



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MARCH 2024 – 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.”*

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## FIRST UMC IN ACTION

### Sermon Series: What r u up 2?

For the 2024 Lenten Season, Pastor Rick and the Worship Team will be sharing a sermon series titled “What r u up 2?” from Worship Design Studio. Instead of focusing on the normal practice of giving something up for Lent, we will focus on what God wants us to be “up to.”



*“Lent is often known as a time of giving something up in order to make room in our lives for spiritual pursuits.” Rather than just “giving up” in Lent, the scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is “up to” and all that he asks us to be up to in his name.*

But this isn’t a series about being more productive or more “busy for God. We’re already so busy. This will affirm and encourage all the small ways we can and do make a difference in the world all the ways we make God’s Kingdom real, right now. And if you feel worn out and unable to do much for God, fear not. You’ll be encouraged to do what you can, no matter how small.

*“Instead of bemoaning what we can’t do, or used to do, in a culture where “measuring up” to external standards seems impossible, this Lent we will celebrate the small things that we can do right now to respond to God’s call in our place, for our time.”*

We hope you’ll join us on this uplifting Lenten journey, which began with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14. Come, be encouraged!



**SPRING  
FORWARD**

Set your clocks ahead one hour  
Sunday  
March 10, 2024

### Holy Week Schedule March 24–31:

- † Palm Sunday: regular services times 8:15, 9:30, 10:45
- † Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m. (livestreamed)
- † Community Good Friday: 1 p.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church
- † FUMC Good Friday: 7 p.m. (livestreamed)
- † Easter “Son-rise” Service: 6:30 a.m. in the Memorial Garden
- † Combined Easter Celebration: 10 a.m. (livestreamed)

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

#### **CURRENT EXPENSE**

Balance 1/1/24	\$24,880.37
Receipts	\$37,057.43
Funds available	\$61,937.80
Total expenses	\$39,982.84
Net balance 2/1/24	\$21,954.96

#### **BENEVOLENCE FUND**

Balance 1/1/24	\$6,974.24
Receipts	\$3,979.00
Funds available	\$10,953.24
Total expenses	\$2,784.95
Net balance 2/1/24	\$8,168.29

#### **BUILDING FUND**

Balance 1/1/24	\$0.00
Receipts	\$10,339.06
Funds available	\$10,339.06
Total expenses	\$8,505.23
Net balance 2/1/24	\$1,833.83



**NOTE: until further notice...**

#### **NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

#### **PASTOR RICK’S OFFICE HOURS**

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9-Noon

Tuesdays 1–4 p.m. by appointment

(570) 546-8030

### **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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCMuncy/> Or our website– <https://firstumcmuncy.org/sermons/>

## Calling all 2024 High School & College Grads

*Submitted by the Scholarship Committee*

Please let us know if you are graduating this year from high school or college. Email or call the church office: [office@firstumcmuncy.org](mailto:office@firstumcmuncy.org) or 570-546-8030.

**High School seniors:** Two \$1,000 First UMC scholarships will be awarded to active participants of this church. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline to apply is Sun., April 14.



“Many thanks to our church family and Pastor Rick for the prayers, cards, visits, and meals while I am recovering from shoulder surgery. We are truly blessed to be a part of this church family! ~ Jean & Denny Hammond”

Thank you for your prayers and cards when I was not feeling well last month. ~ Bob DeWitt

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, contributions, meals and words of encouragement during our grandson's premature birth and stay in NICU. We're so grateful for the support during our time of uncertainty and challenge. We are so blessed to have such a thoughtful and caring church family! ~ Sincerely, Gordie & Dani Eck



The Mission and Outreach Committee members would like to thank the congregation for filling the Change for Change cups. So far, we have received \$1736.00. Thank you for your generous support of this mission project. These monies will be a blessing to a number of people.

“Thank you for all the kindness you showed our aunt, Arlene Opp. The church community gave her such joy and comfort. We are all grateful for the love you all gave. ~ Sincerely, family of Arlene Opp”



### ***Submitted by Chalmer VanHorn***

The Adult Wesleyan Class on Sunday's (9:30 a.m.) has been our main Bible School Class for many, many years. We are currently down to seven or eight members. But we are determined to keep it going. Please consider joining us.

In March our workbook will include the interpretations of a Bible passage by Rev. Robin Wilson, a pastor from Prattville, AL.

