

MAY 2022



Vision Statement

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

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Pastor's office hours:
Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays 9:00–12:00
Tuesdays 1:00–4:00
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



Your "Next Step" with First UMC

Maybe you've been attending worship at First United Methodist Church in Muncy for some time now and met the pastor along with some other nice people. What's next? Where are you on the path to becoming a committed follower of Jesus Christ? If you have questions about how First UMC can help you grow spiritually and be involved in ministry, we hope you'll attend the "Next Step" gathering on Monday, May 16, at 6:30 in our Living Water Café. You and your family can meet with Pastor Rick and some of our church leaders, and get connected with who we are as a faith community. Watch the First Light e-newsletter on Fridays and the Sunday bulletin announcements for the date and time.

Call the church office (570-546-8030) to register or sign up on Sundays at a Connection Table (upstairs by the sanctuary and downstairs next to the café). Childcare during the meeting will be provided upon request.

Discover how to take your next faithful step on your discipleship journey!

Study on the Holy Spirit

Here's another opportunity to learn and experience more of God's promised gift of the Holy Spirit and its meaning for every Christian! This 5-week study at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays (April 25–May 23) is now also offered on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., May 1–May 29. It's led by John Smay, in the lounge (first floor). There is no registration. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, June 5, you'll come with a deeper understanding of what this day means in your faith life and the life of the church.

Dwell Orphan Care: Gift Card Donations



May is "Foster Care Awareness Month." You can support Dwell Orphan Care with your donations of gift cards (grocery, gas or Amazon). These cards will be a part of Dwell's Hope Chest Foster Closet, which supports local foster families caring for children. Your gift cards can be placed in the marked boxes at the Connection Tables through May. Dwell Orphan Care is a faith-based non-profit in Williamsport, offering resources to support foster and adoptive families so that children have a safe, loving forever home in which to dwell. To learn more, visit www.DwellOrphanCare.org.

JAM: Jesus and Me Children's Ministry News

The JAM Kidz Color Run in April was a success, with over 50 kids participating! A big thank you to the JAM Ministry Team, Kevin Myers and the God Squad, DJ Heather Koser, Pastor Rick and the many volunteers who helped. We couldn't have done it without you! We also thank LeClerc Foods for snacks and Thrivent for a grant. It was a great day to learn the story of Easter in color!

If you haven't already, please check out our JAM Facebook page. We'll be posting pictures from the Color Run there for you to enjoy. If you post pictures, remember to add our hashtag #JAMatUMCMuncy.

JAM Children's Church meets Sunday at 9:30. We follow the Grow curriculum. For more information on May's theme and lessons, scan this code.



"On the Case" Vacation Bible School will be held evenings June 6–10. Registration is available on our church website.

If you would like to join the fun or have any questions, please contact Lisa Laidacker at 570-419-8786 or jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org.

submitted by Lisa Laidacker, Administrative Director of Children's Ministries



2022 Camps & Retreats

www.susumcamps.org

Brochures: Connection Tables

Our church pays ½ the fee!

early bird and sibling discounts

ages 4 (with adult) through adult

Many theme choices -- Special needs option

Get Connected!

Please refer to our website calendar closer to event dates to confirm them.

- † Coffee, snacks: 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
- † Genesis study: 10:00 Tues., café; no registration, no homework; Pastor Rick
- † GriefShare: 13-week series began 4/19; 6:30 Tuesdays, Living Water Café; Holly Pote, hmpote@yahoo.com
- † Study (John: Gospel of Light): 1:00 Weds., Rm 202; Sally Gardy, 546-7040
- † God Squad (gr 7–12): 6:30 Wednesdays, CC207; Kevin Myers, 570-412-2820
- † "That the World May Know": 6:30 Wednesdays, café; led by Pastor Rick
- † Bible study: 6:30, every other Wednesday (5/11, 25: lectionary vs.), lounge; Holly Pote, hmpote@yahoo.com
- † 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, Celebration Ctr; Nancy Grove 433-3133
- † Muncy Valley UM Men: 4th Mondays, location varies; Harold Geise, 538-9173

TREASURER'S REPORT

CURRENT EXPENSE

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| Balance 3/1/21 | \$ 9,270.99 |
| Receipts | 41,050.20 |
| Funds available | 50,321.19 |
| Total expenses | 38,626.44 |
| Net balance 4/1/22 | 11,694.75 |

BENEVOLENCE FUND

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| Balance 3/1/21 | 3,945.63 |
| Receipts | 5,117.00 |
| Funds available | 9,062.63 |
| Total expenses | 3,781.92 |
| Net balance 4/1/22 | 5,280.71 |

