
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



The Woman Who Changed Jesus' Mind

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REV. JASON MACKEY

August 16, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE **8:30 A.M**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Jesus Shall Reign" 157

Prayer For The Day

Kids Moment:
Backpack Blessings

Ministry of Music:
Eliza & Calvin Marshall- Piano

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading:
"Matthew 15:21-28"

Sermon:
*"The Woman Who Changed Jesus'
Mind"*

Announcements

Offering

"The Gift of Love" #408

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE **11:00 A.M**

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

"Abide"

Kids Moment:
Backpack Blessings

Summer Childcare Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

"How He Loves"

Scripture Reading:
"Matthew 15:21-28"

Sermon:
*"The Woman Who Changed Jesus'
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"Promises"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Jason Mackey

Liturgist:

Lisa Aronson

Accompanist

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Eliza and Calvin Marshall

Worship Band

Allison Shield, Trace Morgan

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Jim Robinson, Jim Murdoch (830), Holly Kurten (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

11am - 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 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carvel Markley placed by a friend.

NOTES

ONE CHURCH SUNDAY

September 13 | 10:00 AM

**Church Picnic
follows combined
worship service
11:15 - 1:30**



**Bring a lawn chair
and a side dish or
dessert to share.**

One Church. One Table. One Joyful Day Together.

Gleaning

at



**Thursday,
August 20th
6 p.m.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Deborah Circle| Resuming Sept 1 at 7pm in Rm 105

Deborah circle will be resuming meetings on September 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM. We study unknown women of the Bible. New members are welcome to join us for 1 meeting or all of them. We meet every other month on the first Tuesday. Join us in room 105. Any questions text/email Sandy Walton at 717-433-3687/swalton54@comcast.net. Hope to see you there.

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

Prayer for our Schools | Aug 16, 2pm at Northside Elementary

The Mechanicsburg Community of churches work together to assure that our schools are given prayer and attention during the year by our church communities. This year we are praying for Northside Elementary. If you would like to join us in praying, we will be at Northside at 2:00 PM next Sunday, August 16th to pray for the campus, teachers, staff, and students. If you can't physically join us, you can still be praying. There will be a prayer guide available on church center.

Handbells Presentation | Aug 30th

As we continue to pray for our bell ringers and their families who are in Scotland, remember that you can follow their journeys by following them on their facebook and instagram accounts. You will also be able to learn about their trip and experience at our last combined Sunday school on August 30th.

ONE Church Sunday Combined Service & Picnic | September 13, 10:00 am

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for a combined service at 10:00am followed up by our Church picnic on September 13th! As summer winds down and fall begins, this is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with friends and family in our church community. Enjoy good food, yard games, worship, and fellowship. We can't wait to see you there! Stay tuned for more information.



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

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

Camp Fancy Gala | Saturday, Sept. 12, 4 - 8 p.m. | Order tickets by Sept 1st!

Everyone who values the power of our Camp and Retreat Ministry experiences is invited to enjoy an evening of inspiration, fun, and generosity. This annual fundraising event will take place this year at Calvary UMC in Harrisburg. The Gala features a catered meal, special music, and a silent auction. The event will celebrate the stories, relationships, and transformations that happen through camp. This year, we will welcome Jody Oats of Kaleidoscope who will share exciting plans and news regarding our Expansion Project. Buy tickets, make a donation and learn about sponsorship opportunities at suscrm.org/gala. If you have questions, want to volunteer, or donate an auction item, please contact Steve Noss (sdppp@msn.com).



GENEROUS GIVER

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.

Yard Sale Thank-You!

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Yard Sale and to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped put everything together! We truly appreciate all of your hard work, time, and generosity. Your support helped make the Yard Sale a success! Thank you!

***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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