
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church
MECHANICSBURG, PA



October 25, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE

8:30 A.M

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #92

Prayer For the Day

Kids Moment

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
(Psalm 91:9-10)

**"Because you have made the LORD your
refuge, the Most High your dwelling
place, no evil shall befall you, no
scourge come near your tent."**

Sounds of Worship:
"With Grateful Heart, I Thank You Lord"

Scripture:
Luke 11:14-26

Sermon:
*"Things that Go Bump in the Night, Part 3:
Haunted Houses"*

Announcements

Offering

"God of Grace and God of Glory" #577

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE

11:00 A.M

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Way Maker"

"Abide"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching:

Rev. Dr. Lew Parks

Liturgist:

Lynn Rapp

Accompanist

Brandon Rhody

Special Music:

Sounds of Worship

Worship Band:

George Canonizado, Sarah Pugh,
Lauren Sanker, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media:

Fred Espenshade, Ken Rapp, Bill
Richie

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are
given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lancaster
placed by Don and Kay Heiges.

NOTES

Going Deeper

Things that Go Bump in the Dark, Part 3: Haunted Houses

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 importance of sacred spaces in the Bible, the invasion of personal space by evil powers, and the exorcism of those evil powers by Jesus.

Sun, Oct 25: Jesus accused of being in a league with Satan (Luke 11:14-16).

Mon, Oct 26: Jacob encounters “a gate to heaven” (Genesis 28:10-22).

Tues, Oct 27: Moses suddenly finds himself standing on “holy ground” (Exodus 3:1-12).

Wed, Oct 28: Solomon receives his vision for leadership on a “high place” (1 Kings 3:1-14)

Thur, Oct 29: Construction of the “holy of holies” with its curtain (1 Kings 6:1-14, 23-32)

Fri, Oct 30: The tearing of that curtain at Jesus’ death (Matt 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45) and Christian interpretation of that event (Hebrews 10:19-20).

Celtic House Blessing

At the Door of Entrance: May God give his blessing to the house that is here.

May God bless this house from roof to floor, from wall to wall, from end to end, from its foundation and in its covering.

In the strong name of the Triune God all evil be banished, all disturbance cease, captive spirits freed, God’s Spirit alone dwell within these walls. We call upon the Sacred Three to save, shield and surround this house, this home, this day, this night, and every night. God’s Spirit alone dwell within these walls... living room... kitchen... bedroom... guest room.

At Door of Exit: Christ, in our coming and in our leaving, the Door and the Keeper; for us and our dear ones, this day and every day, blessing for always. Amen.

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

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 melodydsmall@gmail.com or 717-497-3111.

Rejoicing Spirits | TODAY, Oct. 25th at 4pm

First Church invites everyone to attend this inclusive praise and worship experience that celebrates all expressions of worship and individuals of all abilities. This monthly service includes music, scripture, prayer, a brief message, as well as refreshments and fellowship afterward. For more information, reach out to Karin McHale at karinmch@comcast.net.



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!

Senior Solo's Fellowship | Nov. 10

The Single Solo's fellowship will dine at Olive Garden on Tuesday, November 10th at 11:30 a.m. If you plan on attending, please call Bonnie Guyer at 717-766-0145. Transportation can be provided upon request.



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!

World Thank Offering Baked Good Giveaway | Nov. 1

Support the United Women in Faith World Thank Offering with your sweet tooth! Stop by the table near the couches in the lobby on Sunday, November 1 (by the children's wing) between worship services to pick up a treat and donate to the World Thank Offering, which helps women, children and youth in need locally and globally. To donate a baked good, please bring it to the display that morning. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

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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