

## MAY 2021

First United Methodist Church  
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### Sunday morning schedule

- Worship services:  
8:15 traditional  
9:30 contemporary  
10:45 blended

- Classes:

- 9:30 adults, children  
10:30 adults, children  
11:00 Grades 6-8

Nursery care is available.



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He first loved us."  
1 John 4:19

*Vision Statement*  
We are  
a welcoming family  
of Christ followers,  
living lives  
of generosity  
as we seek to be  
a blessing to others.



## United Methodist Women: Hope • Faith • Love in Action

Our UMW will meet Tuesday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. in our church's Living Water Café. Gail Pentz will lead the annual pledge service. As a community of women with a passion for mission, we support outreach to women, children and youth with our gifts and prayers. Every woman is given the opportunity to prayerfully consider her pledge, but there is no obligation to make a formal pledge. Come and learn more about how our mission giving makes a difference locally and globally.

New officers for 2021 were elected at the April meeting. Although the position of president remains empty, the following leadership team will work to fulfill our purpose: Aline Miller, vice president; Karen Barraco, secretary; Gail Pentz, treasurer; Marie Mitchell, spiritual growth; Molly Kemmerer, mission education. Nominations: Lyla Allshouse (chair), Judy Stover and Janet Pursel.

The UMW thanks the congregation for being so generous in supporting our Souplless Soup Sale in April. You donated \$2,198.00, for which we are very thankful! We'll now be able to continue to provide monetary support and special gifts to various mission projects. We pray that next year we'll be able to actually make soup again!

*submitted by Karen Barraco, secretary  
United Methodist Women, Muncy*

## Prayer: We Can't Overdo It!

"...pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer (Romans 12:12). ...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6)."

It's hard to overstate the importance of this spiritual discipline for the Christian life. Prayer is simply asking God for help or strength or provision. We should not worry or "be anxious about anything," but bring all our needs and concerns to our gracious Father, because he loves us.


"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you (1 Peter 5:6-7)." It is humbling to ask our Father for everything. Prayer says, "Father, I need your help. I need your grace. I need you to provide for me. To give me wisdom and strength. To lead and guide me with my (relationships, finances, work, daily Bible reading and prayer ...)."

Rather than try to solve our own problems or relieve our own anxiety, we should cast them on our Father. Why? Because he cares for us. He genuinely, truly cares for us.

Remember, a discipline is something we do regularly. So don't wait until you're in trouble to pray. Do it every day! A good pattern for prayer is the Lord's Prayer.

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/blogs/mark-altrogge/5-spiritual-disciplines-that-will-change-your-life-the-first-is-key.html>


*ASAP: Always stop and pray!*



Esta Weiler Memorial Service  
Saturday, May 22  
3:00 at our Memorial Garden



The Rev. Michael R. Gardy  
Memorial Service Saturday, June 5  
10:30 in our sanctuary  
Followed by interment at the  
Memorial Garden and a light lunch  
The service will be livestreamed via  
our Facebook page through that day.



**2021 Church Camps** - grade 2–adult  
[www.susumcamps.org](http://www.susumcamps.org)  
Our church pays ½ the fee!  
brochures: 1<sup>st</sup> fl bulletin board

## Get Connected

- † Bible Study: 10:00 Tuesdays in our Living Water Café; taught by Pastor Rick; no homework or registration
- † Bible study: 6:30 Wednesdays; facilitated by Becky Shaner and Holly Pote ([hmpote@yahoo.com](mailto:hmpote@yahoo.com))
- † Body & Soul women’s exercise: 9 a.m. Mondays/Thursdays, Celebration Cntr; Linda Holsinger, 570-546-6840
- † God Squad (grades 9–12): 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, CC207; Kevin Myers, 570-412-2820
- † GriefShare: 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, café; Holly Pote, [hmpote@yahoo.com](mailto:hmpote@yahoo.com)
- † Men’s breakfast: 7:00 Tuesdays, Cracker Barrel Restaurant; Denny Hammond, 570-772-9983
- † Men’s fellowship: 8:00 p.m. Sundays; Kevin Myers, 570-412-2820
- † Mission Stitchers: third Saturdays, Celebration Center; Nancy Grove, 570-433-3133
- † Muncy Valley UM Men: 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays; Harold Geise, 570-538-9173

### Community Groups

- Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Celebration Center; open
- Narcotics Anonymous: 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; Celebration Center; open
- Benefit social dance: May 1, 7:00–10:00 (6:40 free lesson), Celebration Center; Gary and Bonnie Glidewell, instructors

**Co-Ed Christian Softball League**  
Games: 6:15 Tuesdays, beginning 5/11  
Schedules: church website calendar  
Marty McCabe, Manager 570-971-6386

TREASURER’S REPORT	
<u>CURRENT EXPENSE</u>	
Balance 3-1-21	\$28,329.41
Receipts	29,229.93
Funds available	57,559.34
Total expenses	46,426.71
Net balance 4-1-21	11,132.63
<u>BENEVOLENCE FUND</u>	
Balance 3-1-21	13,464.08
Receipts	5,055.32
Funds available	18,519.40
Total expenses	7,106.85
Net balance 4-1-21	11,412.55
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Balance 3-1-21	11,603.12
Receipts	11,315.34
Funds available	22,918.46
Total expenses	21,831.15
Net balance 4-1-21	1,087.31





