



5 PRACTICES

of Fruitful Congregations

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

**INTENTIONAL FAITH
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**PASSIONATE
WORSHIP**

**EXTRAVAGANT
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**RISK-TAKING
MISSION & SERVICE**

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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

**November 9, 2025
8:15 & 10:45 AM**

Prelude "A Patriotic Salute" (arr. Margaret Tucker)
"God of Our Fathers" (Warren/Tchaikovsky)
Wesley Handbell Choir - Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting Pastor Jason Rios

(10:45 AM) Introit "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (James Ellor)
Chancel Choir- Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: God, we come to worship you

People: in Spirit and Truth!

Leader: We come to empty ourselves for you.

People: Receive our praise and worship, our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears.

Leader: We give all ourselves to you in worship

People: so that you will fill us up with your Spirit

Leader: and send us out into your world again to continue the work of your kingdom!

All: Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

*Hymn No.152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Common Prayer

Enduring God, we gather in this special and sacred space prepared to experience your presence. Help us to focus and to set this time apart for worship. Open our eyes and our ears to hear your word, especially when it seems so different from what we hear in the world. May this time transform us, so we can see you and hear you more clearly. With expectation, we pray. Amen.

Generosity Moment Jan Betty

Scripture Psalm 84 (pew Bible, OT, p. 513)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Peter's 40th Celebration Presentation!

(8:15 AM) Anthem "To God Be the Glory" (Doane/Hayes)
Judy Williams & Peter Omundsen, piano duet

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)

Almighty God, it is you who transforms our hearts and inspires us to impact the lives of others. We glorify you with our obedience and the confession of the gospel, and through the generosity of sharing your love, your joy, and your grace with others. May we all be messengers of grace. Amen.

*Hymn No. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (stanza 1)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Postlude

“Carillon”
Peter Omundsen, organ

(Franklin Ashdown)

*Offering may be placed in the baskets as you leave worship today,
or you may use the QR codes below.*

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Jeff Greiner
Liturgist - Kathy Johnson
Sound Tech - Amaya Dibiasi
Pastors– Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers– First Church Congregation

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Bruce Grove
Acolyte - Jeff Fisher
Liturgist - Dawn Herring
Sound Tech - Amaya Dibiasi
Pastors– Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers– First Church Congregation

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

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**GENERAL
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**MISSION &
OUTREACH**

**This month’s
mission focus:**
Rev. Mutwale, Tanzania
Choose “Rev. Mutwale,
Tanzania” from the drop
down menu



LUMINA Children's Christmas Shop Sunday, December 14



LUMINA is providing a shopping experience for so children can experience the joy of giving a gift this Christmas for their families! There are 16 families who are part of LUMINA's outreach program and this event provides children the chance to choose free gifts all by themselves and give it to each member of their family on Christmas morning.

If you are able to help by providing a gift(s) for the Christmas shop, please look over the suggestions below. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the church office by December 8. (The children will have the fun of wrapping the gifts themselves!)

Please Note: All items should be new or very clean, unscratched, and very gently used

- Games and Toys for all ages, including toddlers
- LEGOs, Barbies with brown skin
- Craft kits for all ages
- Nail polish kits & craft kits for teens
- Sports equipment for teens (including all types of balls)
- Sports team themed items for adults (mugs, hats, calendars, etc)
- Hand tools
- Baking kits
- Home Decor
- Small kitchen appliances (clean)
- Candles
- Dressy scarves/accessories
- Warm gloves for men
- Board books for toddlers
- Pretty calendars
- Ear phones
- Boxes of chocolates
- Phone charging cords
- Funny socks for teens
- \$5-10 gift cards gas, Starbucks, McDs, etc



Please no coloring books. We have plenty of those!

THANK YOU!





Lots of helping hands are wanted for Christmas decorating!

Help of all kinds is needed to decorate our church for Advent & Christmas! There are all levels of skill needed, so there's definitely a spot for you to get our church in the Christmas spirit! Use the Connect Card or email Brian Lehman (brianslehman@gmail.com) to help!

- **Friday, November 28th (Black Friday): 9 AM - 2 PM**
Advent decorating begins! With many Christmas trees & various displays, all skill levels are needed! Sit & separate items, climb ladders & assemble 15 ft trees, arrange & hang decorations, move boxes & supplies. Crews are needed for both worship spaces as the Contemporary space has its own challenges with ladders & décor
- **Saturday, November 29th 9AM-2PM**
Decorating continues! Come for as long as you are able
- **Saturday, December 6th 9 – 10:30AM**
Help is needed to place and arrange the many poinsettias that will decorate our church.
- **Monday, December 22nd 3-6 PM**
Come help us set up live trees in the sanctuary!



POINSETTIA "WATER-ERS" ARE NEEDED!

Wed, Dec 10th / Sat, Dec 13th / Wed, Dec 17th / Sat, Dec 20th

To keep the poinsettias alive for almost three weeks, twice weekly watering is a necessity! With one person, it takes about 2 hours– with 2 or more it goes faster.



- **Saturday, January 10th**
What goes up, must come down! Many hands are needed to pack up all the decorations and move them into storage

SAVE THE DATE

MINISTRY
FAIR

November 16, 2025
All morning in the Gathering Place

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRIES



Sweet & Festive Fun



GINGERBREAD
HOUSE EVENT

**REGISTER
HERE!**

DECEMBER 6, 2025 12-2PM

Fun family event where All
are welcomed!

