



FIRST LIGHT

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Is it time to take your Next Step?

Have you been joining us for a while and want to learn more about First UMC and the ministries we offer? Are you interested in learning more about membership at First UMC? If so, you're invited to join us for an informal gathering to talk



with Pastor Rick and some of our ministry leadership, learn who we are as a faith community, and discover how you can take the "next step" on your journey of discipleship! Meet us in the church's Living Water Café on Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. Contact the church office at 570-546-8030 or office@firstumcmuncy.org to register and let us know if you will need childcare during the meeting.



Family Promise Week October 23rd – 29th

Our next week to deliver meals to Family Promise is October 23rd – 29th. Meals will be delivered each evening to the day center at 635 Hepburn Street, Williamsport. We are asking individuals, families, classes, or groups of friends to sign up to make and deliver meals during our week. There will be one sign up sheet on the upstairs Connection Table beginning this Sunday. Please consider helping with this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce McCarty at 570-546-8910.

Reminders:

-World Communion Sunday is this week (Oct. 2nd). We will have one combined service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We would like the children to join us so there will be no JAM or nursery. Sunday School classes will be held at the discretion of the teacher and class members. A special offering will be collected for worldwide leadership training scholarships and grants.

-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.

-Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry will run from October 9th-November 6th. Shoeboxes will be available for pick up in the Welcome Center and outside the Living Water Café. Please sign the sheet to indicate how many boxes you will fill. Baskets for donations for shipping costs (\$10/box) will be available in the same locations as the boxes. Call Gail Pentz with questions 570-546-3998.

-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.

-Call Cathy Henry (570-220-6664) or Deb Frye (570-419-6430) to help with the November 2nd **Good 'N Plenty** meal.



Nut Sale Benefitting Missions & Outreach

The Mission and Outreach team is holding a Terri Lynn nut sale to benefit missions work in the church. Orders will be collected through October and nuts will be delivered by Thanksgiving. Order forms will be available on the Connection Tables and in this week's bulletin. Make checks payable to "FUMC" and write "nuts" in the memo line. Place orders with payment in the collection plates/baskets or deliver to the church office by October 30th.



B2B News

(Y'all are awesome)

WOW!

Can you believe it? We collected **489** pairs of socks for the St. John Neumann Shoes & Socks ministry to benefit those experiencing homelessness. Great job everyone. Thank you!

A BIG "thank you" to all who donated baskets for the silent auction for our Fall Fun Day. We had 19 awesome baskets and raised **\$738** for The Vineyard!



I would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to come out and help split, cut, and stack firewood. It was a morning of physical labor, but the fellowship and love turned an ordinary chore into a pleasant and enjoyable event. Each of you are a blessing, and I am blessed to have you as friends.

Love,
Linda Geise