

WEEK 3

MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE ACTS 17:16-28



EVERYBODY
TELL SOMEBODY

August 17, 2025

First  United

Methodist Church of Lancaster
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**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

**August 17, 2025
8:15 & 10:45 AM**

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (arr. Mark Hayes)
Janet Van Sant & Deb Kelleher, piano duet

Announcements & Greeting

*Call to Worship

Leader: All people are in need of the love and grace of God.

People: We all have moments in life where we need God to step in.

Leader: The creator of the universe steps into our lives with grace and hope.

People: May we share this grace and hope with all we meet.

Leader: The Lord meets people where they are.

All: Lord of all creation, meet us here and now. Amen.

*Hymn No. 101 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Common Prayer

God of encounters, in the same way that Paul told the good news of the Gospel to the philosophers of Athens, mobilize us to accept people as they are and wherever they are – physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

Beloved Jesus, help us to listen and learn from others to discover the power of your immense and infinite grace.

Spirit of God, baptize us with the abundance of your love and power, to find others wherever they are, and by doing this, to encounter you. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Scripture Revelation 7: 9-12 (pew Bible, NT, p. 235)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(8:15 AM) Anthem

"Telling the Story" Medley
"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
"I Love to Tell the Story"
Bill Crabtree, piano

(N. Ernest Nichol)
(William G. Fischer)

(10:45 AM) Anthem

"Send Forth a Dove"
Summer Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

(Joseph Martin)

Mission Moment

Taizé Worship

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Hymnal No. 895

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

(*pew Bible, NT, p. 129*)

Pastor Jason Ríos

Hymnal, No. 881

Offering of Our Gifts & of Ourselves

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

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.

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)

Lord, we pray for provoked spirits. We pray that we wouldn't be entertained by what is around us but be provoked to action. Provoked to share the gospel, to point people to you. We want to talk about how good and merciful you are. You alone are worthy of praise and honor and worship and trust. Help us, God, to share the good news with all. Amen.

*Hymn No. 358

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 664

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (stanza 1)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

Postlude

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Janet Van Sant & Deb Kelleher, piano duet

(arr. Mark Hayes)

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8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Steve Shank
Acolyte - Daniel Denisewicz
Liturgist - Jessica Henry
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi
Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers- First Church Congregation

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Steve Shank
Acolyte - Greg Adkins
Liturgist - Carole Adkins
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi
Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers- First Church Congregation

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mission focus:
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Blessing OF THE Backpacks

SUNDAY, 8/24
(8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM)



Start the school year with encouragement and prayer! **Students of all ages** are invited to bring their backpacks to church for a special blessing during the service. This is a chance to remind our kids (and their parents!) that God is with them every step of the school year—and to invite friends for a morning of community and inspiration.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

Friday, 8/29 (7 PM - 9 AM Saturday 8/30)

Bring a friend!

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

September 7, 8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM
Flapjacks & Friends—Free Pancake Breakfast!
9:00 AM-12 PM, Fellowship Hall

Let's kick off the fall together! Back to Church Sunday will feature a pancake breakfast (before or after service), Sunday School for all ages, a new sermon series, and a welcoming atmosphere for everyone—especially those who haven't been in a while or are looking for a fresh start. Invite someone to experience the joy of reconnecting with God and His people.



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For information and to register, [click here](#)

WEST DISTRICT DAY AT GREтна GLEN- Sat, Sept 6th 10:30AM-3PM

A time for all members of UM Churches to gather for fellowship & fun! Worship at 10:30 AM, followed by lunch and then a host of camp activities - games, boating, music, or time just to sit and visit! There is no cost, but donations are asked for Gretna Glen Ministries. This day is for all ages! [USE THIS LINK](#) to register before September 1st!

WANT TO HELP US MAKE THIS FALL UNFORGETTABLE?

We're looking for friendly, outreach-minded volunteers to help with planning, setup, hospitality, & activities. Whether you love cooking, decorating, welcoming guests, or lending a hand wherever needed, there's a place for you.

- **Back to Church Sunday: September 7**
- **Taizé Worship Service: beginning September 27 | 6 PM**
Join us for peaceful, candlelit Taizé worship —a time of simple songs, scripture, and silence to help you rest in God's presence. This contemplative gathering is open to all and offers a quiet space for prayer, reflection, and connection with God.
- **Church Picnic at Longs Park: September 28 | 1 PM**
After worship, join us for great food, fun games, and relaxed fellowship at our church picnic! This is a perfect way to deepen friendships, meet new people, and enjoy a joyful afternoon together. Bring your friends and family for a day that will fill your heart (and your stomach).
- **First Friday with Stone Independent School: October 3 | 6 PM**
- **Fall Festival: October 25 | 12 PM**
For children ages 3 through 5th grade — Everyone is welcome!
Join us for an afternoon of fall-themed fun, including:

Costume Contest
Games

Pumpkin Decorating
Prizes

Candy

Let us know how you'd like to be involved!
[Use this link](#) to sign up!



THIS MONTH'S MISSION FOCUS IS "LIFECYCLES" The mission of LIFECYCLES is to build young men and women of character in a Christ-centered bicycle touring adventure experience for teens. Trained volunteers from different walks of life help teen age boys and girls in challenging environments to dream and to achieve their goals with respect, dignity, and encouragement. Emphasis is placed on completing school and entering either the work force, a trade school, or college. Church, youth ministry activities, and community service are integral to the LIFECYCLES experience, as our goal to develop life skills, teamwork, leadership, followership, hope, and optimism. www.lifecyclesteam.org

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