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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



being the church:

**Love**  
in  
**Sharing**

A large, solid red heart is the central graphic. It is surrounded by elegant, black, swirling decorative flourishes that resemble leaves or vines, extending from the top and bottom of the heart.

October 26, 2025

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*  
#577

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Handbell Anthem:  
*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

Scripture Reading  
*Matthew 5:13-14; John 13:34-35*

Sermon:  
*Being the Church: Love in Sharing*

Announcements

Offering

Doxology #95

*"Pass It On"*  
#572

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

*"Good Good Father"*

*"New Wine"*

Kids Moment  
Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

*"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"*

Scripture Reading  
*Matthew 5:13-14; John 13:34-35*

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*Being the Church: Love in Sharing*

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*"Am I Willing"*

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# LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Preaching**  
Pastor Mira

**Liturgist**  
Sarah Pugh

**Accompanist (830)**  
Brandon Rhody

**Special Music (830)**  
Handbells

**Worship Leader (11)**  
Sarah Pugh

**Worship Band**  
John Gross, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh,  
Lauren Sanker, Allison Shield

**Sound and Media**  
Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp, Fred  
Espenshade (8:30a), Violet Sanker  
(11a)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lancaster placed by Don and Kay Heiges.

# 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: No youth this weekend**

**Next Week:** Rise Against Hunger 4-6; Youth Group 6:30-8:00 (let Lisa know if you signed up for Rise Against Hunger & need a ride).

### Coming Up:

Student Small Groups - Nov 9

### 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

# WORLD THANK OFFERING BAKED GOOD GIVEAWAY

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United  
Women  
in Faith

SUNDAY, NOV. 2 | 9:30-11 A.M.

# FLU SHOTS

Sunday, Nov. 2  
9-11 a.m.

DETAILS AT [FUMCHURCH.COM](http://FUMCHURCH.COM)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *LIFELONG LEARNER*

### **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study | Every Wed 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. 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.

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## *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 **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*

### **Rejoicing Spirits | TODAY, Oct. 26, 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, a brief message, as well as refreshments and fellowship afterward.

### **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**

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 to set up a time to learn more by Nov 9th.

### **Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry Food Preparing and Serving | Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.**

First Church is pleased to support this local organization that serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County. They provide a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and Life groups. Specifically, First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. The next volunteer opportunity is November 19 at 6:30 p.m. Now that we are also preparing the food, in addition to serving, we are looking for more help. If you would like to learn how you can volunteer, contact Tiffay Holland at [tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com).

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## *DEDICATED MISSIONARY*

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! | Due Nov. 23 by noon.**

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).



### **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

#### **Ornament Making Day | Nov. 15th**

Our Ornament making Day! Sign up at our table or on Church Center and bring your family to make some fun ornaments. Samples can be found on our fundraising table! All ages welcome! Reach out to a handbell member or Kathie Bittenbender for more info.

#### **Advent Workshop Event | Sun., Nov. 30 | After both services**

Join us in the multipurpose room on Sunday, Nov. 30 to create and package a gift item for our members who worship at home. All materials will be provided with simple instructions to help make our at-home members feel loved and remembered. This activity is for all ages! Just pop in after the 8:30 am or 11:00 am worship services to lend your hand at bringing joy this Christmas season. Snacks will be provided!



### **GENEROUS GIVER**

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

Our annual collection of canned 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!

#### **United Women in Faith Baked Good Giveaway | Sun., Nov. 2**

Support the United Women in Faith World Thank Offering with your sweet tooth! Stop by the table near the couches in the lobby (by the children's wing) between worship services to pick up a treat and donate to the World Thank Offering, which helps women, children and youth in need locally and globally. To donate a baked good, please bring it to the display that morning. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

#### **Thank you for supporting the Handbells!**

We have a few more fall fundraisers coming up, including our **Ornament Making Day on Saturday, November 15**, and our popular **Pie Sale on Saturday, November 22**. Check out the website or the handbell table in the Tower Entrance.

AND we thank you for your continued support of our **Send a Bell or Chime to Scotland**. Find a card with the bell or chime you want to send – keep the card as a reminder – find the matching envelope and use it for your cash or check (made out to FUMC) placing it in the Scrip box or give it to Kathie Bittenbender. Thank you to all!

***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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