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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 a ball of twine.

DINING WITH AN  
**outcast**

Apr. 6, 2025

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"I Surrender All" #354*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem  
*"Beautiful Savior"*

Scripture Reading  
*Luke 19:1-10*

Sermon  
*Dining with an Outkast*

Communion

Announcements

Offering

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*  
#298

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

*"King of Kings"*

*"Abide"*

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading  
*Luke 19:1-10*

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"*

Sermon  
*Dining with an Outkast*

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*"Christ Be Magnified"*

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# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

## Liturgist

Kurt Volert (830), Bob Wertz Jr. (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, Geri Nuss,  
Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz, RJ Wertz

## Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols, Holly  
Kurten (8:30a), Ken Rapp (11), Violet  
Sanker (11)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of  
God by the Guyer class.

# 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

11 am - 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

**4G Youth Group + meal I 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:

-April 13 - Passion Play Practice  
-April 27th - Sign up for Battleball ASAP.

### 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.

## April 6 - 12 Lent Week 5 : Prayer of the Week

God of the desert,  
God of the forty years of wandering,  
God of the forty days in the wilderness,  
bring us to the waters of the Jordan  
and into Easter's promise.  
Sustain us in the remaining days of this Lenten desert  
so that at last we rejoice in the contrasts  
of fasting and feasting,  
of stones one side of the waters  
and of milk and honey on the other.

Steady us so that we are present  
to the rigors of each day's trek.  
Let unsought silences and deprivations  
be occasions to "be overruled and swallowed up"  
in your vast action.  
Turn hungers for the things that we left behind in Egypt  
into spiritual leanness glad for the Bread of Heaven.  
Increase in us hospitality to the stranger.  
Convert us as we journey  
with candidates for baptism and confirmation.  
Subdue the enemy within us  
as you make peace in all the world.  
Work repentance in your church  
until our unity in Christ overpowers  
our cherished divisions.  
Go before us as the desert gives way to Easter's Alleluia.  
Amen.

**Monday:** Luke 19:1-10 Eating with a sinner

**Tuesday:** Luke 16:1-31 Foolish rich man

**Wednesday:** Luke 17:1-37 Forgiveness and gratitude in Jesus' kingdom

**Thursday:** Luke 18:1-43 Outsiders welcomed

**Friday:** Luke 19:11-20:8 Peaceful king, heartbreaking city

**Saturday:** Luke 20:9-21:4 Jesus avoids the traps



# REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!



BUILDING AUTHENTIC CONNECTIONS TO  
CHRIST, COMMUNITY, AND CREATION.



## SPECIAL OFFERS:

**Early Bird Discount** - Save \$25 if you register on or before **May 1**.

**Sibling Discount** - Register the one at full price, and additional siblings receive a \$25 discount.

**Invite-a-Friend Gift** - Invite a friend who has never been to camp and receive \$50 off the cost of camp after they register.

**Financial Assistance** - First Church will pay **half** of your camp fees!



## TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Financial assistance for campers
- Details on discounts
- What to expect at camp
- Becoming a prayer partner
- Volunteering as a camp dean, nurse or counselor
- Working at camp
- Campsite workdays

**CONTACT OUR FIRST CHURCH  
CAMP COORDINATORS!**



DEB NOSS: SDPPP@MSN.COM  
AMY ORTIZ: MATTANDAMYORTIZ@GMAIL.COM

Visit [suscrm.org](https://www.suscrm.org) to register and see a complete list of 2025 camps!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIFELONG LEARNER

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

Are you looking to 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

### Good Friday Prayer Walk, Friday, Apr. 18

The annual Community Good Friday Prayer Walk will be held on Friday, April 18 starting at 11:00 a.m. Led by local pastors, prayer walkers will start at one of the prayer sites and then cover the surrounding area in prayer. Participants are then invited to join together at noon at Mechanicsburg First Church of God on the square (28 East Main Street) for closing prayer and worship. All are welcome! The starting prayer sites are: Mechanicsburg Area Senior High, First United Methodist Church, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Park, and Turning Point Church. Watch for more details and updates on our website and on Church Center. Please contact Lori Hoffnagle at [l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) for more info.

### Peace Garden | Apr. 12 and May 15

Mechanicsburg Area Churches are joining together to create a Peace Garden at Temple Beth Shalom (913 Allendale Rd, Mech). Helpers need for digging/tilling ground Apr. 12 from 9-3pm and planting May 15 from 4-8pm. Donations for flowers (money or flowers) are needed. Contact master gardener Carol Glasgow at [cglasgow725@gmail.com](mailto:cglasgow725@gmail.com).



## PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

### 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

### Easter Sunrise

If you plan to attend the Easter Sunrise Breakfast and can bring a dish to share, please sign up at [www.timetosignup.com/fumchurch](http://www.timetosignup.com/fumchurch) (information is also on Church Center).

## **Sign up for Church Summer Camp!**

Register by May 1st for the "Early Bird" discount. FUMC will pay half (50% OFF) of all camp fees. The conference provides additional discounts for "Siblings" as well as "Inviting-a-Friend" who has never been to camp. Visit [suscrm.org](http://suscrm.org) to register and see a complete list of camps and retreats. Forward your camp confirmations/questions to Deb Noss [sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com) or to [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).

## **Senator's Game | Jun. 8**

Mark your calendar for our annual summer church outing to see the Harrisburg Senators play baseball on City Island. Sign up on Church Center. Ticket prices include a picnic lunch and seats for the game. Register and pay by May 18th. Please reach out to Jeff Honagle with questions.

## **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!

## **Handbell Choir Spaghetti Dinner | Apr. 26, 4-6:30 p.m.**

Support the First Church Praise Ringers at their annual Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall. To purchase tickets, see the sign up sheet at the registration table in lobby, or you can contact Deb Canonizado at [Deb.Canonizado@verizon.net](mailto:Deb.Canonizado@verizon.net) or call/text 717-497-5580. Tickets will also be available at the door. Although this is a fundraiser, it's purpose to our church family is focused on fellowship. It is a sit down all-you-can-eat meal at a very reasonable price where fellowship hall is transformed into an Italian Bistro atmosphere. Tickets for adults are \$10, kids ages 4-10 are \$5, and kids under age 3 are free.



## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Egging of the Yards**

The youth group will not be hiding eggs this year, but we are responding to the request to provide filled eggs that you can have fun hiding. If you'd like to support the youth mission trip and need some eggs for a hunt, contact Lisa Aronson for more information.

### **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 3/9-4/20 to the collection box located in the Main Lobby.

***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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