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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



October 12, 2025

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #462*

Kids Message/Mission Moment

Sounds of Worship  
*"Here I Am, Lord"*

Scripture Reading:  
*Genesis 45:1-8*

Sermon:  
*Strengthening Our Faith*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

*"Be Thou My Vision" #451*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

*"This I Believe (The Creed)"*

*"Abide"*

Kids Moment/Mission Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

*"Faithful Now"*

Scripture Reading:  
*Genesis 45:1-8*

Sermon:  
*Strengthening Our Faith*

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*"Firm Foundation (He Won't)*

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# LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Preaching**  
Pastor Mira

**Liturgist**  
Kurt Vollert (830a); Krissy & Eliza Marshall (11a)

**Accompanist (830)**  
Brandon Rhody

**Special Music (830)**  
Sounds of Worship

**Worship Leader (11)**  
Sarah Pugh

**Worship Band**  
Krissy Marshall, John McHenry, Sarah Pugh, Allison Shield, Tracy Wertz

**Sound and Media**  
Ron Nichols, Bill Richie, Taylor Shepley

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God.

# 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](http://fumchurch.com)) and on the Church Center app. Contact Director of Children and Family Ministry Katie Knorr ([kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

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# YOUTH

## GRADES 6-12

**Today:** Student Small Groups | 6:00-7:30

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

**Next Week:** 4G Youth Group + Dinner | Oct 19 | 6:00-800

### Coming Up:

-Rise Against Hunger Service opportunity Nov 2. Must Register to participate  
-Sleep Out for the Homeless Nov 21-22 - tell Lisa if interested.

### 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](mailto: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**

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:*

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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 Guyer Rm**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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## **PRAYING FOLLOWER**

### **Share Your Joys and Prayer Concerns With Us! Check out the new Prayer Request box!**

Green prayer cards are located in the pews and at the prayer station under the balcony. Fill one out and place it in new prayer request box at the registration table in main lobby. You can also contact Janice directly at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 112.

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## **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](mailto: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.

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## **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**

### **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.

### **Mom Connection | Mon., Oct. 20, 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.



## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Isaiah 61 Pop-Up Packing | TODAY, After both services.**

Join us TODAY after 8:30 am worship to help pack 100 hygiene kits for the homeless in Harrisburg at our meal this week. After 11am service we will pack 100 winter kits with gloves, hats and socks for delivery in Nov/Dec. Give 10 minutes to show love to homeless neighbors nearby. After 8:30 service packing will be in MPR room and after 11 service we'll be in the green chair section. Thank you!

### **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! There will be more fundraisers listed throughout the year. Please visit the website, Church Center, or the Bells table which is in the main hallway. Be sure to check it out!

Our "Dining Out" this month is at **Red Robin Oct. 21st from 4-8pm**. Pick up a flyer on the table get it electronically from our new facebook page: The Praise Ringers at First United Methodist Church!

***Scan here or visit [fumchurch.com](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/@FUMCMechanicsburg)

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## 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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