

JUNE 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



Come Celebrate!



Pentecost is a celebration of the birthday of the church, when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live among us. Come celebrate with us on June 5! We will have one worship service only, at 10:00 in the sanctuary. During the service we will celebrate confirmation of youth and welcome new members into our church family. There will be no children's church that day so that our entire church family is involved in the celebration. There will also be no nursery care that morning, but the "quiet room" is available (off the Welcome Center, with a monitor to allow for participation in the worship).

There will be a lunch at 12:00 in our Celebration Center to allow for fellowship time. Since this is catered, if you did not already sign up please call the office (570-546-8030) by June 1. We hope you all join in the celebration!

Military Outreach

Our congregational care team is asking for your help with getting addresses of the men and women who are serving in the military whose names are in our newsletter. The team would like to send those individuals a "thinking of you" card. If you have addresses, please give them to Dave Waltz (570-935-0164; de77mpa@windstream.net) or the church office.

Thank you for helping us spread the Love of Christ to the world!
submitted by Dave Waltz, Congregational Care Team Convener

Transform Lycoming County

July 11–15 will be a week of local mission opportunity. First UMC, Muncy, will be partnering with other United Methodist Churches in Lycoming County. We believe that missions are about God, not us, and that this week of serving will be an excellent opportunity to join God in doing His work.

If you can only participate part of the week or part of a day, you are still welcome to join us in being the hands, feet and heart of Jesus Christ—serving others for the transformation of the world.

Registration forms will be available at the Connection Tables (in the hall behind the sanctuary and at the café entrance).

submitted by Denny Hammond, Coordinator

Interest Group Survey

Our discipleship team is creating interest groups within the church. These will be groups of people who share a common interest and can gather to fellowship and build relationships. The goal is for each member of our church family to have a space in which they feel nurtured and cared for, where they can share in each others joys and struggles. To form these groups, the team needs to know what you like to do. They've created a list of possible interests around which a group might be created. Please complete the quick and simple online survey using the link in Friday's First Light weekly e-newsletter, or the paper form (at the Connection



2022 Camps & Retreats

www.susumcamps.org

Brochures: Connection Tables

Our church pays ½ the fee!

— Sibling discounts —

ages 4 (with adult) through adult

Many theme choices — Special needs option

Get Connected!

- † 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).
- † Adult Sunday classes: Childcare is available through age 4 in Room 102
 - Bible Life and Times Class: 9:30 Room 202; taught by Sally Gardy
 - Wesleyan Class: 9:30, Rm 201, grp led
 - Sermon discussion: Living Water Café, 10:30, led by Dave Gehrum
- † God Squad Rewind: 10:30, CC207
- † 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
- † Exodus study: 10:00 Tues., café; no registration, no homework; Pastor Rick
- † GriefShare: 6:30 Tues, our Living Water Café; Holly Pote, hmpote@yahoo.com
- † Bible study: 1:00 Wednesdays, Room 202; Sally Gardy, 546-7040
- † God Squad (gr 7–12): 6:30 Wednesdays, CC207; Kevin Myers, 570-412-2820
- † Bible study: every other Wednesday, 6:30 (6/8, 22), lounge; Holly Pote, hmpote@yahoo.com
- † Mission Stitchers: 9–12:00 3rd Saturdays, Celebration Ctr; Nancy Grove 433-3133
- † Muncy Valley UM Men: Mon., June 27; location TBD; Harold Geise, 538-9173

Community Groups



Music Day Camp

June 12–17 for grades 1–8

Performance: 7:00 Friday, June 17

Register by 6/9. Brochures/registration:



TREASURER'S REPORT

CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 4/1/21	\$ 11,694.75
Receipts	36,611.15
Funds available	548,305.90
Total expenses	41,146.45
Net balance 5/1/22	7,159.45

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 4/1/21	5,280.71
Receipts	4,876.00
Funds available	10,156.71
Total expenses	2,131.92
Net balance 5/1/22	8,024.79

BUILDING FUND

Balance 4/1/21	-267.76
Receipts	4,761.00
Funds available	4,493.24

Older Adults Lunch

Our Keenagers group of older adults will join the Muncy Senior Citizens for lunch at 12:00 on Wednesday, June 15, in our Celebration Center. 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 Rebeck, Alida Ritter, 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,

To receive church newsletters by



If God were to whisper one thing in your ear,

Dial-A-Devotion is a ministry of United Churches of Lycoming County. Devotions change Monday–Saturday (570-322-5762). Volunteers provide messages for 1 week,

Mission u Opportunity

The first Mission u Express Day is: July 14 (9:00–3:00) at Best Western, Lewisburg. The full Mission u school is scheduled for: July 15–17 at Best Western. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/353463sd>, or pick up a registration form at a Connection Table (narthex/near sanctuary and at our café entrance). Contact Beth with questions at elizabethkostelnik@yahoo.com.

