
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A decorative background featuring a dark blue circle with a golden crown and radiating lines. The background is filled with faint musical notes and lyrics. Large, bold, serif text reads "FAIREST LORD JESUS".

FAIREST LORD JESUS

WHO MAKES THE WOEFUL
HEART TO SING

August 2, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE

8:30 A.M

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

""Fairst Lord Jesus"" #189

Prayer For The Day

Kids Message

Pastoral Prayer (Psalm 50:10-11)

"For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine."

"You're Bringing Out the Very Best in Me"

Scripture Reading:

"Ezekiel 34:25-31, Matthew 14:13-21"

Sermon:

"Who Makes the Woeful Heart to Sing"

Communion

Announcements

Offering

"Come Share The Lord"

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE

11:00 A.M

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Great Are You Lord"

"All The Way My Savior Leads Me"

Kids Moment

Summer Childcare Dismissal

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Lew Parks

Liturgist:

Jeff Hoffnagle (830),
Lisa Aronson (11)

Accompanist

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Flossie Ryder

Worship Band

Nate Erno, Krissy Marshall, Oliver
Paris, Allison Shield, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media

Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols, Jim
Robinson

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents placed by Fred and Marcia Espenshade.

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.

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

Going Deeper

From the beginning, the most decisive characteristic of 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 series, we will unpack the implications of having such a Lord, drawing on five stories from Matthew’s gospel and leaning into the words, imagery, and haunting tune of a 350-year-old hymn.

*August 02, 2026 - Matthew 14:13-21 (Jesus feeds the 5000)
Fairest Lord Jesus, Part 1: Who Makes the Woeful Heart to Sing*

Monday, Aug 03: Echoes of a miraculous feeding in the wilderness (Exodus 16:1-18).

Tuesday, Aug 04: A grieving prophet performs a miracle of provision (2 Kings 2:1-12; 4:42-44).

Wednesday, Aug 05: Other stories where Jesus miraculously provides (John 2:1-11; 21:1-14).

Thursday, Aug 06: “He has compassion for them” (Matthew 9:35-36; 14:13-14; 15:29-32).

Friday, Aug 07: The good shepherd provides even in the presence of enemies (Psalm 23).

Please pray for this week's campers...

Wesley Forest (August 8)

Amy Erno

Nate Erno

Jessica Garrett

Zachary Garrett

Kate Kuhns (has a FUMC connection)

Nina Kuhns (has a FUMC connection)

Laura Piro (has a FUMC connection)

Luke Piro (has a FUMC connection)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Picnic in the Park: Various Wednesdays | 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Join us for a time of connecting in a space suitable for our younger friends. Bring a picnic lunch for you (and your family). Kids can play on the playground, and student/parents/adults have time for small group connection and a short devotional. Sign up on Church Center to be notified of weather changes/location details.

Wednesday Men's Group – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 8:00 p.m.

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. Contact John Bowen or Bob Wertz, Jr. if interested in more information.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Here We Come, Scotland!

The time has finally come! On behalf of the Praise Ringers, we thank you so much for your unwavering support and love over the past year and ½ while we prepared for, and now finally attend the International Handbell Symposium in Aberdeen, Scotland!

You can follow along with our progress during the symposium week on our Facebook and Instagram pages:

Facebook: @The Praise Ringers at First United Methodist Church

Instagram: @praiseringers

Additionally, the final symposium concert will be livestreamed on Saturday August 8th 9:30am EST (2:30 UK time). To access the livestream, visit the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain's YouTube channel at: @HrgbOrgUk

Or click on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/xMRDALSfd5Y>

Please feel free to grab some Travel Blessing Cards to continue praying for us.

We can't wait to share with you our experiences when we return, and when we speak in Sunday School on Sunday, August 30th!



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

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 at kidscount@fumchurch.com

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry and Easier Way to Support! | Next Opportunity is Aug 19

First Church is pleased to support Isaiah 61 Ministries, a local organization that serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County. They provide a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and Life groups. Specifically, First Church members prepare and serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. The next volunteer opportunities are Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. To find out how to get involved, contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com. We now have a simpler way to sign up for items, see the Time to Sign Up link on Church Center and the church website at fumchurch.com.



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! New this year.....come at 5 pm for picnic table fellowship, a chance to purchase ice cream before Oak Grove closes, and to share in a devotional from the book "Playing in the Dirt."



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.



GENEROUS GIVER

Yard Sale Collection

The Yard Sale collection starts this week! Bring in your donations to the multipurpose room starting August 3 through August 7 only from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thanks for your support! Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com. See all details on Church Center.

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.

***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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