
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Heaven as well as on Earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever.

**WHEN
PRAYERS GO
UNANSWERED**



June 29, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE (8:30 A.M.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
#400

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading
Matthew 21:21-22;
2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" #496

Sermon
When Prayers Go Unanswered

Announcements

Offering

"Hymn of Promise" #707

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE (11 A.M.)

Countdown Video

Welcome

"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

"Battle Belongs"

Kids Moment

Summer Childcare Dismissal

Scripture Reading
Matthew 21:21-22;
2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

"Faithful Now"

Sermon
When Prayers Go Unanswered

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Cornerstone"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Lori Holtzinger (830); Sarah Pugh (11)

Accompanist (8:30)

Brandon Rhody

Worship Leader (11)

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band (11)

Sarah Pugh, Cindy Smith, Luke Wertz, Tracy Wertz, Abigail Wertz

Sound and Media

Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson, Bill Richie (8:30), Ken Rapp (11)
Brandon Rhody

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our son Michael Siemons by Jim and Gail Siemons.

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

Grab a summer calendar to see summer youth opportunities (behind the couches in the small lobby)

Coming Up:

July 16 -Isaiah 61 (service opportunity)

July 17 - Impact (evening outing)

August 3 - Community Youth Worship Night with Salt 'n Light (7:00 pm)

Keep In Touch!

Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010). Must download app to receive messages & turn on push notifications (no longer sends to texts). Follow our instagram ([@fouryouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/fouryouthministry)) Visit our webpage (link on Church Center). Contact Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive email updates.

Upcoming Special Summer Sunday School:

July 13th - Presentation - Lessons Learned from Estate Planning Mistakes

Come hear Katie Dang share tips and lessons learned from her role helping others with estate planning as she helps us learn about things to consider as we think about details related to preparing and planning for the future.

July 27th - Presentation - Youth Mission Trip

Come hear the team members who serve in North Carolina this summer. Learn about how they saw God move through the experience of supporting disaster relief efforts with Praying Pelican Missions.

August 10 - Operation Warm Hearts - Activity

Operation Warm Hearts is a local grassroots organization that aims to provide handmade items for those encountering homeless situations. All ages are welcome to help us make no-throw blankets.

Prayer Resources:

Looking for additional prayer resources but unsure where to start? Check out the staff recommendations below and on the table in the Main Lobby.

General

- A Guide to Prayer from The Upper Room by Rueben P. Job and Norman Shawchuck
- Circle Maker by Mark Batterson
- Common Prayer Pocked Edition: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals by Shane Claiborne and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
- Making Crosses: A Creative Connection to God by Ellen Prewitt
- Prayer by Philip Yancy
- Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God by Sybil MacBeth
- Praying the Names of Jesus by Ann Spangler
- Prayers for a Privileged People by Walter Brueggemann
- The Power of Simple Prayer by Joyce Meyer

Ages/Stages

For Kids

- Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer Storybook: A True Story of How You Can Talk With God by Laura Wifler
- Daily Prayer Book for Boys by FaithLabs
- Daily Prayer Book for Girls by FaithLabs
- God Hears Me by Kristen Wetherell
- How Can I Pray? By Steph Williams
- Jesus Listens: 365 Prayers for Kids by Sarah Young
- Let Us Pray by Katie Warner

For Teens

- Pray for me (Student prayer guide) by Tony Souder

For Parents

- Children and Prayer: A Shared Pilgrimage by Betty Shannon Cloyd Pray for me (Adults praying for students) by Tony Souder
- Imaginative Prayer by Jared Patrick Boyd
- Pray Big for Your Child by Will Davis Jr.
- Praying Circles Around the Lives of Your Children by Mark Batterson
- Praying the Scriptures for Your Adult Children: Trusting God with the Ones You Love by Jodie Berndt
- Praying the Scripture for Your Teens by Jodie Berndt

Others

- Praying the Scriptures for Your Marriage: Trusting God with Your Most Important Relationship by Jodie Berndt
- Women's Uncommon Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated by Geitz, Burke and Smith, editors

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.

Womens' Summer Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday evenings at Pleasant View park to discuss the book of James. Sign up on church center or at the registration table and plan to dig into God's word over the summer and come for discussion on any Wednesday you are around.

Summer Sunday School

During the summer, the Guyer Class Sunday School invites all those looking for a class to their Sunday school to participate in the Cokesbury Adult Summer Bible Study called "Living Faith." Join others in this Bible study and conversation as you explore Paul's arrival in Corinth and his ministry there from the book of 1 Corinthians. Class meets in Guyer Room 123 most Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 (class participate in most special presentations/activities).



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Pray for Our Youth Mission Team – North Carolina Disaster Relief

TODAY our youth mission team will be traveling to Mitchell County, North Carolina until July 4 to assist with disaster relief efforts and share Christ's love through hands-on service. We invite the congregation to stop by the Mission Table in the main entrance hallway to learn more about the team and their work. While you're there, pick up a prayer postcard to take home as a reminder to pray for the team throughout their trip — for safety, strength, and the impact of their witness. Thank you for supporting our youth as they step out in faith to serve others!

The Power Of Prayer

During our summer sermon series, The Power of Prayer, be sure to visit the display in the main lobby featuring a selection of prayer books and resources recommended by our church staff. These materials are meant to inspire and support you as you grow in your prayer life—whether you're just beginning or seeking new ways to deepen your connection with God. Take a moment to explore and discover tools that can enrich your faith journey.



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Introducing the New First Church Service Shirts!

We're excited to announce our brand-new First Church Service Shirts — designed to unite and identify us as we serve together in our community. Whether you're volunteering at an outreach event, helping with church ministries, or participating in a mission project, these shirts are a simple and powerful way to represent First Church with love and purpose. Wearing a service shirt not only helps others recognize who we are, but it also shows that we're working together as the hands and feet of Christ. Shirts are available for \$10.00 and can be ordered at the registration

table or on Church Center. Participation Discount: If you participate in one of the Summer Sunday school activities you can get a shirt for \$5.00 (Checks made out to FUMC, t-shirt in the memo, and given attention of Lisa Aronson).

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Gleaning | Oak Groves Farms | Jul. 2, 6 p.m.

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.

Senior Ice Cream Social | Jul. 22, 1:30 p.m.

Whether you're a generational senior or a high school senior, we invite you to gather with us in Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of friendship, fun and made-to-order sundaes! Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112 with any questions.

GENEROUS GIVER

VBS TastyKake Collection

Tastykake day for VBS is a tradition at First Church and we need your help! Please consider donating a box of Tastykakes (chocolate, vanilla, butterscotch) to the First Church office or in the collection box in the Tower Entrance or main lobby.

Yard Sale Early Collections!

New for 2025, we will be offering early collections for the annual Yard Sale which benefits Youth Mission Trips. The date is Saturday, July 12 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at our church's Main (Tower) Entrance. Due to limited storage, we ask that you donate smaller items, and wait to bring in larger items and furniture for the collections starting in August. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com or [717-215-5600](tel:717-215-5600).

Yard Sale Spaces

Starting on **July 1**, you can sign up for a Yard Sale Space at the Annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, August 16. The price is \$15 for 2 parking lot spaces and will be assigned first come, first served. Contact Donna Nichols for the link to register or with any questions at djnichols43@hotmail.com or [717-249-9477](tel:717-249-9477).

***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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