
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Disciples

Empowered

by the Holy Spirit



April 19, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Up From the Grave He Arose" #322

Opening Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading:
John 10:7-10

Sermon:
"Disciples Empowered by the Holy Spirit"

Sounds of Worship
"Go Light Your World"

Announcements

Offering

Doxology #94

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Rest On Us"

"Goodness of God"

Kids Moment
Wee & Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading
John 10:7-10

"All The Way My Savior Leads Me"

Sermon:
"Disciples Empowered by the Holy Spirit"

Pastoral Prayer

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"Christ to Every Nation"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Sarah Pugh

Accompanist (830)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sounds of Worship

Worship Band

Janice Bowen, Nate Erno, John McHenry, Sarah Pugh, Allison Shield, Cindy Smith

Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten (8:30), Bill Richie (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 in loving memory of our parents Betsy and Glen Kurtz, and Dolores Walker and in honor of our father Tom Walker placed by John and Denise Kurtz.

NOTES

UMC Handbook

A new Handbook explaining the UMC mission, vision, denomination and membership has been published for this quadrenium. As we go through this series on the new UMC vision, this is a great resource for those who have been United Methodist since birth and those newer to our church. Printed copies are available to borrow in the Main Lobby or you can find it online at: <https://www.resourceumc.org/> search UMC Handbook.

Water Fountain

We're excited to introduce our new water fountain with purified, bottle-filling access! This is located in the far lobby near the couches. This eco-friendly addition helps us care for God's creation by reducing plastic waste, and we encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle to refill instead of using disposable cups or bottles.



“Weeping may last
for the night,
but joy comes
with the morning.”

- PSALM 30:5B

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

VBS 2026 | July 13-17th

Vacation Bible School is gearing up! Registration is now open for kids, as well as teen and adult volunteers to join us July 13-17th from 9am-noon. Kids will Join Activities Director Miss Katie and Ollie the Arctic Seal on an epic adventure filled with games, music, crafts, snacks and amazing Bible stories. Sign up today at Church Center or at fumchurch.com/vbs and receive a free gift if you register before June 1st.

The Ministry of Rev. Donald Ciampa & The 1997 Addition to First Church | May 3

On Sunday May 3, at 9:45 a.m., all are invited to hear a presentation in the MPR on the ministry of the Rev. Donald J. Ciampa and the 1997 addition to First Church. The presentation will be by Sophia Snyder, a recent Messiah College graduate. Pictures of the construction will be shown.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Mom Connection | This Monday, April 20

This group connects moms of children (newborns through high school age) with other moms who are seeking friendship, support, and encouragement along the parenting journey. The group meets monthly September-May. Meetings begin with dinner followed by a theme-based topic designed to help develop connections and offer support (spiritual, emotional, practical), inspiration, and resources for Christ-centered parenting. Suggested donation of \$5 per meeting to cover program materials and dinner (or a one-time suggested donation of \$30 for the full year). Monthly gatherings are through Sept. 15 - May 18th. Sign up now at fumchurch.com or on Church Center. Contact Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com) with questions.



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Ecumenical Choir Concert | May 17, 3pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church

The Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches is holding its 38th annual Mechanicsburg Ecumenical Choir Concert on Sunday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 410 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg PA. This year's musical director is Joyce Gerstenlauer, and the concert will feature over 80 voices from 29 area churches. The free will offering will benefit the Mechanicsburg New Hope Ministries. We hope to see you there, and thank you for your support.

Sign up for Church Summer Camp! Early bird discount by May 1st!

Register before May 1st to get a \$25 discount! Visit suscrm.org to register and see a complete list of camps and retreats. Forward your camp confirmations/questions to Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) or to (kidscount@fumchurch.com). FUMC will pay half (50% OFF) of all camp fees. The conference provides additional discounts for "Siblings" as well as "Inviting-a-Friend" who has never been to camp.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Ushers and Greeters

We are reaching out again to ask for a few more volunteers! We mostly need help at the 8:30 service. If you would be interested in being an usher or greeter, please reach out to Judi Buddenbaum at 717-805-2296 or ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net. Thank you!



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Disability Community Resource Fair | May 2, 10am-1pm at Mechanicsburg Middle School

Join us for a free day for information, games, and activities. Event hosted by Mechanicsburg Area School District. A free photo opportunity with "Rascal" the Harrisburg Senators Mascot from 11:30am-12:30pm. For a list of participating resources go to www.disabilityfair.org

Senators Baseball Game/Picnic | June 7, 1pm, Register by May 17

Invite your family and friends to join us at FNB Field on City Island for a picnic and a Harrisburg Senators baseball game! The buffet-style picnic starts at noon and includes hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, baked beans, pasta salad, chips, cookies, soda, and water. The Senators game starts at 1 p.m. Discounted Picnic/Ballgame tickets are just \$26.50 for adults (age 19 and older), \$15 for children/youth (age 4-18) and free for children 3 and under! Must register and pay by May 17th. Contact Jeff Hoffnagle for more info or for questions at jeffrey.hoffnagle@yahoo.com.

Pickleball | Tuesdays 4:30 - 7pm

Please join us every Tuesday evening for the joy of Pickleball! Weather depending, we play at either Soldiers and Sailors Mechanicsburg Park or in the gym. No experience is necessary. Paddles/balls will be available to borrow if you'd like to learn how to play! Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) with questions or to be added to the Pickleball email list for location updates and alerts.

FUMC Volleyball | Wednesdays 6 - 8pm

If you enjoy volleyball, please come on out to the church gym Wednesday evenings! Please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112) with questions or to be added to the list to receive volleyball communications.



GENEROUS GIVER

Mission Central Spring Plant & Seed Fair | May 2, 8-12pm

We hope to see you at Mission Central on May 2 to check out their annual fundraiser selling plants/seeds, makers and thrifters, food and music, tours, and kid's activities. Rain or shine, come shop, learn, connect and support Mission Central.

Handbell Spring Concert | May 3, 7pm in Sanctuary

Our annual spring concert, "Make Me an Instrument" will be Sunday, May 3rd. Come enjoy beautiful handbell music as we take a look back on some of Kathie's favorite handbell pieces over the years. Concert is free to attend, donations are welcomed. Light reception will follow in the MPR.

***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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