



CONNECTION ACROSS BARRIERS

Division can isolate us from one another.
Christ, through faith, can break down barriers and
move us into new community and connection.

September 28, 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 28, 2025
8:15 & 10:45 AM

Prelude "His Eye is on the Sparrow" (arr. Albin C. Whitworth)
Deb Kelleher, organ

Announcements & Greeting Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) Introit "High on the Rock I Stand" (Dana Mendel)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship, knowing the world is divided.

People: Prince of Peace, tear down the walls of separation.

Leader: Society makes us strangers and aliens.

People: Reconciling God, make us saints and members of your household.

Leader: We worship the Risen Christ knowing he is the firm foundation.

All: We worship Christ the Cornerstone!

*Hymn No.139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Common Prayer

Great Triune God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.

Mission Moment Discovery Corner Academy

Scripture Psalm 107: 1-3 (pew Bible, OT, p. 528)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:15 AM) Anthem "Come Thou Fount" (John Wyeth)
Breighana Guy, mezzo soprano; Deb Kelleher, piano

(10:45 AM) Anthem "High on the Rock I Stand" (Dana Mendel)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

Preparation for Prayer, No. 130"God Will Take Care of You" (refrain)

God will take care of you, through every day, o’er all the way; he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Pastoral Prayer(8:15 AM Pastor Laura) (10:45 AM) Pastor Jason

(10:45 AM) 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.

*Hymn No. 377"It is Well With My Soul"

ScriptureEphesians 2: 11-22(pew Bible, NT, p. 181)

MessageWorship Series: "Created for Connection"Pastor Laura Sambrick
Week 4: "Connection Across Barriers"

*Affirmation of FaithApostles’ CreedHymnal, No. 881

(8:15AM) *Gloria Patri, No. 70"Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

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

(10:45 AM) Song of Praise

“High on the Rock I Stand”
Chancel Choir

(Dana Mendel)

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

O God of Peace you allowed your body to be broken, so that all the people of the world might be made one in your love. As we worship, open our hearts that we may love everyone as Christ first loved us. Open our minds that we might understand the ways you unite us in community. Open our doors that we might build upon the foundation of Christ Jesus himself. We pray all this in the hope-filled name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Hymn No. 559

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

*Dismissal with Blessing

(8:15AM) *Response, No. 668

“Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God’s love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.

(10:45 AM) Response

“High on the Rock I Stand”
Chancel Choir **& Congregation**

Postlude

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
Deb Kelleher, organ

(arr. Fred Bock)

Please recycle your bulletins in the marked bins. Thank you!

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Bill Henry
Acolyte - Lori Williams
Liturgist - Jeff Steed
Sound Tech - Jeff Steed
Pastors– Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick
Ministers– First Church Congregation

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Sue Kepner
Acolyte– Rachel Ridgeway
Liturgist - Valerie Cifuni
Sound Tech - Wayne Betty
Pastors– Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick
Ministers– First Church Congregation

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**This month’s mission
focus: Discovery
Corner Academy
Scholarship Fund**
Choose “DCA
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The white carnation on the altar remembers Jim Thorbahn,
who passed into heaven on September 20, 2025. Jim's funeral service
will be Friday, October 3, 2025 at 12:00 PM



DISCOVERY CORNER ACADEMY'S "ADOPT A CHILD" FUNDRAISER BEGINS TODAY! DCA has been a supported program at First Church for over 30 years. Our school offers a safe & nurturing learning environment for children to grow in Christ's love. The Scholarship Fund helps children to attend DCA who otherwise may be unable to afford a Christian education. Stop by the DCA table in the Gathering Place after all services today and pick a leaf which shows the cost of 1-4 weeks of a child's tuition. These are just suggestions, though. All contributions are greatly appreciated! Please make checks payable to "First UMC" with "DCA Scholarship" in the memo line or by [using this link](#). Thank you for your support!

Open House: Next Sunday October 1st! Director Ashley Richter will be in the school to show you around and answer questions. Stop in and take a tour of our beautiful school!

FALL 2025 BIBLE STUDY Oct 16-Nov 20 6-7:30 PM

Led by Pastor Jason & Pastor Laura

Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place by Josh Scott

Join us for a six-week Bible study looking at familiar verses we may know by heart, but not always in their original setting. We will explore the people, places, and times behind these passages, uncovering fresh insights often missed when verses are read out of context. Childcare is provided. Sign up [HERE!](#)

Homes for All: A Conversation w/ Amos Stoltzfus

Next Sunday, October 5, 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall

Join us for an interesting and thought-provoking presentation from Amos Stoltzfus, born and raised in Lancaster Co. and deeply committed to the people of Lancaster City. As the SoWe Director for Tenfold and a Planning Commissioner for the City of Lancaster, Amos works to help neighbors maintain housing, advocate for effective policies, and build a community where everyone belongs. With a master's degree in community and regional planning and over a decade of experience collaborating with local governments, Amos brings insight into the challenges and solutions for creating affordable housing for all. No registration needed.



October Events

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**First Friday with Allegro & Stone
Independent School - 6 PM**

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**Allegro Concert: "Brass & Organ
Night!" - 3 & 7 PM**

Use promotion code FUMC to receive a \$5 discount

[Get
tickets
here](#)

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Homes for All with Amos Stoltzfus - 9:30 AM

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**Fall Bible Study
Led by Pastors Jason & Laura
October 16 - November 20
6 - 7:30 PM**

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here](#)

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Youth Sunday - All 3 Services

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Fall Festival - 12 PM

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Taizé Prayer Service - 6 PM

