
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



God's blessings:

Love
in
Giving

A large red heart is positioned behind the text 'Love in Giving'. The heart is decorated with black and white swirling flourishes and small leaf-like shapes.

November 9, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Sounds of Worship
"I Feel the Spirit"

Welcome

Opening Hymn:
"The Church's One Foundation" #545

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading
Acts 4:32-35

Sermon:
"God's Blessings: Love in Giving"

Consecration of Our Gifts

Offering Prayer

Announcements

Doxology #95

Closing Hymn:
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #133

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Great Are You Lord"

"Bless God"

Recognition of New Members &
Baptism

Kids Moment
Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
Acts 4:32-35

Sermon:
"God's Blessings: Love in Giving"

Consecration of Our Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

"Joy (What The World Calls Foolish)"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching
Pastor Mira

Liturgist
Lisa Aronson

Accompanist (830)
Brandon Rhody

Special Music (830)
Sounds of Worship

Worship Leader (11)
Sarah Pugh

Worship Band
George Canonizado, John Gross,
Sarah Pugh, Allison Shield, Tracy
Wertz

Sound and Media
Michael Garman, Jim Robinson, Ron
Nichols (830), Ken Rapp (11)

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

Upcoming: Check out the Advent workshop on 11/30, and Sensory Santa event on 12/13! More info on church center!

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

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. Both groups will be packing OCC boxes (supplies provided).

Next Week:

November 16 | 6:00-800
4G Youth Group + Friendsgiving Dinner

Coming Up:

Cookie Walk - December 13th

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.

In the Spotlight

Get to know our new members! We encourage you to take some time to connect with these folks and welcome them into our First Church family.



Joanne Arenzana enjoys worshipping with us and has attended both the 830 and 11 o'clock services. She lives in Mechanicsburg and has two kids, a daughter Mila who is a senior at CV high school, and a son, Borja, who attends Penn State University. She works for Phoenix Contact as an Account Representative. Joanne likes photography, collectibles, antiques, and when she's not working, she can be found at estate sales, auctions, or flea markets. Joanne is looking forward to becoming a member of First Church today.

Mary Juson attends our 8:30 a.m. worship service, after recently moving from New Jersey. She is a cousin of Sue Chilton, a fellow member. Mary is a graduate of Syracuse, where she received her BFA in Advertising and Design and worked as a retail manager. She has since then retired that position, and now enjoys working in an elementary school kitchen. Her interests are art, swimming, baseball, reading, cooking, and being creative/decorative.



Ben Shield regularly attends our 11 o'clock service with his wife Allison. He currently works in Supply Chain for HNI. Ben received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from University of Iowa. In his free time he enjoys sports, and attending all of his children's activities. He has two sons in college, and a daughter who attends CV High School. Ben is happy to become a member of First Church today.



Andrea Cassel Bretz regularly attends our 11 o'clock service. She lives in Upper Allen Township with her husband, Jason and her daughter, Sara Lynn. Andrea works in higher education and teaches dance at The Studio in Enola. She grew up coming to this church as a child, and attended CV High School and Susquehanna University. In her free time she enjoys dancing, yoga, watching baseball, and spending time with family. She is happy to be back in the area and excited to become a member of First Church.



Thom Fager enjoys attending our 11 o'clock service. He is retired and living in Mechanicsburg. Thom received his bachelors degree from Bloomsburg University and completed his masters from Penn State University. In his free time he enjoys reading, walking, and doing yoga. Please welcome Thom to the First Church family!



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 for more information.

Advent Study | Video Study | November 30- Dec 21 in 105

Join Pastor Mira in this video study to see the richness of the Advent season of expectant waiting and preparations that draw us closer to Jesus. Book is optional for daily readings during the week: Waiting Here For You by Louie Giglio. Sign up on church center by Nov 23 if you want to order a book. Come one week or every week, and reach out to Pastor Mira for questions.

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.

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 or wooden box in green chair section. You can also contact Janice directly at wecare@fumchurch.com.

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Growing Together | Nov. 16

Join us for "Growing Together" on Sunday, Nov 16, 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: January 4, March 15, and April 19.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service | Nov. 23, 6 pm at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church

Please mark your calendar for this year's West Shore Interfaith Thanksgiving service, Sunday Nov. 23rd at 6pm. A time to hear how the three Abrahamic faiths (Judaism, Islam, Christianity) give thanks, with spoken and musical sharings and a time of fellowship following the service. This service has been a blessing for all who attend. Attendees are encouraged to be a blessing to our community by bringing a non-perishable food donation for New Hope Ministries.

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

Solo Seniors Fellowship | Nov. 11th

The Single Solo's will dine at Cee Cee's Restaurant on Tuesday, November 11th at 11:30 a.m. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at 717-766-0145. Transportation will be provided upon request.

Advent Event: Deck the Halls and Deliver Hope, Nov. 30

Help us prepare for Christmas by putting up the church Christmas tree and making gifts for our at home church members. Join us in the multipurpose room on Sunday, November 30. We will create and package a gift item for our members who worship at home and help to put up and adorn our church's Christmas tree in the main lobby. All materials will be provided with simple instructions to help make our at-home members feel loved and remembered. These activities are 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 Christ-mas 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!

Upcoming Handbell events and fundraisers!

Don't forget about our fall fundraisers coming up, including our dining out at **Hosses** on November 12th, our **Ornament Making Day** on Saturday, November 15, and our popular **Pie Sale** on Saturday, November 22. Check out church center or the handbell table in the Tower Entrance for flyers/details about all of these!

We're excited to announce we will be hosting a **Trivia Night!** Our own Brian Sanker is our host for the evening. All you Trivia buffs, please see the papers on our Handbell Table in the Main Hall. Registration opens November 10 and we know spots will fill up quickly!

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 and keep the card as a reminder to pray for us. In the envelope, place your cash or check (made out to FUMC). Then put it in the Scrip box or give it to Kathie Bittenbender. Thank you to all!

***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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