
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



**MOUNTAIN(S) OF
BLESSING**

August 17, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE **8:30 A.M**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
#92

Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Joshua 1:1-6, 8:30-35

Sermon:
"Mountain(s) of Blessing"

Announcements

Offering

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
#400

Benediction

Postlude- *"Trees of the Field"*

THE GATHERING SERVICE **11 A.M.**

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Great Are You Lord"

"Wonder"

"Goodness of God"

Kids Moment/Blessing of Backpacks

Wee Worship Dismissal

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching
Pastor Mira

Liturgist
Jeff Hoffnagle (8:30a);
Allison Ometz (11a)

Accompanist
Brandon Rhody

Worship Leader (11a)
Sarah Pugh

Worship Band
George Canonizado, Emily
Hammaker, Krissy Marshall, Allison
Ometz, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker

Sound and Media
Fred Espenshade, Taylor Shepley,
Holly Kurten (8:30a), Violet Sanker
(11a)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carvel Markley by a friend.

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) and on the Church Center app. Contact Director of Children and Family Ministry Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com) with questions.

YOUTH

GRADES 6-12

Coming Up:

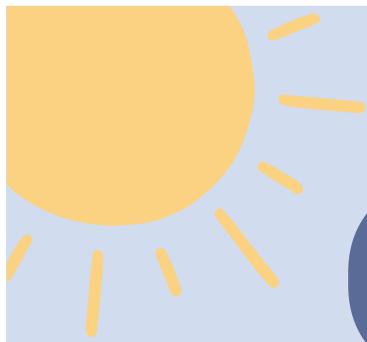
Youth Groups Kick Off
Sunday Aug 24 6:00-8:00

Students from 4th-12th grade and parents are invited to our youth group open house - a chance experience a youth evening and learn more about our ministry for students.

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NOTES



ONE CHURCH SUNDAY

SEPT. 7 AT 10 AM

***Church Picnic
follows combined
worship service
11:15 - 1:30***



**ONE CHURCH. ONE TABLE.
ONE JOYFUL DAY TOGETHER.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Leadership Nominations

Each fall the Lay Leadership Team works to identify members of First Church with the gifts and ability to serve on leadership teams throughout our church. Committees are Administrative Board, Members to Annual Conference, Finance, Nominations, Trustees, Endowment, and Staff Parish. They each have specific roles/tasks and meet monthly (or less). Will you join us in prayer about these teams and who might serve at First Church in 2026? If you or someone you know has the gifts, time and willingness to serve; please contact Pastor Mira by September 7th.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Joy in the Morning - A small group invitation | Aug. 18

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 x112 / or wecare@fumchurch.com)

Share Your Joys and Prayer Concerns With Us!

Green prayer cards are located in the pews and at the prayer station under the balcony. Fill one out and place it in the offering basket or Janice Bowen's mailbox. You can also contact Janice directly (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

One Church Sunday | Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10:00 AM

One Church, One Table, One Joyful Day Together

Join us for a special combined worship service as we come together—**all generations, one church, gathered around one table**—to mark the end of summer and step into the rhythms of fall. This service is all about unity—across ages, worship styles, and backgrounds—**as we gather around one table to share in Communion** and then continue that spirit of togetherness with a meal at our **annual church picnic**.

Following worship, all are invited to the **annual church picnic!** We'll provide **hot dogs and hamburgers**, and ask that you **bring a side dish or dessert** to share. No need for sign ups. Food can be kept warm or chilled during the service.

Come dressed for a day of connection and celebration—no need for traditional church attire. In fact, this is the perfect day to give your **Hawaiian shirts one last hurrah** before summer ends! While **indoor seating is available**, you're invited to **bring a bag chair or picnic blanket** and **enjoy yard games and fellowship outdoors**.

Let's gather—**one church, one table, and have one joyful day together!**

Call church office with any questions!



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Isaiah 61 Ministries Collection | Mission for August

Please check out the display in the tower hallway during August for a list of needs. We would also like to put together hygiene kits that include toothbrushes, brush-holders, toothpaste (travel size), soap and a washcloth. During the cold winter months, shoes, socks, coats, blankets, tents and sleeping bags are greatly appreciated. Those being served are always very appreciative of our presence and willingness to serve, pray or just lend an ear. God has abundant and unending love for each person who comes through the line, and for all members of the homeless community. Helping to continue the mission of Isaiah61 Ministries is a truly humbling and rewarding experience, and it is a great honor to serve as God's hands and feet.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Camp Fancy Gala | Saturday, Sept. 13, 4-8 p.m.

Everyone who values the power of our Camp and Retreat Ministry experiences is invited to enjoy an evening of inspiration, fun, and generosity. This annual fundraising event takes place at the Central Penn College Conference Center (600 College Hill Road, Summerdale) and features a catered meal, special music, a silent auction and the chance to honor long-time camp volunteer Rev. Beth Jones. Buy tickets, make a donation and learn about sponsorship opportunities at suscrm.org/gala. If you have questions, want to volunteer, or want to donate an auction item, please contact Steve Noss (sdppp@msn.com).



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.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for some volunteers to help with prepping and painting for the front doors of the church. We need to have the surround and the doors scraped and painted. This can be done on your own schedule. If you can assist with this project contact Paul Zito at facilities@fumchurch.com

***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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Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors
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