

JANUARY 2022



*"Seek first
His Kingdom and
His righteousness."
~Jesus
Matthew 6:33*

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Thursdays 9:00–12:00;
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and by appointment

Sunday Morning Schedule

- Nursery care: 9:30–12:00
 - Worship services:
 - 8:15 traditional
 - 9:30 contemporary
 - 9:30 children's church
 - 10:45 traditional
 - Classes:
 - 9:30 adults
 - 10:30 adults; youth
 - 10:45 children

Vision Statement

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



Special Mission Recognition



In November Candy Winters presented the Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate on behalf of United Methodist Women, First UMC Muncy, to Rich Pursel. You see Rich on Sundays in the choir and in Sunday school, but if you stop by the church during the week, you will most likely see him working throughout the building on all types of projects, helping in the kitchen and attending meetings. Rich is also a valuable leader with our Memorial Garden and columbarium. His servant heart is a witness to his faith and commitment to our Lord. Thank you, Rich!

submitted by Karen Barraco, UMW Secretary, Muncy



Dwell Orphan Care, based in Williamsport, is a faith-based outreach that supports foster and adoptive families in central Pennsylvania so that children have a safe, loving, forever home in which to dwell. Their "Hope Chest" is a foster closet

for families who are receiving emergency placement of children, providing clothing and other essentials.

Donations for the Hope Chest are being collected through January, to be placed in care packages sent to foster homes. The items of greatest need at this time (new items please) are: LEGO® sets for boys and girls of all ages; family board games; and card games for all ages. Your donations may be placed in the box in the Welcome Center or in the blue tub outside the Living Water Cafe.

submitted by Karen Barraco

United Methodist Women

Hope • Faith • Love in Action

The United Methodist Women of First UMC, Muncy, has been unable to have willing volunteers to serve as officers for 2022. There have been two meetings to try to solve this problem. Therefore it was decided by unanimous vote, at the December 14 meeting of United Methodist Women, to declare our unit as "inactive." The decision will be reported to the national office through our UMW Williamsport District team.

The fourteen members present voted on the disbursement of \$1,807.05 in the treasury, donating to UM Committee on Relief, Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity, the Vineyard Community and Activity Center (Muncy), Sojourner Truth Ministries (Williamsport), Red Bird Mission of the UMC (Kentucky), Neighborhood Center of the UMC (Harrisburg), the UMW prison ministry and the Susquehanna Conference UMW.

It's hoped that some of our long-time mission projects can be continued by working with the church's mission and outreach team or other teams.

Our last mission project was on December 14, as we served a Christmas lunch for seventeen residents at Park Place, Muncy, followed by readings and crafts.

submitted by Karen Barraco, UMW Secretary

Our children's ministry December 12th Christmas program is on a private channel on YouTube. To view it, request the link from the church office.

Get Connected!

*Please use our website calendar
to confirm events closer to the date.*

- † Coffee Fellowship: Welcome Center and Living Water Café, before/after Sunday worship services—Contact Candy Winters (570-546-3963) to host (make coffee, set out snacks, and clean up).
- † Men's fellowship: 8:00 p.m. Sundays; Kevin Myers, 570-412-2820
- † Body & Soul women's exercise: 9 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Celebration Center; Linda Holsinger, 570-546-6840
- † Men's fellowship breakfast: 7:00 Tuesdays, Cracker Barrel Restaurant; Denny Hammond, 570-772-9983
- † Revelation study: 10:00 Tuesdays, Living Water Café; no registration, no homework; Pastor Rick, 570-546-8030
- † GriefShare: new 13-week series begins Jan. 11, 6:30 Tues, Welcome Center; Holly Pote, hmpote@yahoo.com
- † Bible characters study: 1:00 Weds., Room 201; Sally Gardy, 570-546-7040
- † God Squad (gr 7–12): 6:30 Wednesdays, CC207; Kevin Myers, 570-412-2820
- † Bible study: 6:30 Wednesdays, Living Water Café; Pastor Rick (see insert)
- † Women's prayer breakfast: Thursdays 8:30; Betsy Mothersbaugh's home (Muncy), 570-971-7866
- † Rehearsals, Thursdays: hand bells (6:15, Tom Ruhl, 570-220-1544); chancel choir (7:30; Lucy Buck, 570-584-4521)
- † Mission Stitchers: 9–12:00 3rd Saturdays, Nancy Grove, 570-433-3133
- † Flour Power baking ministry: 9:00, last Saturdays; Patti Myers, 570-515-0674
- † Muncy Valley UM Men, fellowship and service: evenings 4th Mondays; Harold Geise, 570-538-9173
- † Bible study: 6:30, every other Wednesday (start date TBD), lounge; Holly Pote, hmpote@yahoo.com

