
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A photograph of various food items on a dark wooden surface. On the left is a large round loaf of bread. In the center and right are several stalks of wheat. In the bottom right corner is a small bowl filled with nuts and seeds. The text is overlaid on this image.

5,000 GUESTS.
what's for dinner?

Mar. 16, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
#213

Kids Moment

Choir Anthem
"Deep, Deep Love"

Scripture Reading
Luke 9:10-17

Sermon
5000 Guests. Whats for Dinner?

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Where He Leads Me" #338

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"We Believe"

"Great Things"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
Luke 9:10-17

"Words We'll Sing Forever"

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"All The Way My Savior Leads Me"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Sarah Pugh (830), Katie McKernan & Katie Dang (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.)

George Canonizado, John McHenry, Geri Nuss, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Fred Espenshade, Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson, Holly Kurten

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weeks flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 61 years of marriage by Jim and Gail Siemons.

MACHE BASKET

This weeks mache basket is given to the glory of God and in memory of Judy Rickards by John, Garth, Olivia, Laura Rickards.

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

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

Youth Announcements:

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

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

Coming Up:

-Next Week: Service opportunity TBD

-Stay & Play Game Day - March 30, 12:15

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.

Lenten Daily Bible Reading : March 16-22 : Lent Week 2

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

We are all wounded, worried, betrayed, afraid, and injured.

We chase thrills, happiness, wealth, health, longevity, peace; the right job, the right look, anything to lessen our pain. We exhaust even ourselves with our efforts. God we are grateful that your thoughts and your ways are higher than our own. Thank you for forgiving our sins. Thank you for new mercies each new day. Thank you for always welcoming us back into fellowship with you. Thank you for providing waters from which we may drink and never thirst again.

Monday: Luke 9:10-17: 5000 dinner guests

Tuesday: Luke 3:23-4:13: Jesus' identity and mission

Wednesday: Luke 4:14-44: Good news for the poor and suffering

Thursday: Luke 5:1-32: Bringing inner and outer healing

Friday: Luke 5:33-6:16: New wine and old wineskins

Saturday: Luke 6:17-6:49: Sermon on the Plain

Upcoming Lenten Lunches

Sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Area of Council of Churches

You are welcome to join us at noon on Wednesdays to share a light meal and devotions led by the pastor of each church. RSVP by the prior Friday appreciated but not necessary.

Mar. 19 **Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren**

RSVP: [717-766-8880](tel:717-766-8880) | Mcob-secretary@verizon.net

Mar. 26 **Shiremanstown United Methodist Church**

RSVP: [717-737-6621](tel:717-737-6621) | ShiremanstownUMC.org

April 2 **Trindle Spring Lutheran Church**

RSVP: [717-766-7091](tel:717-766-7091) | Pastoraaron@trindlespringlutheran.org

April 9 **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

RSVP: [717-766-5182](tel:717-766-5182) | Admin.st.lukes@verizon.net

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.

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:

-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

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.

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.

Next Step: New Members' Class| Apr. 27-May 25

Are you looking to be baptized, become a member of First Church, or want to explore the foundations of our faith? There will be a 5-week class April 27- May 25 during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45). A confirmation class for students will be offered during the same time. Registration and information can be found on Church Center.



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! Janice would love to hear from you! [717-766-4611 x112](tel:717-766-4611) or wecare@fumchurch.com



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Mar. 19, 6:30 p.m.

First Church is pleased to support Isaiah 61 Ministries, a local organization that serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County. They provide a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and Life groups. Specifically, First Church members prepare and serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. To find out how to get involved, contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.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

Stay & Play | Mar. 30th

Join others on March 30th after the 11:00 service for a game day! We will provide lunch. Register on Church Center, invite a friend, and bring a favorite game to play.

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. MarleyAnn Schmick will be in the main lobby with tickets or to answer any questions after 1st service and after Sunday School.

Friday Food Trucks at First, Save the Dates!

The Food Trucks are back for another season starting May 16! New this year, we are excited to offer additional activities alongside the food truck events. In May, we will partner with the Simpson Library for a kick off to the Summer Reading Program, along with music on the patio from RJ Wertz. On July 18, we welcome Jazz 4 on the patio and a family-friendly movie. For our last event on September 19, we will partner with Sadler Health for a Fun and Fit Fair in the multipurpose room and music on the patio with Scott Hallman. The food trucks are a great way to meet our neighbors in a fun and casual atmosphere. We look forward to offering these events to our church family and our community. The food trucks serve from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. We can always use volunteers to help with parking, set up or tear down. Please contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com to volunteer or learn more. Hope to see you there!



GENEROUS GIVER

The Great Peanut Butter Challenge | Mar. 9-Apr. 20

The Harrisburg/River Valley District is challenging churches to collect Peanut Butter and other nut butters during Lent which will be blessing One80 Ministry and Little Free Pantry. Drop off your peanut butter from March 9 through April 20 to the collection box located in the Main Lobby (near coffee station).

Christian Fellowship Class Peanut Butter Eggs | 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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