
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



I KNOW... BUT!



September 14, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (UMC Discipleship)

"In The Garden"
#314

Celebrating Food Trucks

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem: *"Give it to Jesus"*

Scripture Reading:
Colossians 3:1-11

Sermon:
"I Know...But!"

Announcements

Offering

"Jesus Loves Me"
#191

Benediction

Postlude

FOUNDATION SERVICE **11:00 A.M**

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Here I Am to Worship"

"Christ Be Magnified"

"Joy (What the World Calls Foolish)"

Kids Moment

Wee Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading:
Colossians 3:1-11

Sermon:
"I Know...But!"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching
Pastor Mira

Liturgist
Sarah Pugh

Accompanist (830)
Brandon Rhody

Special Music (830)
Sounds of Worship

Worship Leader (11)
Sarah Pugh

Worship Band
George Canonizado, Sarah Pugh,
Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media
Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Ken
Rapp, Jim Robinson

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Seig by his wife Marilyn Seig and 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

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

Small Groups | TODAY, 6:00-7:30

Students in 4th-7th meet in the gym for game time before beginning small group conversations. Students 8th-12th grade meet in the youth lounge.

Interested in the Youth Worship Band? Let Lisa know of your interest.

Coming Up Next Week:

Bible Sunday | Morning Services

Students in 6th and 9th grade will be given new Bibles for their continual growth and study in God's Word.

4G Youth Group + Meal | 6:00-8:00

Students 6th - 12th grade gather for dinner followed by our lesson and hang out time. Enter at the office entrance.

Save the Date:

-Service Opportunity- Community Dinner | September 28
-SnL Battleball Tournament | October 19

NOTES

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God,

we know that when we offend another, we offend you.

We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes.

We had said unpleasant and hurtful things, or done things, to our brother and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations.

Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you.

Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace and reconciliation.

Forgive us our sins

and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. Amen.

(Michael O'Donnel, USA 20th Century, UMC Book of Worship)

**To Members & Visitors:
Please be aware that the red doors at back of Sanctuary are locked and only opened during service for safety reasons. Please use parking lot entrances.**

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 a 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

New Member Class | Sundays Oct. 5-Nov. 2, 2025 9:45-10:45 am

If you are new to First Church or interested in becoming a member, this is the class! Learn about the core values of First Church, meet staff and leaders, and understand the broad strokes of the United Methodist Church. Meets for five weeks with childcare provided if registered ahead. Led by Pastor Mira. Sign up by Sept 28th by emailing Pastor Mira at pastormira@fumchurch.com.

Never Give Up Study | Sundays Oct. 5-26, 6-7:30 pm in Rm 105

Dig deeper into the story of Joseph who persevered through great challenges in his life in the book of Genesis. Share your challenges and learn how Joseph found strength in the hardest times from God. The class led by Pastor Mira includes videos, discussion, and reading of Never Give Up by Max Lucado. Sign up by Oct 1st if you want a book, or order on your own. If interested, sign up by reaching out to Pastor Mira at pastormira@fumchurch.com.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study | Wednesdays 9:30-10:45 AM | Hardwood Cafe

Join other women at the round tables under the balcony as we explore together the books of 1st and 2nd Peter. Sign up on Church Center or at the Registration Table in the Main Lobby. Participants will need the workbook: 1-2 Peter: Living Hope in a Hard World by Lydia Brownback. Study begins on Wednesday, September 24th. Contact Lisa Aronson at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more information.

PRAYING FOLLOWER

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 | 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 | Sunday, 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

Trash Pick-up | Memorial Park, Sat., Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Join Eliza Marshall, age six, who cares about having a clean environment take time to pick up trash around our community! Come join us after the homecoming game in Mechanicsburg to volunteer. We will meet near the stadium in Memorial Park. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. If you'd like to sign up or learn more, please contact Krissy Marshall at kjmarsh1126@gmail.com.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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'll be hosting a Fun and Fit Fair in the multipurpose room in partnership with Sadler Health in Mechanicsburg. Thank you all for a great season!

Community Dinner | Sun., Sept. 28, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5 p.m.

The fall community dinner will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church on Main Street at 5:00 p.m. This collaborative event with other local churches blesses the downtown community with a meal, music and a gift card drawing, free of charge. The idea comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. We serve close to 100 neighbors and friends at these meals. If you would like to help set up, serve or provide a food item, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support!



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.

Praise Ringers Fundraisers

The Praise Ringers at First Church are continuing to prepare for their August 2026 trip to Aberdeen, Scotland, where they'll participate in the 22nd International Handbell Symposium! You can help support the Handbell Choir in their endeavor with multiple fundraiser opportunities and events listed below. There will be more fundraisers listed throughout the year. Please visit the website, Church Center, or the registration table in the main lobby for more info and to sign up.

Chicken BBQ | Saturday, Sept. 27th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. pickup

Sponsor a Bell | Begins Saturday, Sept. 27th

R&K Sub Sale | Orders due by Sunday, Oct. 5, pickup on Sunday Oct. 19

Red Robin Fundraiser | Tuesday, Oct. 21st, 4-8 p.m.

Mechanicsburg Merry Market place | Saturday, Nov. 15th, downtown Mechanicsburg

Ornament-Making Fundraiser | Saturday, Nov. 15th, 9 a.m in Fellowship Hall

Pie Fundraiser | Pickup on Saturday, Nov. 22nd in Fellowship Hall

***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 for current studies, fundraisers, events, and more.

Church Center

FUMC app to sign up for classes, donate, and request access to the church directory. Scan QR code:



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