Community Groups

- Widow's Mite monthly lunch: 12:00 3rd Thursdays; Anne Knox, 570-974-1020

Good 'n Plenty Supper Wed., Feb. 2 3:30–6:00

Curb-side pick up only

chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes,
vegetable, salad, dessert

Suggested donation \$12 No child-size

No supper in January

TREASURER'S REPORT

CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 11-1-21	\$7,500.57
Receipts	33,440.53
Funds available	40,941.10
Total expenses	34,629.24
Net balance 12-1-21	6,311.86

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 11-1-21	8,730.72
Receipts	3,375.00
Funds available	12,105.72
Total expenses	2,249.85
Net balance 12-1-21	9,855.87

BUILDING FUND

Balance 11-1-21	22,630.00
Receipts	3,486.00
Funds available	26,116.00
Total expenses	--
Net balance 12-1-21	26,116.00

Prayer Requests

“Pray for one another so you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective (James 5:16).”

We hold in prayer our church family who are homebound or living in long-term care facilities, along with those from our community who are serving in the armed services.

- Homebound: Floss McCarty, Elsie Smith
- Assisted living and nursing homes: LeRoy Frontz, Jean Hester, Jake LeVan, Bill McCarty, Tony Rebuck, Alberta Shaner, Tom Weaver
- Serving in the military: Brett Bardo, Tyler Barto, Jamie Campbell, Morgan Eck, Madison Foreman, Josh Garverick, Pat Gaydon, John Kuhn, Joshua Kustanbauter, Matt Lucas, Matthew McCabe, Chad McElwee, Ginger Paddock, Derek Reese, Chris Secules, Tyler Smay, Coty Steele, Scott Wolfe, Roy Zeisloft



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!*

- 1/1 Debbie Daggett
- 1/2 Maddie Beyer, Bonnie Glidewell,
Brian Peace
- 1/3 Sue Moon, Merle Parker
- 1/4 Kindra Brelsford
- 1/5 Alexis Harder, Rich Pursel, Greg Schell
- 1/6 Marianne Tillotson
- 1/7 Troy Sellers
- 1/8 Mary Ann Way
- 1/9 Brynn Hansen
- 1/10 Bryce Eckard
- 1/13 Gabriel Holsinger, Tessa Lamper,
Christie Sellers
- 1/14 Kourtney Anderson, Clynt Oden
- 1/15 DJ Foresman, Candy Winters
- 1/16 Jason Cooley, Max Glidewell,
Jean Hammond, Wes Zeisloft
- 1/17 Walter Borek
- 1/20 Don Colyer, Elizabeth Klucka, Joe Lowe,
Johnny Reinsel, Abby Robinson
- 1/21 Idona Artman
- 1/22 MaryAnn Breon, Janet Pursel,
Matthew Rader, Stacy Schell
- 1/23 Jeremy Winters
- 1/24 Judy Fausey
- 1/26 Patsy Feigles, Doris Fritz, Dolly Oden
- 1/27 Kathi Blaker, Gordon Eck,
Jennifer Freeborn
- 1/28 Garth Everett, Jo Ann Welch
- 1/29 John Lucas
- 1/30 Michael Buck, Chris Glidewell,
Michael Kustanbauter, Anne Leshar
- 1/31 Valerie Nuss



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- 1/4 Bonnie and Gary Glidewell
 - 1/6 Abbe and Michael Mostowy
 - 1/9 Janet and Rich Pursel



To sponsor 2022 worship service flowers
please sign up in the Welcome Center.



THANK YOU

Dear FUMC friends,

*Thank you so very much for your prayers,
cards and personal words of encouragement with
the death of my father in November. We are truly
blessed by the caring outreach from our church
family.*

With gratitude, Nancy and Barry Grove

*The United Methodist Women would like to
thank the congregation for their recent generous
contributions to the annual World Thank Offer-
ing. A total of \$1,624.24 has been received!
Thanks to everyone for being a blessing to others.*

Gail Pentz, UMW Treasurer

*What a privilege to support the Salvation Army
by taking part in the Red Kettle campaign on
December 10. Many thanks to our volunteer bell
ringers: Ginny Boob, Rebecca Byers, Dori Fisher
and Hannah Scranton, Gary and Bonnie
Glidewell, Jim and Sharon Goss, Jean and Denny
Hammond, Charlotte Hoffman, Jane Pick, BJ and
Phil Soohy, Deb Steransky, Chalmer Van Horn,
Bob and Shelley Webb.*

