



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OCTOBER 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



## Operation Christmas Child

*Submitted by Gail Pentz*



The Mission and Outreach Committee will have a kickoff on Sunday, October 8 for the Operation Christmas child shoebox mission project. Empty shoeboxes provided by Samaritan’s Purse and assembled by our youth will be available for distribution in the Welcome Center or in the Living Water Cafe on that date. Instructions on how to pack a shoebox along with suggested items will be available. When you pick up a box, please sign the sheet that you have taken one or more boxes. The cost of shipping each box is \$10.00. If you are able to contribute all or part of the expense, please place your donation in an envelope provided at the table. Envelopes should be placed in the basket at those locations. **DO NOT** put the donations in the shoebox and do not wrap the shoebox. Shoeboxes should be returned to either location by Sunday, November 5. Children around the world will be blessed with your gift-filled shoebox. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Pentz at 570-546-3998. Thank you for your support.

### FAITHFUL HANDS MINISTRY TEAM

FAITH IN ACTION



### Leaf Raking Project Oct. 28



The Faithful Hands interest group is offering to help with raking leaves again this year on Saturday, Oct. 28 (rain date Nov. 4). Anyone from the church family or any folks in the community who could use a hand can contact Karen Barraco, [kbarraco@windstream.net](mailto:kbarraco@windstream.net) or (570) 772-8169.

## World Communion Sunday (combined service) – Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary

The sacrament of Holy Communion invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. That unity is celebrated by churches worldwide each year on World Communion Sunday. This year, World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on

**October 1.** To celebrate the unity we have in Christ, we will gather as one body at a **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary. Adult Sunday school classes will be held at the discretion of teachers and class members. Because we are celebrating our oneness in Jesus Christ, we will welcome the children to join in our worship and there will be NO JAM or nursery offered that day. There will be a special offering received.

You can place your offerings in a special offering envelope found in the pews or on the Connection Tables. Check the “World Communion” box and place it in the offering plates. We pray that you will plan to join us on October 1 for this special worship service.

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# Welcome

On Sun., September 24, '23 we welcomed into the fellowship of our church family the Mincemoyer family: Craig & Sabrena.

We also celebrated with them the Holy Baptism of their three sons:

(l-r) Gunnar, Gatlin and Slevin. Also pictured is Pastor Rick Robinson.



## Capital Campaign Luncheon

The Capital Campaign Committee invites you to a special potluck luncheon which will be held on October 22 in the Celebration Center immediately following the 10:45 worship service (approximately 11:45). The luncheon will be followed by a special program which will provide those in attendance with information on our current building debt, a proposed future capital campaign and the current state and possible futures of the worldwide United Methodist denomination. This luncheon is not intended to kick off the future capital campaign but is intended to provide information and answer questions. The entire congregation is encouraged to attend. The church will provide beverages and paper products and we ask that participants provide either a meat, casserole, vegetable, side dish or dessert. Signup sheets will be available on the Connection Tables beginning October 1. Childcare will be available for the program portion of the luncheon if we see a need so please be sure to indicate childcare needs on the signup sheets. We hope you'll join us.

# 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](mailto:kbarraco@windstream.net)) by October 15 for the November newsletter.

Submitted by Linda Holsinger

I was home one day about 25 years ago, and in the middle of the afternoon I felt very uneasy and agitated. I felt I should pray about something, but I didn't know what. I prayed about 15 minutes and then the feeling went away.

My husband Dick came home from work and sat down at the kitchen table. I asked him if he had a rough day, and he said, "Yeah, you could say that." So I asked if his brakes failed. He looked startled and said, "Yes! How did you know?" I said I didn't — it just came out!

It turned out that during the afternoon, he was driving the company truck down a hill when the brakes failed. At the bottom of the hill was a four-lane highway and the light was red. He sailed right through the red light. There was *no traffic coming in either direction!* Dick was able to stop the truck going up the other side.

The power of prayer is awesome.



**OCTOBER 29 (2–4 p.m.)**

in the lower parking lot.

Please sign up by going to the [online sign-up sheet](#), or at the signup sheet at the Connection Tables.

We ask that themes be kid-friendly and that you provide your own candy to be handed out at your trunk.

