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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Apr. 20, 2025

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude - "Easter Medley"

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-9

Handbell Anthem: "Christ Arose!"

Welcome  
Call to Worship

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #302*

Kids Moment

The Gospel: Luke 24:10-12

Choir Anthem  
*"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"*

Scripture Reading  
*Luke 24:13-35*

Sermon  
*Rekindling Hope*

*Up From the Grave He Arose" #322*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements  
Offering

*"He Lives" #310*

Benediction  
Postlude

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

Countdown Video

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-9

*"Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)"*

Welcome

The Gospel: Luke 24:10-12

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

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

*"We Fall Down/Here I Am to Worship"*

Scripture Reading  
*Luke 24:13-35*

Sermon  
*Rekindling Hope*

Pastoral Prayer

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*"Living Hope"*

Benediction

Postlude

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

## Liturgist

Sarah Pugh

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

Brandon Rhody

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

Sounds of Worship, Handbell Choir,  
George Canonizado

## Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Sarah Pugh

## Worship Band (11 a.m.)

Nate Erno, Emily Hammaker, John  
McHenry, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh,  
Cindy Smith

## Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ken Rapp, Holly  
Kurten (8:30), Taylor Shepley (11)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of  
God and in loving memory of our parents  
Betsy and Glen Kurtz, and Dolores Walker and  
in honor of our father Tom Walker by John and  
Denise Kurts.

# 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

Road trip July 14-18th 9-noon  
VBS Registration is open for VBS! Open to kids  
ages 4-completed 5th grade  
More info at [fumchurch.com/vbs2025](https://fumchurch.com/vbs2025)

### Stay Connected!

Learn more about our programs and  
upcoming events on our website ([fumchurch.com](https://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

**Happy Easter! There is no youth group  
tonight.**

### Coming Up:

**-April 27th - Sign up for Battleball ASAP.**

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 20-27 Easter Week  
Prayer of the Week**

Risen  
Burned by Fire,  
Yet not consumed.  
Cut by Fear,  
Yet gives Forgiveness.  
Ears that hear the truth.  
Eyes that see the smallest beauty.  
A mouth poised to deliver the Word.  
These things fade not,  
No matter how much times passes.  
We will, as did he, pass on  
To that place where children dance without pain.  
There, an almost invisible being  
With infinite love is waiting  
With outstretched arms.  
Run to him.  
He is gone, but he is not dead.  
He is risen!  
-by Ms. Mar Gados

**Easter Day: Luke 24:13-16, 28-31, 33-35**

**Monday: Luke 24:1-12** News no one was expecting

**Tuesday: Luke 24:13-32** Eyes opened

**Wednesday: Luke 24:36-43** It's really me!

**Thursday: Luke 24:44-49** You are my witnesses!

**Friday: Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:1-8** Story continued...

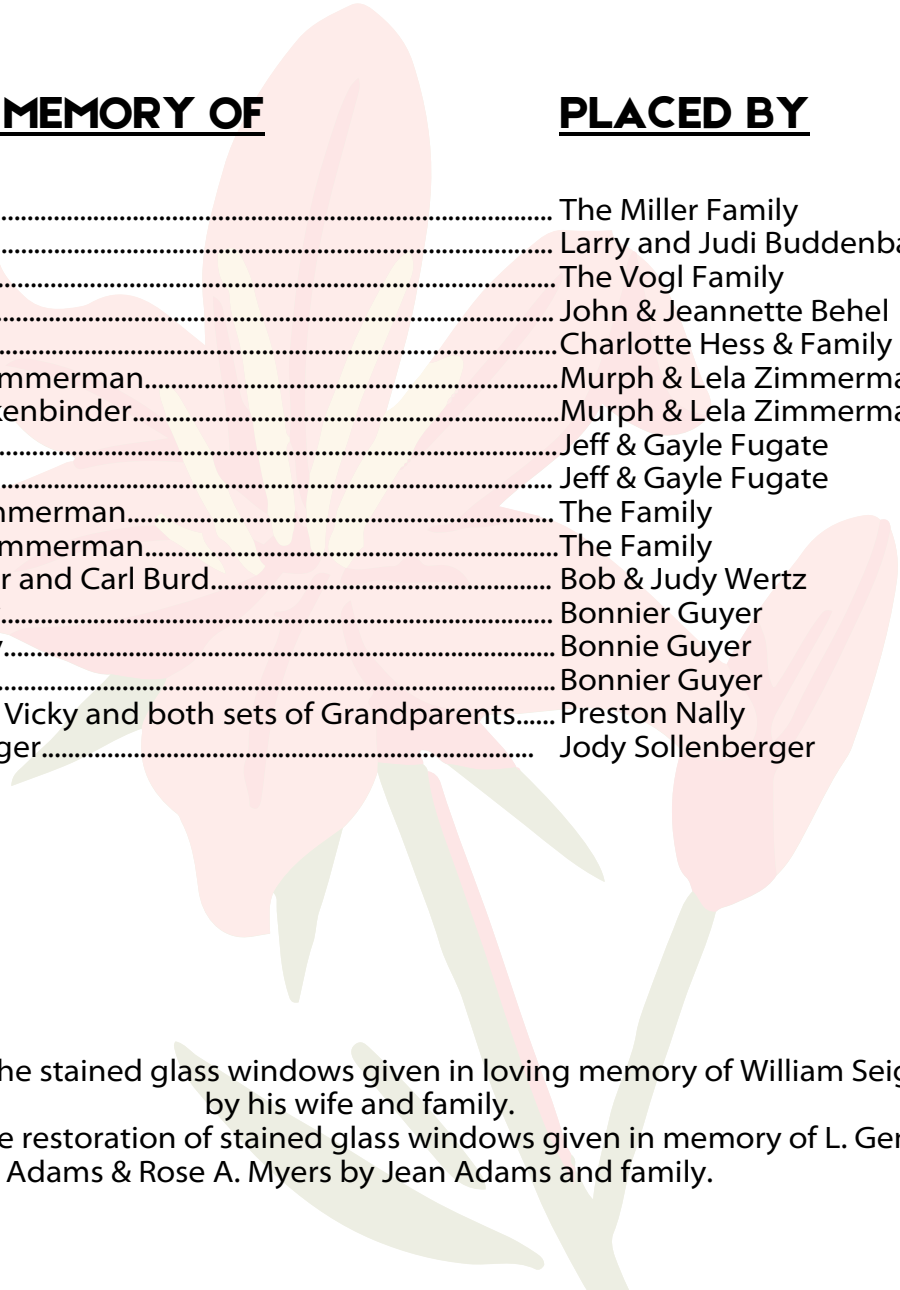
**Saturday: Acts 1:9-14** Not an end, but a beginning

