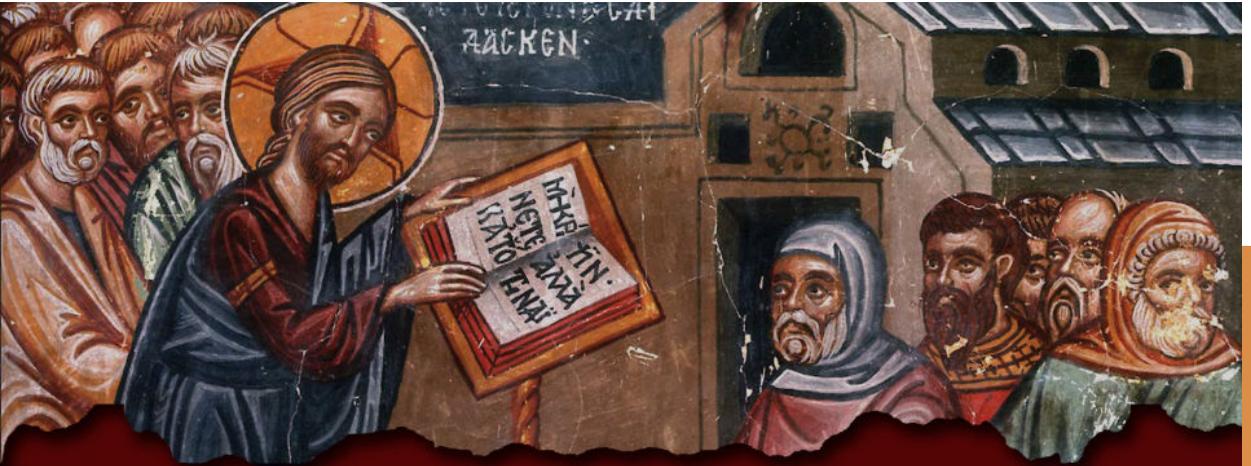

WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



SELL WHAT YOU OWN

February 22, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days" #269

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Handbell Anthem:
"In the Shadow of Your Wings"

Scripture Reading
Mark 10:17-22

Sermon:
"Sell What You Own"

Announcements

Offering

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #298

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"This is Amazing Grace"

"Build My Life"

Kids Moment
Wee & Worship Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

"Majesty"

Scripture Reading
Mark 10:17-22

Sermon:
"Sell What You Own"

Announcements

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"The Blood"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Lori Holtzinger (830)

Sarah Pugh (11)

Accompanist (830)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Handbell Choir

Worship Band

Nate Erno, John Gross, Sarah Pugh,
Lauren Sanker, Cynthia Smith, Tracy
Wertz

Sound and Media

Michael Garman, Bill Richie, Holly
Kurten (8:30a), Violet Sanker (11a)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers Catherine Betz and Joan Hughes placed by Devon and Gary Betz.

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

College Scholarship Forms

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

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.

NOTES

Charge Conference | Mon. March 2 at 7pm

We will hold a Charge Conference meeting to remove Tom Helm as an alternate for Annual Conference from our church. This will allow us to nominate him to serve as a lay delegate at large. Charge Conference allows only members of the Administrative Board to vote, but any church member may be present. The meeting will be held via Zoom. If you would like to attend, email Pastor Mira at pastormira@fumchurch.

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:

Sermon Study - "The Difficult Words of Jesus"

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

Sunday School Classes with Lent-Specific Studies (9:45-10:45 AM):

- Growing in Christ, Rm. 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.

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!



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Growing Together | Mar. 15

Our next Growing Together gathering will be a Stay-and-Play Game day on March 15th from 12:00-1:30. Join us for lunch and a time of enjoying each other's company and playing table games. Bring your favorite board game if you have one. Please sign up at the Registration Table or on Church Center for our food count/allergy needs.

Rejoicing Spirits | TODAY at 4pm

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. For more information, reach out to Karin McHale at karinmch@comcast.net.



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.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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 may sign up in the Main Lobby.

Solo Seniors Fellowship | Mar. 10th

The Solo Seniors will dine at Snappers Restaurant on Tuesday, March 10th at 11:30 a.m. If you plan on attending, please call Bonnie Guyer at (717) 766-0145. Transportation can be provided upon request.



GENEROUS GIVER

Peanut Butter Egg Fundraiser | Orders due March 15

It is that time of year again when the Christian Fellowship Class makes those ultra delicious peanut butter eggs. Orders are being taken! The cost is \$10.00 for a bag of 6 eggs. Order by signing up at the registration table in the lobby, by texting/emailing Sandy Walton at 717-433-3687 or at swalton54@comcast.net. Eggs will be ready for pick up in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 21, between 11am- 1pm, and on Sunday, March 22, after 830 service and after Sunday school. Please place your orders by March 15th. Last year we had several non-members of our class join in on egg-making day. It is a fun morning and a great way to learn how to make candy, including an early tasting of these yummy eggs. You can roll eggs, dip eggs, or package eggs for a little time or all morning. We break for a potluck lunch, and you are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there. Thank you in advance for your support. Please reach out to Sandy with any questions or interest!

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

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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