
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A blue sky with white clouds and three colorful kites flying. One kite is purple and orange, another is yellow and blue, and the third is orange. The kites have long tails with bows.

RIPPLES OF BLESSINGS

NOV. 24, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"
No. 694

Pastoral Prayer & The Lords Prayer

"A Thanksgiving Prayer"

Scripture Reading
2 Corinthians 9:11-15

Sermon
Ripples of Blessings

Consecration of Our Gifts

Offeratory Prayer

Doxology #95

Announcements

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
No. 131

Benediction

Postlude

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

Welcome

Praise & Worship

"Way Maker"

"Gratitude"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
2 Corinthians 9:11-15

"New Wine"

Sermon
Ripples of Blessings

Consecration of Our Gifts

Offeratory Prayer

Announcements

"Bless God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Sarah Pugh

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.)

George Canonizado, Nate Erno, Geri Nuss, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh, Abigail Wertz, RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Taylor Shepley, Holly Kurten, Jim Robinson, Brandon Rhody.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harold and Doris Zimmerman by the 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

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 questions.

YOUTH

GRADES 6-12

No Youth Group tonight - enjoy the holiday weekend!

Coming Up:

-4G Youth Group | Dec. 1, 6:00-8:00

-Cookie Walk | Dec. 14 | Sign up to bake cookies

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.

NOTES

Ring In The News

Where can you hear us as we reach out into the community? All of these events are free!

We will be playing in church at the 8:30 worship service on December 22nd.

First Church's **Holiday Harmony Concert** featuring many of our Musical groups in the church will be Sunday, December 8th, at 7 pm.

We are once again hosting **The Great Christmas Ring** at the Capital City Mall Friday, December 13th beginning at 6:45 pm. We'll be playing 3 different places at the mall – hope you'll come!

We are playing for a **holiday dinner at the Enola River of God Church** Monday, November 25th.

And once again, we will be in **concert at the Fredericksen Library** in Camp Hill Monday, December 9th at 7 pm. Come early if you want a seat! This is always a popular event and we like seeing familiar faces!

Special Advent Events

Dec. 7 | 9am-11am **Jingle Jam** morning for families with activities, crafts and learning about Jesus' birth today

Dec. 8 | 7pm **Holiday Harmony Concert** featuring our talented musical groups sharing beloved music of the season

Dec. 14 | 9am-11am (until cookies are gone) **Cookie Walk** fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip while packing up favorite cookies to share this season

Dec. 15 | 4pm **Service of Remembrance and Hope** offers a reflective Advent worship for those struggling with loss of loved ones, relationships, jobs, etc. to encounter Christ's light in the darkness

Dec. 22 | 4pm **All Church Christmas Caroling** combined with Rejoicing Spirits in the Main Lobby

Christmas Eve Worship

5pm Family Service for all ages to sing favorite hymns and retell the message of Christmas.

10pm Traditional Candlelight Service weaves together scriptures and hymns celebrating the birth of Jesus bringing light into the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Interfaith service | TODAY | 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.

Opportunities to study together:

Sunday Morning, 9:45-10:45, beginning December 1st

- Growing in Christ Sunday school , room B006
- Faith in Everyday Life Sunday school, room 105

Wednesday Morning, 9:30-10:30, December 4, 11, 18

- Hardwood Cafe (round tables under the Balcony), led by Lisa Aronson
- 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

Holiday Harmony | Dec. 8 | 7p.m.

Celebrate the season with the fourth concert in the 2024 Concert Series with Christmas selections! Featuring First UMC music and worship ensembles, come enjoy a collection of group numbers, solos, duets, readings, lessons and carols, including beautiful and moving selections from traditional classics to modern renditions. Concert will be held in the sanctuary; light refreshments available afterwards.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Church Christmas Decorating

On Monday, Nov. 25 and Tuesday, Nov. 26 the decorating committee will be decorating our church for Christmas! If you are interested in helping please contact Judi Buddenbaum (717-805-2296) or just show up. (Adults only please.)

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
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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 | Jan. 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!



GENEROUS GIVER

Reverse Advent Calendar Returns!

Once again this year, we are turning things around, instead of getting a special treat, you give to others! We are collecting food items for the Little Free Pantry located on our property. The pantry provides a 'no barrier access point to food' to those in our community. The Reverse Advent Calendar lists simple items for you to collect and bring back to stock our pantry. Feel free to pick up the list and a bag for your collected items at the Missions Table located in the Main Entrance hallway. Collect the items and return to the area under the balcony in the sanctuary any time during the month of December. Thanks again for your support of the Little Free Pantry and for helping us celebrate this wonderful season of giving! Questions, contact Sandy Walton or Lori Hoffnagle at (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

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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