



# FIRST LIGHT

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## GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays



For many who have lost loved ones, the holidays can be the worst time of the year. To help the grieving navigate the holidays, our GriefShare

Ministry will hold a special, free-standing (one-time) meeting for those who are struggling with loss. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Living Water Café.

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

There is a need for more people to volunteer for the 10:30-11:45 a.m. nursery time slot each Sunday. If you have your Safe Sanctuaries clearances, please consider helping out so our young adults can worship with us. Contact the JAM leaders at [jam@firstumcmuncy.org](mailto:jam@firstumcmuncy.org) or contact the church office if you can help. If you need help getting your clearances, we'd be happy to assist you.

## Gift Card Blessings

The Mission and Outreach Ministry will once again bless the community by handing out Weis Market gift cards to grocery shoppers. This year, we will do this during the Thanksgiving shopping season instead of Christmas. If you would like to be a part of this inspirational ministry, cards will be available beginning Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> with the goal of handing them all out before Thanksgiving. Contact Nancy Grove or Joyce McCarty if you have questions.



## Reminders:

**-Sunday is the last day to return boxes for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry.** 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.

**-Poinsettia orders** are due November 9<sup>th</sup>. You can order using a form found on the Connections Tables or [online here](#).

**-The church-wide Advent Study is "Making Room: Sharing the Love of Christmas."** You can sign up for one of the 6 classes offered by using [this link](#) or by using the sign-up sheets on the Connection Tables. Study books will be available on the Connection Tables for a suggested donation of \$10.00. **Please give these donations to your teacher at the first class session.**

-We will collect new, unwrapped toys for **Toys For Tots** until December 11<sup>th</sup>. The collection bin is located under the coat rack outside the Living Water Café.





## Touch-A-Heart Christmas Gifts

Halloween is over and we are starting to plan for the holiday season. That means it's time to start thinking about the Touch-A-Heart ministry. For those who are not familiar with this outreach, local churches partner to help provide Christmas blessings to people in need

in our area. Gifts provided by sponsors will be distributed to both children and senior citizens for Christmas. You can sign up to receive gift tags and be a sponsor beginning November 6<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be on the Connection Tables. Gift tags will be available for sponsors beginning November 20<sup>th</sup>. Sponsors will use those tags to shop for the gifts that are due back to the church by December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you forget to sign up, don't worry. Extra tags will be available.

Children's gifts need to be gift wrapped and the tag placed on the front of the gift. Senior citizens' gifts do not need to be gift wrapped. A list of items to purchase for the senior citizens is on the designated tag (male/female). Monetary donation envelopes will also be available for those who wish to participate but cannot do the shopping. Donations given will be used to support the senior citizen gift bags. Anyone interested in helping with gift distribution or who has questions regarding Touch-A-Heart can contact Candy Winters at 570-546-3963.



## Jam News



Our JAM Children's Ministry has a lot planned for the next two months. Be sure to get these on your calendar so you don't miss all the fun.

**-Christmas Play Practice:** Every Sunday morning 10:30-11:30 November 6<sup>th</sup>-December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**-Parent's Night Out** and dress rehearsal for the Christmas Program. November 25<sup>th</sup>: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**-Christmas Caroling at Wolf Run:** December 7<sup>th</sup> 5:15 p.m. (with the God Squad Youth Group)

**-Christmas Program:** December 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.



The Hospitality Team wishes to give a big "Thank You!" to everyone who helped in any way to make this week's Good 'N Plenty meal possible. A wonderful time was had by all!