
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



THE TRUE CENTER



September 7, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP **10:00 AM**

Prelude - "Here I Am to Worship"

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

"This is Amazing Grace"

Sharing Signs of Peace

Kids Moment

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Colossians 1:15-20

Anthem: *"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"*

Sermon:
The True Center

Communion

Announcements

Offering

"How Great Thou Art"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching:
Pastor Mira

Leading in Worship:
Choir and Worship Band

Sound and Media:
Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols, Taylor Shepley

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of 9/11 placed by Georgianna Braund.

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

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

Come worship, eat, and play some games!

Coming Up:

Next week Sept 14 | Student Small Groups, 6:00-7:30

SnL Battleball Tournament | October 19

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](text:fumyouthmin) to 717-722-4800 to opt into receiving texts. Contact Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive email updates.

Sunday Morning Enrichment | 9:45-10:45 | Sunday Mornings

As summer comes to a close, Small Groups and Sunday School classes that took a break for the summer will resume on September 14th! This is a wonderful opportunity to find consistency and accountability in your faith journey while studying God's Word. Here are the list of opportunities for enrichment during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 AM). We look forward to growing together!

Sunday School:

Growing in Christ, B006; Class leader Marjorie Snyder at 57masnyder@gmail.com.

Fall Studies:

- **The Book of Philemon:** A 3-week video-based series by Bryan Loritts that walks through the book of Philemon to see the apostle Paul's framework for reconciliation.
- **Tame Your Thoughts:** A 6 week video-based series by Max Lucado to help us renew our minds and break free from the negative patterns, and become a little more like Jesus every day.

Christian Fellowship, Room B003; Class leader Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com.

Fall Study:

- **Aftermath:** A 3-week video-based series by Andy Stanley that explores the struggle the early believers faced against tradition in the wake of the resurrection. Jesus' resurrection launched a series of events that introduced the world to his new covenant and new hope.

Helping Hands, Room B004; Class leader Bob Wertz, Sr., at robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com

Fall Study:

- **Cokesbury Adult Bible Study:** "Struggle. Perseverance. Hope." This study acquaints us with Hebrew women whose faithfulness helped further God's plans; challenges us with Jeremiah's commitment; and offers us insights into living in love, faithfully imitating what is good, and praying with confidence.

Guyer Class, Room 123; Class leaders Steve and Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com.

Fall Study:

- **Cokesbury Adult Bible Study:** "Struggle. Perseverance. Hope." (see above)

Colossians: One Jesus, One People, Room 105; Class Leader: Lisa Aronson

This is a short-term 3-week class led by Lisa Aronson. This class will explore, alongside the September sermon series, the book of Colossians through a resource written by Jay Y Kim. Meeting September 14th, 21st, 28th

Small Groups:

There are also Small Groups that regularly meet during the Sunday School hour and strive to not only support each other through faith growth in a classroom space, but also through fellowship and connection as they navigate similar stages of life:

Faithful Families

Contact: Bob and Tracy Wertz at wertzfive@gmail.com.

An active group of parents with college-aged and young adult children who study Scripture, encourage one another and celebrate life together in and out of the classroom.

Faith in Everyday Life

Contact: Amy at amyerno@gmail.com or Jenell at jparis@messiah.edu.

A group for adults of all ages focused on fellowship and friendship/mutual support in and outside the classroom

For more information about each group or class, please see information on Church Center or the Church Web site or email Lisa Aronson at adultministry@fumchurch.com

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Needing Partners in Ministry for KidsMin

We are in need of one more helper for serving in KidsMinistry to serve once a month during our 11 am service. 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.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Deborah Circle | Tues., 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.

Solo Seniors Fellowship | Tues., Sept. 9, 11:30 a.m.

The Solo Seniors Fellowship will dine at the Perkins restaurant on Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m. If you plan on attending, please call Bonnie Guyer at 717-755-0145. Transportation will be provided as requested.

Joy in the Morning - A small group invitation, Mon., Sept. 29th @ 1 pm

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 contact Janice (717-766-4611 x112 /or wecare@fumchurch.com)



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Bible Sunday | Sun., Sept. 21, 8:30 and 11

At First Church, we want to equip believers of all ages to dive into Scripture in a relevant, accessible way. We provide new Bibles to our four-year-olds, second-graders, sixth-graders and ninth-graders. If your child is interested in receiving a Bible, but cannot attend worship on this date, please contact the church office, Katie Knorr for kid bibles, or Lisa Aronson for youth bibles. In addition, if you're an adult in need of a Bible, please contact Lisa Aronson.

Rejoicing Spirits | Sun., Sept. 28, 4 p.m.

First Church invites everyone to attend this inclusive praise and worship experience that celebrates all expressions of worship and individuals of all abilities. This monthly service includes music, scripture, prayer and a brief message, along with refreshments and fellowship afterward.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Camp Fancy Gala | Sat., 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).



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Mom Connection | Begins Mon., Sept. 15, 6-8 p.m.

This group connects moms of children (newborns through high school age) with other moms who are seeking friendship, support and encouragement along the parenting journey. The group meets the 3rd Monday monthly September through May. Meetings begin with family-style dinner followed by a theme-based topic designed to help develop connections and offer support, inspiration, and resources for Christ-centered parenting. Sign up on Church Center. Questions? Contact Katie Knorr, Director of Children and Family Ministry.

Friday Food Trucks at First! | Fri., Sept. 19, 4:30-8 p.m.

Our last Food Truck event will be held on Friday, September 19. We welcome the following trucks: Grappling Crab, Midnite Smokin BBQ, Diesel and Dough (pizza), J&D Cheesesteaks, Aloha Snow (shaved Ice) and Nour Coffee Truck. We be hosting a Fun and Fit Fair in the multipurpose room in partnership with Sadler Health in Mechanicsburg. Sadler Health Center is a federally qualified health center serving Cumberland and Perry counties, providing comprehensive community-based primary care, dental care and behavioral health services with a team of qualified professionals who can help you reach your healthiest life.



GENEROUS GIVER

25th Annual Handbell Chicken BBQ | Sat., Sept. 27, 11-4 p.m.

The handbells are hosting our 25th annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 27! Order your dinner now from a handbell player by signing up at the registration table in lobby. You can also call or email Kathie at 717-697-6257 or rbittenben@verizon.net. Dinners are \$14 and consist of 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce and roll. We also have our bake sale at the same time, so don't miss the goodies! Thank you for your support!

***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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