
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A large graphic element consisting of a central horizontal strip of torn, light blue and white paper. The top and bottom edges of the paper are jagged and irregular, giving it a torn appearance. This strip is set against a dark grey background. The text 'WISE COUNSEL' is printed in large, bold, black capital letters across the center of the paper strip.

WISE COUNSEL

June 21, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE THE GATHERING SERVICE 8:30
A.M 11:00 A.M**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"God of Love and God of Power"
#578

Kids Message

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's
Prayer

"The Truth"

Scripture Reading:
"Exodus 18:1, 13-27"

Sermon:
"Wise Counsel"

Unison Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Grace Alone"

Benediction

Postlude

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Holy Forever"

"New Wine"

Baptism of Lucielle Sky Rice

Kids Moment

Wee & Kid Worship Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading:
"Exodus 18:1, 13-27"

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"Build Your Kingdom Here"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist:

Jeff Hoffnagle (830),

Ben Shield (11)

Accompanist

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sarah Pugh and Grace Hewlett

Worship Band

Janice Bowen, John McHenry, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh, Allison Shield, Cindy Smith

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, JIm Robinson, Bill Richie, Jim Murdoch

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our loved ones - Himes & Junkins placed by Fred & Doris Junkins.

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! Tasty Kake Collection until July 12th! 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:

Youth Week of Service | June 29 – July 2

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

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

Today - Pastor Mira's Last Day of Preaching

During the Sunday School hour, we invite you to join us for light refreshments as we celebrate and thank Pastor Mira for her ministry among us on her final Sunday of preaching. A basket will be available for anyone who would like to leave a card or note of appreciation for Mira. We hope you will take a moment to share your well wishes and gratitude as we wish her God's blessings in the next chapter of her journey.

June 28th - Lisa Aronson preaching

July 1st - Pastor Lew begins at First UMC

July 5th - Pastor Lew's first Sunday

Church Office Hours

The Church Office hours will be from 9am-12pm this upcoming week June 22-June 26. Regular hours will resume Monday June 29. Please reach out to Pastor Mira with any concerns/questions at pastormira@fumchurch.com!

Please Pray For This Week's Campers...

CAMP PENN:

Amy, Matt & Mikey Ortiz
Noah Spencer
Kelly & Katie McKernan
Katie McKenney
Nate Erno
Bob, Tracy, Abby, & RJ Wertz
Grace Hewlett
Joshua Aronson
Kimber & Keane McKernan
Zachary & Cooper Garrett
Violet & Louie Sanker
Cameron Rudy

Timothy White (The Journey Church)
Elijah & Kalem Himmelberger (The Journey Church)
Jayda Bazemore (The Journey Church)
Eli Lawson (The Journey Church)
Olive McGrew (The Journey Church)
Taliyah Hall (The Journey Church)
Brandon Bellamy Jr. (The Journey Church)

Lilah & Jen Kapp (has a FUMC connection)
Rowen Wong - Mini-camp (has a FUMC connection)
Mariah Babski (has a FUMC connection)
Tim, Jude, & Levi Ogden - Mini-camp (has a FUMC connection)
Kain & Leo Vazquez (has a FUMC connection)

WESLEY FOREST:

Jonathan Kellenberger

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.

Vacation Bible School 2026 Tastykake Collection!

We are now collecting Tastykake treats to share with the children at Vacation Bible School this July! Please place your treat in one of the collection bins by July 12th! Bins are placed at the tower entrance and in the main office. (Please any chocolate, vanilla, or butterscotch varieties, no peanut butter.)

Women's Summer Bible Study - Tuesdays | 6:30 -7:30 P.M

This summer, join us for a 10-week women's Bible study as we walk through Jonah: God's Relentless Grace by Lydia Brownback. This study encourages women to dig deep into Scripture through the summer months with thoughtful reading and reflection each week. This is a space for conversation, encouragement, and accountability as we grow together in God's Word. Come for one week or join us whenever you are home — no pressure, just connection and study. While childcare isn't provided, children who are comfortable playing independently are welcome to enjoy the nearby playground during our time together. Bring your Bible, your workbook, and a heart ready to grow — we'd love to see you there! Sign up on Church Center or at the Registration Table to get a workbook and to be included in future communications regarding the study. For questions, contact Lisa Aronson at discipleship@fumchurch.com



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Prayer Room – Tower Room located off the back of room 216

We learn in scripture that Jesus often withdrew and found a quiet place to pray: "Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up and went out to a solitary place to pray (Mark 1:35)." A place where his focus could be on his Father. We have a new prayer room, and it's a perfect place of quiet where you can sit with God. The prayer room will be available on Sunday mornings during the Sunday enrichment hour (9:45 AM-10:45 AM).

Baptism

Today during our 11am worship service, we joyfully celebrate the baptism of Lucielle Sky Rice, granddaughter of Nancy Rice. Please join us in welcoming her into God's family here at First Church!



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Sermon Series Book: 7 Men and 7 Women –Tomorrow, June 22nd | 6-7:30 P.M.

Kick off summer reading about some heroes of faith using the book, 7 Men and 7 Women by Eric Metaxas. This book looks at people whose faith impacted their lives, changed the course of history, and shaped our world today. Purchase the book yourself and start reading now; then join Pastor Mira on Monday, June 22nd, 6-7:30 pm for a book chat night. The chat will focus on the following sections of the book: Introduction, William Wilberforce, Pope John Paul II, Susanna Wesley, and Corrie ten Boom. If you need help getting a book, please let us know. Reach out to Lisa Aronson at discipleship@fumchurch.com with questions. Sign up on Church Center or the Registration Table.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Gleaning 2026 | 6 pm in the Oak Grove Parking Lot 3rd Thursdays: June – October

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. 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 list to receive more info!



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.

Youth Week of Service | June 29 – July 2

The youth are hosting 4 days of service at the end of June and would love for you to join them. In partnering with Wildheart Ministry, the students will be serving the people of Harrisburg. Wildheart Ministries is an instrumental organization advancing revitalization efforts within the Allison Hill neighborhood. Sign up on Church Center to join us for a day of serving. Up-to-date clearances are required for those over 18 serving with our students.



GENEROUS GIVER

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

The United Women in Faith are partnering with Staples to recycle pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, highlighters, glue sticks. No need to separate the items, just place in the marked bins at the Donation Station located near the Alley Entrance. These items can be empty, unused, dried out, broken, etc. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com.

Yard Sale | Aug 15th

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale is Saturday, August 15. Yard Sale spaces go on sale July 1 (contact Donna Nichols). Start saving your treasures for this popular sale! See all the details on Church Center "Yard, Book, and Bake Sale". Thanks for your support!

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

11 am - 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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