**The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21 and the church office hours will be from 9-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 22- Friday, April 25.**

# EASTER FLOWERS

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**PLACED BY**



Sons and Parents.....	The Miller Family
Our loved ones .....	Larry and Judi Buddenbaum
Nick Vogl .....	The Vogl Family
Family.....	John & Jeannette Behel
Elvin Hess .....	Charlotte Hess & Family
Don & Frances Zimmerman.....	Murph & Lela Zimmerman
Paul & Helen Finkenbinder.....	Murph & Lela Zimmerman
Karen Marr Philp .....	Jeff & Gayle Fugate
John A. Marr.....	Jeff & Gayle Fugate
Merle & Della Zimmerman.....	The Family
Doris & Harold Zimmerman.....	The Family
Jackie & Joe Baker and Carl Burd.....	Bob & Judy Wertz
The Crowl Family.....	Bonnie Guyer
The Guyer Family.....	Bonnie Guyer
Carol Miller.....	Bonnie Guyer
Parents Dennis & Vicky and both sets of Grandparents.....	Preston Nally
Earl W. Sollenberger.....	Jody Sollenberger

Donation to the stained glass windows given in loving memory of William Seig  
by his wife and family.

Donation to the restoration of stained glass windows given in memory of L. Gene  
Adams & Rose A. Myers by Jean Adams and family.

# 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.

### VBS | Jul. 14-18, 9-12 p.m.

Vacation Bible School is officially accepting travelers! Registration is now open for kids, as well as teen and adult volunteers to join us July 14-18th from 9am-noon. Kids will Join Navigator Miss Katie and Scout the dog on an epic adventure filled with games, music, crafts, snacks and amazing Bible stories. Sign up today at [fumchurch.com/vbs2025](https://fumchurch.com/vbs2025) and receive a free gift if you register before June 1st.



## PRAYING FOLLOWER

### Women's Morning Meet-Up | Apr. 26th, 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 support in a welcoming atmosphere.



## PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

### First Church Handbell Choir Concert | May 4, 7 p.m.

The First Church Handbell Choir is proud to present their spring concert, "Love is the Answer" on Sunday May 4th at 7pm. The concert takes place in the sanctuary, with light refreshments held afterwards in the MPR. The concert is free and open to the public, donations will be accepted. We hope to see you there!

### Artwork Display in Worship

Is there artwork you've created where you felt God speaking to you? Is there a piece of artwork that speaks to you throughout your walk of faith? In conjunction with our May sermon series, "Whisper" (based on the book by Mark Batterson), we are looking to incorporate and display artwork throughout the sanctuary. For more information, reach out to Sarah Pugh at [worship@fumchurch.com](mailto:worship@fumchurch.com)



## DEDICATED MISSIONARY

### A Request From Mission Central

They are looking for baked good donations to sell at their 'Grow with Me' plant and vendor fair on Sat. 5/3. Baked goods (cookies/brownies/etc, 3-4 dozen) to be wrapped for bake sale and dropped off at Mission Central on 5/1 or 5/2 between 9am-3 pm. Thank you for your donations!



## RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

### Joy in the Morning - A small group invitation, Monday April 28, 1 pm

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. Contact Janice at [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) x112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com).

## **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 [kid-scount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kid-scount@fumchurch.com).

## **Senator's Game | Jun. 8 | Register by May 18**

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 Hoffnagle 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, its 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**

### **April 27th Worship**

Dwayne and Julia Johnson founders of One80 Ministries will share in the message about how Jesus has transformed lives through this local ministry that reaches out to those struggling with housing and basic needs. We will also bless them with our Lenten Peanut Butter collection which we are still collecting until Apr. 20th.

***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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