



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 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

VIM Week Recap

Once again, VIM Week was a big success. 21 individuals joined the team at some point over the week as they completed 16 projects, from weeding to deck replacement and everything in between. We thank everyone who helped in any way as we lived out our vision of “Blessed to be a Blessing.”



On Wednesday evening, 30 adults and youth worked together to pack 100 hygiene kits for Ukraine. Again, again, we thank everyone who helped in any way as we lived out our vision of “Blessed to be a Blessing.”



Marty McCabe to Retire

In addition to the many volunteer roles he has filled over the years, Marty McCabe has also been an employee at First UMC. Previously, he served as a pastoral assistant and for the last eight years, he has served as a custodian. After serving so faithfully for many years, Marty has announced that he will retire effective August 4th. With his children and grandchildren scattered across the east coast, Marty and his wife, Paula, plan to spend more time traveling to spend time with them. Marty will continue to serve us as a lay speaker and trustee. We want to thank Marty for all he has done as an employee and pray God's blessings on him and Paula as they enter this new phase. We wish them lots of family time and grandchild hugs. If you see Marty, please congratulate him on his retirement and thank him for his service to us.

Summer Youth Ministry Event – Sports Card Show



The FUMC youth God Squad will hold a sports card show in the Celebration Center gym on **Sat., August 19**. The purpose of the show is to raise funds for the child the youth group sponsors through Compassion International. The show will run from **9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** and will include food concessions in the Living Water Café.

The event is open to the public and funds will be raised through table fees and concessions. The youth are asking for the congregation's help in several ways. First, they will be looking for volunteers to help in the café with food preparation and sales. Second, the youth will be assembling "kids' packs" to be given to children who attend the event. They will be asking for donations of items that will go into the kids' packs. Third, if there are any members of the congregation who have sports card collections, the youth would love for you to be a part of the day. There will be more information about this event in the weeks ahead. Please mark your calendars and be thinking of how you might help support the youth with this event. If you have questions, contact Kevin Myers (570-412-2820).



How can you get involved?

We are looking for parents and other church members to volunteer their time to help at different events and during Children's Church. If you are available and would like to volunteer your time, we would appreciate your help.

Kiley Nierzwicki and Tiffany Rarick,
jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org



Registration is open for the 2023 Summer Camping season at the four camps of the Susquehanna Conference. There are camps for all age groups and for families. First UMC has scholarship funds available if needed.

If you're interested in learning more about the camps offered, you can go to the [Camp and Retreat Ministries website](#) to explore and to register for a camp.

Sharing the good news!

Do you have some good news to share - an answer to prayer, an unexpected blessing, God's guidance? Send your faith story (250 words or less) to Karen Barraco (kbarraco@windstream.net) by August 15 for the September newsletter.

Submitted by Linda Holsinger

In the mid-1980s, my husband Dick was attending WACC (Penn College). He was having trouble with the trigonometry course. One day I was praying and asking God how I could help him. I opened the Bible to I Corinthians 13. As I was reading, a verse "jumped off the page" about a half inch in a darker print. That was the only time in my life that it happened. It was verse 4: "Love is patient and kind." I felt relieved that I didn't have to "do" anything, I just had to "be."

Several months later, Dick said to me, "Lin, thank you for being so patient and kind." Wow - what an affirmation!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Same as last month; no mtg. in July

CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 5/1/23	\$5,508.86
Receipts	\$40,807.72
Funds available	\$46,316.58
Total expenses	\$38,074.26
Net balance 6/1/23	\$8,242.32

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 5/1/23	\$5,456.22
Receipts	\$6,103.00
Funds available	\$11,559.22
Total expenses	\$2,662.00
	\$8,897.22

BUILDING FUND

Balance 5/1/23	\$3,339.15
Receipts	\$8,706.00
Funds available	\$12,045.15
Total expenses	\$0.00
Net balance 6/1/23	\$12,045.15

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

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/>



Dear church family,

Thank you for the prayer shawl and lap robe that were made and brought to us here at WeCare at Loyalsock. We really enjoy and appreciate them!

Bill and Floss McCarty

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Greetings! Thank you so much for your generous donation. This gift will be used to help so many in need at both the House of Hope & our feeding program at STM. God is moving in BIG ways at STM. Our men's Bible study is flourishing, and several sojourners have inquired about baptism. Wow! Please feel free to come visit us and see how your donation supports so many in need.

Sincerely, Gina

Sojourner Truth Ministry Board Member

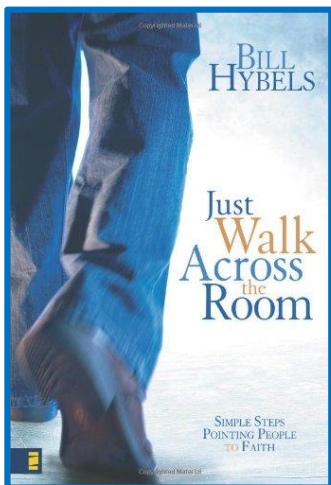
The following are VIM "Thank you" cards that were received here at the church ...
To the VIM Crew (Cindy Collister, Candy Winters, Jo Ann Welch, Jayla Koser, Jane Lucas, David Snyder, Jean Hammond),

My "thank you" seems so small compared to all you guys have done, but it comes from the heart. Thank you. ~ Shirley Williams

Dear friends,

I could thank you a million times, and it still wouldn't be enough to tell you how grateful I am for all you've done for me. My place looks great, and I was able to step onto my front porch and back up today for the first time in years. George is a wonder! May you continue to bless others as you have blessed me. ~ Love to all, Evelyn Derrick

This September – *Just Walk Across the Room*



Have you wondered why sometimes it's so hard to break out of our comfort zone and simply walk across the room to greet someone we don't know? Someone who may not appear to be "my people"?

