



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 2023 – 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

Jo Langer delivered 90!! more chemo caps to the Hillman Cancer Center. They have a basket at the entrance, offering the caps to any clients who come through the doors. The Mission Stitchers thank everyone who has been so busy crocheting, knitting and sewing. We are “Blessed to be a Blessing!”



Christmas Offering B2B

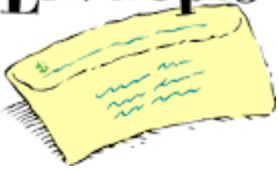
WOW! Our church vision statement says that we are “living lives of generosity...” We saw that with this year’s Christmas offering. To date, we have collected **\$4,415.00**. As a reminder, half of those funds will go to the Salvation Army Williamsport Corp to help with the many services they provide to the community. The other half will stay here at First UMC Muncy to help those in need who come to us seeking assistance with things like heat, food, and gas. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.



New Session of GriefShare to Begin

A new 13-week session of GriefShare will begin on January 10. GriefShare is a Christian based support group for those experiencing grief after the loss of a loved one. The sessions are facilitated by Holly Pote and are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Living Water Café. Please pass along this information if you have a friend or family member who might benefit from this support group. If you would like more information about GriefShare, you can check out their [website](#) or call the church office.

Offering Envelopes



2023 Offering Envelopes are available in the Welcome Center. If you give electronically, you will not have envelopes on the table. If you are currently not assigned envelopes and wish to have them, please contact Barry Grove at facilities@firstumcmuncy.org or 570-447-0514.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CURRENT EXPENSE

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Balance 11/1/22 | \$3,517.17 |
| Receipts | \$70,123.80 |
| Funds available | \$46,606.63 |
| Total expenses | \$39,754.30 |
| Net balance 12/1/22 | \$26,852.33 |

BENEVOLENCE FUND

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Balance 11/1/22 | \$8,190.65 |
| Receipts | \$2,914.00 |
| Funds available | \$11,104.65 |
| Total expenses | \$3,881.92 |
| Net balance 12/1/22 | \$7,222.73 |

BUILDING FUND

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|---------------------|------------|
| Balance 11/1/22 | \$3,365.00 |
| Receipts | \$1,994.00 |
| Funds available | \$5,359.00 |
| Total expenses | \$2,000.00 |
| Net balance 12/1/22 | \$3,359.00 |

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 Gr. 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 p.m. by appointment

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

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

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



Our Covenant With the Church

People professing their faith for the first time in a United Methodist congregation take two vows dealing with time. As we commit to life as disciples of Christ, among the statements we are asked to agree to are: 1) Be loyal to Christ through the UM Church and do all in our power to strengthen its ministries (The Book of Discipline 2012, ¶ 217.5); and 2) Be faithful participants in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness (¶ 217.6).

As we agree to these vows, we commit our lives to Christ and agree to give a significant portion of our time to the ministry that we are called to through our baptism. At year's end, will the activities filling our calendars show us to be good stewards of the time with which God gifts us?

We ask ourselves:

- † Will the time set for speaking and listening to God be an unbreakable appointment?
- † Will worship and learning as part of the faith community be a priority?
- † What will we do/not do to make our money and talents available for ministry?
- † What will we do outside the church that shows we are disciples of Jesus Christ?
- † How will we demonstrate the transformational power of the love of Christ?

God's calls us to use our time with his wisdom.

(from the 2015 UM Program Calendar)

Covenant Prayer—Wesleyan Tradition

John Wesley and his brother Charles founded the Methodist Movement in England in the 18th century. He preached open-air sermons and encouraged his converts to join small groups for prayer, study and moral accountability. Wesley's "Covenant Prayer" (No. 607 in our hymnal) was a key element in his own spiritual discipline and in Methodist discipleship.

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by you or laid aside by you, enabled for you or brought low by you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

(posted by Mark Herringshaw, www.belief.net)

**Save the date:
February 3, 2023
2 Concerts, 1 gathering, 1 mission**



More information coming soon...



We send a great big "THANK YOU!" to everyone who helped to make the 2022 Cantata a success. Whether you helped to set up, tear down, feed the participants, greeted visitors at the door, helped visitors navigate the building, or in any other way, it took all of us to make it happen. WELL DONE!



In this, my fourth Christmas at First UMC, I continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of our church family. Jody and I thank you all for the Christmas gifts received throughout this holy season. Above all, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our lord, Jesus Christ, with all of you. We are truly blessed and look forward to the work that God has for all of us in 2023. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Rick

John and Jane Lucas would like to thank everyone who prayed and sent cards and phone calls during John's recent knee surgery and recovery. It was all very much appreciated.

Aline Miller wishes to thank the congregation for the many cards, phone calls, and prayers sent by the congregation during Dick's hospitalization and after his passing. She is overwhelmed by the number of cards received.

"Thank you to everyone that had any part in the program on Sunday afternoon. I enjoyed "And There Was Light" very much. Very well done.

Thank you,
Wayne Johnson"

"To all,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and your newsletter. Really appreciate all. Special "Hi" to Dave Waltz.

