30

Students from 4th-12th grade get to meet small group leaders and learn about the 2nd Sunday of the month Sunday small groups.

Coming Up

- Parent Mtg & Battle Ball Practice | Sept 29, 6:00-7:30
- 4G Youth Group | Oct 6, 6:00-8:00

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.

NOTES

General Conference: What Happened? | TODAY 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.



Rejoicing in Spirits

TODAY! At 4 p.m.



**FIRST STEP
GATHERING**

NEXT SUNDAY, September 29, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

First Step Gathering | NEXT 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).

Next Step Class | Starts Sunday, Oct. 13, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Ready to be baptized, thinking about becoming a member of First Church, or just want to explore the foundations of our faith? Join us for a five-week study, led by Pastor Mira, to discover what it means to faithfully participate in the life of the church. This class meets in room 105 and child care is available. Sign up at fumchurch.com, on the Church Center app or by contacting Lisa Aronson (adultministry@fumchurch.com).



PRAYING FOLLOWER

See You at the Pole | Wednesday, Sept. 25

Student-led SYATP prayer events are happening around the globe! Visit syatp.com to learn about these events and how you can show your support.

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

Rejoicing Spirits | TODAY, 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.

Online Worship

Worship with us and invite others to join any time of the week! Check out our lives-tream 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

Annual Feminine Hygiene Sewing Day | THIS 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 or on the Church Center app, and please contact Donna Nichols (djnichols43@hotmail.com) if you plan on attending.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Joy in the Morning | THIS MONDAY, Sept. 23, 1 p.m.

If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this small group. We meet monthly at Bethany Village in the West Apartments common room. For more details, contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112).

Community Dinner | Sunday, Oct. 6, 5 p.m.

The next community dinner will be held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (132 E. Main St., Mechanicsburg). This collaborative event with other local churches blesses the downtown community with a meal, music and a gift card drawing, free of charge. To learn more or volunteer, please contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

Wreath Making Fundraiser | Saturday, Oct. 26

Join us in Fellowship Hall on Saturday October 26th from 1-5pm to make unique and creative wreaths to own. Each wreath-making kit costs \$50, and supports our Handbell Choir fundraisers. To reserve your kits, please register on Church Center, or by contacting Kathie Bittenbender. (Kits recommended for ages 13 and up.)



GENEROUS GIVER

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 or in the Church Center app.

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





Adult Sunday School

9:45-10:45 a.m.

“One Another” with Faith In Everday 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 Philipians 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.



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