This fall, be a part of a four-week experience to learn "simple steps to point people to faith." On four Wednesday evenings, starting September 20, join us for a light supper at 5:45 p.m. followed at 6:30 p.m. by an approximately one-hour session led by Pastor Rick in the Living Water Café. A short video presentation will be followed by a teaching segment and then small group discussion. The evening will close with sharing thoughts from the small groups.

Sign-ups will begin Sunday, August 20, at the Connection Tables or online at our church website (firstumcmuncy.org). Let us know if you will be coming for the meal or know how many children and their ages. Participant study books are \$5.00.

Questions? Contact Karen Barraco (570-772-8169 or kbarraco@windstream.net).

Let's Celebrate!

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 8/3 Betsy Parker, Joanie Wallis
- 8/5 Yuanita Frantz
- 8/9 Barb Kiessling
- 8/10 Gary Glidewell, Cookie Shaffer
- 8/11 Ben Robinson
- 8/12 Brian Kustanbauter
- 8/14 Reagan Potts, Sophia Taylor
- 8/15 Jennie Borek, Roland Long
- 8/16 Barry Grove, Alex Laubscher
- 8/17 Jed Lamper
- 8/18 Jim Goss – 80th, Joyce Heiges,
Shickera Speights
- 8/20 Michele Ebner, Melissa Hull, Brittany Mostowy,
Samantha Sherman
- 8/21 Bob Forse
- 8/22 Clark Enders
- 8/23 Marty McCabe
- 8/24 Juli Mingle
- 8/25 Nick Kilpatrick
- 8/26 LizAnn Barlett, Hailey Myers, Jody Robinson
- 8/28 Nichole Buck-Manikowsky
- 8/30 Phillip McCormick, Mary Ann Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/1 Angie and Brian Kustanbauter,
Dolly and Layne Oden
- 8/2 Mary Ann and Nick Kilpatrick
- 8/7 Marcy and Tim Benner
- 8/11 Stacie and Stan Nierzwicki
- 8/15 Jennie and Walter Borek
- 8/24 Idona and Eugene Artman
- 8/26 Sara and Joe Lowe
- 8/29 Brenda and Joe Neidig
- 8/31 Brooke and Troy Hansen,
Sally and Garman Zehner



Widow's Mite

When: Thurs., August 17 at noon

Where: Hoopla's, Muncy

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



Keenagers/Muncy Area Sr. Citizens

~ (Station House catered meal) ~
RSVP Linda Holsinger, 570-546-6840

When: Wed., August 16 at noon

Where: Church pavilion

Program: Michael Kuriga, Peregrine
Falcon expert

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- **Homebound:** Peach Bardo – 2699 Haas Lane, Montoursville, PA 17756
Elsie Smith – 700 Glade Run Rd, Muncy, PA 17756

- **Assisted living facilities and nursing/rehabilitation centers:**

Ephrata Manor, 99 Bethany Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522

Alberta Shaner (124)

Valley View Nursing Center, 2140 Warrensville Rd., Montoursville, PA 17754

*Bill Likens (Rm. 409)

WeCare At Loyalsock, 1445 Sycamore Rd., Montoursville, PA 17754

**Bill McCarty (Rm. 509), Phone: (570) 601-8313

Floss McCarty (Rm. 509), Phone: (570) 601-8312

Wolf Run Village, 3750 Rt. 220, Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737

Richard “Dick” Hartzell (Rm. A-12)

Anne Knox (Rm. D13), Phone: (570) 974-1020

Tom Weaver (Rm. C-4)

*New this month.

**Bill and Floss are now sharing a room together (note new room and phone #'s).

- **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



Submitted by Sally Gardy

I was called by our first refuge from years ago Memet Mifteri. He and his wife Nazifé and their two small sons and yet to be born daughter lived in Ardene Judd's addition for a little over one month. They left to go to Kentucky for the birth of their baby girl because Nazifé, uncomfortable among strangers, wanted the women from her old home in Serbia who were in Kentucky.

But they were grateful for all our church did for them giving them a loving start in the U.S.A. Memet just wants to say a big “Thank You” for giving them a great start. He remembers some people more than others. So, thank you for your love, caretaking and hospitality. If you feel like sending them a card, the church office and I will have their address. God Bless! Thanks!

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 7:00 Church Council 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 6:30 SPRC 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00 Women's Exercise 7:00 AA	 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00–Noon Mission Stitches 7:00 Social Dance
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. 9:30-10:30 JAM 9:30–noon Nursery 10:30 Adult S.S.	9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 7:00 NA	1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Bible study 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Women's Exercise 7:00 AA	 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
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