



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 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.”

FIRST UMC IN ACTION

B2B = Blessed to be a Blessing

Thanksgiving Gift Card Blessings



The Mission and Outreach Ministry team, again this year, handed out Weis's gift cards to congregation members who then took them to bless grocery shoppers to use during the Thanksgiving season.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection. We collected 108 shoeboxes which will bring joy to 108 children. Please pray that the boxes are received as an expression of our Christian love for them.

Going my Way?

The December project for the newly formed Community Service interest group will be coordinating transportation for those who need a ride to these events at the church:

- our children's department Christmas program at 6:00 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 11.
- our Christmas Cantata worship service at 10:45 a.m. on Sun., Dec. 18.
- our Christmas Eve worship service at 3:30 on Sat., Dec. 24.

To receive a ride, please contact Paige Kepner by Dec. 9 (570-971-5556).

Meetings of the Community Service group are held at 6:30 on third Tuesdays in the church lounge, with a short study of the Book of James at the beginning.

Contact Karen Barraco with questions (570-546-5180; kbarraco@windstream.net).

“Faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself (James 2: 17)”

Flood Buckets



Thank you to everyone who donated to the East Lycoming Cluster UMCOR Flood Bucket supply collection. The Cluster collected lots of rubber gloves, sponges, scrub brushes, dust/mold masks and fully assembled flood buckets. Those supplies will head to the Mission Central hub in Bloomsburg and ultimately to the UMCOR warehouse.



Harvest Thank Offering

Celebrated on Sun., Nov. 20, the Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for your generous donation of \$1,233.24 for the World Thank Offering. Your gifts of gratitude will be used to support mission institutions in the United States and around the world.



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Home food collection. And thank you to Jane and John Lucas for packing the food and transporting it to Son Light House, where it will be distributed to needy families.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringers



Volunteers were needed to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 9, at Sam's Club in Muncy for 1-hour time slots from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Thank you to those who signed up. – Bob Webb

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for **Toys For Tots** until Sunday, December 11. The collection bin is located on the main level under the coat rack outside the Living Water Café.





Touch-A-Heart Christmas Gifts

partner to help provide Christmas blessings to people in need in our area. Gifts provided by sponsors are distributed to both children and senior citizens for Christmas. Signups began Nov. 6 to receive gift tags and be a sponsor. The gift tags were made available to sponsors on Nov. 20.

Sponsors used those tags to shop for gifts. A list of items to purchase for the senior citizens was on the designated tag (male/female). Monetary donation envelopes were also available for those who wished to participate but couldn't do the shopping. Donations given are used to support the senior citizen gift bags. Extra tags may still be available.

Reminder for those with tags: Gifts are due back by Sun., Dec. 11.

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.

Gift distributions: Anyone interested in helping with gift distribution or who has questions regarding Touch-A-Heart can contact Candy Winters at 570-546-3963.



Welcome

Robert "Bob" DeWitt was brought into membership on October 30, '22.

If you attend the 8:15 worship service, you probably already know this gentleman from seeing him greet you at the upstairs door while serving as doorkeeper. He also began serving on the Archives Committee.

Please be sure to introduce yourself and extend a warm welcome to him.

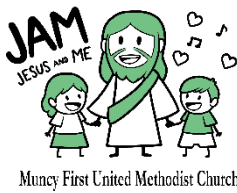


No
Lunch w/
program
in
December.



The ladies of Widow's Mite
will meet here
in the Living Water Café
on Thurs., Dec. 15 at noon.

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



Jam News



- **Christmas Play Practice:** Every Sunday morning 10:30-11:30. Nov. 6–Dec. 4.
- **Christmas Caroling at Wolf Run:** December 7, 5:15 p.m. (with the God Squad Youth Group)
- **Christmas Program:** December 11, 6:00 p.m.

The JAM Ministry is looking for more volunteers to help in the nursery during the 10:30-11:45 time slot. Contact JAM at jam@firstumcmuncy.org or call the church office to volunteer.

TREASURER'S REPORT	
CURRENT EXPENSE	
Balance 10/1/22	\$1,022.94
Receipts	33,716.73
Funds available	34,739.67
Total expenses	38,256.84
Net balance 11/1/22	-3,517.17
BENEVOLENCE FUND	
Balance 10/1/22	\$6,187.57
Receipts	4,173.00
Funds available	10,360.57
Total expenses	2,169.92
Net balance 11/1/22	8,190.65
BUILDING FUND	
Balance 10/1/22	\$650.00
Receipts	2,715.00
Funds available	3,365.00
Total expenses	0.00
Net balance 11/1/22	3,365.00

December Schedule

- Sun., 12/11 – Children's Program, 6pm
- Sun., 12/18 – Cantata, 10:45am & 2pm
- Sat., 12/24 – Christmas Eve, 3:30 & 8pm
- Sun., 12/25 – Combined Worship, 10am

Livestream: 10:45 worship services on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCMuncy/>
Or our website– <https://firstumcmuncy.org/sermons/>



Celebrating our 50+ & 70+ Year Members



(8:15 service) – Front row: Gary Edwards, Janice Oden, Sally Zehner, Connie Holtzapple,
Middle row: Joanie Wallis, Jean Gardner-Camp, Garman Zehner, Molly Kemmerer
Back row: David Wallis, Debbie Frye, Linford Frey, Kathi Blaker, Wayne Kemmerer



(10:45 service) – Front row: Loretta Ryder, Anne Knox, Elsie Smith, Doris Fritz
Back row: Gail Nuss, Linda Holsinger, Ann Daugherty, Mark Hester, Chalmer VanHorn, Jane Lucas

Let's Celebrate!

