
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



October 5, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"
#520

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Genesis 41:25-36

Sermon:
"Overcoming Adversity"

Sounds of Worship
"One Bread, One Cup, One Faith"

Communion

Announcements

Offering

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
#474

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"King Of My Heart"

"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Scripture Reading:
Genesis 41:25-36

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"Same God"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching
Pastor Mira

Liturgist
Sarah Pugh (830); George Canonizado (11)

Accompanist (830)
Brandon Rhody

Special Music (830)
Sounds of Worship

Worship Leader (11)
Sarah Pugh

Worship Band
George Canonizado, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, Allison Shield, Cynthia Smith

Sound and Media
Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Holly Kurten (830), Violet Sanker (11)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of long time friend David Kutz placed by Bill and Karen Richie.

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

Today - 4G Youth Group | 6:00-8:00

Students 6th - 12th grade meet in the Youth Lounge/Gym for games, lesson, and conversation. Enter at office entrance.

Next Week:

Student Small Groups | Oct 12 6:00-7:30

Coming Up:

- Battleball Tournament | Oct 19, 1:30-8:00 (Deadline to register - Oct 5)
- Rise Against Hunger Service opportunity Nov 2. Must Register to participate
- Sleep Out for the Homeless Nov 21-22

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.

NOTES

Weekly Prayer Letter: Sign up online or in the Main Lobby to receive the emailed prayer letter that comes out each Thursday. Join others in prayer for those in our congregation, ministries and more at First Church.

You can also scan this QR code:



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.

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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

Never Give Up Study | Sundays Oct. 5-26, 6-7:30 p.m. 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. 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 a.m. | 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.

Wednesday Men's Group | 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 8 p.m.

This group meets off-site at a member's house and enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. Men of all ages are welcome. Contact John Bowen bowenhome720@gmail.com or Bob Wertz, Jr. if interested in more information.

Growing Together | Oct. 19, 12 p.m.

Join us for "Growing Together" on October 19th, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM at the round tables after service, where we'll enjoy lunch and participate in a learning/service activity for all ages. Please register on Church Center or at the Registration Table to help us plan for food! For questions, contact Katie Knorr. Future dates include November 16, January 4, March 15, and April 19.

PRAYING FOLLOWER

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 at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112.

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Online Worship

Worship with us and invite others to join any time of the week! Check out our livestreams at 8:30 and 11 on Sundays or watch recorded messages on our YouTube and Facebook pages 24/7. If you're unable to access online worship services, contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com) for other ways to connect to First Church.

FUMC T-Shirts

FUMC Service T-Shirts are available for pick-up in the main lobby. Sample sizes are also available in the main lobby for those who still desire to order a shirt. Shirts can be ordered at the Registration Table or on Church Center.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Rise Against Hunger | Shepherdstown UMC, Sun., Nov. 2, 4-6 p.m.

Rise Against Hunger is a great organization that helps with those facing hunger worldwide and helps us put our faith into action! On Nov 2nd Mechanicsburg area UMCs will join together to pack 10,000 meals in two hours. 60 volunteers are needed to make this happen, with jobs for all ages and abilities. Each meal costs 40 cents and donations are needed too. **Sign up by October 19th** to serve or donate meals in Church Center app, or call the church office to get involved.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Men's Breakfast – Sat., Oct. 4th, 7:30 a.m., Brothers Restaurant

An open invitation is extended to all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday of each month (Brothers Restaurant is located at 705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, 17055). Please contact John Bowen bowenhome720@gmail.com or Bob Wertz, Jr. if you are interested in attending.

Solo Seniors Fellowship | Tues., Oct. 14, 11:30 a.m.

The Solo Seniors Fellowship will dine at the Simpson Diner on Tuesday, October 14, at 11:30 a.m. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at 717-766-0145. Transportation will be provided upon request.

Streets of Treats | Sat., Oct. 18. 10-2 p.m.

Check us out at Streets of Treats on Market Street in Mechanicsburg from 10-2pm. This family-oriented event features safe, daytime trick-or-treating, crafts, games and other children's activities. Come say hi to Miss Katie and pick up some candy and goodies for kids! For more info and to sign up to help volunteer at the First Church Kids table, check out Church Center.



GENEROUS GIVER

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 Bells table.

We now have a **table in the main hallway** for all of our "Things that are Happening" this year. Be sure to check it out! This week - all R&K sub/pretzel sandwich orders are due. They will be delivered Sunday, October 19th. Thank you church family!

***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:



Rev. Mira Hewlett, Senior Pastor | pastormira@fumchurch.com

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