Begin “Building Communities of Hope and Joy, by Discovering Who We Can Be Together.”

Support Our Youth Group

The God Squad ramps up summer activity in the month of June. We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping us prepare for multiple camping trips. A list of supplies and the dates when they will be needed will be posted outside the youth room (Celebration Center 207). We’ll be asking to borrow everything from pop-up canopies to kitchenware and snacks.

Our God Squad youth group (grades 7–12) meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30. The lesson time is 7:00–8:00. The first and last half hours give the youth time to grow together and accommodates those who need to arrive “late” or leave “early.”

For those unable to attend on Wednesdays, “God Squad Rewind” reviews the Wednesday lessons on

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Son Light House is a nonprofit, ecumenical distribution center for food, clothing, and limited furniture to those in eastern Lycoming County who qualify by state and federal poverty guidelines. This ministry depends on us in this community for monetary gifts and clean, usable, seasonal donations. Drop-offs are accepted at 130 Carpenter St., Muncy. Ken and Delores Frey are directors (570-546-7307).

VCAC

The Vineyard Community Activity Center’s main ministry program is the Friday Youth Activity Night. This is an opportunity for local and surrounding community youth, ages 12–19 (still in high school), to come together in fellowship and fun nearly every Friday night, 6:00–10:00. The mission is to provide a safe, drug/alcohol/smoke-free, Christian environment.

The youth have free food, music, a place to socialize and games to play (pool, air hockey, board, card, and video). They feel welcomed and “at home.”

VCAC is located at 99 Sherman St. Groups also use the facility for parties and meetings. The facility hosts the East Lycoming YMCA before- and after-school program.

The success of these efforts is possible only through the gifts and support of individuals and groups. The Vineyard board, staff and community youth are grateful to all who have been a part of this ministry.

*submitted by Cindy Collister, treasurer
570-220-4568, cmcmupa@comcast.net.*



THANK YOU *(continued)*

Harold and I say “thank you” to all our church family for the support you have shown us during the loss of Linda’s father, Harold’s surgery, and his upcoming treatment. All the beautiful cards, prayers, and offers to give a helping hand are sincerely appreciated. It’s a comfort to know we have so many friends keeping us in their thoughts and prayers.



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!

- 6/1 Wayne Kemmerer, Diana Zeisloft
- 6/2 Melissa Buck, Lacy Eckard, Derek Sellers
- 6/3 Linda Holsinger, Evan Statts
- 6/4 David Cotner, Darcie Peterman
- 6/5 Mitch Morgan, Penelope Reynolds
- 6/7 LeRoy Frontz, Amanda Kustanbauter,
Jim Stuart
- 6/8 Rebecca Byers, Mike Hoffman,
Molly Kemmerer
- 6/9 Tim Barraco
- 6/10 Ambra Swank
- 6/11 Allison Beck
- 6/12 John Phillips, Jane Pick
- 6/13 Brent Miller
- 6/14 Sullivan Miller
- 6/16 Marcy Benner, Bill Bond
- 6/17 Amanda Knerr, Amanda Creasey,
Alexis Miller
- 6/19 Ginny Boob, Sue Brittain, Becky Hoshauer,
Don Kepler
- 6/21 Kathy Colyer
- 6/23 Dottie Mertz
- 6/24 Novah Zerbe
- 6/25 Wade Beck
- 6/26 Tyler Smay
- 6/27 Marie Anderson, Sue Rhodes,
Connie Sommers



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- 6/28 Trent Sellers
 - 6/29 Gary Hartley, Paul Miller
 - 6/30 Bill McCarty



