
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



**WORDS OF LIFE IN
PROVERBS**

Jan. 12, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE (8:30 A.M.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"I Need Thee Every Hour" #397

Pastoral Prayer & The Lords Prayer

Mission Moment

Choir Anthem
"Wade in the Water"

Scripture Reading
Proverbs 1:2-7, 13:20, 21:30

Sermon
Finding Wisdom

Affirmation of Faith - A Modern
Affirmation #885

Announcements

Offering

"Be Thou My Vision" #451

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE (11 A.M.)

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Great Are You Lord"

"Take You At Your Word"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Mission Moment

Scripture Reading
Proverbs 1:2-7, 13:20, 21:30

"Lord I Need You"

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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.)

John Gross, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, Cindy Smith, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Bill Richie, Holly Kurten, Fred Espenshade, Jim Robinson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The rosebud on the altar is in honor of the birth of Michael Ortiz, son of Matt and Amy Ortiz.

KIDS

NEWBORN-GRADE 5

Kid Worship

8:30 am - WeeWorship for infant-Pre K, 1st floor kids wing; drop off before worship or anytime during

11am - WeeWorship for infant-Pre K & Kid Worship K-5th; leave after Kids Message or drop off before worship, 1st floor kids wing
**Kids Activity bags at entrances anytime, see an Usher

Coming up

Wonderful Wednesday Spring Session! Mark your calendars for March 12-April 9 2025.

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 I TODAY, 6:00-7:30

Students in 4th-7th grade meet in the gym for game time before beginning small group conversations. Students 8th-12th grade watch your REMIND text for location of meeting.

Coming Up:

- 4G Youth Group + meal | January 19th
- Zeteo (8th-12th grade students) | January 31-February 2 | Register on Church Center

Keep in Touch!

Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010)
Follow our Instagram ([@fouryouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/fouryouthministry))
Visit our webpage (link on Church Center)
Contact Pastor of Discipleship Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive email updates.

NOTES

Are you interested in learning and growing while at church on Sundays for worship? Consider joining a Sunday School class as your next faithful step on your path to becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus. First Church offers a variety of adult classes and groups from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. every Sunday, and new participants are encouraged to join any class, anytime.

Growing in Christ | Location: Room B006

Leader: Marjorie Snyder

This welcoming group enjoys digging deeper into the Scriptures, to seek the knowledge and wisdom to apply Scriptural truths in their everyday lives. January Study – Patience (part of the Fruit of the Spirit study) by Dr. Calvin Miller. John Bowen will lead this 6-week study centers on relatable stories of personal situations paired with scripture from throughout the Bible. Drop in for a single class, or a specific study, or stay as long as you like! If interested, contact Marjorie Snyder at 57masnyder@gmail.com.

Christian Fellowship | Location: Room B003

Leader: Wayde Leister

This friendly, caring class is eager to apply God's Word to life's challenges and in January they will begin a six-week series entitled "Revival" by Adam Hamilton. Join Adam Hamilton as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It strengthens our faith and challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

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 | 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 Philippians 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. Contact Lisa Aronson with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Wednesday Men's Group | 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. Contact the church office, John Bowen or Bob Wertz, Jr. if interested in more information.

Deborah Circle | Jan. 14, 7:00 pm, Room 105

This monthly women's circle comes together to share in a time of devotion and to work together on a service project. January's devotion will look at the Biblical character Lydia. Service projects have included collections for a Thanksgiving Food Basket, an Easter Basket, and support for Isaiah 61 meals. If you are thinking of joining a women's circle, come join us! Most members are 50 or older but young at heart. Any questions text/call Sandy Walton [717-433-3687](tel:717-433-3687).

Daily Bible Reading Plan

God speaks to us through His Word, and our daily Bible reading plan is customized to go along with our weekly sermons! You can find the plan that pairs with the sermon series on our church website, fumchurch.com.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Lighthouse Grief Group | Jan. 27- Mar. 3, Mondays 1:30-2:30 p.m

Patti Vogl and Janice Bowen will co-facilitate a 6-week supportive grief group this winter at FUMC for anyone experiencing grief and loss. Contact Janice at wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) or Patti at pvogl@timelessconnections.org or [717-319-7318](tel:717-319-7318) to register or to receive additional information.

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

Greeters and Ushers

As the new year begins, I am asking you to consider being a greeter and/or usher. The job is an easy one that only requires you to come in about 30 minutes before service and have a friendly smile. The more people I have signed up, the less each one has to work, usually only 1 or maybe 2 Sundays a month. If you are interested, please reach out to Judi Buddenbaum, either on Sunday morning or by email ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net or by text [717-805-2296](tel:717-805-2296). Thank you!



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Jan. 15, 4pm

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 at tholland1967@gmail.com to learn more and get involved.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Widows/Widowers Fellowship | Jan 14, 11:30 a.m.

We will dine at Snappers Restaurant on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 11:30am. Please contact Bonnie Guyer at [717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145) if you plan on attending. Transportation will be provided upon request. Thank you to the widows/widowers fellowship for their generosity at the Christmas Luncheon. It is always a blessing to spend time together!

Printed Church Directories

Printed church directories are available! If you'd like to have one placed in your church mailbox, please contact the office (office@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611)). You can always update your information and view a digital version of the directory on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.churchcenter.com.

Soupy Saturday | Feb. 1, 9 a.m.

If you enjoy cooking, we invite you to the church kitchen to cook-up some delicious soup and muffins to share with a friend, neighbor, or church member at home! Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611 x 112](tel:717-766-4611).



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!





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