



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

How Can Mission Stitchers Help You?

Submitted by Nancy Grove

Mission Stitchers welcomes anyone interested in learning how to sew or how to enhance their skills to join them during one or more of their meetings. We also welcome anyone who has a simple sewing need such as hemming a pair of pants, fixing a seam or other quick fixes that can be completed while you wait. We meet in the Celebration Center gym from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on the 1st Saturday of each month UNLESS there are 5 Saturdays in the month. In those months, they will meet on the 2nd Saturday. We also have been blessed with donations of several sewing machines if anyone would like to borrow one to take care of a project at home.



Example of a Fidget Buster lap quilt

The Mission Stitchers wish to thank Paige Kepner for reaching out to share the idea of making fidget buster lap quilts for Dementia/ Alzheimer patients.

A “thank you” from the Heritage Springs Memory Care Staff: *“Thank you for the donation of busy lap blankets. They will be so helpful to our residents. Thank you to all who helped put them together and for the thoughtfulness in each one.”*

Also, made and provided by Mission Stitchers are prayer shawls and lap quilts. Our home communion servers/visitation team recently provided each person with one or the other.

A “thank you” from Jim Goss (pictured): *“Thank you for the quilt that you provided for me. I use it every day. It really does what it’s supposed to do. Thank you so much.”*



Summer Youth Ministry Event – Sports Card Show



The FUMC youth God Squad will hold a sports card show in the Celebration Center gym on **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.



Muncy First United Methodist Church



Receiving their Third Grade Bible on Sunday, June 4 is a few of our JAM friends. Pictured (l-r):
Caitlyn Kilpatrick
Sarah Tingley
Reece Armstrong
Reed Hansen

VBS Roundup

We had an absolute blast at Wild Life VBS this week. We saw 69 children over the week who enjoyed crafts, games, snacks and stories with Wild Newt (Pastor Rick) and all the wild animals we discovered on our adventures.

A GIANT THANK YOU goes out to the JAM staff and the many volunteers who worked so hard to bring it all to life. To see more pictures from our week, head over to the [JAM Facebook page](#).



Music Day Camp Performance



A big THANK YOU goes out to Juli Mingle and her team for a wonderful week of Music Day Camp which culminated in an excellent performance of "Back to the Beginning: A New Musical Adventure Through Time" last Friday evening.

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 July 15 for the August newsletter.

Submitted by Margie Nuss

My husband, Skip, loved to watch the birds playing in our backyard. As a result, we had a birdbath, several bird houses, and several bird feeders. We enjoyed listening to the birds singing their songs and watching them play as they ate breakfast at the Nuss Café. One morning we saw that there was a little bird in distress. It had gotten inside one of the feeders and was frantically trying to escape. When Skip saw this, he immediately went to the bird's aid. As soon as the feeder was open the bird flew to his freedom and joined its bird friends.

Like this little bird, we sometimes find ourselves in a difficult situation. Unlike the bird, we have a loving God to guide our way. In good times and in not so good times God is by our side to lessen the burden. How blessed we are to be God's children.

When we are in these difficult times and even when things are good it is well that we remember Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Baptism

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 21, '23 is Sawyer Wesley Pauling, son of Jeff and Tierney (Snyder) Pauling.





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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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
Net balance 6/1/23	\$8,897.22

BUILDING FUND

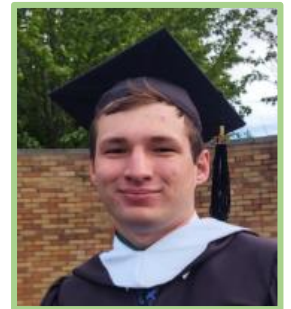
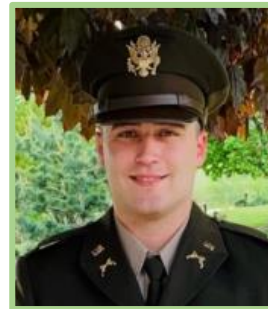
Balance 5/1/23	\$3,339.15
Receipts	\$8,706.00
Funds available	\$12,045.15
Total expenses	\$0.00
Net balance 6/1/23	\$12,045.15

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

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

Congratulations to Our 2023 Graduates



High School graduates pictured above: (l-r) Abigail Evans, Meredith McCahan and Kaylyn Nierzwicki. Meredith and Kaylyn are the recipients of this year's FUMC scholarships.

