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## A Word of Welcome

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Let's be honest for a moment:

People have a number of reasons for not attending church, but lack of faith isn't usually one of them. The same goes for becoming involved in church activities. Maybe that's you.

A lot of people who never thought they'd go to Church regularly - let alone be involved - have discovered a fresh, authentic and relevant spiritual experience at First Church.

At First Church, we encourage people to become involved in the life of the church. We welcome you to volunteer to lead a class; organize a small group; teach Sunday school or Vacation Bible School; sing with our choir; play hand bells; serve in the community; share your gifts with others; attend a small group study; regularly participate in worship; fellowship with our church family.

Whatever your concept of church is we want to encourage you to find a place to get connected with our community of faith. Our hope is that as you get involved you will discover what we have learned and that is "how you live your faith matters!"

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For more information or to volunteer for a ministry at First United Methodist Church call the church office at 765-489-4558.



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# First United Methodist Church

# Check us out...

## Volunteer



Opportunities encompass all aspects of our church life and our faith journey. In this brochure you will find examples of ways you can become involved in growing your faith, serving others and engaging in fellowship with other Christians.

## Our Core Values

We have adopted Five Practices that drive our activities as a church: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. We strive to make these five practices a part of all that we do as a church.

## Worship

We have one service Sunday morning which begins each week at 10:15 am. We try to blend all the talents of our congregation in a style of worship that provides something for everyone.

We use hymns, praise songs, prayer, liturgy, video, and relevant messages to convey the message of God's love.



## Music

Music is an integral part of our worship services and adds a dimension that otherwise would be lacking. There is a spot for everyone - solos, choir, instruments, hand bell choirs.

## Friendship Café

"Put the kettle on, we have company" or so the saying goes. Sunday mornings 8:45-11:45 am, stop by the Café for coffee or tea and pastries. We serve Free Trade Coffee and Tea. This is a great place to meet friends — old and new.



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## Children's Ministries

GROW starts at 9:00 am Sunday morning and helps children Grow, Proclaim, Serve! We incorporate Bible stories, activities, crafts, media, and games into a full faith experience for children. With Grow, Proclaim, Serve! children will develop the skills to unlock the Bible and grow their faith by leaps and bounds.

Programming for children extends beyond Sunday morning for all ages with Vacation Bible School, Children's and Family Events, and a variety of seasonal activities. Check out our Sunday evening program—iBelieve—that also included children's activities.

## Student Ministries

Looking for chance to strengthen your relationship with Jesus and have a good time while you do it? Student ministries includes jr and sr high students. Every Sunday morning at 9:00 am students gather in the loft for Bible Study. Additional activities are planned throughout the year like Concerts, Day trips, movies, Lock-Ins, mission trips, movie nights, etc. Come Join the fun! Plus Check out Sunday evening program—iBelieve—that includes youth activities.

## Adult Ministries :

If you want to be involved, there is a group of adults ready to welcome you:

- Small Groups.
- Bible and Book Studies.
- Sunday morning classes.
- Men and Women's groups.
- Special Interest Groups.

Check out the weekly bulletin for current activities and group meetings

For more information please visit:  
[www.firsthagerstown.org](http://www.firsthagerstown.org)

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## Missions:

Our congregation has many opportunities to reach out to our community and beyond:

- **Local Food Pantry**  
We are part of a coalition of churches that support a local food pantry.
- **Mission trips**  
We are active in disaster relief work as well as leading annual work trips to regional areas needing help.
- **Thrift Shop**  
We work with area churches to operate a community Thrift Shop to benefit those in need.
- **Mission Guatemala**  
We support this mission that brings help and support to the poor via a preschool feeding program and a medical clinic.
- **Community Dinner**  
We host a FREE community dinner the 4th Thursday of every month. The dinner feeds the hungry and brings people together for fun and conversation.

## Be a part of our Caring Ministries

### Prayer:

A group of people committed to supporting individuals that are requesting prayer.

### Care:

A group of people committed to support and care for people who are in need of help to do illness or other circumstances.

### Visitation:

Individuals committed to serve our members who are homebound and unable to attend to church. These visits help keep our members connected with the church community.

For more information on these and other ministries call the church office:  
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