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**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 on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For Thine are the Kingdom and the Power  
and the Glory forever.*

**HABITS OF  
PRAYER IN  
SCRIPTURE  
& LISTENING**



**July 6, 2025**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude - "Medley of Patriotism"  
(George & Kathie)

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"This Is My Song" #437*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading  
*Psalm 1:1-2, John 11:41-42 and  
Ephesians 6:18-20*

Ministry of Music: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Sermon  
*Habits of Prayer in Scripture and  
Listening*

Communion

Announcements

Offering

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
#526*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

*"Build My Life"*

*"The Heart of Worship"*

Kids Moment

Summer Childcare Dismissal

Scripture Reading  
*Psalm 1:1-2, John 11:41-42 and  
Ephesians 6:18-20*

*"Lean Back"*

Sermon  
*Habits of Prayer in Scripture and  
Listening*

Communion

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*"Rest On Us"*

Benediction

Postlude

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Pastor Mira Hewlett

## Special Music

George Canonizado, Kathie Bittenbender

## Accompanist

Sarah Pugh

## Worship Leader (11)

Sarah Pugh

## Worship Band (11)

George Canonizado, Nate Erno, Krissy Marshall, Geri Nuss, Allison Ometz

## Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp

# ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Merle & Della Zimmerman and Isabel Zimmerman by the family.

# 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](http://fumchurch.com/vbs2025)

### 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.

# 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) 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 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

**Please pray for this week's campers:**

### **Welsey Forest:**

Adam Arnold

Ryleigh Arnold

# 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](http://fumchurch.com/vbs2025).

### 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

### 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

### Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Jul.16, 6:30 p.m.

Isaiah 61 Ministries serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County through a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and life groups. First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. To find out how you can help or if you would like to carpool, please contact Tiffany Holland at [tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

### Solo Seniors Fellowship | Jul. 8, 11:30 a.m.

The Solo Seniors Fellowship will dine at CC's Restaurant on Tuesday, July 8th at 11:30 a.m. If you plan on attending, please call Bonnie Guyer at 717-766-0145. Transportation will be provided upon request.



## 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 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](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) or 717-215-5600.

### Change for Water

Water is the foundation of our very lives. Yet, according to the United Nations, over 2 billion people around the world 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 in the lobby in front of the multipurpose room.

**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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