
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

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ROOTS OF BAPTISM

Rediscovering our United Methodist

Roots

Feb. 9, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"I Surrender All" #354

Affirmation of Faith

Choir Anthem
"By and By (When The Morning Comes)"

Scripture Reading
Mark 1:4-12

Sermon
Roots of Baptism

Pastoral Prayer & The Lords Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" #404

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"What A Beautiful Name"

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

Baptism

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
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"Whole Heart (Hold Me Now)"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Jeff Hoffnagle, Pastor Lisa Aronson

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, Nate Erno, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh, Cindy Smith, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media

Michael Garman, Fred Espenshade, Bill Richie, Ken Rapp

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weeks flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cheryl Algro Erikson by Robert V. Erikson 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. Also save the date for VBS which will be July 14-18, 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

Student Small Groups - Friends and family are invited to our "anything but a cup" Super Bowl watch party from 6:00-8:30. Check emails/church center for details.

Coming Up:

4G Youth Group | February 16

SnL Battleball Tournament | April 27

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



Today in worship at 11 am we celebrate the baptism of Evelyn Ann Parrish. She is the daughter of Amanda and Josh Parrish, sister of Anna Parrish. Join us in welcoming her into God's family here at First Church.



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.

Faithful Families | Location: Room B005

Leaders: Bob and Tracy Wertz

Join an active group of parents with older school-aged and young adult children who study Scripture, encourage one another and celebrate life together in and out of the classroom. This groups communicates via text when meeting -- please contact class leader or church office if wishing to connect with this class.

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.

Roots Sermon Series: Daily Scripture Reading

Sunday- Mark 1: 4-12

Monday- Matthew 3:13-17

Tuesday- Acts 19 :1-7

Wednesday- Luke 3:1-20

Thursday- Luke 3:21-22

Friday- John 1:19-28

Saturday- John 1:29-34



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Joy in the Morning - A small group invitation | Feb. 17

If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this small group. We meet monthly on Monday afternoons at Bethany Village's West Apartments Commons Room. Janice Bowen facilitates, drawing upon readings and devotionals.. For more information, contact Janice [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) x112 /or wecare@fumchurch.com



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Registration is now open to be part of the 2025 Passion Play!

The Passion Play will be on Thursday, April 17th with rehearsals happening weekly through Lent. All children and youth are invited to sign up, and adults too! There are many roles, both on the stage and behind the scenes, that bring the story of Easter alive! Whether you've been involved for many years, or this will be your first Passion Play at First Church, we hope that you will join us! Register on Church Center or by contacting Amy Erno at [717-512-6111](tel:717-512-6111) or financedirector@fumchurch.com.



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](tel: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 a 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. The dinner is a collaborative event with other local churches to bless the downtown community with a meal, music and games, free of charge. 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. 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.



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. If you have a church mailbox, a copy of your 2024 giving statement has been placed inside. If you don't have a church mailbox, a copy of your statement has been mailed to you. You can always view your annual statement and other donation history on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.churchcenter.com.

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.

***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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