
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A blue sky with white clouds. Three colorful kites are flying: one in the top right (purple, orange, red), one in the bottom left (pink, blue, yellow), and one in the bottom right (orange).

**BLESSED PEOPLE
BLESS OTHERS**

NOV. 17, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
No. 569

Affirmation of Faith

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Sermon

Blessed People Bless Others

Pastoral Prayer & The Lords Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine" No. 585

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

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

"Same God"

Sermon

Blessed People Bless Others

Pastoral Prayer

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"I Will Offer Up My Life"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Al Robinson

Accompanist (8:30 a.m.)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music (8:30 a.m.)

Handbell Choir

Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band (11 a.m.)

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

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Bill Richie, Brandon Rhody, Handbell Choir, George Canonizado

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and Gary and Devon Betz in honor of their Father's Haydn Hughes and Fredrick Betz.

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

JINGLE JAM! | Dec. 7th

Join us for an unforgettable Christmas Experience complete with fun, games, and music! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for a morning to get you in the Christmas spirit and learn about the true meaning of Christmas.

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

YOUTH

GRADES 6-12

4G Youth Group + meal | TODAY, 6:00-8:00

Students 6th - 12th grade gather for our Thanksgiving-themed evening including our Friendsgiving meal. Enter at the office entrance.

Coming Up:

-Sleep Out | Nov 22-23 3:30pm-8:00am
-No Sunday Evening Youth on November 24

Keep in Touch!

Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010)
Follow our instagram (@fourgyouthministry)
Visit our webpage (link on Church Center)
Contact Pastor of Discipleship Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive email updates.

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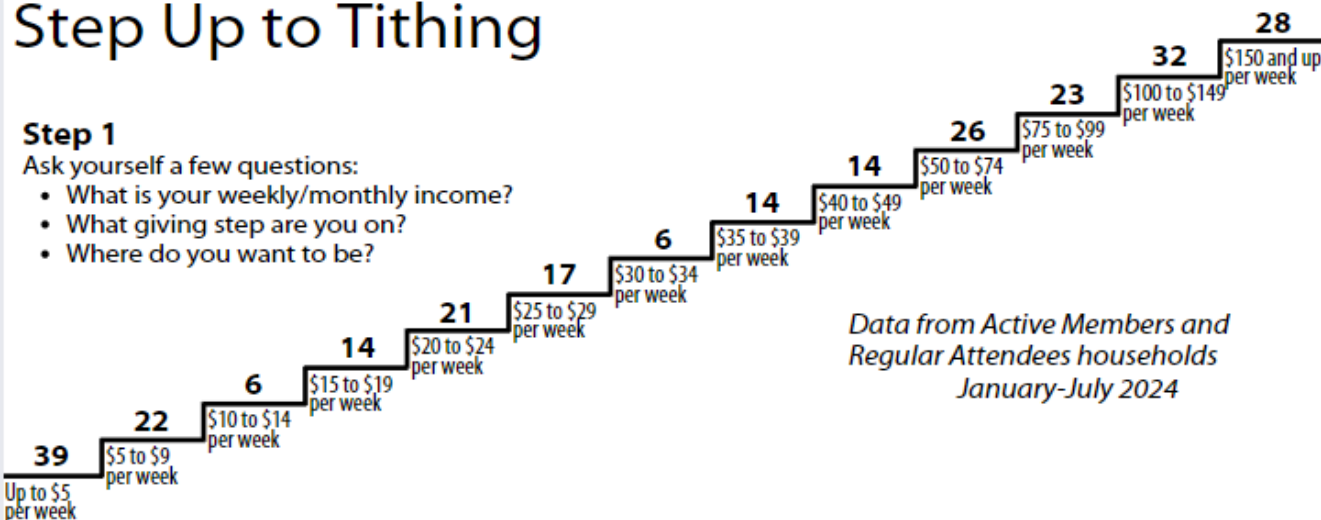
Releasing God's Blessings

Step Up to Tithing

Step 1

Ask yourself a few questions:

- What is your weekly/monthly income?
- What giving step are you on?
- Where do you want to be?