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 Joseph Paul (J.P.) McCabe
12/2 Linda Hartley
12/3 Tony Mack, Layne Oden
12/4 Kathy Grenoble
12/7 Troy Hansen
12/8 Denny Hammond, Kelsey Foreman, Jason Perritt
12/11 Mary Eckard, Nancy Poust
12/12 Emily Glidewell
12/13 Thomas Gordner
12/14 Kylie Beck
12/16 Temperance Eck
12/18 Erabella Eck, Deb Frye, Matt Frye
12/20 Angie Kustanbauter
12/21 MJ Kainz, Carol Karschner, David Waltz
12/22 Kathy Burkhart, Becky Hutchinson
12/23 Morgan Armstrong, Lindsay Maxwell
12/24 Lillian Klucka, Dave Pentz, Justin Winters
12/26 Samantha "Sam" Robinson
12/27 Reid Baker, Crispin Morgan
12/28 Elsie Emick
12/30 Jane Lucas
12/31 Elaine Duckworth, (Betty Wright – 95th)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/4 Dona and Dan Winder
12/13 Michelle and Chris Ebner, Jackie and Barry Shuck
12/14 Alyson & TJ McCabe, Betsy and Jim Mothersbaugh
12/30 Holly and Don Pote
12/31 Cori and Dan Cotner, Jan and Pete Madison



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to
Tierney (Snyder) and Jeff Pauling of
4789 State Route 654, S. Wmspt. PA 17702
on the birth of their son, Sawyer Wesley,
on Nov. 23, 2022.



Dear church family,

"Thank you to everyone who donated socks for the homeless. All total (from all sites), we collected a total of 550 pairs. Needless to say, there will be some happy homeless feet this year. Your generosity is overwhelming. I received a grateful "thank you" note from Nancy and Rick Jacobs (chairmen of St. John/Newberry's shoe mission). I am also grateful for your prayers and for the home communion teams. Life is good and I am thankful, grateful, and blessed with family, friends and a caring church family. If anyone would like to give me a ride to Sally's Advent study, I would love to go. Please call me at 570-974-1020. I am looking forward to getting back to church. I miss seeing my people that I love dearly."

Sincerely,

Anne Knox (chairman of the sock drive)

Dear church family,

We are continually grateful for the encouraging cards and phone call during our time of illnesses and are very thankful for the meals brought to us. Sincerely,

Bill and Patrice Bond

Dear Church Family,

"Thank you, all, for the many prayers, cards, kind words, meals and support during Denny's recent thyroid operation and recovery, and my recent stroke. We are doing well and certainly know it was our Lord and the many prayers that kept us safe through it all. Love to all,

Jean and Denny Hammond

Dear Mission Stitches,

"I would like to thank you for your generous donation of 34 beautifully knitted hat to be given to patients of UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport. Your gift was delivered to the Center on Oct. 24, '22.

This gift positively impacts patients right here in our own community by helping provide comfort during their time of need. The Cancer Center continues to grow with more than 1,200 new patients per year and 190 patients seen per day.

On behalf of the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at Williamsport, thank you again for your generosity and support.

With sincere gratitude", Sherry Watts

Vice President of Development
Susquehanna Health Foundation

Dear Mission Stitches,

"I am a recipient of one of your beautiful winter caps which I received at the Hillman Cancer Center. I am grateful for such a much-welcomed gift for my semi-bald head. You are all earning your wings."

God bless all of you, Phyllis Maietta

Dear Church Family,

A BIG THANK YOU to all who reached out to me with prayers and cards helping me get through my open-heart surgery and recovery. Your prayers and thoughtfulness have been a great big part of my healing.

Sincerely, Sandy Schell



- **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 – **NOTE (new name):** WeCare of Loyalsock (Rm. 306), 1445 Sycamore Rd.,
Montoursville, PA
Phone: (570) 601-8284
- Tony Rebeck – 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. 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 Patrice and Bill Bond
in the loss of Patrice's son
and Bill's stepson,
Joel Thomas Kendall
May 16, 1973–September 5, 2022
Their address:
616R Montour St.,
Montoursville, PA 17754*

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:15 Cantata Rehearsal 8:15 Choir Rehrs.	5:00-7:00 Muncy Elementary BB practice 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Social benefit dance
4 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. & Advent study 9:30 Children's Church 9:30-noon Nursery 10:30 Adult S.S. 10:30 Advent study 10:30 God Squad	5 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:30 Advent study	6 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 TOPS 10:00 Advent study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7 1:00 Advent study 5:00 Muncy Women's Club 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Advent study 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	8 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bells 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:15 Cantata Rehearsal 8:15 Choir Rehearsal	9 5:00-7:00 Muncy Elementary BB practice 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	10 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 1:00 Private party
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18 CANTATA 10:45 & 2:00 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. 10:30-11:45 Nursery Care	19 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:30 Advent study	20 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	21 1:00 Advent study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00 AA Christmas party mtg. 6:30 Advent study 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	22 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:15 Choir Rehrs.	23 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	24 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
25 COMBINED Worship Services at 10 a.m. 8:45 Adult S.S. NO Children's Church Nursery Care TBD	26 Church Office Closed No scheduled activities	27 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	28 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Advent study 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	29 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:15 Choir Rehrs.	30 4:00-9:00 Oden Christmas party 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	31 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." ~ Isaiah 7:14

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