College graduates pictured above: (left): Michael Kustanbauter (right): Grady Oden

"Dear First United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for choosing me for the FUMC scholarship. I will be using the money to pay my tuition at Elizabethtown College in the fall. Thank you for the endless love & support you have given me. ~
 ❤️ *Meredith McCahan"*

"First United Methodist Church, Thank you for always teaching me to walk in the Lord's path. I have spent so much time within the walls of this church, and yet I still learn something new every time I enter. Thank you for teaching me about God from my birth to now. I can't imagine who I would be without Him or my wonderful church family. Thank you also for the scholarship. It will help me pay for the cost of my future education. ~ Kaylyn Nierzwicki"



- **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:**

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)

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

Bill McCarty (Rm. 306), Phone: (570) 601-8284

*Floss McCarty (Rm. 413), Phone: (570) 602-8312

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

Alberta Shaner (124)

*Updated this month.

- **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



“To our church family:

Diane and I want to say thanks to all of you for your cards, kind words, and the uplifting prayers you prayed for John during his recent hospital stay. The open-heart surgery was a success, and now the healing process continues with God’s hand covering his progress. There is power in prayer! We also want to thank Pastor Rick for his visits and Pastoral support to John while in the hospital. Again, thank you our church family, Brothers, and Sisters in Christ. ~ God Bless each one, John and Diane Shoop”

“On behalf of Jo and I we wish to thank all of our church family for the cards, your calls, and your prayers during this very difficult time. With surgery scheduled for June 26 it is such a blessing to know that so many of you continue to reach out with your prayers and support. Our church family is a great source of strength. ~ God Bless you all, Dick & Jo Langer”

“I would like to thank everyone who prayed, sent cards, called, and texted me during my shoulder replacement surgery. Thanks, also, for the call from Pastor Rick which was encouraging and inspiring to me. I may be serving the Lord as pastor in Unityville for the past nine years, but it was nice to know your love hasn’t changed. ~ Because of Him, Kathy Burkhart”

Let's Celebrate!

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2 Al Barraco, Evelyn Derrick, Jim Mothersbaugh, Shelley Webb
7/3 Grady Oden
7/4 Jenelle Miller
7/6 Charlotte Hoffman, Susanne Morse
7/7 Jayla Koser
7/8 Harold Walburn
7/9 Lyla Foresman
7/10 Keith Pentz
7/11 Heather Koser, Brittany McNett, Mike Pentz,
7/12 Jan Mostowy, Missy Smith
7/14 Peach Bardo, Shelley Gadoury, Sara Gehrum, Janice Oden – **90th**
7/15 Leon McCaslin
7/16 Connie Hull
7/20 Lana Forse
7/21 Karen Lamper
7/22 Dane Freeborn
7/25 Lyla Allshouse, Connie Holtzapple – **85th**
7/26 Skylar Ebner, Ashton Hackenberg
7/27 Abigail Evans
7/28 Max Frye
7/30 Matthew McCabe
7/31 Cole Baker

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/2 Jennifer and Michael Freeborn,
Jane and John Lucas, Jo Ann and Randy Welch
7/3 Molly and Wayne Kemmerer,
Sandy and Glenn Schell
7/7 Abby and Tyler Potts
7/14 Pam and Zack Armstrong
7/16 Samantha and Mike Sherman
7/20 Nora and Jim Stuart
7/25 Floss and Bill McCarty – **65th**
7/28 Allison & Wade Beck
7/30 Sharon and Jim Goss



It's a Lawn Party!!!

Celebrating Janice Oden's 90th birthday,
and the Oden family would love for you to attend!

When: Saturday, July 15, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Where: 411 S. Market St., Muncy

Serving: Janice's favorite—Country Store hotdogs
with toppings and side dishes.

No rsvp needed!

Card shower only, no gifts please.

Look for the Party Tent.



Where: Church pavilion


When: Thurs., July 20 at noon

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



Keenagers/Muncy Area Sr. Citizens
NOTE: NO GATHERING IN JULY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Social dance
2	3	4 – Fourth of July 9:00–4:00 Building Closed  7:00 NO Church Council this month 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	5 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	6 9:00 Women's Exercise 10–4 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 AA	7 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00–Noon Mission Stitchers
9 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 9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	11 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 SPRC mtg. 7:00 NA	12 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Bible study 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	13 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Women's Exercise 7:00 AA	14 10:00–8:00 Muncy Historical Society' Annual Textile Show & Exhibition 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	15 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00–3:00 Historical Society Textile Show
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