*Data from Active Members and Regular Attendees households
January-July 2024*

Step 2

Pray about your giving in 2025 to First Church.

Step 3

During worship on Sunday, Nov. 24, we'll have an opportunity to complete an Estimate of Giving Card as an expression of our thankfulness for all God's blessings and as a way to bless our church. The cards will offer the following choices...

- Give for the first time.
- Step up my/our giving.
- Commit to give weekly/monthly.
- Give as I/we did in 2024.
- Give a 2024 year-end gift.

I/We plan to give \$___ in 2025. I will give this amount : Weekly/Monthly/Annually

As we approach this special Sunday, we encourage you to consider how God will use you to bless others through First Church in the coming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Interfaith service | Nov. 24 | 6 p.m.

Please mark your calendar for this year's West Shore Interfaith Thanksgiving service, in the fellowship hall (rear building) of Shiremanstown United Methodist Church, 125 E. Main Street in Shiremanstown. A time to hear how the three Abrahamic faiths (Judaism, Islam, Christianity) give thanks, with spoken and musical sharings and a time of fellowship following the service. This service has been a blessing for all who attend. Attendees are encouraged to be a blessing to our community by bringing a non-perishable food donation for New Hope Ministries.

Advent Study | Wednesdays, Dec 4 through 18, 9:30a.m

The Advent sermon series will dig into four characters, but there are more lives to look at that surround the birth of Jesus. The Characters of Christmas by Daniel Darling introduces us to "the unlikely people caught up in the story of Jesus." Sign up on Church Center or in the Main Lobby if you would like a book (Cost: \$8.00). Read on your own or grab some friends and spend time wrapped up in the story of Jesus this Advent season. Contact Lisa Aronson at adultministry@fumchurch.com 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 or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Rejoicing Spirits | Next Sunday, Nov. 24, 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 | This Wednesday, Nov. 20

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.

Mission and Ministries Book

Updated booklets are available at both entrances and online with ways you can serve in ministries through First Church. There are options for inside and beyond First Church walls.

Operation Christmas Child Volunteer Shift

Would you like to volunteer for a shift helping to process Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes at the Baltimore Center? We are forming a volunteer group for Monday, December 9th from 12-3 pm. Space is limited, so please contact Janice Bowen as soon as possible if you would like more information or to sign-up! wecare@fumchurch.com 717-766-4611 x112



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Jingle Jam: Free Christmas Family Event | Dec. 7

Don't miss JINGLE JAM! Join us for an unforgettable Christmas Experience complete with fun, games, and music! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for a morning to get you in the Christmas spirit and learn about the true meaning of Christmas. Register you and your family on Church Center or through fumchurch.com.

2025 Women's Retreat | January 24 to 26, 2025

Our 2025 women's retreat, "Enter His Gates," will be held at Rhodes Grove Retreat Center 7693 Browns Mill Road, Chambersburg. Lisa Aronson and Deb Noss will take us on a journey exploring the City Gates. You can find more info and the registration form at the entrances to the sanctuary, on the Church Center App, at the Display Window near the church library or send an email to Patti Herring at familyzeke@verizon.net. All women are welcome!

FUMC Volleyball | Every Wednesday

Enjoy playing volleyball? Please join us Wednesday evenings for volleyball in the church gym from 7-8:30. All skill levels welcome! Questions? Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com 717-766-4611 x112)



GENEROUS GIVER

Operation Christmas Child

The deadline to bring in Operation Christmas Child boxes is Sunday, November 24th. You still have time to pack a box and provide a gift to a child and share with them the story of Jesus. Stop by the table in the main entrance hallway to get a box and a label and learn more about how to pack a box. Boxes can be returned to the table in the main lobby or placed on the table in the back of the green chair section, under the balcony.

Scrip Fundraiser

Support First Church by purchasing your Christmas gift cards through our Scrip program! Pick up a form and place it in the dropbox in the gathering area near the couches and water fountain. Orders placed on Sunday are filled the following week. Contact Kathie Bittenbender with any questions.

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





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