
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



October 18, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE

8:30 A.M

Prelude - "For the Beauty of the Earth
(This Is My Father's World)"

Welcome

Call to Worship

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
#57, v. 1,3,5

Prayer For the Day

Kids Moment

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
(Psalm 42:1)

**"As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God."**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #420

Scripture:
Romans 7:14-25; 8:1-2

Sermon:
*"Things that Go Bump in the Night, Part 2:
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"*

Announcements

Offering & Offering Prayer

"Victory in Jesus" #370

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE

11:00 A.M

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Great Things"

"Make Room"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

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"In Christ Alone"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching:

Rev. Dr. Lew Parks

Liturgist:

Lori Holtzinger (8:30a); Lisa Aronson (11a)

Accompanist

Brandon Rhody

Special Music:

Handbell Choir

Worship Band:

George Canonizado, John Gross, Krissy Marshall, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media:

Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Bill Richie

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Florence Hoy, Gladys Peck, and Emma Whitcomb placed by the Hoy Family.

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 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

Things that Go Bump in the Dark, Part 2: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

The Bible has much to say about fear. The final counsel of God on fear is an expression that occurs 90 times in the Bible, almost always in reference to God: fear not! I invite you to join me this fall as we listen for that “fear not!” and confront seven contemporary (yet ancient) fears. We will explore the storytelling genre of horror literature and film to amplify the conversation with Scripture. Our journey maps out like this: Oct 11 The Frankenstein Monster... **Oct 18 Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde...** Oct 25 Haunted Houses... Nov 01 Zombies... Nov 08 : King Kong... Nov 15 Dracula... and Nov 22 Aliens from Outer Space.

This week we concentrate on the Bible’s naming of the various forms of inner conflict to which humans are subject as we look at *“The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde”* (Robert Louis Stevenson).

Sun, Oct 18: The Apostle Paul on inner conflict and our rescue (Romans 7:14-25; 8:1-2).
Mon, Oct 19: The first naming of the inner conflict, Cain (Gen 4:1-16).
Tues, Oct 20: Israel’s first king, Saul, was at war with himself (1 Sam 16:14-23; 18:6-16).
Wed, Oct 21: The disciple Peter’s inner struggle (Matthew 26:26-35; John 18:15-27)
Thur, Oct 22: The risen Jesus resolves Peter’s inner conflict (John 21:15-23)
Fri, Oct 23: The “works of the flesh” versus the “fruit of the spirit” (Galatians 5:16-26).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Church Conference | Nov. 1 | Camp Hill UMC

Church conference is our annual church meeting to hear reports and approve leadership for 2026. This year our meeting is with other UMCs in the area, meeting on Sun., Nov. 1 at Camp Hill UMC (417 S 22nd St, Camp Hill, PA 17011). Worship starts at 6pm, followed by individual church meetings. All members are eligible to vote.

West Shore Interfaith Thanksgiving Service | Nov. 22

The Mechanicsburg Council of Churches is holding its annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22, 2026 - 6 p.m. at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church 14 State Road, Mechanicsburg PA 17050. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations to be distributed to our community through New Hope Ministries.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Finding Hope & Peace in Grief | Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm, Rm 105 (10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17)

If you are experiencing grief and loss and would like to share in a group experience this fall, we invite you to journey with us Tuesday afternoons for 4-weeks as we search together for hope, peace, and meaning in our grieving. Contact Patti Vogl or Janice Bowen with questions or to register by October 20th. [Patti - pvogl@timelessconnections.org](mailto:pvogl@timelessconnections.org) 717-319-7318; [Janice - wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) 717-766-4611 x112



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Growing Together | TODAY | 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | Hardwood Café

Several times throughout the year, we will have a Growing Together opportunity following the 11:00 AM service. Stick around after service at the round tables in the green chair side of the sanctuary. We will provide lunch and a learning/service activity for any and all ages. Registration is encouraged to help us plan for food and accommodate any dietary restrictions. Registration is on Church Center and at the Registration Table. Reach out to Katie Knorr with questions at kidscount@fumchurch.com.

Altar Flower Openings

We have two Sunday's available for dedicating altar flowers for worship if you would like to honor a special occasion in your family or remember loved ones by donating beautiful flowers! (January 11 and January 25) If interested please reach out to Melody Small at melodysmall@gmail.com or 717-497-3111.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Mission Field Trip to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

We are organizing a group of volunteers for a field trip to the Baltimore, MD Operation Christmas Child processing center in December! We will have an opportunity to inspect, pack, and prepare shoe boxes for shipment to children around the world. The time commitment is roughly 6 hours (3-hour volunteer shift and an hour drive there and back). For more information, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Monthly Ladies Night | Third Mondays September-May | 6-8 p.m.

Join us for our Monthly Ladies Night hosted by the Women's Ministry of First UMC (previously known as Mom Connection). Our goal for this ministry is to be a gathering of women from all stages of life. Women of all stages of life (single, mom (of...), empty nester, grandma, young adult, etc) are invited to a once a month evening of friendship, support, and guidance. We meet together for a meal, learning, conversation and prayer in the hopes of creating connections and cultivating community. Sign up on Church Center or contact Katie Knorr at kidscount@fum-church.com or Lisa Arsonson at discipleship@fumchurch.com for more info!



GENEROUS GIVER

New Hope Ministries Collection | Collecting until Oct 25th

First UMC is collecting Canned Yams and Instant Mashed Potatoes to support New Hope Ministries' Thanksgiving Distribution. Your donation helps local families enjoy a warm, delicious holiday meal. Drop offs in main entry door. Let's come together and share the spirit of Thanksgiving with our neighbors!

Handbell Pies | Orders Due by Nov. 15

It's time to order your pies from the Handbell Choir. The date is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 21 this year). Pumpkin, Mincemeat, and Apple Crumb or Crust top. Remember we can bake them or freeze them for you to bake at your leisure. Pies can be ordered from a handbell member, in your Sunday School Class, at the table in the narthex, and online at Church Center. Price is still \$14. Last day to order is November 15. 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

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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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