
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



BE OUR GUEST

May 24, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Many Gifts, One Spirit" #114

Unison Prayer

Sounds of Worship: *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Acts 2:1-4, 16:13-15, 40

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"
#328

Sermon: *"Be Our Guest"*

Announcements
Offering

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (TFWS #2223)

Benediction

Postlude

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

Countdown Video

Welcome

"King of Kings"

"Take You At Your Word"

Kids Moment
Wee & Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading:
Acts 2:1-4, 16:13-15, 40

"Holy Spirit"

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"Build My Life"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Sarah Pugh

Accompanist (8:30)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sounds of Worship

Worship Band

Nate Erno, Emily Hammaker, Sarah Pugh, Allison Shield, Cynthia Smith, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Jim Robinson, Holly Kurten, Violet Sanker

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward and Ina Stohmenger placed by Jim and Sue Chilton.

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.

NOTES

Pastoral Transition Timeline

June 7th – One Worship at 9am, Sticky Bun Sunday and say goodbye to Pastor Mira & Grace after worship

June 21st – Pastor Mira's last Sunday (she will cover pastoral care through June 30)

June 28th – Lisa Aronson preaching

July 1st – Pastor Lew begins at First UMC

July 5th – Pastor Lew's first Sunday

Please join us in prayer for our church, pastors, and their families during this season of transition.

Heroes of Faith - Daily Scripture Reading

Spend a few moments each day looking at the scripture and themes of our biblical heroes. Full schedule of daily Bible reading available at entrances with bulletins or online under "Daily Bible Reading."

Week 1: Lydia **May 24 – May 30**

Sunday – Acts 16:13-15, 40
Monday – Acts 16:1-12
Tuesday – Acts 16:16-24
Wednesday – Acts 16:25-40
Thursday – Philippians 1:1-10
Friday – Philippians 1:12-30
Saturday – Philippians 2:1-11

Reminder: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, May 26th. Thank you!

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, Next 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.

Who's Your Hero of Faith? | Taking submissions through June 14th

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.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Gleaning 2026 | Starting in June

This growing season, we are excited to once more have the opportunity to glean locally in partnership with Oak Grove Farms! We will share the fresh produce with our local community at One80 Ministries, Keller Senior Living, and the 3 in-town Little Free Pantries. If you haven't gleaned with us before, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 to have your name/contact information added to the FUMC 2026 'Glean Team' list to receive additional information!



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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.

Community Dinner | Sunday, June 7 at 5pm

The next Community Dinner will be held on Sunday, June 7 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 132 E. Main Street, Mechanicsburg at 5:00 p.m. This collaborative event with other local churches blesses the downtown community with a meal, music and a gift card drawing, free of charge. The idea comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. We serve over 100 of our neighbors and friends at these meals. If you would like to help set up, serve or provide a food item, please contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com or you can sign up here: <https://www.timetosignup.com/babydedicationphotos/sheet/1385057/>.



GENEROUS GIVER

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!

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.

Stain Glass Update

In January we shared a three phase plan to refurbish the 64 stained glass 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

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***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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