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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A photograph of various breads, wheat stalks, and a bowl of nuts on a dark wooden surface. The breads include a round loaf and several smaller loaves. The wheat stalks are scattered around the breads. A small bowl of nuts is visible in the bottom right corner. The text "DINING WITH sisters" is overlaid on the image in a light yellow color.

DINING WITH  
**sisters**

Mar. 23, 2025

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" #277*

Prayer of Confession

Handbell Anthem  
*Sacred Silence*

Scripture Reading  
*Luke 10:38-42*

Sermon  
*Dining With Sisters*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

*"What Wondrous Love is This" #292*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

*"Words We'll Sing Forever"*

*"Joy (What the World Calls Foolish)"*

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading  
*Luke 10:38-42*

*"Lean Back"*

Sermon  
*Dining With Sisters*

Pastoral Prayer

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*"Gratitude"*

Benediction

Postlude

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

## Liturgist

Al Robinson

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

Brandon Rhody

## 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

Ron Nichols, Taylor Shepley, Bill Richie (8:30), Ken Rapp (11)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This weeks flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robert & Mildred Shannon and Jimmy Shannon by The Shannon Family.

## MACHE BASKET

This weeks mache basket is given to the glory of God and in memory of Gayle Ann Elder by Annabelle Elder, her mother.

# 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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

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# YOUTH

## GRADES 6-12

Watch your Remind texts for details about this Sunday.

### Coming Up:

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

-April 6: 4G Youth Group 6:00-8:00

### 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.

The Trustees have opened their scholarships for the 2025/2026 school year. See Church Center for information on applying.

# Lenten Daily Bible Reading : March 23-29: Lent Week 3

## Prayer of the Week

Gracious God, we pray for our neighbors down the street and around the world who need food, water, clothing, and shelter.

Gracious God, we pray for our neighbors who are in distress, whose bodies and minds need your peaceful and loving presence.

Gracious God, we pray for our neighbors whose lives have been upended by disaster and who are in desperate need of provision and care.

Gracious God, we pray for our siblings who make up the Christian family across the world, that we would be your witnesses and workers for the flourishing of all creation.

Gracious God, we pray that goodness and mercy would follow us all of our days that we might be sharers of goodness and mercy everywhere we go.

Our Shepherd, you supply our need; most holy is your name. Amen.

**Monday:** Luke 10:38-42 Mary and Martha

**Tuesday:** Luke 7:1-35 Healing power

**Wednesday:** Luke 8:1-25 Parable teachings

**Thursday:** Luke 8: 26 – 9:9 Astonishing healings

**Friday:** Luke 9: 18-62 Transfiguration

**Saturday:** Luke 10:1-42 Good Samaritan

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## 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. 26**      **Shiremanstown United Methodist Church**

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

**April 2**      **Trindle Spring Lutheran Church**

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

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

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

### 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.

### 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

### 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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)



## PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

### Rejoicing Spirits | Mar. 30, 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.

### Passion Play | Apr. 17, 6:30 pm

For over thirty years, First Church has performed a Passion Play where children, youth and adults share the story of Jesus leading up to his death and resurrection. The Passion Play will take the audience on the journey with Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter. There's no need to pre-register for this free, all-ages event. Be sure to invite friends and family!



## 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.

## **Easter Jam: a Family Easter Event- Apr. 5, 9-11 a.m.**

Looking for something exciting for the entire family to do this Easter? Join us for an unforgettable Easter Experience complete with fun, games, and music! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for a morning to get you in the Easter spirit and learn about the true meaning of Easter. This is an event for kids and families to participate all together, this is not a drop-off event. We will start with an opening with games, music, and the story of Easter and then ends with games and crafts. If you have any questions, please email Katie Knorr, Director of Children and Family Ministry at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).

## **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](mailto: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](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](https://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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