



FIRST LIGHT

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World Communion Combined Service

The sacrament of Holy Communion invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. That unity is celebrated by churches worldwide each year on World Communion Sunday. This year, World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on **October 2nd**. To celebrate the unity we have in Christ, we will gather as one body at a **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE** at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday school classes will be held at the discretion of teachers and class members. Because we are celebrating our oneness in Jesus Christ, we will welcome the children to join in our worship and there will be NO JAM or nursery offered that day. We pray that you will plan to join us on October 2nd for this special worship service.



In addition to celebrating communion, United Methodists also take a special offering each year that supports racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming their communities through Christian witness. The offering provides scholarships that supports racial and ethnic students pursuing ordained ministry. It also funds Ethnic-In-Service Training Grants for leadership development. You can place your offerings in a special offering envelope found in the pews or on the Connection Tables. Check the "World Communion" box and place in the offering plates.

Reminders:

-**Fall Fun Day** is **TOMORROW** September 24th 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy lots of activities for all ages. Bring a chair.

-This Sunday is the last day to bring **new socks** to support the homeless shoe/sock ministry at St. John Neumann Parish in Williamsport.

-**Yard Sale**, October 8th 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Donation drop off times: October 6th 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and October 7th 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Helpers needed for drop off times, set up, during the sale and clean up. Sign up to help using this [online sign-up sheet](#) or by calling the church office.

-**Advent Devotional:** The Discipleship Team would like you to be a part of creating a Congregational Advent Devotional booklet that will be available to the church family during Advent. Your story could tell of a specific time when you felt God's presence, perhaps through answered prayer or healing. It could be a recent experience, or something which happened long ago. Submissions should be approx. 350 words and should include a scripture reference and a one or two sentence concluding prayer. Submit your entry to Elaine Duckworth at elaineduckworth@yahoo.com or to the church office by October 16th. Booklets will be available beginning November 6th.

Operation Christmas Child

Submitted by Gail Pentz

The Mission and Outreach Committee will have a kickoff on Sunday, October 9th for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox mission project. Empty shoeboxes, provided by Samaritan's Purse, will be available for distribution in the Welcome Center or outside the Living Water Café on that date. Instructions on how to pack a shoebox and suggested items will be available. When you pick up a box, please sign the sheet indicating that you have taken one or more boxes. The cost of shipping each box is \$10.00. If you are able to contribute all or part of that expense, please place your donation in an envelope provided at the table. Envelopes should be placed in the basket at those locations. Please do not put the donation in the shoebox and do not wrap the shoebox. Shoeboxes should be returned to either location no later than Sunday, November 6th. Children around the world will be blessed this Christmas season with your gift-filled shoebox. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Pentz at 570-546-3998. Thank you for your support.



Good 'N Plenty News

Good News! The Good 'N Plenty meals will be returning this fall, although things will look quite different, especially in the beginning as we rebuild and re-vision. Instead of monthly meals, we will start off with offering meals in November, March and May. The meals will be dine-in only (except for delivery to our shut-ins). This is due to a lack of helpers and also to our focus of building relationships with members of our community. The November meal will be held on November 2nd and will run from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

The leaders of this ministry **NEED YOUR HELP!!** We are looking for wait staff, kitchen help and clean-up help. If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Cathy Henry at 570-220-6664 or Deb Frye at 570-419-6430.

Let's get these dinners rolling again! Helping in this fun ministry is the best fellowship ever!



Blessed to Be a Blessing!

A hearty group of church friends gathered on September 17th to help a sister in Christ clean up some trees on her property. Thanks for all your hard work, Friends.