
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 river flowing through a landscape. At the bottom left are purple flowers. A white, torn-paper-like rectangle is centered over the collage, containing the title text.

The
Geography
of Our
Faith

Part 4: Rivers

July 26, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE

8:30 A.M

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127

Prayer For The Day

Childrens Message

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
(Psalm 27:1)

**"The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?"**

Scripture Reading:

Joshua 3:14-17; Matt 3:1-4; Rev 22:1-5

Sermon:

"Our Geography of Faith, Part 4: Rivers"

Ministry of Music: *"Deep River"*

Announcements

Offering

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" #724

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE

11:00 A.M

Countdown Video

Welcome

"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Kids Moment

Summer Childcare Dismissal

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Lew Parks

Liturgist:

Kurt Vollert (830),
Sarah Pugh (11)

Accompanist

Brandon Rhody

Worship Band

Janice Bowen, John Gross, Sarah
Pugh, Lauren Sanker, Cindy Smith

Sound and Media

Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp, Holly
Kurten (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.

MACHE BASKET

This week's mache basket is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lois M. Coover, lovingly placed by her sister, Beverly Hertizler & family.

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

UPDATE:

Weather permitting, we will be having HVAC installation work completed at the Church on Tuesday, July 28. The building and parking lot will be **closed until approximately 5:00 p.m. that day. We appreciate your patience and understanding!**

Please Pray For This Week's Campers:

Camp Penn

Riley Mazzurro (The Journey Church)

Jordynnn Morris-George (The Journey Church)

Adrienne Moeun (The Journey Church)

Wesley Forest

Devan Pentland (has a FUMC connection)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Fairest Lord Jesus | New Sermon Series Begins August 2

From the beginning, the most decisive characteristic of the followers of the risen Jesus is this: we worship him as "Lord". We pray to him as we pray to God. We sing hymns to him. We renounce other lords on his behalf. This lord holds together power and love like no other. In this August sermon series, we will unpack the implications of having such a Lord, starting with four stories from Matthew's gospel and leaning into the words, imagery, and haunting tune of a 350-year-old hymn.



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

Community Day in the Park | Saturday, August 1

We look forward to meeting our neighbors at Community Day in the Park on Saturday, August 1 at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park. We will set up a table and canopy at the Kid Zone area and we would love to have extra helpers to be present at the table to run the simple activity. Please contact Katie Knorr at kidscount@fumchurch.com for more details or to volunteer for an hour or two.

Backpack Blessing: August 16 8:30/11:00

Students, Teachers, and other School Workers are invited to bring their backpacks and bags to worship as we pray over you and your schools for this upcoming year. Please contact Katie Knorr



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Operation Wildcat Project Back to School | LAST DAY OF COLLECTION!

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.

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 look for the Share the Harvest display set-up on the counter space near the children's department.as well as the shelf attached to the Little Free Pantry alongside the church parking lot. Contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112) with any questions.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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

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

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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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