
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Love
Boldly

April 26, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"
#327

Affirmation of Faith

Praise Chorus:
"O How He Loves You And Me"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sounds Of Worship
"Shepherd of My Life"

Scripture Reading:
Mark 12:28-34

Sermon:
"Love Boldly"

Announcements
Offering

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

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE **11:00 A.M**

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Who You Say I Am"

"Great Are You Lord"

Kids Moment

Wee & Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading:
Mark 12:28-34

"Build My Life/Nothing Else"

Sermon:
"Love Boldly"

Pastoral Prayer

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"I Speak Jesus"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Al Robinson

Accompanist (8:30)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sounds of Worship

Worship Band

George Canonizado, John Gross,
Sarah Pugh, Cindy Smith, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Bill
Richie (8:30), Jim Robinson (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.

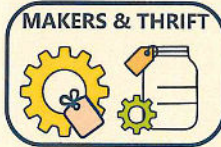
ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of husband and son Douglas K. and Alan C. Steuart, and the Steuart & Hotchkiss families placed by Harriet Steuart.

Mission Central's 3rd Annual SPRING PLANT & SEED FAIR

Saturday, May 2nd • 8am to 1pm

5 Pleasant View Drive • Mechanicsburg, PA • 17050



Join your friends & neighbors for the 3rd Annual Spring Plant & Seed Fair, a one-day community event that brings together growers, makers, small businesses, families, and community partners in one fantastic outdoor setting on the Mission Central campus!



- Perennials, Vegetables, Flowers, Seeds, & More! •
 - Local Makers Featuring Handmade Goods •
- Specialty Foods Including Honey, Sweets, and Seasonal Treats •
 - Thrift and Yard-Sale Style Vendors •
- Food Options and Live Music Throughout the Day •
 - Activities for Kids and Families •
- Guided Tours of the Mission Central Warehouse •

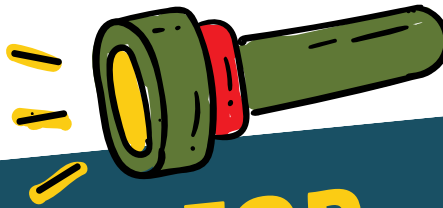


It's a day to shop, learn, and connect while supporting Mission Central's humanitarian work that helps your neighbors down the street, across the country, and around the world. We hope to see you there, because,

together we're growing something good!

Vendor spaces still available!

www.missioncentral.org/springfair



REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!

BUILDING AUTHENTIC CONNECTIONS TO CHRIST, COMMUNITY, AND CREATION.



SPECIAL OFFERS:

Early Bird Discount - Save \$25 if you register on or before **May 1**.

Sibling Discount - Register the one at full price, and additional siblings receive a \$25 discount.

Invite-a-Friend Gift - Invite a friend who has never been to camp and receive \$50 off the cost of camp after they register.

Financial Assistance - First Church will pay **half** of your camp fees!



TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Financial assistance for campers
- Details on discounts
- What to expect at camp
- Becoming a prayer partner
- Volunteering as a camp dean, nurse or counselor
- Working at camp
- Campsite workdays

CONTACT OUR FIRST CHURCH CAMP COORDINATORS!



DEB NOSS: SDPPP@MSN.COM
AMY ORTIZ: MATTANDAMYORTIZ@GMAIL.COM

Visit suscrm.org to register and see a complete list of 2026 camps!

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

Joy In The Morning | May 11, 1pm

If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this small group. We meet monthly on Monday afternoons at Bethany Village's West Apartments Commons Room. Janice Bowen facilitates, drawing upon readings and devotionals.. For more info contact Janice at wecare@fumchurch.com.



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

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](https://www.resourceumc.org/search/UMC%20Handbook).



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

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.

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.



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.

Support Isaiah 61 Family

We know of a family from Isaiah 61 who had an extended hospital stay which resulted in them being evicted from housing and the loss of most of their items. They are in transitional housing, but need some help as they heal and restart their lives. You can find details and list of items in the Time to Sign up: <https://www.timetosignup.com/fumchurch/sheet/1384779/family-support-donations-due-may-3>. Please bring the items to the donation box outside the Multipurpose Room or to the Church Office. Questions, call or text Tiffany Holland (First Church Isaiah 61 Coordinator) at 717-961-9644. Thanks for support of this family!

***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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