BUILDING FUND

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| Balance 3/1/21 | 21,153.94 |
| Receipts | 6,847.00 |
| Funds available | 20,885.94 |
| Total expenses | 21,153.70 |
| Net balance 4/1/22 | -267.76 |

Good 'n Plenty Supper—Curb-side pick up only

Wed., May 4 3:30–6:00

pulled pork on a kaiser roll, coleslaw,
baked beans, macaroni salad, dessert

Suggested donation \$12 No child-size meals
To help call Betsy Mothersbaugh (570-971-7866)

Older Adults Lunch

Our Keenagers group of older adults will join the Muncy Senior Citizens for lunch at 12:00 on Wednesday, May 18. Please call Linda Holsinger to make a reservation (570-546-6840).

Prayers: Homebound/Armed Forces

We hold in prayer our church family who are homebound or living in long-term care facilities and those who are serving in the armed forces.

- Homebound: Floss McCarty, Elsie Smith
- Assisted living facilities and nursing/rehabilitation centers: LeRoy Frontz, Anne Knox, Jake LeVan, Bill McCarty, Tony Rebuck, Alberta Shaner, Tom Weaver
- Serving in the armed forces: 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



Music Day Camp

June 12–17 for grades 1–8

Performance: 7:00 Friday, June 17

Brochures/registration:

Connection Tables; firstumcmuncy.org



Staff Position Open

Praise God, our Jesus and Me children's ministry is growing! Our staff-parish relations committee is accepting resumés and cover letters at the church office for children's ministry coordinator. Job descriptions are in the office and at the Connection Tables.

Church Foundations

As United Methodists in the Susquehanna Conference, we're part of a church founded on the following.

Disciple-making: We are committed to making disciples who are grounded in the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We are disciples of Jesus who live a life of personal piety and social holiness, which is what makes us distinctively Wesleyan.

Belonging – We embrace a Church that has uplifted our own lives and the lives of our friends, family, and those we cherish. We celebrate that God's grace is not static but meets us where we are as we grow in love of God and neighbor. We give thanks for The United Methodist Church where, when communion is celebrated, everyone is welcome at Christ's table.

Connected and Impactful – Through the power of the Holy Spirit, living and sharing the grace of Jesus Christ, we are committed to work for better health, education, child welfare, disaster recovery, and countless other efforts. Our connective nature means we can accomplish much more together than alone to transform our communities and the world.

Experience God – We experience God through the outpouring of God's mercy and grace. Whether our hands are raised in worship or at work alongside others, this experience of God transforms our own lives as well as the lives of others.

Great 50 Days Study

This Bible study is via Zoom® on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Easter to Pentecost. They will speak on God's supernatural power, with a Methodist supernatural ministry emphasis.

May 4 Trances, Dreams, Visions and Interpretation

--Dr. Frank Billman, Gaines, PA

May 11 The Biblical and Wesleyan Foundation for Healing

--Dr. Frank Billman, Gaines, PA

May 18 Obstacles to Faith; Faith Builders for Healing

--Dr. Frank Billman, Gaines, PA

May 25 Children and Youth in Supernatural Ministry

--Dr. Frank Billman, Gaines, PA

June 1 Topic TBD --Rev. Luke and Alisan Billman, Phila.

Contact our church office for the Zoom link.

Prayers to Pray Throughout a Busy Day

by Author Kelly O'Dell Stanley (cont. from Jan. newsletter)

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!

Help me to love. "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves (Romans 12:9-10)." Lord, help me to love as you love me. Help me love my neighbors—friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, my community, my church family. It's easy to love humanity and despise the person in the next house. Help my love come from you. Help me see others as you see them—beloved.

Let me see You. "You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord (Jeremiah 29:12-14)." Open my eyes that I may behold your goodness and unfailing love, O Lord! I can go all day and never acknowledge you. I repent of that. Forgive me for walking without seeing. I don't want to be blind. Help me see you.

Fill me with joy. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete (John 15:11)." I love that you are a joyful God. I don't think about that a lot. Lord, please give me a measure of that joy. Help me see all the blessings of life that deserve my joy and appreciation. Help me even see joy in trials, as I know you are in it with me, loving and holding me. The trial is hard, but your joy is my strength. Thank you, Lord!



