

*When things break, God can and will
bring purpose and beauty out of the brokenness.*



DRINK FROM THE
Fountain of Grace

First United Methodist Church

Our Vision
To be a central hub of Christian
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:
Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering

February 22, 2026
8:15 & 10:45 AM

Prelude "There is a Balm in Gilead" (arr. Emma Lou Diemer)
Peter Omundsen, organ

Announcements & Greeting Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) Introit "Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty" (John Dykes)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

People: Our ordinary, messy lives are filled with the light and love of Jesus!

Leader: We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord in our ordinary, messy lives!

People: We are servants for Jesus' sake, surrendering to God's power at work in us.

Leader: Even in our trouble, uncertainty, and confusion,

People: We are servants for Jesus' sake, surrendering to God's power at work in us.

Leader: Even in persecution we've endured, even when we've been thrown down,

People: We surrender to God's power at work in our ordinary, messy lives.

All: Let's light up this dark world with Jesus' light and love!

*Hymn No. 62 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Common Prayer

Lord of mercy and grace, we thank you for the gift of your presence here today. We come to you as broken vessels. We acknowledge that breaking is part of life. We ask that through the power of your Holy Spirit, you heal not only us, but all who are broken. You and only you can bring purpose and beauty out of our brokenness and make us whole. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(10:45 AM) Cherub Choir "Joy, Joy Down in My Heart" (George Cooke)
Jan Betty, Director; Bill Crabtree, piano

(10:45 AM) Children's Message Natalie Reed

(10:45 AM) Carol Choir "Just a Little Bite" (Frombach & T. Courtney)
Jan Betty, Director; Bill Crabtree, piano

Scripture Psalm 32 (pew Bible, OT, p. 479)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(8:15 AM) Anthem "We Remember You" (arr. Larson)
Breigh Guy, alto; Kathy Seaber, soprano
Judy Williams, piano

(10:45 AM) Anthem

“Stained Glass”
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

(Heather Sorrenson)

Preparation for Prayer, No. 467 “Trust and Obey” (stanza 2)

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) The Lord’s Prayer

** * Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church * **

*Hymn No. 369

“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:5-11

(pew Bible, NT, p. 170)

Message

“Drinking from the Fountain of Grace”
Week 1: “The Broken Cup”

Pastor Jason Ríos

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal, No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Song of Praise, No. 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (stanza 1)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

8:15 AM ONLY

Invitation to The Lord’s Supper

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

8:15 AM ONLY (continued)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Sacrament

Congregational Prayer (8:15 seated, 10:45 remain standing)

Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ, you know the tests and trials we face. Journey with us through this Lenten season. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to you in faith, believing the good news of the gospel; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Receiving the Offering

"If You Love Me"
Breigh Guy, alto; Kathy Seaber, soprano
Judy Williams, piano

(Joel Raney)

*Doxology, No. 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 382

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 382

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (stanza 1)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Postlude

"Prelude and Fugue No. 1"
Peter Omundsen, organ

(Craig Penfield)

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Bill Henry
Acolyte - Daniel Denisewicz
Liturgist - Jeff Steed
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Sue Kepner
Acolyte - Rachel Ridgeway
Liturgist - Carolyn Darrenkamp
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi

Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers- First Church Congregation

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Offering is received in the
pews. For online giving,
please scan the QR code

The red rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Evangeline Remy Trachsel, daughter of Alex & Emily Kuhn Trachsel, on February 10, 2026. The grateful grandparents are Marge Kuhn and the late Jeremy Kuhn.

JOIN US FOR THE NEW LENT STUDY LED BY PASTOR JASON

***The Third Day: Living the Resurrection* by Tom Berlin**

Thursdays, February 26-March 26 at 6:00 PM

In-person at the church and online

In this study, author Tom Berlin connects us to Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. A study of resurrection power at work in real lives, both then and now. Books are available for purchase anywhere books are sold. ***[Sign up for the study here!](#)***

EASTER EGG HUNT! SATURDAY MARCH 28th

1 PM at Musser Park (Celebration Center if raining)

Ages 2 - 5th grade

Join us for this special day of fun with the Easter Bunny, music, prizes, & 10,000 eggs! Invite a friend to come with you!

Helpers are needed on the day of the hunt: set up/clean up, scattering eggs, prize table, & registration. Donations are needed for prizes & snacks are needed. Use the links to register, donate & help!



Welcome New Staff!

