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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



*LET'S TAKE A*

**ROAD TRIP**

**ON THE GO WITH GOD**

July 20, 2025

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"Come, Christians Join to Sing" #158*

Unison Prayer

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

Scripture Reading:  
*Joshua 1:1-9 (NRSV)*

Sermon: *"Let's Take a Road Trip"*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Doxology #95

*"Go Make of All Disciples" #571*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

*"Bless God"*

*"Defender"*

Kids Moment

Summer Childcare Dismissal

Scripture Reading  
*Joshua 1:1-9 (NRSV)*

Sermon: *"Lets Take a Road Trip"*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offering

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

Benediction

Postlude

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Katie Knorr

## Liturgist

Lisa Aronson

## Special Music

Handbell Choir

## Accompanist

Brandon Rhody

## Worship Leader (11)

Sarah Pugh

## Worship Band (11)

John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, Tracy Wertz, Luke Wertz

## Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ken Rapp, Violet Sanker (11a)

# ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Polly Blum and Mark Zywan by Ed Blum and Karen Zywan.

# 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

### Stay Connected!

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

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

### Coming Up:

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 (@fourgyouthministry) Visit our webpage (link on Church Center). Contact Lisa Aronson ([uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com)) to receive email updates.

# Upcoming Special Summer Sunday School:

## **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.

## **Please pray for the entire conference camp leadership team:**

Rev. Kevin Witt

Director, Age Level Ministry / Beloved Community Ministry / Camp & Retreat Ministry

Ashlyn Miller

Executive Assistant

Charlie Renner

Vision Forward Director

Sam Richardson

Center Director - Camp Penn

TayLa Fugate

Center Director - Wesley Forest

# NOTES

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIFELONG LEARNER

### 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).

### Called to Journey, Called to Welcome: A Biblical Perspective on Immigration ZOOM Study

Come check out this 6-week online study every Tuesday from Sept. 2-Oct. 7 from 7-8 p.m. presented by Rev. Lenore Hosier, Immigration Response Team for SUSUMC. This event is sponsored by The Peace with Justice Commission of SUSUMC in coordination with The Conference Board of Global Ministries (CBGM). To register & receive the ZOOM link please email Rev. Hosier at [lhosier@susumc.org](mailto:lhosier@susumc.org).



## PRAYING FOLLOWER

### 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

### Operation Wildcat - Back To School!

Operation Wildcat is gearing up to make sure every student in our district starts the year prepared and proud — and we need YOU to help make it happen! We're collecting new school supplies, personal care items, books, and more through Labor Day, but we're hoping to gather most donations end of July so we can start pre-filling backpacks early August! Check out the table near the main entrance to learn more about ways to help and donate!



## 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](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 [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 112 with any questions.

### Summer Pickleball! Tuesday 5-7 pm

Join us on the Pickleball courts at Soldiers and Sailors Mechanicsburg Park! If the weather is unfavorable (excessive heat, rainy), we will play in the church multi-purpose room. No experience is necessary. Paddles/balls will be available to borrow if you'd like to learn how to play! Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) with questions or to be added to the Pickleball email list for updates and weekly alerts of where we will be playing.



## 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](http://fumchurch.com) or in the Church Center app.

### Yard Sale Spaces Available!

You can sign up for a yard sale space at the annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, August 16. The price is \$15 for 2 parking lot spaces. Contact Donna Nichols at [djnichols43@hotmail.com](mailto:djnichols43@hotmail.com) for the registration link. Proceeds from the spaces benefit United Women in Faith.

### Share the Harvest

If you have extra flowers, fruits, or vegetables from your yard or garden this summer, we encourage you to share them with your church family and community! Whether you leave goodies or take some home with you, please check out the Share the Harvest display set-up on the counter space near the children's department....as well as the shelf attached to the Little Free Pantry alongside the church parking lot. Contact Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112) with any questions.

**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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**Rev. Mira Hewlett, Senior Pastor**  
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