
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

The background of the central section is a collage of nature images. At the top left is a cloudy sky. To the right is a dense canopy of green trees. Below the sky is a range of mountains. At the bottom left are purple flowers. At the bottom right is a body of water. A white, torn-paper-like rectangle is centered over the collage, containing the title text.

The
Geography
of Our
Faith

Part 3: Mountains

July 19, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE

8:30 A.M

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

Prayer For The Day

Vacation Bible School Recap

Pastoral Prayer (Psalm 5:3)

"Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning, I plead my case to you and watch."

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 121:1-8; Exodus 3:1-10

Sermon:

*Our Geography of Faith, Part 3:
Mountains*

Ministry of Music: *"You Raise Me Up"*

Announcements

Offering

"How Firm a Foundation" #529

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE

11:00 A.M

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Bless God"

Vacation Bible School Recap

Summer Childcare Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer (Psalm 5:3)

"Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning, I plead my case to you and watch."

"God I Look To You"

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 121:1-8; Exodus 3:1-10

Sermon:

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"Cornerstone"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Lew Parks

Liturgist:

Katie Knorr (830), Lisa Aronson (11)

Accompanist

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band

George Canonizado, Krissy Marshall,
Sarah Pugh, Allison Shield, RJ Wertz,
Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ken Rapp, Bill Richie
(830), Violet Sanker (11)

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 Polly Blum and Mark Zywan placed by Ed Blum and Karen Zywan.

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:

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:

Camp Penn

Lydia Parkinson

Caylin Rudy

Grayson Wolf (The Journey Church)

Paxton Wolf (The Journey Church)

Warren Wolf (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

Thank You VBS Team!

A sincere thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who gave their time, energy, and talents to make this year's Vacation Bible School such a wonderful success! From planning and decorating to teaching, leading activities, serving snacks, and helping behind the scenes, every contribution made a difference. Because of your dedication, our children experienced a fun, welcoming, and faith-filled week where they learned about God's love and created lasting memories. Thank you for sharing your gifts and helping make VBS an incredible success!

Thank you also to our congregation for the donations and prayers! This was a tremendous help in making the week run smoothly and welcoming new children into our church!



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

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 at the Missions Table by July 26.

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.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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

Yard, Book, & Bake Sale | Aug 15th

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Yard, Book and Bake Sale is Saturday, August 15. Start saving your treasures for this popular sale! See all the details on Church Center "Yard, Book, and Bake Sale". Thanks for your support!

Venezuela Earthquake Relief | Collecting until July 31

Following the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela, more than 3,500 people have died, with thousands more injured, displaced, or in urgent need. Mission Central is collecting critical supplies that have been requested to help support impacted families and communities. The list can be found on our facebook page along with more information. Items being donated can be brought to the church office. Thank you 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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