



# FIRST LIGHT

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## Fall Fun Day September 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Our Fall Fun Day is just a couple of weeks away. Plans for the event are coming together. Here are some of the ministry teams' plans:

**Discipleship Team**-Fall themed photo booth (Bring your own camera or cell phone), youth and children's games, minute to win-it games

**Congregational Care Team**-Coloring stations and chalk the lot (chalk art on the parking lot)

**Mission and Outreach Team**-Pumpkin painting, Jenga, Tic Tac Toe, hot dogs, chips and soda

**Hospitality and Reception Team**-Ice cream sundae bar, cornhole, facepainting, karaoke

**Worship Team**-Basket Raffle run like a silent auction (benefits The Vineyard), pumpkin bowling

Is there someone in the congregation who you would like to see get a **“pie in the face?”** Nominate that person by contacting the office or by using this [online form](#). We'll take care of asking if they are willing to accept the nomination.

Most activities will take place around the pavilion. Seating will be available under the pavilion but please **bring a chair** if you would like to sit out in the grass or in the parking lot to watch some of the games and events or just sit and visit with a new or old friend.

### Reminders:

-The Congregational Care Team is looking for more Home Communion Servers. If you are interested in joining their team, contact Dave Waltz at 570-935-0164 or [de77mpa@windstream.com](mailto:de77mpa@windstream.com).

-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.

-The Worship Team is holding a Basket Raffle during the Fall Fun Day. If you are interested in sponsoring a basket, contact Jane Lucas (570) 546-5777 or Jo Ann Welch (570) 279-1231. There will also be sign up sheets on the Connection Tables.

-Church Yard Sale, October 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Donations accepted October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

-Workers needed on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. to help cut and split wood on the Geise property at 15695 State Route 405, Watsontown. Call Bob Forse at 570-546-7394 if you plan to help.

# Blessed to be a Blessing



Did you know that nurses work long hours and often don't even get a chance to eat during their shift? This is especially true now, during the current labor shortage. A few ladies at First UMC wanted to make sure that some of our local nurses know that we appreciate them and that they get a quick meal. Elaine Duckworth and Patti Myers took soup, rolls, fruit, cookies, brownies and drinks to the nurses at Geisinger Hospital this week. The nurses



really appreciated the meal and show of support. Thanks for shining the light of Christ, Elaine and Patti. Do you see a need in our community? How is God calling you to fill that need?

## New Interest Groups Organizational Meeting

*Submitted by Karen Barraco*

Two new interest groups are forming and it's not too late to get on board! The top two choices in the congregational survey were "community service" and "walking." We'll be meeting with those interested in participating in either group on **Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Living Water Cafe**. We'll be providing some ideas on how to get things started and look forward to any ideas you may have. Questions? Contact Karen Barraco (570-546-5180 or [kbarraco@windstream.net](mailto:kbarraco@windstream.net)).

## Ashler Manor Update

The Ashler Manor picnic has been canceled due to an earlier outbreak of COVID among the residents and now due to scheduling difficulties since the teens are back to school. Several people will drop off a pizza meal and the gift bags tonight (Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>). Join us in praying that the girls are blessed by the gifts and message of support. The Mission and Outreach Team thanks all who donated and helped with this ministry over the last month.



# Sunday Morning Growth Opportunities

*Submitted by Karen Barraco*

Are you looking for a small group to learn more about the Bible and its meaning for your life? If you are already coming to worship on Sunday morning, what better time to be involved in a Bible study and also get to know other people within the church family? Currently there are three groups available.

- Bible Life & Times - 9:30 a.m. - Room 202, taught by Sally Gardy. Currently focused on the book of Job. Dig deeper into this story you may think you know and come to better understand the importance of patience and perseverance in suffering and trusting the God who loves us.
- Wesleyan Class - 9:30 a.m. - Room 201 - group facilitator, Linda Holsinger. Each quarter, participants receive a booklet with scriptures and supplemental reading on various subjects. September - "Rescue" - The Spiritual Practice of Living with Intentionality; October - "Justice" - The Spiritual Practice of Awareness; November – "The Spiritual Practice of Listening."
- Small group at 10:30 a.m. in the Living Water Cafe (following the contemporary service), led by Dave Gehrum. Conversation focuses on a closer look at the morning's sermon and scriptures and applying the Biblical truths to our everyday lives.