- 6/3 Lana and Bob Forse
- 6/7 Jean and Denny Hammond,
Brooke and Aaron Reynolds
- 6/8 Joanne and Lou Cromley,
Nikki and Skylar Wilcox
- 6/10 Nichole Buck-Manikowsky and Joe
Manikowsky, Yuanita and Roger Frantz
- 6/12 Karen and Al Barraco
- 6/15 Elsie and Dan Emick, Julie and Jed Ritter,
Stacey and Dave Spring

- 6/16 Linda and Craig Miller, Darl and Doug Smith
- 6/18 Jan and Bruce Weaver
- 6/20 Joyce and Carl Hampe
- 6/21 Karen and Tom Ruhl
- 6/25 Kristin and Matthew Timer
- 6/26 Cindy and Steve Campbell,



THANK YOU

- Anne and Chris Leshner
- 6/27 Patsy and Charles Feigles,
Monica and Ron Hill
- 6/28 Mary Ann and Paul Miller
- 6/29 Paula and Marty McCabe,
Dottie and Bob Mertz

Thank you for the cards and prayers during my recent illness and hospitalization. Aline Miller

I would like to thank all the people who sent Easter cards and gifts to me. Gary Edwards

I want to thank the soup ministry and for the Good 'n Plenty dinners. They were good. Charlotte Hoffman

Dear Church Family,

We appreciated the support, cards and calls at the loss of our son Matthew. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Dave and Linda Young

We thank our church family for their cards, phone calls and prayers, lifting me up to God during my situation with bladder cancer. What a support family we have at our church. Praise the Lord. There is nothing too hard for God to do. Rich Pursel

The family of Kent and Clara Bennett wish to express our appreciation for all the cards, thoughts and prayers regarding the passing of Kent's mother. As she has graduated from this life to the next, we have peace knowing that she is in the best hands now. The response from our church family and friends was unbelievable. Thank you to all!

Dear First UMC Members,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Muncy Public Library. We rely on the financial support of community members like you to continue and expand our services. Evelyn Derrick, Board of Trustees

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness.” ~ Jesus Matthew 6:33</p>			1	2	3	4
			<p>1:00 Everyday Life in Bible Times 1:00 Private grp. 5:30 Praise band rehearsal 6:30 Youth group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>9:00 Archives committee 9:00 Women's exercise 6:30 Discipleship Team 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Benefit social dance</p>
<p>Pentecost Sun. 5 No 8:15, 9:30, or 10:45 worship services 8:45 Adult class No Children's church No Nursery care No 9:30, 10:30 adult classes 10:00 Worship No God Squad Rewind</p>	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<p>9:00 Women's exercise 6:00 Vacation Bible school</p>	<p>7:00 Men's brkfst 8:30 Take Off Pounds Sensibly 10:00 Bible study 6:00 Vacation Bible school 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise band rehearsal 6:00 Vacation Bible school 6:30 Bible study 6:30 Youth group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>9:00 Women's exercise 6:00 Vacation Bible school 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>6:00 Vacation Bible school 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 1:00 Music day camp stage setup</p>
Trinity Sun. 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>8:15 Worship 9:30 Adult classes 9:30 Children's church 9:30-12:00 Nursery care 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult class 10:30 God Squad 10:45 Worship 1:30 Music day camp kickoff</p>	<p>9:00 Music day camp 9:00 Women's exercise</p>	<p>7:00 Men's brkfst 8:30 Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9:00 Music day camp 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>9:00 Music day camp 12:00 Muncy Senior Citizens & Keenagers 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise band rehearsal 6:30 Youth group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>9:00 Music day camp 9:00 Women's exercise 12:00 Widows Mite off-site 6:00 Muncy Garden Club 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>9:00 Music day camp 4:15 Retreat team meeting 7:00 Music day camp performance 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00-12:00 Mission Stitches 10:30 Private grp</p>
Father's Day 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>8:15 Worship 9:30 Adult classes 9:30 Children's church 9:30-12:00 Nursery care 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult class 10:30 God Squad 10:45 Worship 2:00 Private grp</p>	<p>9:00 Women's exercise 6:30 Missions team 7:00 Trustees committee</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise band rehearsal 6:30 Bible study 6:30 Youth group 7:00 AA 7:00 Muncy Women's Club</p>	<p>9:00 Women's exercise 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Youth Movie Night</p>
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