
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



*What Can I
Bring?*

November 16, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #92

Unison Prayer

"Glorify Thy Name"

Handbell Anthem: *"National Hymn"*

Scripture Reading
Luke 17:11-19

Sermon:
"What Can I Bring?"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Doxology #94

Offering Prayer

"Now Thank We All Our God" #102

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Holy Spirit"

"Raise A Hallelujah"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
Luke 17:11-19

"Gratitude"

Sermon:
"What Can I Bring?"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"The Heart of Worship"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Lisa Aronson

Liturgist

Lynn Rapp

Accompanist (830)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music (830)

Handbell Choir

Worship Leader (11)

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band

Krissy Marshall, John McHenry, Sarah Pugh, Cindy Smith, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Taylor Shepley, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten (8:30a), Sarah (8:30), Jim Robinson (11)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lance and our loved ones placed by Larry and Judi Buddenbaum & 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

Upcoming: Check out the Advent workshop on 11/30, Jingle Jam on 12/6, and Sensory Santa 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 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. Tonight is our Friendsgiving meal!

Next Week:

November 23 | 6:00-8:00 | Service Project
Come help make Cookies for the upcoming Cookie Walk.

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.

NOTES

Special Advent Events

Nov. 30- Dec. 21 | Advent Study, Sun. 9:30-10:45 a.m. Join Pastor Mira in this 4 week video study in Rm 105 to see the richness of the Advent season of expectant waiting and preparations that draw us closer to Jesus.

Nov. 30 | Advent workshop, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Help to put up the Christmas tree in the main lobby as well as making gifts for our at home members to remind them they are remembered and loved.

Dec. 6 | Jingle Jam, 9am-11am. A morning for families with kids filled with activities, crafts and learning about Jesus' birth. Sign up required.

Dec. 7 | Service of Remembrance and Hope, 4pm. A reflective advent worship for those struggling with loss of loved ones, relationships, jobs, etc. to encounter Christ's light in the darkness.

Dec. 13 | Cookie Walk & Marketplace of Miracles, 9am-12pm. These two events will be once again held alongside each other. This year, we welcome Peace Promise, She's Somebody's Daughter, Greenlight Operation, Northstar and Hope.Inspire.Love. These organizations provide support and advocate for survivors of human trafficking and exploitation.

Dec. 13 | Sensory Santa, 10am-4pm. A way for you and your family to spend some time with Santa in a calm and quiet way. This experience is designed especially for children who get overstimulated easily and need some extra guidance going into new environments. Sign up required.

Dec. 21 | Church Christmas Caroling, 4pm. combined with Rejoicing Spirits in the main lobby with option afterwards to visit some at-home members.

Christmas Eve Worship

5pm | Family Service for all ages to sing favorite hymns and retell the message of Christmas.

10pm | Traditional Candlelight Service weaves together scriptures and hymns celebrating the birth of Jesus bringing light into the world.



DECK *the* **HALLS**
and **DELIVER HOPE**

SUNDAY MORNING
NOVEMBER 30 | 9:30-10:45

a Sunday morning Advent Event for all ages

**ADOPT A
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**Fill out the bulletin
insert or contact the
church office to
reserve yours!**

LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Advent Study | Nov. 30- Dec.2, Sundays 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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. We will meet in rm 105. Come one week or every week, please reach out to Pastor Mira for questions!

Advent Devotional Books

These are available at the Registration Table in the Main Lobby. Grab a copy and take time to prepare yourself for Christmas. Read with a friend, on your own, or follow along with the sermon series. If you'd like to follow the sermons in worship, we are following the UMC Advent Candles in the order of: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. Take time this Advent to prepare your heart for Jesus' arrival in our lives!

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 | TODAY

Join us for "Growing Together" today 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

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!



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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 activity are for all ages! Just pop in during Sunday School hour to lend your hand at bringing joy this Christmas season. Snacks will be provided!

Jingle Jam- A Family Christmas Event | Sat. Dec. 6th 9-11a.m.

Looking for something exciting for the entire family to do this Christmas? Don't miss Free Family Christmas Event! Join us for an unforgettable Christmas Experience complete with fun, games, and music! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for a morning to get you in the Christmas spirit and learn about the true meaning of Christmas. This is an event for kids and families to participate all together, this is not a drop-off event. If you have any questions, please email Katie Knorr at kidscount@fumchurch.com. Registration is open on church center!



GENEROUS GIVER

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).

Upcoming Handbell events and fundraisers!

It was nice seeing so many familiar faces at Hosses this past Wednesday. We hope your meal was as good as ours! Don't forget! Today is the last day to order your holiday pies. See a bell ringer or order at the table in the main hall. Then, please remember to pick them up Saturday 11/22 from noon-2pm. If you can't come then – we will have them for you Sunday in the kitchen area.

We're excited to announce we will be hosting a **Trivia Night** at the Maple Shade Barn in Dillsburg! 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 tower entrance. Registration is open and 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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