Kiley Dgien and Tiffany Rarick, [jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org](mailto:jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org)



Dear church family,

My family and I want to express our gratitude for the cards, messages, hugs and prayers that we received after our recent loss. We truly felt lifted by your prayers and by your friendship. You are a blessing. ~ Deb Steransky

Dear church family,

Thank you for supporting me throughout the years. I appreciate the gift card and the Bible Promises book! ~ Thanks again, Abby Evans

Dear church family,

I want to say thank you to all the wonderful and dear friends that took me to all my appointments the last three years. I am happy to say that on Sept. 21 I got a car. It is a 2006 Honda Accord. It was a hard time for me but with some special people, I was able to get through this. ~ Janice Easton

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**CURRENT EXPENSE**

Balance 8/1/23	-\$4,690.19
Receipts	\$43,663.96
Funds available	\$38,973.77
Total expenses	\$38,699.34
Net balance 9/1/23	\$274.43

**BENEVOLENCE FUND**

Balance 8/1/23	\$1,533.72
Receipts	\$3,341.00
Funds available	\$4,874.72
Total expenses	\$1,668.00
Net balance 9/1/23	\$3,206.72

**BUILDING FUND**

Balance 8/1/23	-\$2,121.77
Receipts	\$2,885.00
Funds available	\$763.23
Total expenses	\$0.00
Net balance 9/1/23	\$763.23

**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/>

**TERRI LYNN NUT ORDER FORM 2023 – ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION PROJECTS**

Fill out and return to the church office by **DEADLINE: Sunday, October 29.**

Make checks payable to: First UMC; Memo line: Nut order

ITEM ORDERED	QTY	ITEM PRICE	TOTAL
1. Mammoth Pecan Halves – 60000		\$15.00	
2. Deluxe Mixed Nuts (no peanuts) – 60025		13.00	
3. Giant Whole Cashews Salted – 60030		12.50	
4. Praline Pecans – 62038		14.00	
5. Sweet N Salty Trail Mix – 60087		10.50	
6. Almonds – 60050		11.00	
7. Fancy Colossal Pistachios – 60045		12.00	
8. Light Walnut Halves & Pieces – 60015		12.00	
9. Chocolate Giant Malt Balls – 62025		10.50	
10. Milk Chocolate Cashews – 62005		12.00	
11. Dark Chocolate Cranberries – 62027		11.00	
12. Harvest Medley – 60095 (pecans, pistachios, cashews mixed with dried cherries and cranberries)		14.00	

**TOTAL ITEMS:**

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**TOTAL ORDER:**

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**CUSTOMER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**SELLER'S NAME** (if customer is not affiliated with our church) \_\_\_\_\_

# Let's Celebrate!

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

## BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Robin Bardo, Travis McNett  
10/2 Nancy Lyons  
10/3 Betsy Mothersbaugh, Bonnie Rebuck  
10/5 Mary Root, Kay Wagner, Randy Welch  
10/7 Brooke Hansen, Alexa & Madison Karschner  
10/9 Murray Hanford, Sadie Ritter  
10/10 Tom Brittain, Jamie Hanford  
10/13 Leah Rabb, Celia Roca  
10/15 Gary Edwards, Craig Miller  
10/17 Katie Nichols, Stacie Nierzwicki  
10/20 Mark Beyer, Don Johnson, Barry Shuck  
10/22 Heather McCaslin  
10/23 Brooke Reynolds  
10/24 Jo Langer, John Smay  
10/25 Amy Myers, Abby Potts  
10/26 Linda Geise, Tom Weaver  
10/28 Mike Wood  
10/29 Jackie Leinhard Shuck

## ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 Nicole and Don Johnson  
10/2 Jayme (Winters) and Ryan McClung  
10/5 Ann and Wayne Dougherty – 66<sup>th</sup>,  
Steph and Jan Mostowy,  
10/6 Valerie and Dan Kelley  
10/7 Donna and Leon McCaslin – 56<sup>th</sup>  
10/10 Betsy and Clay Fahringer  
10/11 Juli and Dan Mingle  
10/12 Barb and Mitch Morgan  
10/15 Michelle and Chip Cowher, Dani and Gordie Eck  
10/17 Jo Ann and Dave Swartz  
10/21 Shelley and Bob Webb  
10/22 Patrice and Bill Bond  
10/30 Lyla and Gary Allshouse, Katie and Brad Nichols



### Widow's Mite

When: Thurs., October 19 at noon

Where: Country Fork, Hughesville

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



### Keenagers / Muncy Area Sr. Citizens

When: Wed., Oct. 18 at noon

Where: Celebration Center gym

Program: John Wyatt of the PA Game Commission

### Good 'n Plenty Supper – Wed., Oct. 4

**“To Go” curbside take-out  
(4:00–5:30 p.m.)**

**“Dine In” (5:00–6:30 p.m.)  
in the C. C. gym**

**Suggested donation: \$12**

**Menu: Roast turkey w/gravy,  
stuffing, mashed potatoes,  
buttered corn, cranberry  
sauce, dessert & beverage**



- **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; Phone: (717) 738-4940  
Alberta Shaner (124)