**Music Day Camp**  
June 13–18 for grades 1–8  
“Faith Talk”  
brochures: Connection Tables  
Performance: 7:00 p.m. June 18  
Questions: [kids@firstumcmuncy.org](mailto:kids@firstumcmuncy.org)



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL**

3-yr-olds: Tuesdays–Thursdays 8:30–11:00 \$130/mo.  
4-yr-olds: Mondays–Fridays 12:30–3:30 \$175/mo.  
registration forms: church office  
and at [www.firstumcmuncy.org](http://www.firstumcmuncy.org)  
[preschool@firstumcmuncy.org](mailto:preschool@firstumcmuncy.org); 570-546-8030

## Tough Times

“The Williamsport Corps of the Salvation Army wishes to sincerely thank the First United Methodist Church, Muncy, and it’s congregation for your support of our organization during our time of need. The pandemic created an unprecedented increase in requests for assistance from members of the community who were hurting. Combined with the fact that we had to cancel all five of our fundraisers during the past year, it really put us in a tough spot financially.

Your benevolence committee, men’s breakfast group and many members really stepped up in a substantial way in our time of need. It is greatly appreciated!”

God Bless you for your thoughtfulness and support!  
*Major Donald Spencer, Corps Commander*  
*Kent Bennett, Advisory Board Chair*



## CELEBRATIONS

To add a birthday or anniversary, contact the office (570-546-8030, office@firstumcmuncy.org).

*May the blessings of our loving God  
fill your heart with joy!*

- 5/1 Brandon Cotner, Mark Hester
- 5/2 Anna Buck, Ruth Frontz, Addison Hanford,  
Sue Kainz, Maddox Leitenberger, Brooke Spillane
- 5/3 Michael Creasey, Nikki Wilcox
- 5/4 Ron Hill, Paul Wentzler
- 5/6 Reece Armstrong, Hope Freeborn,  
Jo Ann Swartz
- 5/7 Darlene Webb, Dona Winder
- 5/9 George Henry, Rachel Hoffman
- 5/10 Jennifer Bowman
- 5/11 Chase Rishel
- 5/12 Jacob Cooley, T.J. McCabe
- 5/13 Linda Young
- 5/14 Deb Steransky, Christine Suders
- 5/15 Alexandria Eck, Ben Fausey
- 5/16 Emily Bressette, Steve Godfrey,  
Nate Grenoble
- 5/17 Paige Kepner, John Shoop
- 5/18 Duwane Statts
- 5/19 Jody King
- 5/20 Mason Beck, Elizabeth Cooley,  
Linda Nickles
- 5/21 Dick Miller, Sherrill Reynolds
- 5/22 Dennis DeWald, Timothy Morse
- 5/23 Gina Beyer, Bethany Kohl, Sandy Schell,  
Harry Swank
- 5/24 Andrew Lucas
- 5/25 Halley Campbell, Becca Lewis,  
Alex Marconnet
- 5/26 Dave Gehrum, David Young
- 5/27 Tim Eck, Braden Foresman,  
Josephine Miller
- 5/28 Jeane Smay
- 5/30 Sally Gardy, Mary Ann Kilpatrick
- 5/31 Eileen Spring
- 5/1 Lucy and Richard Buck
- 5/5 Carolyn and LeRoy Frontz
- 5/7 Betsy and Merle Parker



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- 5/9 Erin and Thad Baker
  - 5/11 Kathi and Jim Brown,  
Kathy and Don Colyer
  - 5/17 Sue and Gregg Rhodes
  - 5/19 Courtney and Tim Taylor
  - 5/20 Angela and Duwane Statts



## CELEBRATIONS continued

- 5/21 Aline and Dick Miller
- 5/22 Amanda and Michael Creasey,  
Nancy and Barry Grove
- 5/24 Sue and Ken Kohler
- 5/29 Emily and Jared Glidewell,  
Amy and Kevin Myers
- 5/30 Ali (Swank) and Jamie Stratton
- 5/31 Adria and Tim Eck, Helen and Craig June



## THANK YOU

*Thank you to all who sent cards and letters to me in April. In Christ's love, Bill McCarty*

*From our annual benevolence fund donations we received thank you letters from: Shepherd of the Streets; Sojourner House of Hope for women; and the Veterans Multi-Service Center (in memory of Ron Poorman). (See "Tough Times" on page 2.)*

*My dear church friends, I would like to thank all my church friends for the gift card. and all the food you gave me plus all the goodie bags. I say a prayer every morning and thank my church family for all that you do for me. May God bless you all.*

*In God's Love, Betty L. Wright*

*First UMC, Muncy, participated in our area's Raise the Region fundraiser. We received thank you letters from: Camp Victory (for special needs children--canceled last year and this, due to pandemic precautions); American Rescue Workers; Central PA Food Bank (providing more meals than ever due to pandemic economic hardships); Habitat for Humanity; and WGRC.*

*Thank you, my church family, for all the truly beautiful and heartfelt messages in notes, cards, flowers and verbal sentiments you have shared with me upon the occasion of my Michael's passing. He will be missed by many. I know that he knows all the fine tributes you have given him. I see these gifts as being as much for him as for me. And I thank you for all the years you have cared for and loved both of us. You are truly family to us! God bless each and all of you. You all make these days easier.*

*Prayers and love, Sally Gardy*

*P.S. Thanks, Easter Bunny, for the Weis gift card!*

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Growing Deeper, Giving of Ourselves, Reaching Wider

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