
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A collage of brown cardboard with a torn white paper center. A metal paperclip is attached to the top edge of the white paper. To the left, a blue megaphone is partially visible. Several yellow lightning bolts are scattered around the white paper. The text "PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE" is printed in bold, black, sans-serif font on the white paper.

**PLANNING FOR THE
FUTURE**

Feb. 2, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE (8:30 A.M.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
#400

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading
Proverbs 11:3, 15:22, 16:9, 27:1

Sermon
Planning the Future

"Fill My Cup, Lord" #641

Communion

Choir Anthem
"Come to Me"

Announcements

Offering

"Where He Leads Me" #338

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE (11 A.M.)

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Reckless Love"

"Battle Belongs"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
Proverbs 11:3, 15:22, 16:9, 27:1

"Defender"

Sermon
Planning the Future

Communion

Announcements

Offering

"Way Maker"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Sarah Pugh, Katie Knorr

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, Krissy Marshall, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker

Sound and Media

Ron Nichols, Jim Murdoch, Holly Kurten, Taylor Shepley, Jim Robinson

MACHE BASKET

This weeks flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James D. Donak by Marilyn Donak.

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

11 am - 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

No Youth Group tonight - this weekend we're away at the Zeteo event.

Coming Up:

Check your emails to learn about details for next Sunday 2/9.

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

Winter Weather

In the event of bad weather, First Church will post any changes or cancellations on the Church website and Facebook page as soon as possible. For evening classes, groups, or events leaders will do their best to reach participants and may make individual decisions based on group attendance and flexibility to move online. We give thanks for ways to connect online with worship and groups; and always ask you to make the best decision for yourself, particularly during the snowy season.



Adult Sunday School

9:45-10:45 a.m.

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.

Living Wisely with Proverbs | Location Room B003

Jan. 26-Feb 16 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Leader: Pastor Mira Hewlett

Pastor Mira digs into groupings of Proverbs that didn't make the sermon series. Topics include making choices, wealth & poverty, procrastination, and giving. Bring your Bible to join one week or all four.

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.

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. Check out our Proverbs bookmark at both entrances of sanctuary and online!



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

Roots Sermon Series | begins Sunday Feb. 9

Roots give us the stability and nourishment we need to grow and break new ground. As we seek to grow in our faith as individuals and as the church, looking back at the deep roots of the Methodist movement can help us look forward to our future. More than mere traditions or rituals, our Methodist roots are evidence of God's Spirit moving through our history, the same Spirit who is breathing life into us today.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Samaritan's Purse | Feb. 16, 3 p.m.

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

Women's Morning Meet-Up | Feb. 22, 7:30 a.m., Down To Earth Café

Start your morning with a warm cup of coffee and great company. Order food or a drink, or just grab a seat and connect with other women of faith, share stories, and find support in welcoming atmosphere. Down to Earth Café is located at 100 Legacy Park Dr. Suite 108, Mechanicsburg, 17055.

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](tel: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 L_hoffnagle@yahoo.com for more information.

United Women in 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. You may sign up on Church Center or contact Lori Hoffnagle at L_hoffnagle@yahoo.com. Limited spots remain!

One80 Ministries Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle | Mar. 15, 4 p.m.

Join us for the 4th annual spaghetti dinner and basket raffle on Saturday March 15th at 4pm. This event will be held at Grantham Church located on 421 Grantham Rd, Mechanicsburg. There is always room at the table! Please reach out to One80 Ministries at [717-620-1143](tel:717-620-1143) with any questions.



GENEROUS GIVER

Handbell Choir Pie Fundraiser | Orders due by Feb. 9

The Handbell Choir is selling homemade cherry and apple pies - crumb or double crust tops. Submit your order by signing up on the clipboard outside the sanctuary, contacting Kathie Bittenbender or reaching out to a handbell choir member. Pick up your pies on Saturday, Feb. 15 between noon and 2 p.m. Thank you for your support!

New Hope Ministries

We want to thank you for your previous donations. At this time, New Hope Ministries cannot accept egg cartons. However, your donations of food items are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

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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