Love and prayers,
Steve and Janet Remish"

"Thank you to the folks that put out the great luncheon after church on Christmas Day. Thank you for taking your personal time. Meal was great and met some new folks. Just had a wonderful time.

God Bless.
Bob DeWitt"

Let's Celebrate!

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

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1/1 | Debbie Daggett |
| 1/2 | Maddie Beyer, Bonnie Glidewell |
| 1/3 | Merle Parker |
| 1/5 | Alexis Harder, Rich Pursel |
| 1/6 | Marianne Tillotson |
| 1/9 | Brynn Elizabeth Hansen |
| 1/10 | Bryce Eckard |
| 1/13 | Tessa Lamper |
| 1/14 | Clynt Oden |
| 1/15 | DJ Foresman, Candy Winters |
| 1/16 | Max Glidewell, Jean Hammond, Wes Zeisloft |
| 1/17 | Walter Borek |
| 1/20 | Don Colyer, Elizabeth Klucka, Joe Lowe, Abby Robinson |
| 1/21 | Idona Artman |
| 1/22 | MaryAnn Breon, Janet Pursel |
| 1/23 | Jeremy Winters |
| 1/24 | Judy Fausey |
| 1/26 | Patsy Feigles, Dolly Oden |
| 1/27 | Kathi Blaker, Gordon Eck, Jennifer Freeborn |
| 1/28 | Garth Everett, Jo Ann Welch |
| 1/29 | John Lucas |
| 1/30 | Michael Buck, Chris Glidewell, Michael Kustanbauter, Anne Leshner |
| 1/31 | Valerie Nuss |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1/4 | Bonnie and Gary Glidewell |
| 1/6 | Abbe and Michael Mostow |
| 1/9 | Janet and Rich Pursel – 66 th |

50+ AND 70+ YEAR MEMBERS

We honor the following individuals for having been members of First United Methodist Church, Muncy for 50 years or more.

*Pearl Rathmell (1941)
*Peach Bardo (1945)
*Janice Oden (1946)
*Loretta Ryder (1946)
*Dave Wallis (1946)
*Jean Gardner Camp (1947)
*Alberta Shaner (1948)
*Connie Holtzapple (1951)

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| Gary Edwards (1954) | Gail Nuss (1965) |
| Sandy Schell (1954) | Kathi Blaker (1966) |
| Connie Sommers (1954) | Lin Frey (1966) |
| Sally Zehner (1954) | Robin Bardo (1969) |
| Nancy Lyons (1956) | Dennis DeWald (1969) |
| Ann Dougherty (1957) | Donna McCaslin (1969) |
| Judy Rider (1958) | Leon McCaslin (1969) |
| Mark Hester (1960) | John Smay (1969) |
| Vonnie Poust (1960) | Linda Holsinger (1970) |
| Joanie Wallis (1960) | Molly Kemmerer (1970) |
| Marshal Frye (1961) | Wayne Kemmerer (1970) |
| Chalmer VanHorn (1962) | Anne Knox (1970) |
| Garman Zehner (1963) | Elsie Smith (1971) |
| Jan Madison (1964) | Deb Frye (1972) |
| Kathy Burkhart (1965) | Jane Lucas (1972) |

*Asterisk indicates 70 years or more.



- **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:**

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 – WeCare 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. 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

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

- Richard Sullivan “Dick” Miller, 85, wife of Aline Miller of 156 Cookie Drive, Muncy, PA 17756, passed away Nov. 28, ’22.
- Doris Fritz, 90, mother and mother-in-law of Jane and John Lucas of 532 S. Main St., Muncy, PA 17756, passed away Dec. 22, ’22.
- John Phillips, 88, husband of Ruth Phillips of 401 Trinity Drive, Hughesville, PA 17737, passed away on Christmas morning, Dec. 25, ’22.



NO KEENAGERS IN JANUARY.
The next lunch and program
will be Feb. 15 at noon.



In the Living Water Café
on Thurs., Jan. 19 at noon.
RSVP: Connie Holtzapple 546-6058
or Janice Oden 546-6166

January

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. 9:30-10:30 Children's Church 9:30-noon Nursery 10:30 Adult S.S. 10:30 God Squad | 9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Bible study | 7:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Study group 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous | 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:15 Choir Rehearsal | 5:00-7:00 Muncy Elementary BB practice 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous Noon-4:00 Private Party 7:00 Social benefit dance |
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| 15 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. 9:30-10:30 Children's Church 9:30-noon Nursery 10:30 Adult S.S. 10:30 God Squad | 16 9:00 Women's Exercise 7:00 Trustee mtg. | 17 7:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Bible study 6:30 Community Service mtg. 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 18 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Study group 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous | 19 9:00 Women's Exercise Noon Widow's Mite 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:15 Choir Rehearsal | 20 5:00-7:00 Muncy Elementary BB practice 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 21 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 Mission Stitchers |
| 22 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. 9:30-10:30 Children's Church 9:30-noon Nursery 10:30 Adult S.S. 10:30 God Squad | 23 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:00 Hunting/ Fishing Interest grp. | 24 7:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 25 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous | 26 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:15 Choir Rehearsal | 27 5:00-7:00 Muncy Elementary BB practice 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 28 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous |
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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." ~ [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

CHURCH STAFF

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