

WELCOME TO
**First United
Methodist Church**
MECHANICSBURG, PA



Artwork by: Violet Sanker

"Camp Sunday"
February 15, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Introit: "Majesty" - Sounds of
Worship Choir

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"
#454

Kids Message

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading
Hosea 2:14-15, Exodus 13:17-18

Sermon:
"Camp Sunday- The Wilderness"

"Sanctuary"

Announcements

Offering

"Where He Leads Me" #338

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

"River of Life"

Kids Moment

Scripture Reading
Hosea 2:14-15, Exodus 13:17-18

Sermon:
"Camp Sunday- The Wilderness"

"Sanctuary"

Pastoral Prayer

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"Ha Ha Hallelujah"

Benediction

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Steve & Deb Noss

Liturgist

Rev. Mira Hewlett (830)

Lisa Aronson (11)

Accompanist (830)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sounds of Worship

Worship Band

Wertz Family Campers

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman (8:30a), Ron Nichols (830), Ken Rapp (11), Sarah Pugh (11)

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

11am - 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

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" to 717-722-4800 to opt into receiving texts. Contact Lisa Aronson at discipleship@fumchurch.com to receive email updates.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and placed by The Helping Hands class.

The rosebud on the Altar is in honor of the birth of Poppy Ann Sheeler, daughter of Ben and Lauren Sheeler.

NOTES

**Reminder: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 16
in observation of President's Day.**

Lent Discipleship Opportunities

Lent, the 40 days before Easter, is a time set aside for self-reflection and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the sacrifice and gift of Jesus' death and resurrection. Here are some opportunities to center your focus on Jesus and his word during this time:

Ash Wednesday Service - Feb.18, 7:00 PM at Shiremanstown UMC

Sermon Study - "The Difficult Words of Jesus"

- Sunday Mornings, 9:45-10:45 AM, room 105, Feb 22-March 29
- Wednesday Evenings, 6:00-7:30 PM, room 105, Feb 25-April 1

Sunday Morning School Classes with Lent-specific studies (9:45-10:45 AM):

- Growing in Christ, room B006, "The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels."

Wednesday Morning Study - "Bless the Lord" online readings

- Wednesday Mornings, 9:00-10:00 AM, Hardwood Cafe, February 18-April 1

FUMC Lent Devotional - Available in the main lobby

- Pause and reflect with devotional writings and scripture recommendations from church family and friends. Information and registration on Church Center or the Registration Table in the Main Lobby.

Please reach out to Lisa Aronson, discipleship@fumchurch.com with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Lent Devotions

The First Church Lent Devotional Book are available! Please pick up a copy in the Main Lobby or download an electronic copy from the church website (under reading plans). Be encouraged by the words of others as we together walk towards the cross with Jesus this Lenten season.

College Scholarship Forms

Forms are available in the Church office or you can ask for an electronic copy to be emailed to you.

Registration is now open to be part of the 2026 Passion Play!

The Passion Play is fast approaching with rehearsals happening weekly throughout Lent, leading up to our performance on Thursday, April 2nd. All children and youth are invited to sign up, and adults too! There are many roles, both on the stage and behind the scenes, that bring the story of Easter alive! Whether you've been involved for many years, or this will be your first Passion Play at First Church, we hope that you will join us! Register on Church Center or by contacting Amy Erno at 717-512-6111 or financedirector@fumchurch.com.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Prayer Room – Tower Room located off the back of room 216

We learn in scripture that Jesus often withdrew and found a quiet place to pray: "Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up and went out to a solitary place to pray (Mark 1:35)." A place where his focus could be on his Father. We have a new prayer room, and it's a perfect place of quiet where you can sit with God. The prayer room will be available during the Sunday enrichment hour (9:45 AM-10:45 AM). We welcome you to visit the space!

Altar Flowers

We still have Sundays available in 2026 for dedicating Altar flowers for worship if you would like to honor a special occasion in your family or remember loved ones by donating beautiful flowers! Current dates available include: **April 12, July 26, August 2, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8**. Please contact Melody Small to confirm a date and submit payment at melodysmall@gmail.com or 717-497-3111.



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Ash Wednesday Worship | Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

Join us at Shiremanstown United Methodist Church (125 E Main St, Shiremanstown, PA 17011) as we begin Lent by worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Lenten Peanut Butter Collection

In partnership with other UMCs, First Church is collecting peanut butter during Lent. This high in protein food is always needed and beloved. Donations will be shared with our Little Free Pantry and New Hope Ministries. 16 oz size is preferred. Collection bin is in the Main Lobby.



Community Dinner | TONIGHT Feb. 15, 5pm

The next community dinner will be held in town at Buhrig's Gathering Place (25 E. Main Street), on Feb. 15 at 5pm. The dinner is a collaborative event with other local churches to bless the downtown community with a meal and music, free of charge. The concept comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. First Church is responsible for the rolls/bread and fruit cocktail. For more info or to learn how you can participate, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fum-church.com.

Staying Connected!

To stay connected and find ways to grow in your faith at First Church, we send out a weekly email with updates and programs every Wednesday. We also send an electronic newsletter out at the start of every month with events and stories from around the church. To get the latest from First Church, email office@fumchurch.com requesting to be added to either list, or you



GENEROUS GIVER

Upcoming Handbell Events and 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! You can help support the Handbell Choir in their endeavor with multiple fundraiser opportunities and events listed below. There will be more fundraisers listed throughout the year. Please visit the website, Church Center, or the handbell table for more info and to sign up for fundraisers.

Please consider visiting the Hoss's location to help support Handbells! Show or present the flyer on handbell table on Mar. 3 at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg and they will donate 20% or 25% of your total check paid to The Praise Ringers from First United Methodist Church.

Hoss's Fundraiser- Tuesday, Mar. 3rd, flyer at handbell table

Trivia Night – Thursday, Feb. 26th, 6pm at Maple Shade Barn

Sponsor a Bell – More info at the handbell table in the tower entrance

***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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