



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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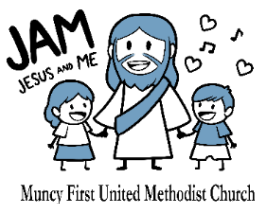
*“We are a welcoming family of Christ followers,
living lives of generosity as we seek to be a blessing to others.”*

FIRST UMC IN ACTION

VIM Week in Review July 11-15 Volunteers in Mission

VIM Coordinator, Denny Hammond, reports that the VIM Team had a very successful week. They completed 10 jobs with three more to be completed at a later date. Approximately 25 United Methodist from the area participated in projects in Muncy and Hughesville. Some of the homeowners joined the team for a dinner in the Celebration Center on Thursday evening.

We thank Denny and his VIM Team for all their hard work and for shining the light of Christ to those in need!



JAM Volunteer Annual Meeting August 10th at 6:30 in the Living Water Café

Wow! It's hard to believe it was a year ago that we started the journey to develop the JAM Children's Ministry and what a journey it's been. As we plan for the upcoming year, we will hold a volunteer meeting to share plans and prepare volunteer schedules. We want to celebrate our current volunteers for helping with the success of JAM and invite new volunteers to join the fun. If you are unsure what you need to volunteer, come check it out. We will have computers set up to apply for clearances and a notary for any affidavit requirement needs. If you have any questions, please contact us at jam@firstumcmuncy.org or 570 546-8030.

JAM Children's Ministry Save the Dates:

- Glow Night—October 14th
- Children's Christmas Program—December 11th

If you go to Knoebels and get the cotton candy or caramel corn, please bring the bucket in for JAM. We will use them for the Color Run next year. Thank you!



Family Promise Week July 24th -30th

Submitted by Joyce McCarty

It was Family Promise time again! Our week was Sunday July 24th – Saturday July 30th. The families being served were still sleeping at the day center, so we only needed to deliver meals to the center at 635 Hepburn Street, Williamsport and didn't need to provide overnight accommodations. We asked individuals, families, classes, or groups of friends to sign up to make and deliver meals during our week. There was one sign up sheet, which was placed at the narthex Connection Table after each of the traditional services and at the Café Connection Table after the contemporary service. There were initially four families being served by the Lycoming County location but that changed to two families.

Thank you to everyone who provided a meal for the families at Family Promise. You are the reason that this program is so successful. The gift of both your time and talents is so appreciated by these families. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus. If you are interested in knowing more, please call me 570-546-8910.

Vision Team Invites You to a Launch Party/Worship Service



We are excited to invite you to another opportunity to worship as one body in Christ with one voice. On Sunday, August 21, 2022, we will NOT have our normal three worship times but instead will assemble for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the **Celebration Center** to praise God and to launch new ministry ideas, as well as to celebrate the many ministries that First UMC offers. Ministry teams will have stations set up around the room and will be available to inform you about the work of God that their committee does here at First UMC and in the community. You will have the opportunity to discuss with them how you might offer your gifts and talents and join them in the work they do.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer our normal live stream broadcast of the service that day. (We will record the sermon portion of the service and upload it to Facebook and YouTube later that day). Therefore, we invite and encourage you to join us in person to share in our celebration, be present in the body of Christ, and lift your voices with us. We hope to see you for this day of worship and celebration. There **will** be Children's Church and nursery available during this service. Adult Sunday School classes will be held at the discretion of the class and teacher.



Thank you for the Bible. ❤️, Paige Wright

Dear Members of the First United Methodist Church,

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Staff & Patrons of the Muncy Public Library, I would like to thank you for allowing us to use your pavilion to host our Ancient Undersea Reptile Show. We had over 70 people in attendance. We would not have been able to accommodate so many families at the library. We appreciate your generosity and support."

Sincerely, Corey Breneisen, Director

Dear Church Family,

"We wish to express our appreciation for all the cards, prayers and phone calls for Clara's recovery from her broken collar bone. She is on the mend and two weeks into the 6-8 weeks recovery period. She is steadily making progress and we look forward to being able to return to church services together. What an awesome church family we have!"