Heritage Springs Memory Care, 878 Old Cement Rd., Muncy, PA 17756; Phone: (570) 935-0936  
\*Aline Miller (Rm. 202)

Muncy Place, 215 E. Water St., Muncy, PA 17756; Phone: (570) 546-4017  
\*Tom Weaver (Rm. 126)

WeCare At Loyalsock, 1445 Sycamore Rd., Montoursville, PA 17754  
Bill McCarty (Rm. 509), Room phone: (570) 601-8313  
Floss McCarty (Rm. 509), Room phone: (570) 601-8236

Wolf Run Village, 3750 Rt. 220, Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737; Phone: (570) 584-0101  
Richard “Dick” Hartzell (Rm. A-12)  
Anne Knox (Rm. D13), Cell phone: (570) 974-1020

\*New 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

**WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY:**

- Clara Bennett, 76, wife of Kent Bennett of 280 Hollow Rd., Muncy, PA 17756, passed away on September 2, 2023.
- William “Bill” Likens, 94, husband of Joan Likens of 271 Buck Hill Rd., Muncy, PA 17756, passed away on September 8, 2023.



Submitted by the Archives Committee

Did you know? Thank you, Lucy Buck! Thirty-three years ago, in the Fall of 1990, Lucy was hired as Director of Music (Organist and Choir Director) at First United Methodist Church of Muncy.

# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – ONE SERVICE ONLY 10:00 A.M.  8:45 Adult S.S. NO Children’s Church NO Nursery	<b>2</b> 9:00 Women’s Exercise 10:00 NO Pickleball	<b>3</b> 7:00 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8:00 SCI Training 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 NO Church Council 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>4</b> 1:00 Bible study 4-5:30 G’nP Takeout 5:00-6:30 G’nP Dine in 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Bible study 6:30 God Squad 7:00 AA	<b>5</b> 6:00 SCI Training 8:30 Women’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Women’s Exercise 6:15 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>      7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>7</b> 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00–Noon Mission Stitchers   7:00 Social Dance
<b>8</b> 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. 1:30 Cantata Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 9:00 Women’s Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	<b>10</b> 7:00 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8:00 SCI Training 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 1:00 D.A.R. mtg. 6:30 GriefShare  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>11</b> 1:00 Symbolism study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 5:45 Light supper 6:30 Walk Across Room study 6:30 God Squad 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>12</b> 6:00 SCI Training 9:00 Women’s Exercise 6:15 Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 Discipleship mtg. 7:00 AA 7:00 Choir Rhrl. 7:45 Cantata Rhrl	<b>13</b>      7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>14</b> 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Private Party
<b>15</b> 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.	<b>16</b> 9:00 Women’s Exercise 10:00 Pickleball    7:00 Trustee mtg.	<b>17</b> 7:00 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8:00 SCI Training 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study  6:30 Faithful Hands Ministry 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 SPRC 7:00 NA	<b>18</b>  Noon Keenagers /Sr. Citizens 1:30 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 5:45 Light supper 6:30 Walk Across Room study 6:30 God Squad 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>19</b> 6:00 SCI Training 8:30 Women’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Women’s Exercise Noon Widow’s Mite at Country Fork, Hughesville 6:15 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 AA 7:00 Choir Rhrl. 7:45 Cantata Rhrl	<b>20</b>      7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>21</b> 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00–5:00 Private Party
<b>22</b> Family Promise – not on site 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.	<b>23</b> Family Promise – not on site 9:00 Women’s Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	<b>24</b> Family Promise – not on site 7:00 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study  6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>25</b> Family Promise – not on site 1:00 Bible study  5:30 Praise Band 6:30 God Squad 6:30 Muncy’s Women’s Club 7:00 AA	<b>26</b> Family Promise – not on site 9:00 Women’s Exer  6:15 Handbells 7:00 AA 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:45 Cantata Rehearsal	<b>27</b> Family Promise – not on site   6:00 Wedding Rehearsal  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>28</b> Family Promise – not on site 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  2:00 Wedding & Reception
<b>29</b> 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. 2–4 Truck or Treat	<b>30</b> 9:00 Women’s Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	<b>31</b> 7:00 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study  6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous				

*“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up”. ~ Galatians 6:9*



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