
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A stained glass background depicting Jesus in the center, surrounded by people. The scene is set in a landscape with hills and a body of water.

sunday

FEB.

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SHARING OUR FAITH

FOR GENERATIONS

Pastor Mira & Jim Murdoch

February 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading
Mark 9:33-37

Sounds of Worship
"Carry The Light"

Sermon:
"Sharing Our Faith for Generations"

Announcements

Offering

"We Are the Church" #558

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"King of My Heart"

"Rest On Us"

Kids Moment
Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Mission Moment

Scripture Reading
Mark 9:33-37

"What A Beautiful Name"

Sermon:
"Sharing Our Faith for Generations"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"The Blessing"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Lisa Aronson

Accompanist (830)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sounds of Worship

Worship Leader (11)

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band

Janice Bowen, George Canonizado,
John Gross, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh,
Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Ken
Rapp

ALTAR FLOWERS

Last week's mache basket was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James D. Donak placed by Marilyn Donak.

This week's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Garrett placed by Bill and Karen Richie.

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.

NOTES

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 P.M. 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 offering 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 soon 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

Women's Morning Meet-Up – Feb. 14, 7:30 a.m., Down To Earth Café

Start your morning with a warm cup of coffee and great company. Order food or a drink, or just grab a seat and connect with other women of faith, share stories, and find support in a welcoming atmosphere. Down to Earth Café is located at 100 Legacy Park Dr. Suite 108, Mechanicsburg.

Lent Devotions

The First Church Lent Devotional Book will be available next Sunday. 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.



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 on Sunday mornings during the Sunday enrichment hour (9:45 AM-10:45 AM). We welcome you to visit the space and use it for your place of prayer.

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

Camp Sunday | Feb. 15

Join us for Sunday morning worship services on February 15th to learn about the opportunities to support and participate in a variety of amazing camps offered by the Susquehanna UMC Camping and Retreat Ministry. 2026 camp registration is currently open and the early bird deadline is May 1. Go to www.suscrm.org to learn more.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Solo Senior's Valentine's Luncheon | Feb. 10, 11:30am

If you are missing your spouse this Valentine's Day, we would love to have you join us for lunch in the Hardwood Café' (under the balcony) on Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 11:30 am. Please reach out to Janice Bowen for more info at wecare@fumchurch.com or contact Bonnie Guyer to RSVP (717-766-0145).

Our small group of knitters and crocheters, **Covered in Love**, has made Valentine's Day scarves and placed them in the main lobby. If you're in need of an extra hug—or know someone who could use a little extra love—please help yourself! Thank you to Covered In Love!

Community Dinner | 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@fumchurch.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 may sign up in the Main Lobby.



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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