
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY



October 19, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude *"Fly Away Now"*

Welcome

Call to Worship

"We Are the Church" #558

Opening Prayer

"I Love My Church" Series Intro

Scripture Reading

Sermon: *Accepting Differences*
Karin McHale

Affirmation of Faith

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Together in One Spirit"

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

Opening Prayer

"Who You Say I Am"

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Kids Moment
Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"I Love My Church" Series Intro

Scripture Reading

Sermon: *Accepting Differences*
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Affirmation of Faith

Announcements

"The Truth"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Karin McHale

Liturgist

Pastor Mira

Accompanist (830)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music (830)

Sounds of Worship, Rejoicers

Worship Leader (11)

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band

Janice Bowen, George Canonizado, Sarah Pugh, Cindy Smith

Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Bill Richie, Holly Kurten (8:30a), Jim Robinson (11a)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Florence Hoy, Gladys Peck, and Emma Whitcomb by The Hoy 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

Today: 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.

Next Week: Oct 26 | Service Opportunity-TBD

Coming Up:

-Rise Against Hunger Service opportunity Nov 2. Must register to participate
-Sleep Out for the Homeless - 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) to receive email updates.

WHAT WILL I PACK?



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with the Good News of Jesus Christ as expressions of God's immense love for a child. So, be sure to make them...

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item (and other new toys) to delight the child.

FULL: Add school supplies and personal care items to fill empty spaces.

PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer. Prayerfully packed shoebox gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches around the world.

A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, shipping, and evangelism training and materials. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your gift.

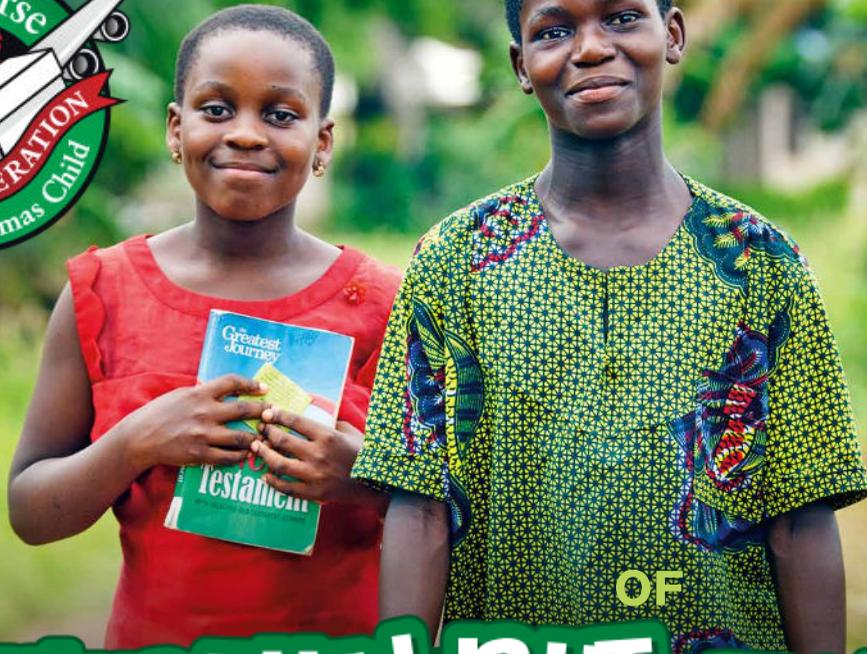
**Pack a box
online as part of
FUMC's box count:**



**Visit the table in
the entrance
hallway for more
information**

**"Shoebox gifts are like
snowflakes—no two are alike!"**

—Franklin Graham, *President, Samaritan's Purse*



Epiphani
and Daniel

SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

When an 11-year-old girl in the western African country of Ghana learned about Jesus through Samaritan's Purse programs Operation Christmas Child and **The Greatest Journey**, she decided to follow Him as Savior and boldly share her faith. The girl's name is Epiphani. "Through the program, I now know who Jesus Christ is," said Epiphani about **The Greatest Journey** follow-up evangelism and discipleship program for shoebox recipients.

"The classes changed my life. I put my trust in Jesus."

Shining the light of Jesus Christ in her community led Epiphani to notice a boy picking through trash for metal scraps to sell for food. She gave him the Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift she had received—filled with items such as pencils, books, and a pair of blue sandals. She had loved the gift but decided that the boy named Daniel needed the treasures more. He wears the sandals nearly every day. Daniel was so intrigued by Epiphani's thoughtfulness, as well as her excitement and love for Jesus, that he accepted her invitation to attend church and began studying the Bible. Before long, Daniel gave his life to Christ. He plays drums during the church's worship services. After Daniel told his mother about Jesus, she also accepted Jesus as Savior and became part of the church.

Praise God for how He is shining His light into families, beginning with boys and girls who are making disciples by sharing the gift of Jesus Christ.



Scan to hear
Epiphani's
testimony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

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 began 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 | TODAY, 12 p.m.

Join us for "Growing Together" on October 19th, from 12:00-1:30 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! 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 or 717-766-4611, ext. 112.

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Church Conference | Nov. 2 | Shepherdstown UMC

Church conference is our annual church meeting to hear reports and approve leadership for 2026. This year our meeting is with other UMCs in the area, meeting on Sun., Nov. 2 at Shepherdstown UMC (1934 S York Rd, Mech). Worship starts at 5:30 pm, followed by individual church meetings. All members are eligible to vote.

Baptisms | Nov. 23

Baptisms will be celebrated in worship on Nov. 23 for any children or adults interested in becoming part of God's family through this sacrament. Contact Pastor Mira by Nov. 9th at pastormira@fumchurch.com to set up a time to learn more.

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.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! Due Nov. 23 by noon.

"Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of boys and girls in more than 100 countries each year. Many of these children have never before received a present or heard the true meaning of Christmas—until they open a gift-filled shoebox from a person like you."

Support Operation Christmas Child by filling a shoebox with gifts for the upcoming holiday season! Start by picking up the instructions and a shoebox at church (or use your own shoebox). You'll find these items on the display in the main entrance hallway. Next, fill your box with items suggested on the list (also available on the display). Finally, remember to bring your filled shoeboxes back to the church display in the main lobby no later than November 23 (by 12:00PM).

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

Mom Connection | Tomorrow, 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

Fundraising for Handbells | Happening this week!

-Don't forget to pick up your subs in the Multi-Purpose room today!

-This is the last week to order Texas Roadhouse gift cards. Do you need any for Christmas gifts?

-Our ongoing "Send a Bell or Chime to Scotland" campaign continues. Take a card and keep it for the information on the card. Then find the matching envelope and when it is returned with the money, it can be given to Kathie Bittenbender or put in the Scrip mailbox. We thank you church for your continued support.

AND - we're dining at Red Robin from 4-8pm on Tuesday, October 21st. Hope to see you there!

New Hope Ministry Sweet Potato Collection | Collecting Oct. 26- Nov. 23

Our annual collection of sweet potatoes or yams for New Hope Ministries begins Oct. 26 and runs through Nov. 23. These will be added to other Thanksgiving meal items at New Hope for distribution. Please bring your donations inside the main entrance doors. Thank you for thinking of others in the time of giving.

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

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***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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