



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## NOVEMBER 2022 – NEWSLETTER

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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.”*

## Church-wide Advent

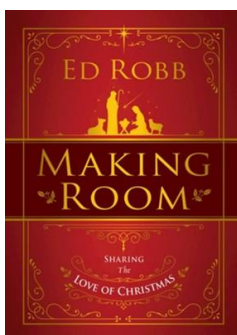
“Making Room: Sharing the Love of Christmas” is the book that will guide discussions in small groups during Advent this year.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, engage in conversation with others on ways to make room for God and neighbor this Christmas and in the year ahead.

Author Ed Robb explores the warmth of welcome in interactions with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the magi.


Four sessions include...

- Be a Neighbor
- Welcome Strangers
- Leave the Light On
- Walk Each Other Home



Make room in your schedule this Advent season to join a small group. Sign-up begins online on Nov. 1, or on Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Connection Tables. There are a variety of days and times from which to choose:

- **SUNDAYS** beginning Nov. 27  
9:30 AM led by Deb Steransky, Church Lounge  
10:30 AM led by Dave Gehrum, Living Water Café
- **MONDAYS**, beginning Nov. 28  
6:30 PM led by John Smay, Church Lounge
- **TUESDAYS**, beginning Nov. 29  
10:00 AM led by Pastor Rick, Living Water Café
- **WEDNESDAYS**, beginning Nov. 30  
1:00 PM led by Sally Gardy, Room 202  
6:30 PM led by Holly Pote and Becky Shaner,  
Living Water Café

books arriving Nov. 18; Suggested donation: \$10.

## Cantata – Dec. 18

*And There Was Light*

This year's cantata is titled  
“And There Was Light”  
and will be performed on SUNDAY,  
December 18 at 10:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings  
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  
night, don't worry, there is still time to join.  
See calendar. 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.

*A Christmas Cantata  
By Joseph M. Martin*



# Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

To purchase a poinsettia (6.5" pot) for placement in the worship areas for Christmas Eve, Sat., Dec. 24, please place this completed form and payment (\$8 each, cash or check payable to First United Methodist Church) in the offering box or return it to the church office **by November 9.**

Thank you to all who dedicate poinsettias, adding to the beauty of our Christmas worship services. If it's possible to leave your poinsettia until after the Christmas Eve services, that would be appreciated. If anyone chooses to donate their poinsettia to the church, it will remain in the sanctuary through Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Given in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given to the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate how many of each color:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Red    \_\_\_\_\_ Pink    \_\_\_\_\_ White    \_\_\_\_\_ Candy Cane

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate which worship space for placement:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Living Water Café    \_\_\_\_\_ Sanctuary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 9/1/22	\$1,497.81
Receipts	32,456.28
Funds available	33,954.09
Total expenses	32,931.15
Net balance 10/1/22	1,022.94

### BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 9/1/22	\$5,852.96
Receipts	2,387.00
Funds available	8,239.96
Total expenses	2,052.39
Net balance 10/1/22	6,187.57

### BUILDING FUND

Balance 9/1/22	\$6,589.40
Receipts	34,984.37
Funds available	41,573.77
Total expenses	40,923.77
Net balance 10/1/22	650.00

## Sunday Morning Schedule

- Nursery care: 9:30–Noon (age 4 and under)
- Worship services:
  - 8:15 Traditional
  - 9:30 Contemporary
  - 9:30–10:30 Children's Church (age 5 through grade 6)
  - 10:45 Traditional
- Classes:
  - 9:30 adults
  - 10:30 adults; youth

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## **PASTOR RICK'S OFFICE HOURS**

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9-Noon

Tuesdays 1–4 and by appointment

**Live stream:** 10:45 worship services on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCMuncy/>

Or our website— <https://firstumcmuncy.org/sermons/>



Keenagers/  
Muncy Area Sr. Citizens

Next lunch meeting:  
Wed., Nov. 16

Program:  
Nick Biddle  
(was a member of  
Black-Tie Affair)



## **WIDOW'S MITE LUNCH**

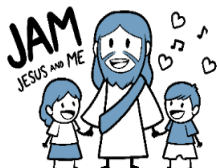
The ladies of Widow's Mite  
will meet at Hoopla's  
on Thurs., Nov. 17  
1277 Lycoming Mall Dr., Muncy

RSVP:  
Connie Holtzapple 546-6058  
or Janice Oden 546-6166

**Good 'N Plenty Meal**  
**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**  
**DINE IN ONLY**



**Baked ham, scalloped potatoes,  
vegetable, rolls, dessert and  
beverages**  
**Suggested donation \$12**



Muncy First United Methodist Church

JAM Children's Ministry Save the Dates:

- Parent's Night Out—November 25
- Children's Christmas Program—Dec. 11

## Reminders:

- Church Conference**, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry** will run from October 9<sup>th</sup>-November 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- Daylight Saving Time**, November 6. Remember to turn your clocks back.

## Chemo Caps Needed



We have received a request from the Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport for more knitted, crocheted, or sewn chemo caps. The Center is so appreciative of the donations we have made in the past and are hopeful that we can provide more since they are currently low in stock. There is a table in the Welcome Center for this project where you can find patterns and more information. You can also attend the Mission Stitchers meeting at 9:00 on Nov. 26 in the Celebration Center gym for more information or for help with getting started.

