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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



# Do Unto Others: Kindness

OCT. 13, 2024

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Christ for the World We Sing" -  
No. 568*

Mission Focus

Choir Anthem  
*"I'll Walk With God"*

Scripture Reading  
*Luke 6:31-36*

Sermon  
*Do Unto Others: Kindness*

Unison Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn  
*"Sent Forth By God's Blessings" -  
No. 664*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Welcome

Praise & Worship

*"Bless God"*

*"Mighty to Save"*

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading

*Luke 6:31-36*

*"Build My Life"*

Sermon

*Do Unto Others: Kindness*

Unison Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Praise and Worship

*"For the One"*

Benediction

Postlude

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

## Liturgist

Pastor Lisa Aronson

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

Brandon Rhody

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

Sounds of Worship

## Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Abigail Wertz

## Worship Band (11 a.m.)

George Canonizado, Allison Ometz,  
Abigail Wertz, RJ Wertz,  
Tracy Wertz

## Sound and Media

Michael Garman, Jim Robinson,  
Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jeff's parents, Edith and Wayne Kisner and Sue's parents, Clyde and Kathryn Logue and Sue's brother Richard Logue by the Kisner 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

### 4G Youth Group | 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

- 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

## **Do Unto Others Daily Devotional Guide**

The guide is available at worship entrances and online under Bible Reading Plans ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)). The guide uses Micah 6:8 about living into justice, mercy and kindness. Join us on this four week study and conversation how we might all do unto others as we would like them to do unto us.

## **Responding to Hurricane Helene**

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) provides disaster relief support connecting the church to the most urgent areas, with both immediate disaster response and long term support. They are working through UMC Annual Conferences in states devastated by Hurricane Helene and receiving donations to help make that work happen. Now through Oct 20th First UMC will collect financial donations to send to UMCOR. Drop off checks/cash with memo UMCOR Hurricane Helene to Church Office or Sunday offering boxes or use our online giving. Learn more about UMCOR: <https://umcmmission.org/>



# 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

### **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).

### **Men's Retreat | Nov. 8-9**

Join us for fellowship, fun, food, and faith at Mt. Asbury Retreat Center in Newville. The retreat starts on Friday at 6 p.m., includes Saturday breakfast and lunch, and concludes on Saturday at 4 p.m. A one-day option is also available (9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday) and includes lunch. All participants must register by Sunday, Oct. 20. Financial assistance is available upon request. Contact John Bowen ([bowenhome720@gmail.com](mailto:bowenhome720@gmail.com) or [717-686-6749](tel:717-686-6749)) with questions



## 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

### **Songs From the Stage | TODAY, Oct. 13. 3 p.m.**

Join us for our third concert in First Church's Concert Series, "Songs From the Stage", performed by our own Director of Worship Arts, vocalist Sarah Pugh. Spanning from the Golden Age to Present Day eras, the concert features a collection of musical theatre songs seen from both on and off-Broadway, telling stories of joy, humor, perseverance, the complexities of life and love, and the passions of being alive. Refreshments in the MPR held afterwards.



## DEDICATED MISSIONARY

### **Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | THIS WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16**

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](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com)) or Lori Hoffnagle ([L\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:L_hoffnagle@yahoo.com)) to learn more and get involved.



## RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

### **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.)

### **Hoss's Handbell Fundraiser | Tuesday, Oct. 15**

The Praise Ringers are teaming up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House in Mechanicsburg to raise money for our trip to Scotland in August 2026. We plan to attend our 5th International Handbell Symposium. Please consider visiting Hoss's on Oct 15 to aid us in raising money. Grab a flyer at church to take along or tell your server you are supporting Group #130562.



## 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.

## **LOST AND FOUND CLEAN OUT!**

Please stop by the gathering area to check out what has been gathering in our lost and found over the past few months. You may find a treasure you thought you lost long ago! Items will be out until October 13th, after this date any unclaimed items will be donated to Community Aid.

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





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