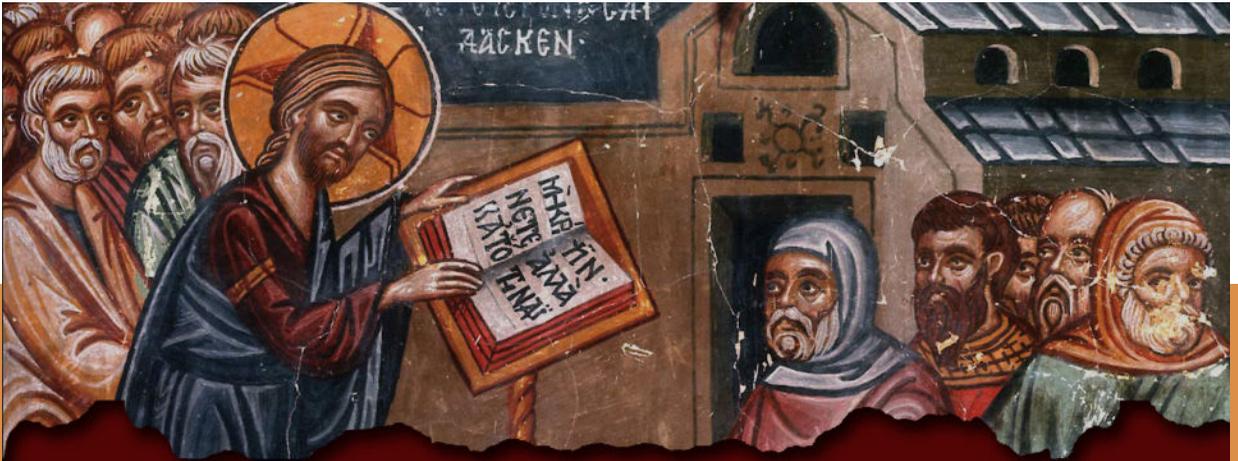


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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



HATE YOUR FAMILY?!

March 1, 2026

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"*  
#357 v. 1, 3, 5, 6

A Time of Prayer

Sounds of Worship  
*"Praise God!"*

Scripture Reading  
*Luke 14:25-27*

Sermon:  
*"Hate Your Family?!"*

Communion

Announcements

Offering

*"Lord of the Dance" #261 v. 1-4*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

*"We Believe"*

*"Graves into Gardens"*

Kids Moment  
Wee & Worship Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Scripture Reading  
*Luke 14:25-27*

Sermon:  
*"Hate Your Family?!"*

Communion

Announcements

Offering

*"Nothing Else"*

Benediction

Postlude

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

## Liturgist

Krissy & Eliza Marshall (830)

Ben Shield (11)

## Accompanist (830)

Brandon Rhody

## Special Music

Sounds of Worship

## Worship Band

George Canonizado, John Gross, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, Allison Shield

## Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson

# ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kenneth & Tracy Knott and Lester & Eileen Wolfe placed by The Knott 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

**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](http://fumchurch.com)) and on the Church Center app. Contact Director of Children and Family Ministry Katie Knorr ([kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

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# 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](mailto:discipleship@fumchurch.com) to receive email updates.

# NOTES

## **Charge Conference | Tomorrow, 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](mailto: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](mailto:discipleship@fumchurch.com) with questions.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIFELONG LEARNER

### Registration still 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](mailto:financedirector@fumchurch.com).



## PRAYING FOLLOWER

### Lenten Lunches | March 4, 11, 18

The Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches invites you to upcoming Lenten Lunches held at a different church each week at noon on Wednesdays to share a light meal and devotions led by the pastor of each church. RSVP by the prior Friday is appreciated, but not necessary. March 4, Shiremanstown UMC (717-737-6621); March 11, Hope UM Church (717-766-3072); March 18, Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren (717-766-8880).



## 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.

### Easter Lilies | Orders due Mar. 16th, \$13 each

Honor your loved ones and beautify our Sanctuary this Easter! To order your lilies, fill out a **form on the registration table** in main lobby, and mail or return it to the Church office by 12 p.m. on Monday, March 16th. Please do not put order forms in the offering basket. Checks can be made out to First United Methodist Church (with "Easter flowers" on the memo line). Reach out to office with any questions!



## 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

### 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.

## **Egg-cellent Family Easter Event | March 21, Register on Church Center**

Looking for something exciting for the entire family to do this Easter? Don't miss our Egg-cellent Family Easter Event! For centuries, eggs have symbolized the Easter season—some say they represent new life, others connect them to Lent traditions. It's time for our Egg-cellent Family Easter Event. This event is packed with egg-themed games, creative crafts, and unique activities where kids will compete, create, and celebrate together the true meaning behind Easter: Jesus' everlasting love for us. From egg races to egg art and everything in between, there's something for everyone. We're beyond egg-cited for you to crack into this one—so get ready for an unforgettable Easter celebration! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to sign up and spend the morning with us! This is an event for kids and families to participate all together, this is not a drop-off event. Join us for our opening program that starts promptly at 9:00 AM (with interactive games, an Easter story, and music), followed by games and treats after. If you have any questions, please email Katie Knorr, Director of Children and Family Ministry at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).



### **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 at the registration table in the lobby, by texting/emailing Sandy Walton at 717-433-3687 or at [swalton54@comcast.net](mailto: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. Orders due 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. 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.

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

**Hoss's Fundraiser**- Tuesday, Mar. 3rd, flyer and more info at handbell table

**Krispy Kreme Orders**- Due March 9th, more info at handbell table

**R&K Subs**- Orders due March 22, more info at handbell table

***Scan here or visit [fumchurch.com](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/@FUMCMechanicsburg)

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## 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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