

MARCH 2021

### First United Methodist Church

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#### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:15 Worship (traditional)  
9:30 Classes: adults, children  
10:45 Class: adults  
9:30 Worship (contemporary)  
10:45 Worship (blended)



Easter flower dedications: due March 7  
Order forms: Connection Tables (narthex, café)  
church office (570-546-8030)

### Holy Week

7:00 p.m. April 1 Maundy Thursday worship service  
with Holy Communion (on-site and livestreamed)

7:00 p.m. April 2 Good Friday worship service  
(onsite and livestreamed)

#### Easter Morning — Sunday, April 4

6:30 Son Rise Worship Service, outside  
8:15 Worship service (nursery care)  
9:30 Adult Sunday classes (no children's class)  
9:30 Worship service (nursery care)  
10:45 Worship service (nursery care; no Children's Church)  
All services are on-site, with 10:45 also livestreamed.



## Get Connected

For information about any of these activities, please contact the leaders listed below.

- † Body & Soul women's exercise: 9 a.m. Mondays/Thursdays, Celebration Center; Linda Holsinger, 570-546-6840
- † Engage (grades 6–8): 11:00 a.m. Sundays, CC207; Kevin Myers, 570-412-2820
- † God Squad (grades 9–12): 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, CC207; Kevin Myers, 570-412-2820
- † GriefShare: 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, lounge; Holly Pote, hmpote@yahoo.com
- † Men's breakfast: 7:00 Tuesdays, Cracker Barrel Restaurant; Denny Hammond, Dhammond67@yahoo.com
- † Mission Stitchers: Saturday morning, monthly, our Celebration Center; Nancy Grove, 570-433-3133
- † Mothers of Preschoolers: first and third Sundays, online; Gabby Marconnet, kids@firstumcmuncy.org
- † Muncy Valley United Methodist Men: 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays; Harold Geise, 570-538-9173
- † Study group: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, via Zoom; Holly Pote, hmpote@yahoo.com
- † Women's prayer breakfast: suspended; Betsy Mothersbaugh, 570-971-7866

#### Community Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Celebration Center; open  
Social benefit dance: 6:40–10:00 Saturday, April 3, Celebration Center; 570-546-2866  
Narcotics Anonymous: 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays, Celebration Center; open

## Mission Moments

We received a card from a recently retire missionary whom we supported. She writes: *Thank you for your church's ministry of care and financial support for my service as missionary of the First United Methodist Church. I am particularly grateful to the UMC women's groups for the support they have given me all of these years. THANK YOU SO MUCH!*

*Your sister in Christ, Marilia Alves Schuller*

We wish her the best. She has served the Lord in her good works through Global Ministries, and I am sure she will continue even as she retires.

To send a card wishing Marilia well, her address is: Marilia Alves Schuller, Rua Pioui, 1414, Parolin 80.220-240, Curitiba, P.R., Brasil  
*submitted by Convener Joyce McCarty  
Externally Focused Church Team, First UMC, Muncy*

## New Position at First UMC

In August of 2020, church council approved our staff-parish relations committee recommendation to add a communications director position. Jody Robinson, wife of our pastor, was later hired.

Some of the CD duties include: "First Light" weekly e-newsletter; advertising; announcement slides; managing our Facebook page; producing worship service videos; keep our website updated; and keeping the congregation informed on ministry areas' and teams' events.

Jody's office is next to the main office. She is there Monday through Friday, generally 10:00 until 2:00. Contact her by phone (570-546-8030) or e-mail (communications@firstumcmuncy.org).

We are thankful to have Jody contributing her talents and skills to the administrative needs of our church!

## First United Methodist Church 2021 Administrative Volunteers

*Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary (Galatians 6:9).*

The church leaders listed below are asked to acknowledge themselves as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to devote themselves to the service of God in the world, to live so as to enable this church to be a people of love and peace, and to do all in their power to be responsible to the task for which they were chosen. Our congregation rejoices that God provides laborers for the “vineyards.” We are called to do all we can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them our cooperation, our counsel, and our prayers. We ask God’s blessings upon His servants who have been given particular ministries in His church, and that He grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in His service. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit in their work and keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Our prayer is that they be rewarded for their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them God’s purposes are accomplished.

### Church Council Members

Council Chair – TBA

Endowment Fund Chair – Candy Winters

Lay Leader – Dave Gehrum

Pastor – The Rev. Richard N. Robinson, Jr.

Memorials Coordinator – Gail Nuss

Membership Secretary – Sherrill Reynolds

Finance Committee Chair; Finance Secretary; Director of Operations – Barry Grove

Lay members to annual conference – Barry Grove, Nancy Grove

Council members at large – Ardene Judd, Bob Mertz, Aline Miller, Rich Pursel, Cookie Shaffer

Communications Director – Jody Robinson

Council Vice Chair – Bob Webb

Treasurer – Jody Robinson

Ministry Teams Conveners (see below)

Recording Secretary – Jody Robinson

Staff-Parish Relations Chair – John Lucas

Trustees Committee Chair – Marty McCabe

### Administrative Committees (Chairpersons are listed first.)

Endowment Fund: Candy Winters, Gary Allshouse, Kent Bennett, Bob Mertz, Phil Soohy

Finance: Barry Grove, Dennis Fausey, Dave Gehrum, Nancy Grove, John Lucas, Marty McCabe, Gail Nuss, Jody Robinson, Candy Winters

Lay Leadership: Pastor Rick Robinson, Lyla Allshouse, Dennis Fausey, Joe Hutchinson, Bob Mertz, Amy Myers, Rich Pursel, Sherrill Reynolds, Cookie Shaffer, Dave Waltz

Staff-Parish Relations: John Lucas, Kent Bennett, Jennifer Bowman, Melissa Martens, Don Pote, Mike Sherman, John Shoop, Nora Stuart, Garman Zehner

Trustees: Marty McCabe, Lana Baker, Lou Cromley, Dani Eck, Cathy Henry, Lee Koser, Brian Kustanbauer, Tyler Morse, Candy Winters

Safe Sanctuaries: LizAnn Barlett, Pastor Rick Robinson, Gabby Marconnet, Kelly Hoover, John Lucas, Marty McCabe, Kevin Myers

Age Level Coordinators: Gabby Marconnet (Children), Kevin Myers (Youth), Judy Stover/Linda Holsinger (Older Adults)

### Ministry Teams (conveners head each list)

Congregational Care Team: Dave Waltz, Gary Allshouse, Lyla Allshouse, Janice Easton, Sharon Goss, Marty McCabe

Discipleship Process Team: Cori Cotner, Karen Barraco, Dave Gehrum, Holly Pote

Externally Focused Church Team (includes missions and evangelism): Joyce McCarty, Karen Barraco, George Duckworth, Denny Hammond, Jean Hammond, Anne Knox, John Lucas, John Smay, Candy Winters

Hospitality Team: Betsy Mothersbaugh, Debbie Frye, Harold Geise, Linda Geise, Gary Glidewell, Rayma Gover, Barry Grove, Linda Holsinger, Cookie Shaffer

Worship Team: Nancy Grove, Pastor Rick Robinson, Lucy Buck, Jane Lucas, Kevin Myers, Tom Ruhl

The Memorial Garden Committee, non-administrative committees and task forces are also comprised of faithful volunteers. The council booklet has the complete list. Copies are available through the office and at the Connection Tables, which are in the narthex (hall in front of the sanctuary) and in our Living Water Café (lower level).

Our sincere gratitude is offered to all who served in 2020 and those now sacrificing time and energy on behalf of this church.