

FIRST LIGHT

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And There Was Light



It's that time of year again! With the holidays approaching, we are preparing for the annual Christmas cantata. This year's cantata is titled "And There Was Light" and will be performed on Sunday, December 18th at 10:45

a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Rehearsals began this week and will be held on Thursday evening from 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. in the Celebration Center. There will also be a few Sunday afternoon rehearsals. If you missed the first rehearsal last night, don't worry, there is still time to join. We are especially in need of Soprano 1's, Tenors or Basses. Remember, the cantata is open to the community so invite your friends and family who might enjoy participating. We have a lot of fun preparing for this special event.



Reminders:

- -Missions Expo 2022 October 17th until all 150,000 meals are packed. Sign up on Experience Missions website.
- -Next Step Night is for those exploring church membership or those wanting to learn more about the ministries of FUMC. The gathering will be on Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Living Water Café. Sign up on the Connection Tables or contact the church office at 570-546-8030 or office@firstumcmuncy.org to register.
- -Family Promise Week October 23-29. Sign up on the upstairs Connection Table to provide and deliver a meal to the day center in Williamsport. Call Joyce McCarty with questions 570-546-8910.
- -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. Place donations of cash or checks in the envelopes provided and place in baskets on the tables. Make checks payable to FUMC. Call Gail Pentz with questions 570-546-3998.
- **-Advent Devotional**: Submission are due by October 16th. Sent to Elaine Duckworth at elaineduckworth@yahoo.com.
- -**Terri Lynn Nut Sale-** Orders and payment due by October 30th with delivery before Thanksgiving. Order forms can be found on the Connection Tables. Make checks payable to FUMC and place orders in the collection plates/baskets or turn in to the church office.



Church Conference and UMCOR Collection

This year's Church Conference Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1st beginning at 6:00 p.m. at First UMC, Muncy. Conferences this year are being held by clusters so we will be welcoming all of the churches of the East Lycoming Cluster into the building that evening. Church Conferences will begin in the sanctuary with words from Williamsport District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Paul Amara. We will then break out into groups by churches to conduct the conferences. Remember that all church members have voice and vote during this important meeting of the church body.

In response to the recent flooding in Kentucky and Florida, the Disaster Response Coordinator for the Susquehanna Conference is asking churches to collect cleaning supplies during their church conferences. These supplies will be distributed by UMCOR to people who are recovering from the flooding. The pastors of the East Lycoming Cluster are asking that each church in the cluster collect a specific item that goes in the UMCOR Cleaning Bucket Kits. First UMC will collect **reusable heavy duty kitchen cleaning gloves**. Collection bins will be available in the Welcome Center and outside the Living Water Café beginning this Sunday.



Volunteer Needed

The Hospitality Committee is looking for a volunteer to type some of the recipes used by the "kitchen crew" to update their recipe binder. If you have some extra time and would be willing to help, contact Lana Baker at 570-584-3126.