Karen Barraco

*I would like to thank so many of you who
prayed, sent messages, cards, phone calls and do-
nations to help Mark and the family. During his
cancer journey, it was a tough time for all of us,
and everything you did was a reminder of how kind
our church family is. Even though it did not turn
out as we had hoped and prayed for, you all gave
us faith and we knew we were not alone. Your con-
tinued support and sympathy is helping us to get
through this grieving period. Thank you so much
for being there.*

Connie Hull

*Thank you so much to our Church Family for the
beautiful cards and prayers in the recent loss of my
father, Bob Spotts. Our family felt your prayers
and it helped so very much.*

Linda Miller

VIM Group,

*Thank you so much for the wonderful ramp that
you did for me. It sure has been wonderful for me
in getting into and out of the house. Praise to the
Lord for the talented people that we have in our
church in helping other ones. Praise to them and
to the Lord.*

Leona Dewalt

Prayers to Pray Throughout a Busy Day

by Author Kelly O'Dell Stanley

Prayer is our primary means of communication with God, and it is only through God that we have the strength, abilities and wisdom we need to face a busy day. But when we're so busy, when is there time to pray? My answer may surprise you: Always. We don't have to stop everything in order to pray. Instead, let these short, simple prayers run through your mind as you go about your everyday tasks—your conversation with God will become a soundtrack underscoring your ordinary days, transforming them into something extraordinarily beautiful and meaningful!

1. Thank you for this day. "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24)." Lord, thank you for this day. Thank you that you hold all of our days and know everything that will happen today. Give me strength in the midst of weariness and hope in the midst of any frustrations or hurts. I need you every hour. I surrender this day to you, trusting in your mercy, strength and grace. Go before me today.

2. Be with me. "The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid (Psalm 118:6)." Lord, be with me. I feel consumed with overwhelm as I think about all that is before me today. Feelings of frustration have started to surface as little annoyances pop up. Lord, I give these to you. Spirit, protect me from myself—my tendency to anger or impatience. Help me see my life through your eyes, Father.

3. You are so good. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever (1 Chronicles 16:34)." There is no darkness within you, no meanness, no harshness. You are fully good and fully good to me, even as I know you allow trials to test me. Help me take each trial that comes and see it as an opportunity to faithfully give you glory.

4. Give me strength for this day. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9)." (continued to column 2)

New Bible Study for the New Year

Pastor Rick will begin a new Bible study on January 12, which will continue indefinitely. It meets weekly on Wednesday at 6:30 in the Living Water Cafe and runs approximately 1½ hours. There is no registration, fee or homework. Childcare is available upon request. Please contact the office or speak to Pastor Rick if you'd like to set up a childcare option.

The class will work through an excellent Bible study series, "That The World May Know," by renowned historian, teacher and biblical scholar Ray Vander Laan. The studies contain expertly created videos, shot on location in the Middle East, where Vander Laan will guide us through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures and ends the video with a discussion of how we can take the information learned and apply it to our faith journeys in our modern times. The videos will be followed by discussion and further teaching by Pastor Rick. This study series is very interesting and will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

submitted by Jody Robinson, Communications Director

Prayers to Pray (continued from column 1)

I am tired, tired of battling my sinfulness and the brokenness of this world. I need strength to handle all things with grace. I am incapable apart from you! Give me strength!

5. Protect me. "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you (Luke 10:19)." Lord, protect me from injury, disease and painful words. Protect me from Satan and his attempts to despair. Protect me from my tendency to do too much self-reflection. Protect me from my sin of envy, greed, lust ... you name it, I need your protection, Lord! Thank you for always protecting me. You are my shield, you hide me under your wing. Thank you, Lord.

6. Thank You for the work that keeps me busy. "May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands (Psalm 90:17)." Lord, thank you for my job, that the work I do is important. I am doing good, and I pray it blesses you. Help me see the goodness of my work. Help me see ways to bless others as I work. Lord, thank you for helping me provide for my family. Help me bless others as you have blessed me. Help me, above all, be a good steward of what you've given me.

7. Lord, give me rest. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30)." Lord, I am weary. I desperately need rest. But my heart and mind race. Lord, I know you provide a deeper rest, beyond sleep—it settles my heart, calms my spirit. I surrender these stressful burdens to you. Help me through them. Lord, help me rest in you.

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