
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A collage of nature scenes including a lake, trees, and flowers, with a white paper overlay containing the title.

The
Geography
of Our
Faith

Part 2: Changing Seasons

July 12, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE

8:30 A.M

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"O Blessed Spring"

Prayer For The Day

Kids Message

Pastoral Prayer (Psalm 1:3)

"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper."

The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Of Music: *"You Say"*

Scripture Reading:
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11; 2 Tim 4:1-5

Sermon:
*Our Geography of Faith,
Part 2: Changing Seasons*

Announcements

Doxology #95

Offering Prayer

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" #127

Benediction

Postlude - *"The Blessing"*

THE GATHERING SERVICE

11:00 A.M

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Great Things"

"Take You At Your Word"

Kids Moment

Summer Childcare Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer (Psalm 1:3)

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Scripture Reading:
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"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

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Offering

"Gratitude"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Lew Parks

Liturgist:

Al Robinson

Accompanist

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Emily Hammaker, Janice Bowen,
Sarah Pugh

Worship Band

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

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman,
Holly Kurten, Jim Robinson

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

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles L. & Helen P. Ritter placed by Frankie & Sandy Carley.

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

Upcoming Special Summer Sunday School 9:45-10:45AM:

TODAY - Presentation: Katie Dang

Hear from Katie Dang as she shares her knowledge on Estate Planning. Katie shared very helpful information (regardless of life stage) last year, and has more to share. This year she is presenting: "Estate Planning Pitfalls: What People Still Miss After They Think They've Done Everything Right."

July 26 – Service Project: VBS and Caitlin Smiles

Learn about the mission projects from our VBS week and make additional kits/bags for Caitlin Smiles hospital ministry.

August 16 – Service Project: Back to School

Mechanicsburg churches pray and care for our nearby schools. Come help prepare items to donate to the schools and to learn how you can be praying for the school communities.

Please Pray For This Week's Campers:

Wesley Forest

Adam Arnold
Ryleigh Arnold

Camp Penn

Hannah Parkinson
Abby Parkinson
Anu Anunnaki (The Journey Church)
Ludari Anunnaki (The Journey Church)
Enlil Anunnaki (The Journey Church)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

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

Travel Blessing Cards

Please join the Handbell Choir in prayer, as they prepare for the exciting opportunity to participate in the 22nd International Handbell Symposium in Aberdeen, Scotland. Travel Blessing Cards are available to take at the Handbell Hub table in the tower entrance. Each card features a ringer attending the symposium, and offers a chance to get to know the bell choir members while keeping them in your prayers before and during their journey. Thank you for your generous support, encouragement, and prayers as they prepare for this special experience.



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Jul.15, 6:30 p.m.

Isaiah 61 Ministries serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County through a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and life groups. First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. To find out how you can help or if you would like to carpool, please contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

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 Recap

The Week of Service carried on last week, despite the heat! Our youth group helped to clear trash and clean up alleys in Allison Hill alongside Wild Heart Ministry on Monday and Tuesday. On Thursday, our group consisted of kids, students, and adults and together helped beautify a block in the city by weeding and picking up trash. Wild Hearts is an amazing ministry helping the people of Allison Hill clean up their neighborhood. They are in their 10th year and have cleaned

up 3.5 million pounds of trash! Watch for future church service opportunities to serve with Wild Heart in the future.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Single Solo's Fellowship | July 14

The Single Solo fellowship will dine at T J Rockwells on Tuesday, July 14th at 11:30 a.m. If you plan on attending, please call Bonnie Guyer at (717)766-0145. Transportation can be provided upon request.

Senior Ice Cream Social | Jul. 21, 1:30 p.m.

Whether you're a high school senior or a senior by the number of candles on your cake, no matter how you slice it, you are invited to please join us for made-to-order ice cream sundaes in Fellowship Hall! Looking forward to a sweet time of fellowship and the chance to play a game hosted by Jeff Hoffnagle! Reservations not necessary. Contact Janice Bowen 717-766-4611 x112/wecare@fumchurch.com for more information.

A Hundred Thousand Thank-You's Event

Join the Handbell Choir for one final event on Saturday, July 25th in the MPR before they leave to participate in the 22nd International Handbell Symposium in Aberdeen, Scotland. But this event is not a fundraiser-- this event is for YOU, the generous supporter! To show our appreciation, we are hosting a FREE Thank You Event! Come enjoy the family-friendly animated movie, Brave, from 4-6pm, or simply stop by anytime between 6-9pm for an open house. You can learn more about what we'll be doing at the symposium, enjoy some Scottish food, music, handbell ringing, and more! We could not have gotten to where we are without your support, so allow us to say THANK YOU!



GENEROUS GIVER

Operation Wildcat Project Back to School

FUMC will be collecting Back to School items for Operation Wildcat during the month of July. Project Back to School provides students in the Mechanicsburg Area School District with necessary school supplies to ensure they have the essentials needed in their classrooms. The school supplies are collected and OW prefills backpacks with these items and delivers the filled backpacks to school counselors to be given out to students in need before school starts. This will help ensure the children of families who cannot afford these items will have a positive start to their school year. Find the list and drop off your donations to the collection bin at the Missions Table by July 26.

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

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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