WELCOME TO

First United Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

November 1, 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

Kids Moment

Scripture:
1 Samuel 28:3-7

Sermon:
"Things that Go Bump in the Night, Part 4: Zombies"

Time of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Unison Prayer

Communion

Sounds of Worship:
"A Communion Invitation"

"For All the Saints" #711

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE
11:00 A.M

Countdown Video

Welcome

"King of My Heart"

"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture Reading:
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Sermon:
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Time of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Unison Prayer

Communion

"The Blessing"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching:
Rev. Dr. Lew Parks

Liturgist:
Sarah Pugh

Accompanist
Brandon Rhody

Special Music:
Sounds of Worship

Worship Band:
George Canonizado, John Gross, Krissy Marshall, Sarah Pugh, Allison Shield, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media:
Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten (8:30a), Jim Robinson (11)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our fathers Haydn Hughes & Fredrick Betz placed by Gary & Devon Betz.

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.

All Saint's Day

November 1, 2026

Margaret E. Baker
(January 30, 1931 – January 15, 2026)

Winslow R. Brown II
(October 23, 1934 – June 21, 2026)

Mary Catherine Cain
(November 11, 1938 – March 3, 2026)

Paul Merritt Cain Jr.
(November 11, 1932 – September 11, 2026)

Marian B. Eichinger
(July 22, 1927 – November 25, 2025)

Margaret "Peg" Ellen Hassinger
(October 8, 1930 – March 24, 2026)

Connae Jayne Houk
(December 24, 1949 – December 28, 2025)

Robert Paul Lucas
(February 20, 1952 – February 15, 2026)

Benjamin Franklin Miller
(March 12, 1936 – August 13, 2026)

Nancy K. Otstot
(May 12, 1940 – August 14, 2026)

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Shover Jr.
(October 23, 1937 – March 14, 2026)

Marilyn Anne Seig
(April 2, 1935 – January 24, 2026)

Going Deeper
Things that Go Bump in the Night, Part 4: Zombies

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 read about the boundary of separation God has set between the living and the dead as given in the Scriptures. Then, in contrast to Zombie lore, we will look at some healthier ways of connecting with the dead.

Sun, Nov 01: The full story of Saul consulting a medium *(1 Samuel 28:3-20).*
Mon, Nov 02: The OT commands careful & limited contact with the dead *(Numbers 19:10b-22).*
Tues, Nov 03: The OT forbids "necromancy": communicating with the dead *(Lev 19:31, 20:6, 27; Deut 18:9-14; 2 Kings 23:24-25; Isaiah 8:16-22).*
Wed, Nov 04: Jesus observes the boundary of separation from the dead *(Matt 23:27-28; Luke 16:19-31, especially v. 26).*
Thur, Nov 05: But Jesus also stands in the OT tradition of commending the dead to God and letting them move forward (not back) so that we can move forward. *(2 Samuel 12:15b-23; Luke 9:57-62; John 14:1-6).*
Fri, Nov 06: God offers a better connection with the dead: the **communion of the saints** where the dead live forward in God, and we are inspired by their memory and anticipate a closer connection in the future *(Heb 12:1-2; 1 Thess 4:13-18).*

Prayer of Committal from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*
Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those
who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor.
We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you.
Especially we praise you for (name),
whom you have graciously received into your presence.
To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them;
and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence
may lead us through our years and bring us at last with them
into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Church Conference | Tonight, 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

Growing Together – Sunday, Nov. 15th | 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | Hardwood Café
Paul writes to the Philippians that he is truly happy when believers are agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose (Phil 2:2). We too value learning and serving together with one heart and one mission. 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 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.

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Christmas Decorating | Nov. 23 & 24
It's almost that time! We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov 24. If interested in helping, please show up at 9:30am, or you can reach out to the office with any questions. Due to safety concerns this is adult only. Thank you!

Mission Presentation: CRU – Matt and LeAnn Herring | November 8th | 9:45-10:45 AM
Join us in the Multipurpose Room during the Sunday school hour to hear from Matt and LeAnn Herring on their current ministry experiences with college students. Matt and LeAnn are two of First Church's supported missionaries, and it is a joy to hear about their work in the mission field.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! | Due Nov. 22 by noon
Support Operation Christmas Child by filling a shoebox with gifts for the upcoming holiday season! Start by picking up the instructions and a shoebox at church (or use your own shoebox). You'll find these items on the display in the main entrance hallway. Next, fill your box with items suggested on the list (also available on the display). Finally, remember to bring your filled shoeboxes back to the church display in the main lobby no later than November 22 (by 12:00PM).

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Monthly Ladies Night | Third Mondays September-May I 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@fumchurch.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.

Women's Retreat, January 29 to 31, 2027
The 2027 Women's Retreat will be held at Rhodes Grove Retreat Center in Chambersburg. Lisa Aronson will be leading us on the topic of Living a Long Faithfulness as mapped out in Hebrews. Registration forms can be found on the Registration table outside the Multipurpose Room and on Church Center beginning November 1. We continue to offer the full weekend and one-day option. Questions or registration information, contact Lisa Aronson at discipleship@fumchurch.com or Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com. All women are welcome!

GENEROUS GIVER

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!

Consecration Sunday | Sunday, November 8th
There is much to be grateful for at First Church! We are riding a wave of renewed energy and vitality in our ministries, made possible through the faithful generosity and commitment of our congregation. As Consecration Sunday approaches, we invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the life and ministry of First Church in 2027 through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Together, we can continue building on this momentum, strengthening our ministries, and expanding our impact in the community. Thank you for the many ways you help make our shared ministry possible! Estimated Giving cards are provided at each entrance of sanctuary.

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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