Sincerely, Kent and Clara Bennett

TREASURER'S REPORT

CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 6/1/22	\$ 4,610.55
Receipts	49,496.33
Funds available	54,106.88
Total expenses	39,765.48
Net balance 7/1/22	14,341.40

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 6/1/22	\$ 1,944.87
Receipts	2,893.37
Funds available	4,838.24
Total expenses	1,749.92
Net balance 7/1/22	3,088.32

BUILDING FUND

Balance 6/1/22	\$35,840.24
Receipts	2,307.00
Funds available	38,147.24
Total expenses	20,693.84
Net balance 7/1/22	17,453.40

Sunday Morning Schedule

- Nursery care: 9:30–Noon (age 4 and under)
- Worship services:
 - 8:15 Traditional
 - 9:30 Contemporary
 - 9:30 Children's Church (age 5 through grade 6)
 - 10:45 Traditional
- Classes:
 - 9:30 adults
 - 10:30 adults; youth

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

PASTOR RICK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9-Noon

Tuesdays 1–4 and by appointment

Live stream: 10:45 worship services on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCMuncy/>

Or our website— <https://firstumcmuncy.org/sermons/>



Sojourner Truth Celebrates Ribbon Cutting



On Thursday, July 7th, Sojourner Truth Ministries celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony for a recently purchased and renovated house on Center Street in Williamsport. This house will serve as a new home for two families in need. The duplex sits beside the House of Hope transitional house for homeless women. Renovations on one half of the duplex are complete and a family from Cuba will soon move in. The family currently has a 3-year-old child living with them and plans to bring their 10- and 16-year-old children from Cuba to join them soon. This beautiful new home will help them make that happen. You may recall that this project was the focus of our 2021 Christmas offering. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, First United Methodist Church, Muncy was mentioned as a significant financial contributor to the project.

Additionally, several members of our VIM Team helped complete the work on the renovations. We are so blessed to be a part of this family's journey and pray that the home will provide similar blessings for families in the future. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity as we live out our vision, **"Blessed to be a Blessing."**

Ashler Manor Picnic – Aug. 17, '22

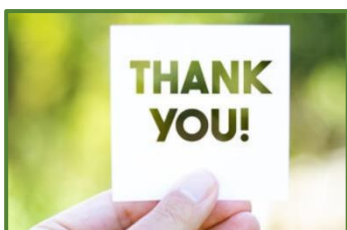
Submitted by Gail Pentz



For eleven out of the past thirteen years, the United Methodist Women at First UMC have hosted a picnic for the residents of Ashler Manor. Ashler Manor is located just north of Muncy and is a 24-hour residential facility. Ashler Manor provides various services for adolescent and young adult females ages 12 to 20 including: Emergency Shelter Services, an Outcome Focused Group Home and a community-based, life-readiness program. The girls are referred by Pennsylvania's County Children and Youth or Juvenile Probation agencies. Ashler Manor accepts residents who

have behavioral problems or whose living conditions in the home are at an intolerable level. Their stay can be from 4 – 9 months.

The United Methodist Women are no longer an active group here at First United Methodist Church. However, some of the mission projects that the UMW participated in will continue, including the annual picnic at Ashler Manor. These projects are now under the church's Mission and Outreach Committee. During our annual picnic we always have a picnic supper, devotional time, activities and we provide gift bags for up to 35 girls. Some of the items in the bag include: a bible, various toiletries, socks, pencil case and pencils, hair bands, and snacks.



The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous contribution of \$975.00 to be used for the picnic at Ashler Manor on August 17th. If you would like to come to the picnic to help with setup, serving, and cleanup, please contact Gail Pentz at 570-546-3998. This is a fun time to reach out to the girls. Thanks again for your generous support of this mission! ~ *Gail Pentz*

Let's Celebrate!

