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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



KEEP CALM & CARRY ON

Remember Well

SEPT. 29, 2024

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Blessed Assurance" - No. 369*

Affirmation of Faith

Choir Anthem

*"We Are Singing for the Lord"*

Scripture Reading

*2 Thessalonians 2;5, 15-17*

Sermon

*Remember Well*

Hymn

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - No. 140*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Offering

Closing Hymn

*"Standing on the Promises" - No. 374*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Welcome

Praise & Worship

*"Holy Forever"*

*"Take You At Your Word"*

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading

*2 Thessalonians 2;5, 15-17*

*"Faithful Now"*

Sermon

*Remember Well*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements & Offering

Praise and Worship

*"The Blessing"*

Benediction

Postlude

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Pastor Lisa Aronson

## Liturgist

Rev. Mira Hewlett

## 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.)

Janice Bowen, George Canonizado,  
Emily Hammaker, John McHenry,  
Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith,  
Tracy Wertz

## Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols,  
Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David D. and Helen B Coover by the Coover 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](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.

# YOUTH

## GRADES 6-12

### Parent Mtg & BattleBall I TONIGHT 6-7:30

Parents and students 6th-12th grade are invited to learn more about the new Sunday evening structure and to come practice for the Battleball Tournament.

### Coming Up

- 4G Youth Group | Oct 6, 6:00-8:00
- BattleBall Tournament | Oct 20 1:00-8:00  
(Deadline to register: Oct 13th)

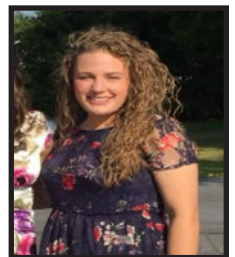
### Keep in Touch!

- 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

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Welcome Kelsey Goll to First Church staff as the Office Manager and Communications. Kelsey will begin this full time position on Oct 1st. She brings strong skills of office management, working with teams, and interest in helping the church better communicate inside and outside our walls. Join us in welcoming Kelsey to staff!





# Kindness Campaign 2024

## **Oct 1 | Nov 24 Operation Christmas Child Boxes**

Fill a shoebox with gifts for a kid this holiday season. Pick up instructions in Main Entry hallway. Boxes due by Nov 24th. Questions? Contact Lisa Aronson ([uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com))

## **Oct 19 10am-2pm | Streets of Treats**

Help run an activity for kids & adults at the FUMC table between 10am-12n or 12n-2pm during this downtown event. Need 2-3 per timeslot. Sign up in Church App, Service Opportunities or contact Lori Hoffnagle ([l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com)).

## **Oct 20 | Growing Together Class, 9:45-10:45 am**

Intergenerational Sunday School in the youth lounge. We will focus on living our lives as Good Samaritans and learn how to "fill others' buckets" based on Luke 10: 29-37. Contact: Katie Knorr ([kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)) or Lisa Aronson ([uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com))

## **Oct 27 | Mission Central Kits (after worship)**

Help verify "Care Kits" from Mission Central to make sure each has all the supplies necessary to be sent to a person in need. Stop by for 5-10 minutes in the Multi-Purpose Room to help out Mission Central. Contact: Debbie & Don Karns ([deborahkarns1@gmail.com](mailto:deborahkarns1@gmail.com))

## **Oct 27 | Youth Kindness Activity, 6-8pm**

We will be making "Out of the Blue" college connection boxes for young adults at college this semester. Contact: Lisa Aronson ([uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com))

## **Nov 3 | Baked Good and Butterfly Give Away Day (between worships)**

Pick up a butterfly (made by Covered in Love) or baked good (supporting United Women in Faith) to share and bless someone else.

## **Nov 7 | Cooking & Caring for our Community: Broad Street Elem Community, 5-6pm**

We join other churches to bless 300 families at Broad Street Elem. FUMC needs to provide 60 pounds of barbeque; with each volunteer making 5 lb. batch of bbq (recipe provided). To provide BBQ or help serve, see details in newsletter or contact Lori Hoffnagle ([l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com)).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **LIFELONG LEARNER**

### **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](http://fumchurch.com), on the Church Center app or by contacting Lisa Aronson ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)).

### **Wonderful Wednesday | Oct. 16-Nov. 13, 5-7 p.m.**

Children, youth and adults are all invited to this intergenerational fellowship and learning program. The evening begins with prayer and dinner in Fellowship Hall, followed by a time of learning for all ages. Studies can be attended without participating in dinners. Find study information and registration details on the Church Center app and [fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com).

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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 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**

### **Gleaning at Oak Grove Farms | Thursday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.**

We're excited to once again partner with Oak Grove Farms to glean crops. 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) with questions.



## RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

### **Men's Breakfast | THIS SATURDAY, Oct. 5, 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're interested in attending.

### **Community Dinner | NEXT 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](mailto: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](http://fumchurch.com) or in the Church Center app.

### **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 Oct. 6**

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!

***Scan here or visit [fumchurch.com](http://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](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com).



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