
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Transforming *the World*



May 17, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Christ for the World We Sing" #193

Recognition of New Members

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Handbell Anthem:
"Shiretoko Fantasy"

Scripture Reading: *"Psalm 96"*

Sermon:
"Transforming The World"

Announcements

Offering

Doxology #95

"Take My Life and Let It Be" #399

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Way Maker"

"New Wine"

Reception of New Members

Kids Moment

Wee & Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading: *"Psalm 96"*

Sermon:
"Transforming The World"

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"The Blessing"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Lori Holtzinger (8:30); George Canonizado (11)

Accompanist (8:30)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Handbell Choir

Worship Band

George Canonizado, John McHenry, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh, Abigail Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Bill Richie

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Amanda Kay Strous placed by the family.

MACHE BASKET

This week's mache basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Victor R. Shaw, recipient of Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart placed by Beryl Morgan.

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

11 am - 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

Coming Up:

May 31 | Graduate Recognition Sunday
June 7 | Senators Game & Picnic

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.

Who's Your Hero of Faith?

As we start this new sermon series, Pastor Mira would like to share a few of our personal heroes of faith each week. Who helped you know Jesus or grow in your faith? Maybe it's a relative, a friend, or a famous person. Send a picture and 1-2 sentences to pastormira@fumchurch.com or text 717-448-7642. Needed now thru June 14th.



In the Spotlight

Get to know our new members! We encourage you to take some time to connect with these folks and welcome them into our First Church family.



CHERYL HOKE

Cheryl worships at our 8:30 a.m service. She has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi, a social sorority, for 56 years and serves on the board of the Mechanicsburg Museum Association. She enjoys reading, crafting, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

REEVES POWER

Reeves attends our 8:30 a.m. service. He originally joined FUMC in 2000 and is looking forward to becoming an active member once again. Reeves retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and his graduate degree from Penn State. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, traveling, following sports, and reading.



DENNIS & ROBERTA CAPEWELL

Dennis and Roberta attend our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Dennis served as Vice President of Quality Electrical Engineering at Lutron Electronics, and Roberta earned her Ph.D. in Nursing and taught at both Villanova and La Salle University. Both are happily retired. Hobbies are flying remote-control helicopters with their son, Chris, and visiting their daughter in Los Angeles.



DAN AND HEATHER SUMMERS

Dan and Heather worship at our 11:00 a.m. service. Dan works as a Cost Analyst, and Heather is an Environmental Consultant. They enjoy caring for their backyard chickens and gardening together. They are also proud parents to their daughter, Eleanor, who attends Green Ridge Elementary School.



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.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

2026 Graduates | Graduation Sunday, May 31

As we near the end of the school year, we want to learn about those in our church family who are graduating so that we can celebrate with them (any recent graduations from any level of education, including December graduates). Please take a moment to fill out this form on Church Center to help us celebrate our graduates or reach out to Lisa Aronson with any questions. (<https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/2903924>)



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

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. We will also use this time to celebrate it as a farewell for Pastor Mira! We hope to see you there!

Sticky Bun Sunday | June 7th

In conjunction with our "One Church Sunday" service on June 7th, we will have an extended coffee and fellowship time after the service. And what goes best with a hot coffee or tea? **Sticky buns!** If you can help in providing sticky buns please sign up at the Registration Table in the Main Lobby or on Church Center.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Isaiah 61 | May 20

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: ttsu.me/ypvasr for all the details. Thanks for your support. Please email tholland1967@gmail.com with any questions.

Share the Harvest

If you have extra flowers, fruits, or vegetables from your yard or garden this summer, we encourage you to share them with your church family and community! Whether you leave goodies or take some home with you, please check out the Share the Harvest display set-up on the counter space near the children's department, and the shelf attached to the Little Free Pantry alongside the church parking lot. Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com with any questions.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Senators Baseball Game/Picnic | June 7, 1pm, Register due TODAY, 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.

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

Ecumenical Choir Concert | TODAY, May 17 at 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.

Handbell Fundraisers

Support the First Church Praise Ringers on Tuesday, May 26th at **Hoss's** for another dine-in fundraiser! Must present flyer. We will also be taking orders for **R&K subs/pretzel sandwiches**. They will be delivered Sunday June 14. Additional info & flyers can be found on Church Center's Handbell fundraiser event, and at the Handbell Hub table in the church. Thank you for supporting!

Stain Glass Update

In January we shared a three phase plan to refurbish the 64 stained windows that are over 110 years old. Phase one is for the large sanctuary window on Simpson Street, Jesus and the children and its two side windows. The cost is \$126,800. With many generous donations over the past several years, we only have \$26,695 remaining to fully fund and refurbish these windows. Thank you to everyone who has given. If you would like to contribute, envelopes are available in the Main Lobby or Church Office.

***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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