
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Serve
Joyfully



May 3, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Where He Leads Me" #338

Unison Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sounds of Worship
"Grace Alone"

Scripture Reading:
1 Peter 4:8-11

Sermon:
"Serve Joyfully"

Communion

Announcements
Offering

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"The Joy"

"Abide"

Kids Moment
Wee & Worship Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

"I Speak Jesus"

Scripture Reading:
1 Peter 4:8-11

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"Bless God"

Benediction

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Katie Knorr (8:30), Allison Shield (11)

Accompanist (8:30)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sounds of Worship

Worship Band

John Gross, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, Allison Shield, Abigail Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten (8:30), Violet Sanker (11)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of parents Carl and Sonja Richie placed by Bill and Karen Richie.

MACHE BASKET

This week's mache basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Paul and Virginia Miller placed by Marilyn Donak.

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

VBS Registration is open!

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

Serve Joyfully TODAY | After worship stop by the Gym for even a few minutes to help pack Dental Kits for Operation Wildcat. Operation Wildcat helps to meet the needs of all families in the Mechanicsburg School District. All supplies are provided, we just need your help making 500 packets this morning.

New HOPE Ministries



Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

Below are items we have the greatest need in our Pantry:

Canned tuna

Canned salmon

Pasta, other than spaghetti

Pancake mix

Oatmeal

Canned pasta—IE: Chef Boyardee

Hearty Soups

Hearty Stews

Canned Oranges

Canned Pineapple

Spices IE: salt, pepper

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Toothpaste

Diapers (size 4-7)

**BLESSINGS TO YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR
GUESTS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

UMC Handbook

A new Handbook explaining the UMC mission, vision, denomination and membership has been published for this quadrennium. 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 on our website or at: <https://www.resourceumc.org/> search UMC Handbook

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.



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

Handbell Spring Concert | TONIGHT, 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 her 37 years as she directs her final concert. Concert is free to attend, donations are welcomed. Light reception will follow in the MPR.

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.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Isaiah 61 Meal Ministry New Form

Helping out with Isaiah 61 Meal Ministry is now easier with a new Time to Sign Up form on Church Center and on our website. Many of the tasks take place at our church or you can provide a baked good. We prepare and serve a meal in Harrisburg on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. See the Time to Sign Up here: tsu.me/ypvasr for all the details. Thanks for your support of Isaiah 61!



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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.

Save the Date! One Church Sunday | June 7 at 9:00am

Join us for one combined worship service at 9:00 AM. There will be no 8:30 or 11:00 services that day. Following the service, we invite you to stay for an extended time of fellowship and coffee as we enjoy **Sticky Bun Sunday** together—a sweet way to connect and celebrate the beginning of summer as one First Church family. More details to come!

Sign up for Church Summer Camp!

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.



GENEROUS GIVER

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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