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WEEK 1

"Connection Through Gifts"

September 7, 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

September 7, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM

Prelude "Meditation on 'Let Us Break Bread'" (Anthony Giamanco)
Peter Omundsen, organ

Announcements & Greeting Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) Introit "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (Maurice Bell)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: In deep gratitude, we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

*Hymn No. 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Common Prayer

Lord, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction for our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 36: 5-10 (*pew Bible, OT, p. 482*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:15 AM) Anthem "How Great the Father's Love"
Olivia Kickery, soprano

(10:45 AM) Anthem "What Feast of Love" (Todd Barber)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

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

Preparation for Prayer, No. 528 "Nearer My God To Thee" (stanza 1)

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Laura Sambrick

*Hymn No. 554

“All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord”

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12: 22-27

(pew Bible, NT, p. 163)

Message

Worship Series: “Connection Through Gifts”
Week 1: “Connection Through Gifts”

Pastor Jason Ríos

Affirmation of Faith

“Apostle’s 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. 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!

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

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

Communion Hymns

(Please sing one stanza as people move towards communion tables)

No. 358 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

No. 399 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

No. 436 “The Voice of God is Calling”

Congregational Prayer

Gracious and loving God, source of all wholeness, forgiveness, and mercy, may your Spirit heal those who are torn, mend those who are broken, and protect those who are fragile. Enable us, O God, through the gift of your steadfast love, to remember who we are and whose we are. In your love, may we be true and faithful disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 114

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 114

“Many Gifts, One Spirit” (refrain)

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways. In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one word known in many ways, hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Postlude

“Trumpet Voluntary in D”
Peter Omundsen, organ

(Robert Lind)

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - John Spear

Acolyte - Kathy Steed

Liturgist - Marc Russo

Sound Tech - Jeff Steed

Pastors— Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

Ministers— First Church Congregation

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - John Spear

Acolyte - Rachel Ridgeway

Liturgist - Correen Russo

Sound Tech - Wayne Betty

Pastors— Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

Ministers— First Church Congregation

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First Church choirs to begin!
Come be part of a supportive community
who love to present great music
to the Glory of God! All are welcome
and no audition is necessary.

Cherub Choir
(age 3 - grade 2)

Saturday mornings 10:30-11:30 AM
rehearsal begins October 4th
*Sings at the 9:30 AM & 10:45 AM
services about 6 times each year*

Carol Choir (grades 3 - 6)

Wednesday evening 7:00-8:00 PM
rehearsals begin September 3rd
*Sings at the 9:30 AM & 10:45 AM
services once each month*

Contact Jan Betty
jan@mycyberlink.net



Chapel Choir
(grades 7 - 12)

Wednesday evening 7:00-8:00 PM
rehearsal begins September 3rd

Youth Handbells
(grades 7-12)

Wednesday evening 6:00-7:00 PM,
rehearsals begin September 3rd

Wesley Handbell Choir
(adults)

Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 PM
rehearsals begin September 4th

Contact Peter Omundsen
peterthetuner@gmail.com



Chancel Choir
(high school & adults)

Two rehearsal options:
Thursday night 7:45-9:15 PM,
rehearsals begin September 5th
and/or Sunday morning
9:30-10:30 AM
beginning September 4th

Contact Brian Norcross
brian.norcross@fandm.edu



September 7th

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!

Children's Sunday School

kicks off at 9:30AM in Room 209,
where we have an activity with a
brief introduction to the lesson of
the day. The kids are dismissed to
their individual classrooms, where
parents pick them up at 10:30AM.

Adult Sunday School

Three classes begin their new fall
studies at 9:30AM. Join us for an
interesting hour of discussion &
learning!

- Christian Journey (Rm232/234)
- Koinonia (Rm 201)
- Wesleyan (Rm 214/215)

Youth Sunday School (grade 6-12)
meets at 9:30 AM youth room on
the lower level of the church. Join
us anytime!

Evening youth group meets
Sunday evenings from 6-8 PM
for a time of fun, Bible study,
lots of discussion, and SNACKS.
Friends are welcome!

**THANK YOU
SNEAKER RECYCLERS!**

We donated 191 pairs of
athletic shoes during the FUMC
Youth & Green Team Sneaker
Recycling Drive in August.
The donated sneakers were
delivered to the Nike Outlet
where they will be sorted.
Usable shoes will be donated;
the rest will be ground up for re-
use in manufacturing
play-ground surfaces
and athletic fields.



SAVE THE DATE

FIRST UMC FALL UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

29 E Walnut St., Lancaster, PA 17602

SEPTEMBER

9/24 (6 - 7 PM) - First Art Class- e/o Wed until Nov 19 (FULL)
9/27 (6 PM) - Taizé Services begin - every 4th Saturday
9/28 (1 PM) - Church Picnic at Longs Park

OCTOBER

10/3 (6 PM) - First Friday with Stone Independent School
10/4 (3 & 7:30 PM) - Allegro Concert: "Brass & Organ Night!"
10/5 (8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM) - World Communion
10/19 (8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM) - Youth Sunday
10/25 (12 PM) - Fall Festival
10/25 (6 PM) - Taizé Service

NOVEMBER

11/2 - All Saints Day
11/2 (After church) - Youth Event, Escape Room
11/16 - Ministry Fair & Stewardship Sunday
11/16 - Gretna Glen Youth Event
11/9 (2 PM) - F&M Orchestra Organ Symphony
11/22 (6 PM) - Taizé Service

DECEMBER

12/6 (12 -2 PM) - Gingerbread House Event
12/7 (8:15 & 10:45) - Christmas Cantata
12/7 - Youth Christmas Party & Decorating the church
12/14 (6 PM) - Christmas Caroling
12/20 (3 & 7:30 PM) - Allegro Christmas
12/23 (7 PM) - Contemporary Christmas Eve Service
12/24 (4, 7 & 10 PM) - Christmas Eve Services

For more info and to sign up go to engagedgodfirst.org/events