
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A watercolor-style background with various shades of green and yellow, featuring leafy patterns. A large, soft white circle is centered in the background, serving as a backdrop for the main text.

ROOTS OF COMMUNION

Rediscovering our United Methodist

Roots

A graphic of roots extending downwards from the word 'Roots', rendered in a dark green color.

Mar. 2, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"I Come With Joy" #617

Pastoral Prayer

The Lords Prayer

Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon
Roots of Communion

Choir Anthem
"Come, Come Unto Me"

Communion

Announcements

Offering

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #629

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Holy Forever"

"Take You At Your Word"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"O Come to the Altar"

Sermon
Roots of Communion

Communion

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"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

Benediction

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Krissy & Eliza Marshall (830), Allison Ometz (11)

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, Geri Nuss, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weeks flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kenneth & Tracy Knott and Lester & Eileen Wolfe by The Knott 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: March 12-April 9;
Easter Jam: April 5; VBS July 14-18, more information and details on church center!

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 I TODAY, 6:00-8:00

Students 6th - 12th grade meet in the Youth Lounge/Gym for games, lesson, and conversation from 6:00-8:00pm. Enter at office entrance.

Coming Up:

- Small Groups | January 12, 6:00-7:30

Coming Up:

-Next week: Student Small Groups I 6:00-7:30
-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](https://www.instagram.com/fourgyouthministry))
Visit our webpage (link on Church Center)
Contact Pastor of Discipleship Lisa Aronson (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

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)
- Christian Fellowship Sunday school class (Sunday 9:45-10:45 AM, B003, March 9- April 13).

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

Roots Sermon Series: Daily Scripture Reading

Sunday- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Thursday- Matthew 4:1-11

Monday- Exodus 12:1-18

Friday- Isaiah 55:1-13

Tuesday- Exodus 16:14-19

Saturday- Corinthians 11:23-26

Wednesday- Deuteronomy 8:2-3

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.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Joy in the Morning | Mar. 17, 1p.m.

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 x112](tel:717-766-4611) /or wecare@fumchurch.com

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

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](tel:717-512-6111) or financedirector@fumchurch.com.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

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.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Solo Seniors Lunch Fellowship | Mar. 11, 11:30 a.m.

The Solo Seniors Lunch fellowship will dine at CC's restaurant on Tuesday March 11, at 11:30. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at 717-766-0145. Transportation will be provided upon request. CC's is located at 710 W Main St, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

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.

Ham Loaf Dinner | Mar. 22, 4 p.m.

This year's annual Ham Loaf Dinner which benefits church missions and ministries will be held Saturday, March 22. Sign up at the Registration Table for tickets. LOTS of help is needed for this dinner to happen! Please also sign up to help serve that evening, or to bake a dessert. Thank you!

Women's Morning Meet-Up | Mar. 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.



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.

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. 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
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**

**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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