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 Abigail Klucka, Deb Steransky,
Christine Suders
- 5/15 Alexandria Eck, Ben Fausey
- 5/16 Emily Bressette, Nate Grenoble
- 5/17 Paige Kepner, John Shoop
- 5/18 Duwane Statts
- 5/19 Jody King
- 5/20 Mason Beck, Elizabeth Cooley
- 5/21 Dick Miller, Sherrill Reynolds
- 5/22 Dennis DeWald, Timothy Morse
- 5/23 Gina Beyer, Bethany Kohl, Sandy Schell,
Harry Swank
- 5/24 Clay Fahringer, Andrew Lucas
- 5/25 Halley Campbell, Becca Lewis
- 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



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- 5/5 Carolyn and LeRoy Frontz
 - 5/7 Betsy and Merle Parker
 - 5/8 Sharon and Scott Moyer
 - 5/9 Erin and Thad Baker
 - 5/11 Kathi Blaker 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
 - 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 and Jamie Stratton
- 5/31 Adria and Tim Eck, Helen and Craig June



THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to all who prayed for me during the two months I was confined to my home. The cards and meals brought to me from the church were very uplifting!

*God bless and love to all,
Loretta Ryder*

Thanks to everyone for cards, prayers and phone calls as we recovered from COVID and for the meals and soup. They were greatly appreciated.

Wayne and Ann Dougherty

Dear Members of First United Methodist Church,

I am deeply appreciative of your many prayers on my behalf. I have recovered from my stroke to a greater extent than I ever thought possible. I'm certain it was the power of your prayers that healed me. I'm hopeful you will continue to keep me in your prayers as I navigate the road to recovery.

*With Gratitude,
Marge Robinholt*

It is with great regret that I am stepping down as the leader of the Widow's Mite monthly group. Due to minor health issues, I can't give it the time it needs. Janice Oden and Connie Holtzapple have graciously consented to take over.

I began this ministry sixteen years ago with eight widows, having lunch at my home. We now have forty widows on our roster, from all denominations. We have ladies from Muncy, Hughesville, Montgomery, Danville, Williamsport, Watsontown and Picture Rocks.

God led me to start this group, Pastor Mike encouraged me. After a great deal of prayer, I know that God is telling me it is time to let others lead it. I am grateful for the support of our amazing congregation. I look forward to seeing where He will lead me next. If this group helped just one widow to adjust to her new life, then I feel the goal of the mission has been accomplished. Ladies have made good friends with others that you'd least expect to be friends. He works in wonderful ways.

In His love, Anne Knox

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 8:15 Worship 9:30 Adult classes 9:30 Children's church 9:30 Holy Spirit study 9:30 Nursery care 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult class 10:30 God Squad 10:45 Worship 1:30 Confirm. class | 2 9:00 Women's exercise 6:30 Holy Spirit study | 3 7:00 Men's brkfst 8:30 Take Off Pounds Sensibly 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Church council 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 4 1:00 Study group 3:30-6:00 Good 'n Plenty take out 5:30 Praise band rehearsal 6:30 "That the World May Know" study 6:30 Youth group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous | 5 8:30 Women's prayer breakfast 9:00 Archives committee 9:00 Women's exercise 6:15 Hand bells rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir rehearsal | 6 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 7 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Benefit social dance |
| Mother's Day 8 8:15 Worship 9:30 Adult classes 9:30 Children's church 9:30 Holy Spirit study 9:30 Nursery care 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult class 10:30 God Squad Rewind 10:45 Worship No Confirm. class | 9 9:00 Women's exercise 6:30 Holy Spirit study | 10 7:00 Men's brkfst 8:30 Take Off Pounds Sensibly 10:00 Bible study 12:00 Daughters of Am. Revolution 6:00 Lyco Co Conservation District 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 11 1:00 Study group 5:30 Praise band rehearsal 6:30 Study group 6:30 "That the World May Know" study 6:30 Youth group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous | 12 8:30 Women's prayer breakfast 9:00 Women's exercise 6:15 Hand bells rehearsal 6:30 Discipleship team 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir rehearsal | 13 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 14 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous |
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| 22 8:15 Worship 9:30 Adult classes 9:30 Children's church 9:30 Holy Spirit study 9:30 Nursery care 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult class 10:30 God Squad 10:45 Worship 1:30 Confirm. class | 23 9:00 Women's exercise 6:30 Holy Spirit study | 24 7:00 Men's brkfst 8:30 Take Off Pounds Sensibly 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 25 8:00 Life Line Screening 1:00 Study group 5:30 Praise band rehearsal 6:30 Study group 6:30 "That the World May Know" study 6:30 Youth group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Muncy Women's Club | 26 8:30 Women's prayer breakfast 9:00 Women's exercise 6:15 Hand bells rehearsal 6:30 Discipleship team 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir rehearsal | 27 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 28 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous |
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