
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



**MOUNTAIN OF
RESCUE**

August 31, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude - *"Pick A Winner"*

Welcome

Call to Worship

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
#57

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture Reading:
1 Samuel 16:12-13, 21:10-22:4

Sermon:
"Mountain of Rescue"

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Victory in Jesus"
#370

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Wonder"

"Raise a Hallelujah"

Kids Moment

Wee Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading:
1 Samuel 16:12-13, 21:10-22:4

"Defender"

Sermon:
"Mountain of Rescue"

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"Lord I Need You"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching
Pastor Mira

Liturgist
Sarah Pugh

Special Music
Handbell Choir

Accompanist
Brandon Rhody

Worship Leader (11a)
Sarah Pugh

Worship Band
Sarah Pugh, George Canonizado

Sound and Media
Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols,
Holly Kurten (8:30a), Ken Rapp (11a)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathryn and George Fishel by the Van Kirk's and Taylor's.

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

-Fall kickoff for KidsWorship and Wee Worship is Sunday, September 14th!

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: September 7 - One Church Sunday (10:00am) and church picnic (11:15-1:30)

Keep in Touch!

We have a new Youth Ministry texting platform. To get the most up-to-date and real time messages please text fumyouthmin to 717-722-4800 to opt into receiving texts. Contact Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive email updates.

NOTES

The Church office will be CLOSED on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025 in observation of Labor Day. We will resume regular hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025.



ONE CHURCH SUNDAY

September 7 | 10:00 AM

and Church Picnic

11:15 AM-1:30 PM

The church picnic will follow the combined worship service.

- Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- Food items can be brought to the main lobby before service, where our helpful volunteers will keep them chilled/warmed as needed. (Please consider having items that need to stay warm in an oven-safe dish, crock pot, etc.)
- Remember to pick up your dish following the picnic

Come dressed for a day of connection and celebration—no need for traditional church attire. 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 lawn chair or picnic blanket and enjoy yard games and fellowship outdoors.



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

Needing Partners in Ministry for KidsMin

We are in need of a few helpers for serving in KidsMinistry to serve once a month during our 11 am service. We have two openings to serve in the Wee Worship (preschool) room and one opening to serve in the KidsWorship (elementary) room. Each room has another experienced leader to serve with and they will lead the teaching while you are there to support. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Katie Knorr, Director of Children's Ministry at kidscount@fumchurch.com.



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

Thank you from Operation Wildcat

Bill Ritchie shares : "On behalf of Operation Wildcat, I would like to sincerely thank the congregation from FUMC for their incredible generosity in donating school supplies for our Project Back-To-School. Sixty, fully loaded backpacks, have already been donated to students. More will be distributed in the next few weeks of school. And throughout the school year, the donated supplies continue to be disbursed to those students in need of them. I hope all who donated have the same sense of satisfaction and excitement that our students feel when they have the supplies they need to complete their assignments at school and at home. We need to ensure early success for all students to keep them motivated to do their best each day. Children are our future!!"



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Deborah Circle | Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:00 pm

We will meet in the hardwood cafe (green chair area with tables). New members are welcome. We meet every other month at the church. We do several service projects (e.g., food basket for local family at Thanksgiving and Easter, meal for Isaiah 61) throughout the year. We have been learning about unknown women of the Bible. On September 9th, Sandy Walton will be the facilitator talking about Esther and Vashti. Hope to see you there. Our next meeting will be Nov 4 at 7:00 pm. Any questions please call/text Sandy Walton at 717-433-3687.

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.

Dine to Donate - Texas Roadhouse | Thurs., Sept. 18, 3-10 p.m.

Come and support Mission Central by dining in at Texas Roadhouse on Sept. 18! They will donate 10% of your total food purchase towards Mission Central by showing them the flyer which you can find on our registration in main lobby.

***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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