# 5 PRACTICES of Fruitful Congregations

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

### INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

RISK-TAKING MISSION & SERVICE

First United

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#### **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

#### All Saints' Day November 2, 2025 8:15 & 10:45 AM

Prelude "Lament" (Raymond Haan)

Peter Omundsen, organ

Announcements & Greeting

(10:45 AM) Introit "To God Be the Glory"

(Fanny Crosby)

Chancel Choir- Brian Norcross, Director

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to worship

**People:** to refresh us for the work of following Christ. Leader: But only one weekly refreshing is not enough!

People: We need support.

Leader: We need accountability and encouragement

**People:** to remain connected to Christ. Leader: Connect us in our time of worship, God

All: and guide us to seek the support we need to continue to grow in you.

\*Hymn No. 711

"For All the Saints"

Common Prayer

Surround us, O God, we pray, by so great a cloud of witnesses, rid us of every burden and sin that clings to us, and strengthen us to run the race that lies before us. Help us fix our eyes on Jesus, your Son, the leader and perfecter of faith, who endured the cross and now sits at your right hand. Lift us up with Christ, and inspire us, your people, to follow in his footsteps, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Colossians 1: 3-10 (pew Bible, NT, p. 188)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Generosity Moment** 

(8:15 AM) Anthem "Pié Jesu" (Mary Lynn Lightfoot)

Chapel Choir- Peter Omundsen, Director

Judy Williams, piano

(10:45 AM) Anthem "The Great Cloud" (Joseph Martin)

Chancel Choir- Brian Norcross, Director

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

Preparation for Prayer, No. 405

"Seek Ye First" (stanza 2)

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Laura Sambrick

Remembering Our Saints

\*Hymn No. 707

"Hymn of Promise"

Scripture Hebrews 12: 1-2a

(pew Bible, NT, p. 212)

Message

Worship Series: "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations"

Pastor Jason Ríos

Second Practice: "Intentional Faith Development"

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. 177

"He Is Lord"

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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

When you come forward to take communion, you may place your offering in the baskets by the altar rail.

#### Congregational Prayer

Renewing God, thank you for the saving work you are doing in our lives. We worship you this day as part of the beloved community of believers throughout history. Help us to commit fully to this new way of living as the body of Christ, seeking to grow in our likeness to him. May we live in loving kindness with each other so we can be a powerful witness of God's kin-dom in this world. By the power of your Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn No. 701

"When We All Get to Heaven"

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Response, No. 701

"When We All Get to Heaven" (refrain)

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

Postlude

"Fanfare on SINE NOMINE" Peter Omundsen, organ (John West)

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barry Rodeffer Acolyte - Daniel Denisewicz Liturgist - Marc Russo Sound Tech - Amaya Dibiasi Pastors– Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick Ministers– First Church Congregation

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barry Rodeffer Liturgist - Correen Russo Sound Tech - Amaya Dibiasi Pastors– Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick Ministers– First Church Congregation Please recycle your bulletins in the marked bins. Thank you!





One white carnation on the altar remembers M. Lois Snyder, who passed into the arms of Jesus on October 24, 2025

One white carnation on the altar remembers Sarah Young Fisher, who passed into Heaven on October 27, 2025. Sarah was predeceased by her husband Dallas "Chuck" Fisher, and she is survived by her son Robert & daughter Catie Machingo.



AN ENORMOUS THANKS! Once again the generosity of our church family has left the DCA Board and staff speechless. Between the church family and a generous donation from Missions, we raised about \$7,000 for the Scholarship Fund! This fund enables families to have their children attend a Christian school who otherwise might not be able to afford it. At times, the fund helps families who may lose a job and need help meeting the tuition cost. As costs rise, this scholarship fund becomes a wonderful way to help others. Thank you so much for your continuous support and prayers for Discovery Corner Academy.

**FINANCE UPDATE:** We want to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your generous support of our ministry in Lancaster City and beyond. As of September 30th, our year-to-date revenue is \$995,764.33. That is 69% of our yearly budget of \$1,432,142, which represents a 6% shortfall (\$78,342.17). As the end of the year approaches, we're confident that, with your help, we can finish strong. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider how you can help us close the gap before the end of the year. Every gift, regardless of its size, makes a difference in sustaining our ministries and outreach. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!

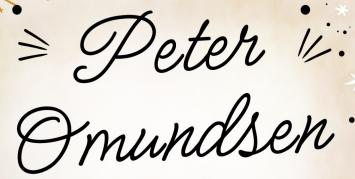
# FIRST UMC MINISTRY FAIR & STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY! November 16th On Sunday November 16th, we're holding a church-wide Ministry Fair! This is a fun event that works like a job fair, where you can visit ministries at a booth, learn about what it takes to be a part of that ministry, then sign up to join the one that is a fit with your gifts and availability. This is a great way to see all of our

#### FIRST CHURCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS!

ministries and find your place to serve!

| Sunday, November 9   | 8:15 & 10:45 AM<br>2:00PM | Celebrate Peter!<br>F&M Orchestra & Organ |
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|                      |                           | Symphony w/ Peter                         |
| Sunday, November 16  | All morning!              | Ministry Fair & Stewardship Sunday        |
| Saturday, December 6 | 12PM                      | Gingerbread House Party                   |
| Sunday, December 7   |                           | Christmas Cantata                         |
| Sunday, December 14  | 6:00 PM                   | Christmas Caroling                        |





SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

#### 40 YEARS WITH FIRST UMC

Reception in Gathering Place

Drop off a card/note at church office or in the box

at the Welcome Center.

## F&M ORCHESTRA ORGAN SYMPHONY SUNDAY, 11/9 (2 PM)

Located at First UMC Sanctuary
Free admission

- F&M orchestra, Brian Norcross conducting
- Peter Omundsen, organ

#### **REPERTOIRE:**

Saint-Saens, Symphony No. 3, "The Organ" Glinka - Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture Norcross - Dogwood