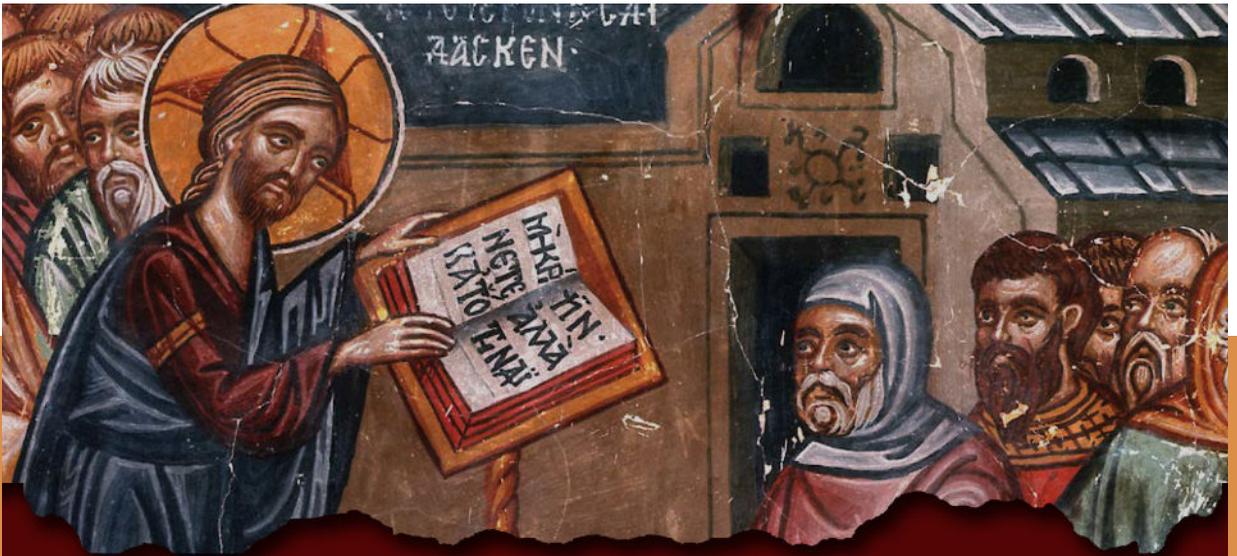

WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



SLAVE OF ALL

March 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Nothing But the Blood" #362

Mission Moment

A Time of Prayer

Sounds of Worship
"The Garden Path"

Scripture Reading
Mark 10:42-45

Sermon:
"Slave of All"

Announcements

Offering

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"
#301

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Bless God"

"Firm Foundation, (He Won't)"

Mission Moment

Kids Moment
Wee & Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
Mark 10:42-45

"The Blood"

Sermon:
"Slave of All"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Christ Be Magnified"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

John Bowen

Accompanist (830)

Brandon Rhody

Worship Leader (11)

Sarah Pugh

Special Music

Sounds of Worship

Worship Band

Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith, Abigail Wertz, RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten (8:30), Jim Robinson (11)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Wade, and sister-in-law Mrs. JoAnn Wade placed by Linda and Larry Hall.

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

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.

Lenten Lunches - March 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 11, Hope UM Church (717-766-3072); March 18, Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren (717-766-8880).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

First UMC Scholarship | Submissions due by May 1st

First Church has available educational scholarships and are currently accepting submissions for the upcoming school year (2026-2027). The following Scholarships are available: Comfort Education, Betty Brandt, and the Zimmerman Youth Scholarship. Requirements of each scholarship can be found on Church Center and on the paper application available in the main office. Completed applications must be submitted by May 1st.

Electronic Submissions: <https://fumchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2831970>



PRAYING FOLLOWER

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.



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

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. 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.

Broad Street Dinner

First Church will once again be partnering with other community churches to cook and serve a meal for Broad Street Elementary families on Thursday, March 19 at 5:00 p.m. First Church will be providing the BBQ and we need just **ONE** more 5 lb. batch of BBQ! If you are willing to make a batch of hamburger BBQ, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com for recipe and instructions. Thanks for your support of Broad Street Elementary families!



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Solo Seniors Fellowship | Mar. 10th, 11:30 am

This group will dine at Snappers Restaurant on Tuesday, March 10th. 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.

Ladies Paint Night | April 17, 6:30 pm

Join us for a fun evening, as we learn to paint a beautiful spring picture on canvas. Step by step instructions provided by Kayla from the Fredricksen Library. Every skill level is welcome. We will meet in our Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. for snacks and painting. The fee is just \$15 and includes all materials, instructions and snacks. Registration opens on March 1 on Church Center. Class is limited to 20 and will be for adults 18 and over. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@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. Eggs will be ready for pick up in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 21, March 22, after 830am service and after Sunday school. Orders due by March 15th. Please reach out if interested in participating make the eggs! 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

Krispy Kreme Orders- Due tomorrow (March 9th) more info at handbell table

R&K Subs- Orders due March 15, more info at handbell table

***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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