



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

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.

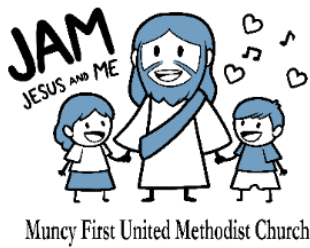
The Discipleship Team is offering the interest groups to meet new people and grow in our faith through shared experiences and have fun! So, let's get connected - because life is better TOGETHER.



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.



JAM Children's Ministry Save the Dates:

- Fall Fun Day—September 24
- Glow Night—October 14
- Children's Christmas Program—December 11

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!



It has been almost one year since we launched our JAM Children's Ministry under the direction of Administrative Director of Children's Ministry, Lisa Laidacker. Lisa and her team of volunteers have done an amazing job of building an awesome program that has drawn in dozens of children. When Lisa raised her hand and agreed to help, she really just wanted to be a volunteer. But she agreed to come on staff to be the Administrative Director. Now that the program is established, Lisa would like to return to her life of retirement and working in the program as a volunteer. We thank Lisa for her faithful dedication to our JAM Ministry and are grateful that she will continue to help as a volunteer.

As Lisa returns to "retirement," the Staff Parish Relations Committee is thrilled to announce that they have hired two new directors who will share the duties of running the program beginning on August 8th.

Welcome Our New JAM Directors



Kiley Nierzwicki will serve as the Administrative Director of Children's Ministries. Her duties will include overseeing the entirety of the JAM program, visioning and leading the team of volunteers. Kiley recently graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. After serving in the Muncy School District as a substitute teacher, she recently accepted a full-time teaching position in the Warrior Run School District.



Tiffany Rarick will serve as the Children's Ministry Coordinator, the position previously held by Gabby Marconnet. Tiffany's duties will include coordinating and implementing the Sunday morning programming and scheduling volunteers. Tiffany has a child who is active in our program and has been volunteering since nearly the beginning of JAM. Tiffany comes to us with a lot of administrative office experience in a variety of businesses. Together, with the help of our awesome Children's Ministry Team, Kiley and Tiffany will offer multiple programs throughout the year for the children of First UMC and the surrounding community.

Please join us in welcoming Kiley and Tiffany to the First UMC staff. We can't wait to see how the program grows under their leadership.



Dear Church Family,

"I want to thank everyone for the well-wishes, cards, cares, phone calls and flowers I received during the time of my recent surgery. All went well."

Bless all of you,
Nancy Poust

Dear First United Methodist Church,

"Thank you for choosing me to be one of the recipients for the scholarship from the First United Methodist Church. The money from that scholarship will go towards my college expenses. Receiving this scholarship has really meant a lot to me because the First United Methodist Church became a second church family to me when I joined the God Squad Youth Group in 7th grade. I was welcomed and treated like family by everyone and especially by Kevin Myers. My favorite memory has been going to Creation Fest with the Youth group and having so much fun.

With gratitude,
Hannah Dgien

Dear church family,

I'd like to share that I have moved to a senior apartment near my children in Towanda. My new address is 125 Colonial Dr., Apt. 105, Towanda, PA 18848. Phone: 570-485-8777.

I am still partly at our house in Muncy as I have many things to settle and take care of and as long as Jake is at Hillside, I will be coming back and forth. I just wanted to share how much this church has meant to us. We knew no one and had no local friends until we started coming to this church where we made friends and felt accepted. Mike Gardy was wonderful holding classes for new members, making sure we understood our faith and got acquainted with other new members.

I will continue to see you in church from time to time; just wanted you to know my situation and new address/phone.

Much Love,
Carol LeVan

Dear church family,

My family and I are extremely grateful for the love our church family has shown through Harold's illness and passing. We recognize the cards, prayers, food, flowers, and offers of help was God's way of providing support, comfort, and strength. THANK YOU for the love and friendship you have provided and are still proving through this journey.

Love,
Linda Geise



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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 7/1/22	\$14,341.40
Receipts	52,661.71
Funds available	67,003.11
Total expenses	42,414.38
Net balance 8/1/22	24,588.73

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 7/1/22	\$ 3,088.32
Receipts	2,986.00
Funds available	6,074.32
Total expenses	1,477.44
Net balance 8/1/22	4,596.88

BUILDING FUND

Balance 7/1/22	\$17,453.40
Receipts	4,245.00
Funds available	21,698.40
Total expenses	5,625.00
Net balance 8/1/22	16,073.40

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

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.

-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.

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 de77mpa@windstream.net

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 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.

Let's Celebrate!

BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Tessa Troup, Tierney Pauling
9/3 Gail Wood
9/4 Ashley Bellows, Kyra Creasey, Keeley Fae Dincher,
Dione Wright
9/5 Glenn Klucka
9/7 Emilie Kainz
9/8 RaeAnn Cooley, Wade Lamper, Emma McCormick,
Michael Rader, Darl Smith
9/9 Cori Cotner, Skylar Phillips
9/10 Riley Cotner
9/12 Kaylee Hoshauer, Marie Mitchell, Loretta Ryder
9/13 Sadie Creasey, Sue Everett, Stephanie Mostowy,
Rhonda Riddell, Kayla Suders
9/14 Amanda Derr, Christopher Timer
9/15 Courtney Taylor
9/16 Bill Forse
9/17 Lou Cromley, Adalynn Morse, Michael Mostowy
9/18 Marshal Gordner, Jayme McClung
9/20 Alyson McCabe, Bob S. Mertz
9/21 Aline Miller
9/22 Deb Beyer
9/24 Floss McCarty
9/26 Sandy Ravert
9/28 Pam Armstrong, Carter Feigles
9/29 Kaylyn Nierzwicki, Margie Nuss, Gail Pentz
9/30 Darren Webb

ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 Deb and Mark Beyer,
Lori and Jay Lewis
9/4 Mary and Jeremy Eckard
9/6 Joanie and Dave Wallis
9/8 Ashley and Chris Leshner
9/9 Ruth and John Phillips,
Christie and Troy Sellers
9/13 Cindy and George Collister
9/18 Lindsay and John Maxwell
9/22 Nichole and Matt Frye

To add your birthday or anniversary,
please contact the church office
(570-546-8030, office@firstumcmuncy.org)



Congratulations to
Courtney (Ebner) and Tim Taylor of
308 S. Washington St., Muncy
on the birth of their daughter, Sophia
Michele, on Aug. 14, 2022.



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.



- **Homebound:** Peach Bardo – 2699 Haas Lane, Montoursville, PA 17756
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

Update for Ashler Manor



Pictured (l-r) seated: Lyla Allshouse; standing: Gail Pentz, Darlene Webb, Karen Barraco and Joyce McCarty where they met to pack the gift bags in Rm. 201 for the girls at Ashler Manor.





SYMPATHY

*Sympathies are extended to Linda Geise and family in the loss of
Harold Geise
November 11, 1946–August 12, 2022*

Unfortunately, the picnic which was scheduled for August 17 was cancelled by staff at Ashler Manor due to Covid. Hopefully the picnic will be rescheduled. If not, the gifts for the girls will still be taken to the Manor. Again, the Mission and Outreach Committee thank you for your support of this project.

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Archives mtg. 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir rehearsal	2 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	3 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Social benefit dance
4 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. 9:30 Children's Church 9:30-12:00 Nursery Care 10:30 Adult S.S. 10:30 God Squad/ Youth Rewind	5 Building closed 	6 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	8 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir rehearsal	9 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	10 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
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"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." ~ Matthew 11: 28

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