
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Apr. 20, 2025

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

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

**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) 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...

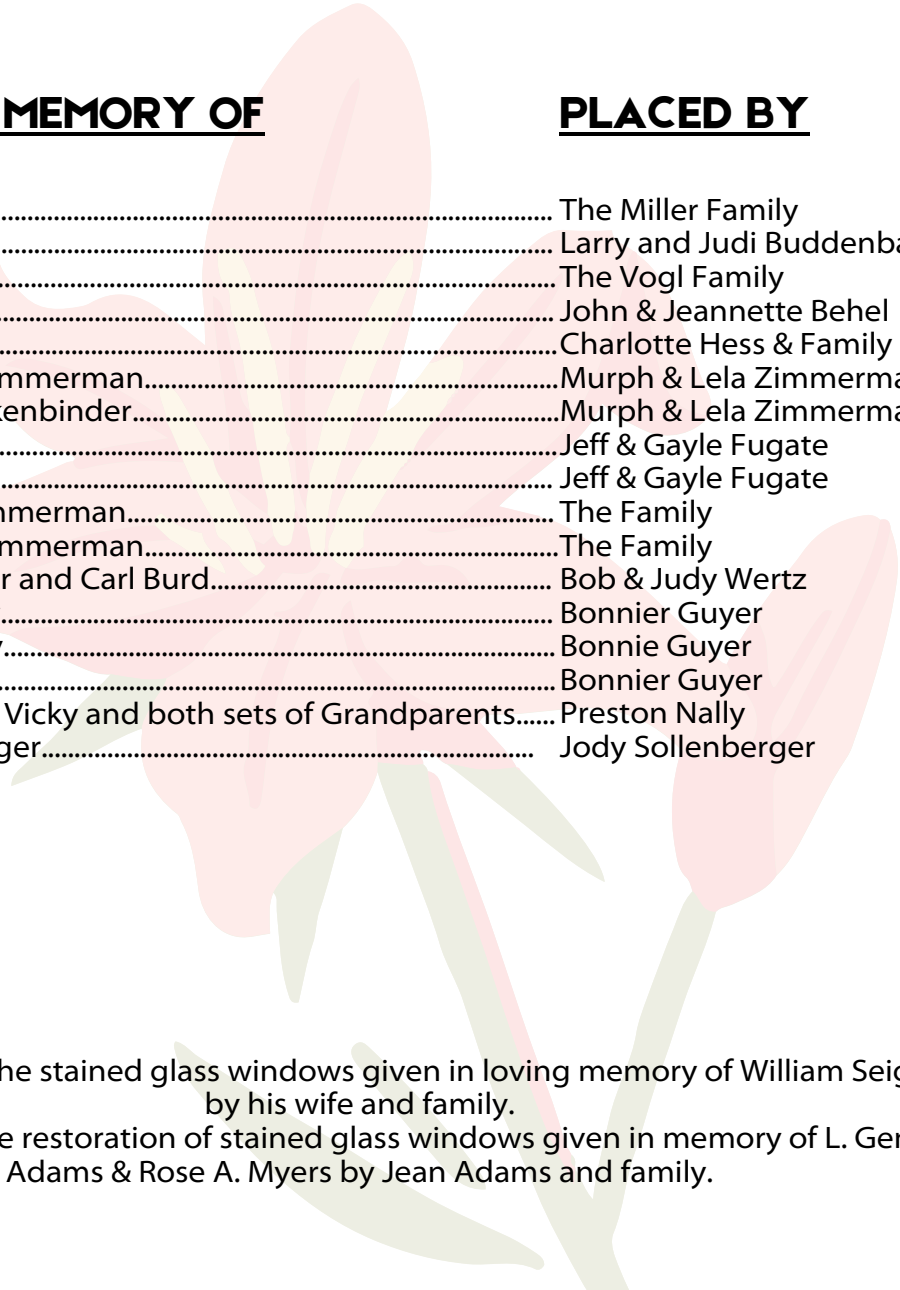
Saturday: Acts 1:9-14 Not an end, but a beginning

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 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



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.

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 to register and see a complete list of camps and retreats. Forward your camp confirmations/questions to Deb Noss sdppp@msn.com or to 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 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 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 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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