
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



WHISPERS THROUGH
DREAMS & PEOPLE



May 18, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE (8:30 A.M.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Come, Christians Join to Sing" #158

Statement of Faith of the United
Church of Canada #883

Kids Moment

Scripture Reading
Acts 2:14-18, Hebrews 12:1-2

Sermon
Whispers Through Dreams and People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Freely, Freely" #389

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE (11 A.M.)

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Take You At Your Word"

"Uncomplicated"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
Acts 2:14-18, Hebrews 12:1-2

"Rest on Us"

Sermon
Whispers Through Dreams and People

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"Altogether Good"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

John Bowen

Accompanist (8:30 a.m.)

Brandon Rhody

Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Allison Ometz

Worship Band (11 a.m.)

Nate Erno, John Gross, Allison Ometz, Cindy Smith, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Michael Garman, Ken Rapp, Jim Murdoch (8:30), Taylor Shepley (11)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Amanda Kay Strous by the family.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Victor R. Shaw, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star by Beryl Morgan.

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

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

Coming Up:

May 22 | Mission Trip Meeting (7-8)

May 25 | End of school year picnic & Senior Celebration

Keep In Touch!

Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 810 10)

Follow our instagram (@fourgyouthministry)
Visit our webpage (link on Church Center)
Contact Pastor of Discipleship Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive email updates.

Hearing God's Whispers through Dreams and People

Doodle Prayer Cloud of Witnesses

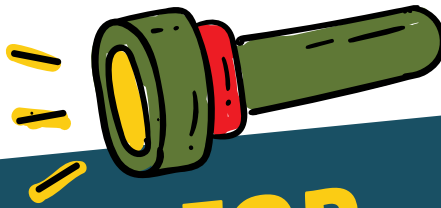
This week we give thanks for God's whispers through our dreams and people in our lives. Hebrews 12 reminds us how we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. Mark Batterson reminds us that we all need human pinballs, those who prevent us from conceit and confinement.

In a creative fashion –circles, a tree of life, interconnected names or a list written in different colors – list 25 people who and how they have influenced your life. Give thanks to God for each person. Reach out to at least two sharing your thanks.

Bible App "Whisper" Plan

If you use the Bible App (by Life.Church), there is a 5-day Bible Plan for the book Whisper. This is a great and simple tool for engagement for those who aren't interested in reading the whole book.

Whisper Books: *There are additional books available if you would like to dig deeper into the idea of hearing God's voice. Books are in the Main Lobby on the registration table for \$9.*



REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!

BUILDING AUTHENTIC CONNECTIONS TO
CHRIST, COMMUNITY, AND CREATION.



SPECIAL OFFERS:

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 to register and see a complete list of 2025 camps!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

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

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! Whether you find yourself “stuck at home”, no longer able to get out to church, or you are able to get to church but are missing your friends who are “stuck at home”...Janice would love to hear from you! [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Clearances

In 2020, we encouraged congregants to get updated Safe Sanctuary Clearances. Having clearances allows you to help (even if in a small way) alongside children and youth. Clearances expire every 5 years. Please update your clearances and submit copies to the office so that you are able to serve when God nudges you to do so. Information for obtaining clearances can be found under resources on the church website.

Pentecost Sunday | COMBINED SERVICE | June 8th | 9:00 a.m.

One Church. One Family. One Service. Join us for a special combined service on June 8th at 9:00 a.m. as we welcome and celebrate our new members and confirmands into the First Church family. We are thrilled to have a chance to highlight the uniqueness of the Foundations and Gathering services and to come together to praise the Lord with one voice. Please know that the service will also last longer than the usual hour. Childcare is available for 5th grade and under. Following the service at 10:30 in the lobby, we will have coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. Sign up on church center or at the Registration table to bring a breakfast treat if able.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | May 21, 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.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Sign up for Church Summer Camp!

Register for camp! 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 kidscount@fumchurch.com.

Senator's Game | Jun. 8 | Register by TODAY

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.

2025 Graduates

As we near the end of the school year, we want to learn about those in our church family who are graduating so that we can celebrate with them (any recent graduations from any level of education, including December graduates). Please take a moment to fill out this form on Church Center to help us celebrate our graduates.

Mechanicsburg Area Ecumenical Choir Concert | TODAY, 3 p.m.

The 36th annual Mechanicsburg Area Ecumenical Choir Concert is Sunday May 18, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The free-will offering benefits New Hope Ministries.

First Church Facebook Forum

Did you know that we have a church FB page where we can support and encourage one another and share about upcoming church activities? This group allows space in a safe forum to be the church online together. Search First Church Forum on Facebook and ask to join. <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/18nSk1DEjX/>

Church Lobby Mailboxes

We are in the process of reorganizing the mailboxes in the church lobby. If you do not have one and would like one please notify the church office or Judi Buddenbaum at ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net by June 8th.



GENEROUS GIVER

Giving to First Church

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. Everything you give to First Church helps us build disciples and love our neighbors. You can place tithes or offerings in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary, send them into the church office, or give online at fumchurch.com or in the Church Center app.

Change for Water

Water is the foundation of our very lives. Yet, according to the United Nations, over 2 billion people lack access to clean, readily available drinking water. Help us to support well-digging efforts in Africa by dropping your loose change (or even paper bills) into the blue Change for Water bucket located in the lobby in front of the multipurpose room.

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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