Facilities Director

Mark Anderson is our new Facilities Director. He comes with much experience in this field and oversees the custodial staff, coordinates the weekly uses of the building, and manages all projects regarding building and repairs.

Custodial Staff

Our building is used from 6am to 9pm, 5 days a week and on weekends as well. Our full time custodian, Jesus Perez, has been doing more than his share of coverage and is therefore also grateful, as are we, to have been able to hire some additional custodial help to share this needed coverage. Kevin Brantley works in the mornings to support Anchor staff and volunteers as well as Discovery Corner Academy. We also have Don Groff who works Mondays, Fridays, and Saturday. William Torres is our backup custodian, who provides help when needed or when regular custodians are ill or on vacation.

Finance

Mariam Hazkial is our new part-time staff accountant. She will be supporting Pam Young-White and the Finance Committee.

A NEW MEMBER CLASS IS APPROACHING! On Saturday, March 21, Pastors Jason & Laura will meet with those desiring membership at First UMC. Beliefs of a United Methodist Christian and opportunities for serving Him will be highlighted. Lunch is included. Please contact the office (kgs.130@gmail.com) to be part of this engaging experience!



As United Methodists, our giving is more than financial support — it is participation in God’s mission. Because of your generosity, our church continues to worship, serve, and extend Christ’s love in our community and beyond.

As we close 2025, we pause to give thanks for God’s faithfulness and for the generosity of our congregation.

2025 Financial Summary

- **Total Budget:** \$1,432,142.00
- **Total Received:** \$1,305,729.62
- **Total Expenses:** \$1,429,011.26
- **Difference (Shortfall):** \$123,281.64
- **Total Shared Ministries Apportionments Paid:** \$125,198.00
- **Percentage Paid:** 100%

Because of your faithful giving:

- We supported worship, discipleship, and pastoral care.
- We sustained ministries for children, youth, and outreach.
- We continued missions locally and globally.
- We maintained and cared for our facilities as a place of welcome and ministry.
- We raised \$491,000 through the Generosity Unleashed Campaign for three missions.

We are grateful for the faithful generosity of our church community.

Looking Ahead for 2026

Our 2026 ministry budget is **\$1,583,304**.

As presented, we ended 2025 with a \$123,281.64 shortfall. This has created a difficult financial situation for the congregation as we enter 2026. **Our monthly ministry cost is \$131,942.** Because of the shortfall and a projected 2026 budget deficit, we find ourselves at the beginning of 2026 with a General Fund balance that can’t cover the ministry’s monthly costs.

We are grateful for the completion of \$56,200 of the 2026 pledges. This helped us to exceed the monthly goal in January as we received **\$148,198**.

We also have unexpected expenses, such as a higher snow removal bill due to multiple snowstorms and upcoming repairs to our other HVAC units and roof.

We appeal to your generous heart to help us sustain the mission of First Church. Our church's mission impacts hundreds of people every day as we support Anchor Lancaster, NA & AA groups, a home school program, and Discovery Corner Academy, among other ministries that bless people's lives. All of this is possible thanks to your generous support.

Our invitation for you:

- Continue faithful giving.
- Fulfill your 2026 pledge. Pledge cards are available in the pews, and you can also pledge via Subsplash giving.
- Pray for the ministries of our church.
- Consider how God may be calling you to deepen your generosity.

Shared Ministry Apportionment

As a United Methodist congregation, our giving also supports our connectional ministries through shared ministries apportionments, which allow us to participate in regional, national, and global mission and ministry. At this time, **0% of our 2026 shared ministries apportionments have been paid**, and we look forward to beginning those payments as the year progresses.

Your generosity enables us to worship faithfully, serve our community, nurture disciples, and remain connected to the wider mission of the United Methodist Church.

Thank you for your continued prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



To sign up for First UMC's Subsplash app:

- Search your device's app store for "The Church App" from Subsplash
- Once installed on your device, search for "First United Methodist Church Lancaster"
- Download the church's app.
- Explore & enjoy!

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SERMON SERIES!

Sundays, February 22–April 5

8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 AM

Nursery and Children's Program at all services

Week 1: The Broken Cup

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Week 2: The Cup of Living Water

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Week 3: The Cup You Choose

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Week 4: The Cup of Discipleship

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Week 5: The Cup of Compassion

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Week 6: From Empty to Overflowing (Palm/Passion Sunday)

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Holy Thursday: The Cup of the New Covenant

Thursday, April 2, 2026

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