
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



WHISPERS THROUGH
PROMPTING & PAIN



May 25, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE (8:30 A.M.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Nothing But the Blood" #362

Pastoral Prayer

Choir Anthem
Blades of Grass and Pure White Stone

Scripture Reading
Job 7:1-6, Psalm 32:6-7, Isaiah 30:18-21

Sermon
Whispers Through Prompting and Pain

Announcements

Offering

"Standing on the Promises" #374

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE (11 A.M.)

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Run to the Father"

"Graves in the Gardens"

Kids Moment

"Still Waters"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading
Job 7:1-6, Psalm 32:6-7, Isaiah 30:18-21

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"Praise Your Name"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Al Robinson

Accompanist (8:30 a.m.)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sounds of Worship (8:30 a.m.)

Worship Leader (11 a.m.)

Abigail Wertz

Worship Band (11 a.m.)

Abigail Wertz, Tracy Wertz, George Canonizado, Emily Hammaker, Lauren Sanker, John McHenry

Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Bill Richie, Roger Walton (8:30a), Violet Sanker (11)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward & Ina Strohmenger by Jim & Sue Chilton.

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

TODAY: Youth End of Year Picnic and Senior Celebration

4th-12th graders welcomed | 6:00-8:30 at the Mengles

Coming Up:

June 1 - Senior Recognition Sunday at services

June 19 - Jubilee Day Parking Lot - Youth Mission Fundraiser

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 Promptings and Pain Breath Prayer

This week we focus on God's whispers through promptings and pain. Breath prayers call us to refocus as we merge a Bible verse while slowly breathing in and out. This can be done anywhere and allows us to abide with God. The basic practice is:

-Breathe in slowly and deeply as you whisper or think: "The Lord is my Shepherd..."

-Hold your breath and be conscious of God's presence...

- Exhale as you whisper or think: "...I shall not want."

Repeat 3 or more times, abiding deeper into God's presence with each breath.

Breath prayer ideas (find more online)

Speak Lord, your Servant is listening. -1 Samuel 3:9

You are my Light & Salvation, I am safe in You. -Psalm 27

The Lord is my strength, I will trust in God. -Psalm 28:7

My soul rests, in Christ alone. -Psalm 62:1

I trust you Lord, with all my heart. -Proverbs 3:5

For such a time as this. -Esther 4:14

This is the way, walk in it. -Isaiah 30:21

Jesus, be the center of my life. -Matthew 17:6-8

My soul, glorifies the Lord. -Luke 1:46

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. -Luke 18:13

Father into your hands, I commit my spirit. -Luke 23:46

You are a child of God.

You are the righteousness of Christ.

Abba, I belong to you.

Note: The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



SUNDAY JUNE 8
9:00 AM
COMBINED SERVICE

ONE CHURCH. ONE FAMILY.
ONE SERVICE.

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

Joy in the Morning | Jun. 2, 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.. For more info.,information, contact Janice [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 | 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

Gleaning | Oak Grove Farms | Jun. 5th, 6 p.m. (meet in Oak Groves parking lot)

This growing season, we are excited to have the opportunity to once again glean locally in partnership with Oak Grove Farms! We will share the fresh produce with the individuals and families receiving support locally from One80 Ministries. If you haven't gleaned with us before, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) x112 to have your name/contact information added to the FUMC 2025 'Glean Team' to receive additional information!



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.

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.

Solo Seniors Fellowship | Jun. 10, 11:30 a.m.

The Solo Seniors Fellowship will dine at Snapper's Restaurant on Tuesday, June 10th at 11:30 a.m. If you plan on attending, please call Bonnie Guyer at [717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145). Transportation will be provided upon request.

Community Dinner | Jun. 1 | First Church of God, 5 p.m.

Our spring community dinner will be held on Sunday, June 1 at First Church of God on Main Street at 5:00 p.m. This collaborative event with other local churches blesses the downtown community with a meal, music and a gift card drawing, free of charge. The idea comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. We serve over 100 of our neighbors and friends at these meals. If you would like to help set up, serve or provide a food item, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support! The fall Community Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 28 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.



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.

Handbell Fundraiser at Panera Bread | Jun. 17, 4-8p.m.

An easy way to support our Handbells in a fundraising way. We will be dining at the Camp Hill Panera Bread on Tuesday, June 17, from 4-8pm. The Handbell Choir will receive 25% of sales. Be sure to take along a flyer, either physically or on your phone. Flyers will be on the registration table in the lobby and online. We thank you for your support!

***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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