
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A piece of white paper with the words "GOOD WORDS" written in large, bold, black capital letters. The paper is pinned to a brown, textured background with a silver paperclip at the top center. There are several yellow lightning bolt stickers scattered around the paper.

**GOOD
WORDS**

Jan. 19, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE (8:30 A.M.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"He Leadeth Me" #128

Pastoral Prayer & The Lords Prayer

Handbell Anthem
"The Church's One Foundation"

Scripture Reading
Proverbs 16:24, 24:26, 25:11-12

Choir Anthem
Love Unknown

Sermon
Good Words

Announcements

Offering

"Wonderful Words of Life" #600

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE (11 A.M.)

Countdown Video

Welcome

"King of My Heart"

"Lean Back"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
Proverbs 16:24, 24:26, 25:11-12

"Be Thou My Vision"

Sermon
Good Words

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Ancient Words"

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.)

Janice Bowen, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Taylor Shepley

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weeks flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lucy and Don Small by Melody Small and family.

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

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

Students 6th - 12th grade gather for a taco bar dinner followed by our lesson and hang out time. Enter at the office entrance.

Coming Up:

-Zeteo (8th-12th grade students) | January 31-February 2

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

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.

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 or Patti at pvogl@timelessconnections.org or 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 at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112.

Altar Flowers

We still have some Sundays available in 2025 for dedicating altar flowers for worship if you would like to honor a special occasion in your family or remember loved ones by donating beautiful flowers! Please contact Linda Weldon to confirm a date and submit payment: Lindaweldon@hotmail.com or 717-519-9615. Dates available include: April 20 - May 4 - July 20, 27 - August 3, 10, 17, - October 5, 12, 26 - November 9 - December 14.



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Rejoicing Spirits | Jan. 26, 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

Samaritan's Purse | Feb. 16, 3pm

Regional Area Coordinator, Laura Bucknam will share about her trip to Kenya with Operation Christmas Child through pictures, videos, and stories. Learn how lives were changed because of a simple shoebox. There will be light refreshments and the event is located at Enola Emmanuel UMC, 22 Salt Road, Enola PA. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Feb 12th to email Shooboxeumc@gmail.com or text at 717-364-2536.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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.

Widows and Widowers Valentine Luncheon | Feb. 11, 11:30 a.m.

This Valentine's Day, we invite you to join us for a relaxing time of fellowship over a lunch with soup, bread, fruit salad, and dessert. We encourage you to think of a favorite Valentine's Day memory with your loved one to share over lunch with your table. Transportation will be provided upon request. Please RSVP by Saturday, Feb. 8, to Bonnie Guyer at 717-766-0145 or to Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com

Community Dinner | Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

The next community dinner will be held at Buhrig's Gathering Place, Mechanicsburg on February 16 at 5:00 p.m. The dinner is a collaborative event with other local churches to bless the downtown community with a meal, music and games, free of charge. The concept comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. Watch for details on how you can participate or contact Lori Hoffnagle at Lhoffnagle@yahoo.com for more information.

Womens Faith Paint Night | Feb. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun and faith-filled evening, as we learn to paint a beautiful piece of art based on scripture. Step by step instructions provided by 'Bring Your Own Apron,' a local mother and daughter team that offers art classes. Every skill level is welcome. We will meet in our Fellowship Hall at 6:30 for snacks and painting. Wear something suitable for painting. The fee is just \$20 and includes all materials, instructions and snacks. Thanks to United Women in Faith for underwriting this event. You may sign up on Church Center or contact Lori Hoffnagle at Lhoffnagle@yahoo.com to register.



GENEROUS GIVER

Bell Fundraiser at Issac's | Jan. 28

An easy way to support our Handbells in a fundraising way. Dine (take out or order ahead) at Isaac's anytime on Tuesday, January 28 at the Rossmoyne Center restaurant. Our organization earns 15% of all dine-in, take-out, catering and gift card orders. Be sure to take along a flyer either physically or on your phone. Flyers will be in church office. We thank you!

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!***



First UMC Worship

8:30 am - Traditional Worship with choir
WeeWorship for infant-Pre K
Kids Activity bags at entrance for K-5th graders

11am - Contemporary Worship with Worship Band
WeeWorship for infant-PreK & Kids Worship for K-5th graders
Kids Activity bags at entrance for K-5th graders

*Both services also streamed live or view later at
www.youtube.com/@FUMCMechanicsburg



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