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 8/3 Betsy Parker, Joanie Wallis
- 8/5 Yuanita Frantz
- 8/7 Bobbi Bellows
- 8/8 Galen Betzer, Jan Marie Lamper
- 8/9 Barb Kiessling
- 8/10 Gary Glidewell, Cookie Shaffer
- 8/11 Ben Robinson
- 8/12 Craig June, Brian Kustanbauter
- 8/14 Dylan Leshar, Reagan Potts
- 8/15 Jennie Borek, Roland Long
- 8/16 Barry Grove, Alex Laubscher, Cole Leshar
- 8/17 Jed Lamper
- 8/18 Jim Goss, Joyce Heiges, Jake LeVan,
Shickera Speights
- 8/19 Corey Bellows
- 8/20 Michele Ebner, Melissa Hull, Brittany Mostowy,
Samantha Sherman, Mishia Spring
- 8/21 Bob Forse, Alyssa Schell
- 8/22 Erin Barto, Clark Enders
- 8/23 Marty McCabe
- 8/24 Juli Mingle
- 8/25 Nick Kilpatrick, Dave Spring
- 8/26 LizAnn Barlett, Hailey Myers, Jody Robinson
- 8/28 Nichole Buck-Manikowsky
- 8/30 Becky DeWald, Phillip McCormick,
Mary Ann Miller
- 8/31 Chad McElwee

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/1 Angie and Brian Kustanbauter,
Dolly and Layne Oden
- 8/2 Mary Ann and Nick Kilpatrick
- 8/7 Marcy and Tim Benner
- 8/11 Stacie and Stan Nierzwicki
- 8/15 Jennie and Walter Borek
- 8/17 Sue and Scott Moon
- 8/21 Tiffany and Royce Boyle,
Becky and Dennis DeWald
- 8/23 Alicia and Corey Blackwell
- 8/24 Idona and Eugene Artman
- 8/26 Sara and Joe Lowe
- 8/29 Brenda and Joe Neidig
- 8/31 Brooke and Troy Hansen,
Sally and Garman Zehner

To add your birthday or anniversary,
please contact the church office
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Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to
Brooke and Aaron Reynolds of
9415 Kelly Ct., Harrisburg, NC 28075
on the birth of their daughter, Lillian Alicia,
on July 11, 2022.



Homebound, Assisted Living/Nursing Centers and 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 – 589 Kepner Hill Road, Muncy, PA 17756
Elsie Smith – 700 Glade Run Rd, Muncy, PA 17756

- **Assisted living facilities and nursing/rehabilitation centers:**

Doris Fritz – Wolf Run Village (Rm. A12), 3750 Rt. 220, Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737
Phone: (570) 584-0104

LeRoy Frontz – Muncy Place (Rm. 113), 215 E. Water St., Muncy, PA 17756

Anne Knox – Wolf Run Village (Rm. D13), 3750 Rt. 220, Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737
Phone: (570) 974-1020

Jake LeVan – Hillside Senior Living Center (Rm. 207), Montoursville, PA 17754

Bill McCarty – Embassy of Loyalsock (Rm. 306), 1445 Sycamore Rd., Montoursville, PA
Phone: (570) 601-8284

Tony Rebuck – Roseview Nursing Center (Rm. 215), 1201 Rural Ave., Wmspt., PA 17701

Alida Ritter – Muncy Place (Rm. 122) – 215 E. Water St., Muncy, PA 17756

Alberta Shaner – Ephrata Manor (Rm. 124), 99 Bethany Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522

Tom Weaver – Wolf Run Village (Rm. A6), 3750 Rt. 220, Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737

- **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

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00 Women's Exercise 7:00 Trustee mtg.	2 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 Take Off Pounds Sensibly 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	3 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 6:30 Bible study 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	4 9:00 Archives mtg. 9:00 Women's Exercise 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	5 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	6 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
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21 10:00 am ONLY Worship Service/ Launch Party TBD Adult S.S. 10:00 Children's Church 10:00 Nursery Care	22 9:00 Women's Exercise	23 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	24 Noon Muncy Sr. Citizens/Keenagers 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 6:30 Bible study 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	25 9:00 Women's Exercise 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	26 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	27 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous Noon–5:00 Private Party
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And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ~ [Luke 10:27](#)



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