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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Feb. 23, 2025

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"How Great Thou Art" #77*

Opening Prayer

Handbell Anthem  
*"Faithful Follower"*

Scripture Reading  
*Hebrews 10:19-25*

Sermon  
*Camp Sunday*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lords Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Doxology #95

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*  
*#133*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

*"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"*

*"River of Life"*

Kids Moment

Wee Worship Dismissal

Parent Perspective- Amy Ortiz

Prayer Partner Perspective- Katie Knorr

Dean Perspective- Jenn Myers

*"Sanctuary"*

Camper Perspective- Lauren Sanker & Kids

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offering

*"Ha Ha Hallelujah"*

Benediction

Postlude

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Deb and Steve Noss

## Liturgist

Pastor Mira and Pastor Lisa

## Accompanist (8:30 a.m.)

Brandon Rhody

## Special Music (8:30 a.m.)

Handbell Choir

## Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Sarah Pugh

## Worship Band (11 a.m.)

Nate Erno, Max Paris, Dan Wertz, RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

## Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Taylor Shepley, Bill Richie, Sarah Pugh

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This weeks flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers Catherine Betz and Joan Hughes by Devon and Gary Betz.

# 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 begins March 12-April 9 2025. Also mark your calendars 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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

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# YOUTH

## GRADES 6-12

### Service Project | TODAY, 3:30-6:30

Students 6th - 12th grade meet at FUMC to travel to Carlisle Area Family Center for a Salt 'n Light Serve event. RSVP with Lisa for a ride.

### Coming Up:

-4G Youth Group | 6:00-8:00  
-SnL Battleball Tournament | April 27  
-Mission Trip Deadline | March 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](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com)) to receive email updates.

# NOTES

**Hiring a Director of Youth Ministry & Communications** - This full-time position ministers to the needs of youth and families AND helps communicate the mission, vision and values of First Church to all generations in and outside our church. Salary includes a health care stipend and paid time off. Resumes due by March 15th. For full job description/questions, contact Pastor Mira at [pastormira@fumchurch.com](mailto:pastormira@fumchurch.com)

## UPCOMING LENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter and is set aside as a time to prepare our hearts for Easter. It is the season in the church calendar where we are diligent in our coming to God, both in repentance and longing, as we recognize and long for the renewal and transformation that comes with Easter. Lent is a time to grow deeper and feel more fully the need and beauty of Jesus' sacrifice.

### **Ash Wednesday Service | March 5 | Shepherdstown UMC at 7:00 PM**

Join our UMC church neighbors as we start the Lenten season together with the imposition of ashes at Shepherdstown UMC.

**Lent Study Options:** Consider participating in a group, with a friend, or individually with any of the following options. Sign up at Church Center or at the Registration Table in the Main Lobby and let us know what study you choose (study material information is on Church Center and at the Registration Table).

### **Taste & See** By Margaret Feinberg

**Type:** Video-based study with optional personal daily study

**Description:** This study explores Biblical accounts of Jesus gathering at tables with others and considers the common items from those meals (fruit, oil, bread, salt, etc) to understand more about the goodness of God.

### **Groups offering this study:**

- Pastor Mira (Sundays 6-7:30),
- Wonderful Wednesday (Wednesdays 6-7),
- Growing in Christ Sun School (Sundays 9:45-10:45)

### **Meeting Jesus at the Table** By Cynthia Campbell, Fohr, and Burns

**Type:** Weekly devotional book with reflection questions

**Description:** This study explores the Biblical accounts of Jesus gathering at tables with others and challenges us to see whom we choose to include or exclude from our tables. The study includes artwork to reflect and meditate on.

### **Groups offering this study:**

- Wednesday Morning Discussion Group (Wed 9:30-10:30)

### **Lent in Plain Sight** By Jill Duffield

**Type:** Daily devotion with prayer and reflection questions

**Description:** In this devotional book, the author draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days.

### **Groups offering this study:**

- Faith in Everyday Life Small Group (most Sundays 9:45-10:45)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIFELONG LEARNER

### **Men's Breakfast – March 1, 7:30 a.m., Brothers Restaurant**

An open invitation is extended to all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday of each month (Brothers Restaurant is located at 705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, 17055). Please contact John Bowen or Bob Wertz, Jr. if you are interested in attending.

### **Roots Sermon Series: Daily Scripture Reading**

Sunday- Micah 6:6-8

Thursday- Luke 10:30-37

Monday- Isaiah 1:17

Friday- Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday- Zechariah 7:9-10

Saturday- Luke 6:17-26



## PRAYING FOLLOWER

### **Greeting Cards to Share!**

Looking for a birthday card or wanting to send 'get well' wishes to a friend? Stop by the 'Card Ministry' display in the lobby outside the multipurpose room and help yourself to a card! If you'd like a bigger supply of cards or know of who may appreciate receiving a card, contact Janice Bowen [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x 112

### **Visiting with Friends!**

If you miss seeing your friends at church due to issues such as aging or driving limitations, Janice Bowen would like to hear from you! Janice is interested in taking people with her for visits so that friends can remain connected by visiting in-person with one another! Whether you find yourself 'stuck at home,' no longer able to get out to church or you are missing your friends who are 'stuck at home,' please reach out to Janice!

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## PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

### **Rejoicing Spirits | TODAY, 4 p.m.**

First Church invites everyone to attend this inclusive praise and 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.

### **Ash Wednesday Worship | Mar. 5, 7 p.m.**

Join us at Shepherdstown United Methodist Church (1934 South York Street in Mechanicsburg) as we begin Lent by worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **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 or [financedirector@fumchurch.com](mailto:financedirector@fumchurch.com).



## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

### **Mission and Ministries Book**

Updated booklets are available at both entrances and online with ways you can serve in ministries through First Church. There are options for inside and beyond First Church walls.

### **Summer Mission Trip**

The youth and other interested individuals are serving in Western North Carolina from June 29-July 4 to aid in disaster relief with Praying Pelican Missions. Register and learn more about the trip on Church Center, or come to the youth lounge after the 11:00 service today (2/23) to learn more and ask questions.



## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **Art and Wellness As You Age | Mar. 15-Apr 19, Saturdays, 10 a.m**

Join instructor Patty Aguilera on Saturdays at the church as she guides participants through various creative exercises to enhance well-being. This is a six week workshop for adults over 55, free of cost with all art supplies provided. If you would like to hear more information or would like to sign up please contact Patty at [717-756-3834](tel:717-756-3834) or church office.

### **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**

### **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](http://fumchurch.churchcenter.com).

### **Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class | Orders due Mar. 25**

We are taking orders for cream cheese peanut butter eggs. Peanut butter eggs will be made on Saturday, March 29. Cost is \$10.00 for a bag of 6 eggs. Order your eggs by signing up on the sign-up sheets at the entrances to the sanctuary, by contacting Sandy Walton at [717-433-3687](tel:717-433-3687), or by emailing [swalton54@comcast.net](mailto:swalton54@comcast.net). Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, March 25. Eggs will be ready for pick-up in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 29, 12:00-2:00 pm, and on Sunday, March 30 after 8:30 worship service and Sunday school. If anyone is interested in helping make peanut butter eggs please reach out to Sandy Walton.

***Scan here or visit [fumchurch.com](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/@FUMCMechanicsburg)**

**Looking for a Sign-Up? In the Main Lobby is the Registration Table where you  
can register for current studies, fundraisers, events, and more.**



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