



FIRST LIGHT

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Launch Party Round-Up

The combined worship service and Launch Party held on Sunday was a success. The ministry teams had the opportunity to greet and talk with people about their ministries. Participants were each given a piece of a puzzle to remind them that they are each a piece in our church puzzle. Combined, we are a “complete picture.” Thank you to the Vision Team members and ministry teams who worked to make this a great day.



Reminders:

-We are collecting new socks to help support the homeless shoe/sock ministry at St. John Neumann Parish in Williamsport. Socks will be collected until the end of September. Place socks in the collecting bin in the Welcome Center or outside the Living Water Café.

-A special offering is being collected to help with the UMCOR Kentucky floods recovery. If you wish to donate, place your offering in the special offering envelopes found in the pews or on the Connection Tables. Mark the envelope “UMCOR Kentucky” and place in the offering plates or baskets.

-Practices for the Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir will begin on Thursday, September 1st. The Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. and the Chancel Choir practices in room 203 at 7:30. Both choirs would love to welcome new members.



Save the Date

Do you have unwanted “treasures” around your house that need to be cleared out? If so, we have good news. We will be holding a yard sale in the Celebration Center on Saturday, October 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will accept donated items on October 6th and 7th. Times for drop off will be announced as we get closer to the event. Proceeds from the yard sale will benefit missions.

YARD SALE

Fall Fun Day

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Fall Fun Day scheduled for September 24th from 12:00-4:00 p.m. This is a church-wide event being planned by all of our ministry teams working together. There will be food, games, crafts and general fun for all ages. Some things that are being planned are pumpkin painting, lawn games, parking lot chalking, a pie baking contest, a basket raffle, bingo, a fall themed photo booth and lots of great food. This event will take place at the pavilion and in part of the lower parking lot. There will be no fee for these activities but if you wish to make donations, those funds will go to The Vineyard. Stay tuned for more articles with further details. We really hope you all plan to join us for a great day of fellowship.



New Interest Groups Forming

Submitted by Karen Barraco



There is definitely “*interest*” in the new Interest Groups! Thanks to those who responded to the survey and those who visited the Discipleship table at the Launch Party last Sunday.

“Community Service” and “Walking” are the groups that are forming and you can still get on board. You may sign up at the

Connection Table (upper or lower levels) or sign up online [here](#). Those who have expressed interest will be contacted within two weeks regarding an organizational meeting to get things rolling.

The Discipleship Team is offering the interest groups as a way to meet new people and grow in our faith through shared experiences and have fun! So let’s get connected - because life is better TOGETHER.



The Worship Team is holding a basket raffle during the Fall Fun Day on September 24th. They are asking for help from individuals or teams within the church to sponsor and provide baskets. If you are interested in sponsoring a basket, give Jane Lucas (570) 546-5777 or Jo Ann Welch (570) 279-1231 a call. Thank You!

Welcome



If you attend the 9:30 worship service, you probably already know this lovely couple. Chip and Michelle Cowher were brought into membership on Pentecost but we did not have their picture to include in the “new members” article the following week. If you haven’t met Chip and Michelle yet, be sure to introduce yourself and extend a warm welcome to them.

Home Communion Servers Needed



The Congregational Care Team is looking for more home communion servers. Home communion servers visit with members of our congregation who are unable to attend worship due to health issues. This is a vital ministry that keeps our members connected to their faith community. You don’t need any special skills to serve on the team, just an open and loving heart for our sick and shut-in members. If you are interested and able to help, contact Dave Waltz at 570-935-0164 or

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