## 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.



### PUTTING FAITH IN ACTION



Our church's newly formed “community service” interest group had its first meeting in October. They began with a short discussion, using the book “James: Faith that Works.” Afterward, service ideas were considered, and a leaf-raking project was planned.

They meet on third Tuesdays at 6:30 in the lounge, and all are welcome to attend. Kevin Myers, our church's youth ministries coordinator, will ask our youth group members to help with projects. The next meeting is on November 15. Please contact Karen Barraco with questions (570-772-8169). We will keep our eyes and ears open for ways we may be able to help others in the months ahead. People beyond our immediate church family who need a helping hand will be included in this group's ministry efforts. Our church family's prayers for guidance and support are appreciated! We are grateful that we are blessed to be a blessing!



The Worship Committee is looking for wooden apple crates for a harvest display. If you have one or more that they can borrow for a few weeks in November, please call Jane Lucas at 570-546-5777.



# Let's Celebrate!

May the blessings of our loving God  
fill your heart with joy!

## BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Diane Shoop
- 11/2 Kristin Timer, Vonnie Poust
- 11/3 Gary Allshouse, George Duckworth
- 11/4 Jim Dennis, Judy Rider, David Schoch
- 11/5 Reese Roca
- 11/6 Dennis Fausey, Gail Nuss
- 11/7 Michelle Cowher
- 11/10 Kent Bennett, Pearl Rathmell
- 11/11 Betsy Fahringer, Willow Nichols, Marta Smay
- 11/12 Nicole Johnson
- 11/13 Donna McCaslin
- 11/14 McKenna Beyer
- 11/16 Patsy Charles
- 11/18 Jason Winters
- 11/19 David Wallis
- 11/20 Royce Boyles, Kerm Breon, Dick Langer, Ali Stratton
- 11/21 Suzy Foresman
- 11/22 Rayma Gover, Reed Hansen, Jonathan McJunkin
- 11/24 Chantal Gadoury
- 11/25 David Holsinger, Patti Myers
- 11/26 Devaney Hanford
- 11/27 Mya Evans, Glenn Schell, Paige Wright
- 11/29 Cathy Henry, Phyllis Strasburg

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/20 Deb and Marshal Frye
- 11/24 Nancy and Dick Lyons-60<sup>th</sup>  
Susanne and Tyler Morse
- 11/27 Sue and Garth Everett
- 11/28 Cathy and George Henry
- 11/29 Jo and Dick Langer



Dear church family,

"Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayer during my recent accident. Your support means more than you know."

Kathy Colyer

Dear church family,

Thank you to everyone that has helped with food, sent cards, provided transportation before I went into the hospital and now that I am home, taking me to doctor's appointments.

It has been rough, but I am on the mend now and doing well.

In Christian love,  
Janice Easton

Dear church family,

"Thank you for being such faithful prayer warriors for the members of my family these last months. Also, the many cards, calls, and flowers that soothed me at the death of our daughter, Roseann, were certainly appreciated. I'm blessed to belong to a caring church."

Jane E. Pick

I would like to thank all the people who phoned and sent cards for my birthday. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Gary Edwards

Dear church family,

"I would like to thank our church family for all the support, cards, calls, and prayers given to my sister, Leona, during her health issues and then Leona's passing. Special thanks to Pastor Rick Robinson and Pastor Donald Nolder for a wonderful service, special music by Dave Waltz, Lucy Buck, and the ladies for the wonderful lunch."

Blessings to all, Linda Shultz



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to  
Brandon Cotner and Kelle Steinbacher  
on the birth of their son,  
Talon Michael, on Oct. 3.

Congratulations, also, to  
Brittany (Mostowy) and Mike Rabb  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Leah Elizabeth, on Oct. 13.



- **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  
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 (new Rm. 204), 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



## SYMPATHY

*Sympathies to Carolyn and Ruth Frontz  
in the loss of Carolyn's husband and  
Ruth's father, LeRoy Frontz,  
June 7, 1934–September 27, 2022  
Their address:  
613 Shuttle Hill Rd., Muncy, PA 17756*

*Sympathies also to Linda Shultz  
In the loss of her sister, Leona Dewalt,  
October 7, 1841–October 12, 2022  
Her address:  
120 Kinsey St., Montgomery, PA 17752*

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](mailto:de77mpa@windstream.net)

# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study  6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group  7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00 Archives 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:15 Cantata Rehearsal 8:15 Chancel Choir		8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous   7:00 Social benefit dance
6 – <b>ALL SAINTS</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> Same schedule as below except 1:30–3:00 Cantata rehearsal today	7 9:00 Women's Exercise	8 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	9 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Bible study 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	10 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:15 Cantata Rehearsal 8:15 Chancel Choir	11   7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	12 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00–noon Mission Stitchers
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*“Be joyful always; pray continually; **give thanks** in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” ~ 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (NIV)*

CHURCH STAFF

- Lucy Buck – Music Director .....(H) 570-584-4521
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- John Lucas – Custodian ..... (C) 570-560-2626
- Marty McCabe – Custodian ..... (W) 570-546-8030
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- Kiley Nierzwicki – Administrative Director of Children’s Ministries ..... (C) 570-560-0535
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- Sherrill Reynolds – Receptionist, Secretary ..... (W) 570-546-8030
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- The Rev. Richard (Rick) N. Robinson, Jr. – Pastor ..... (W) 570-546-8030
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“Blessed to be a Blessing”

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