The Spring series will include:

March 3	Matthew 26: 26-30	Dinner Prayer
March 10	John 17: 1-10	Jesus Prays for his Disciples
March 17	John 17: 17-26	Jesus Prays for the Church
March 24	Luke 22: 39-46	Prayer in Distress
March 31	John 11: 17-41	Confident in the Hope of Resurrection
April 7	Luke 24: 36-49	Power to Witness
April 14	Mark 12: 28-34	The Golden Rule for All
April 21	Matthew 15: 21-28	A Gentile Women's Great Faith
April 28	John 4: 21-28	Samaritans Encounter the Messiah
May 5	John 14: 1-14	The Way, The Truth, The Life
May 12	Matthew 28: 16-20	Our Mission
May 19	Acts 11: 1-18	Pentecost Reimagined
May 26	Acts 17: 16-31	Making Connections



## JAM Children's Ministry Save the Date:

- Color Run—March 23, 10 a.m.

How can you get involved?

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

# *Easter Flowers*

Please fill out the form below for the Easter flowers you wish to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, March 31. Place the form and money (checks made payable to First United Methodist Church) in the offering plates or the church office by **Sunday, March 3. Orders cannot be filled after that date.**

**Indicate the number of flowers chosen (no color choices).**

Hyacinths	(6.5" pot)	\$7.00	_____
Lilies	(6" pot)	\$7.00	_____
Martha Washington Geraniums	(6.5" pot)	\$7.00	_____
Tulips	(6.5" pot)	\$7.00	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_





# Let's Celebrate!

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

## BIRTHDAYS

3/2 Linda Miller, Tyler Morse, Elly Sherman  
3/3 Carrine Phillips, Rory Oden  
3/5 Sally Zehner  
3/7 Toni Leitenberger  
3/8 Makenna Koser  
3/9 Dorothy Young  
3/11 Tim Benner  
3/13 Sandy Richards  
3/14 Jeremy Eckard, Lauren Wilcox  
3/15 Brenda Neidig, Garman Zehner  
3/17 Linda Shultz  
3/19 Samuel Eck, Owen Kilpatrick, Kaitlyn Myers  
3/20 Cailyn Kilpatrick, Carol LeVan  
3/21 Juanita Cuddeback, Elsie Smith  
3/22 Donna Gavitt  
3/23 Lana Baker  
3/24 Dani Eck  
3/25 Nicholas Laubscher  
3/27 Wayne Dougherty, Mavryk Hackenberg,  
Sharon Moyer, Nancy Weigle  
3/28 Dawn Evans, Valerie Gordner  
3/30 Dick Lyons  
3/31 Dick Hartzell

## ANNIVERSARIES

3/1 Paige Kepner and Chris Glidewell  
3/3 Kelsey and Madison Foreman  
3/8 Diane and John Shoop  
3/9 Rev. Dr. Don and Kathy Hurley – 50<sup>th</sup>  
3/16 Gail and Dave Pentz – 56<sup>th</sup>  
3/18 Gail and Michael Wood – 57<sup>th</sup>  
3/29 Sherrill and Bob Reynolds  
3/31 Judy and Dick Hartzell – 62<sup>nd</sup>

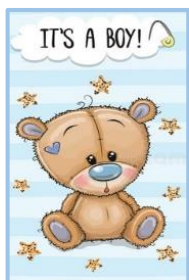
### Good 'n Plenty Supper – Wed., March 6

**“To Go” (4:00–5:30 p.m.) curbside**

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

**Suggested donation: \$12**

**Menu: Cheese Lasagna w/ meatballs,  
garlic bread, salad and dessert**



Congratulations to  
Morgan (Eck) & Boggs De Guzman  
on the birth of their son,  
Levi Jasper De Guzman  
on January 21, 2024.



Congratulations to  
Craig McElwee and Sierra Wilcox  
on the birth of their son,  
William Douglas McElwee  
on January 25, 2024.



- **Homebound:** Peach Bardo – 3 Sutphin Pines, Yardley, PA 19067  
Jane Pick – 275 May Drive, Hughesville, PA 17737  
Rhonda (McCarty) Riddell – 589 Kepner Hill Rd., Muncy, PA 17756  
Elsie Smith – 700 Glade Run Rd, Muncy, PA 17756

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

Celebration Villa of Loyalsock, 2985 Four Mile Dr, Montoursville, PA 17754; Phone: 368-2076

Carol Karschner (Rm. 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

Juanita Cuddeback (Rm. 107)

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

- **Serving in the armed forces:**

Brett Bardo, Tyler Barto, Morgan (Eck) De Guzman, Madison Foreman, Josh Garverick,

Pat Gaydon, John Kuhn, Joshua Kustanbauter, \*Michael Kustanbauter, Matt Lucas,

Matthew McCabe, Chad McElwee, Derek Reese, Chris Secules, Tyler Smay, Scott Wolfe

\*Added new this month



### **Keenagers / Muncy Area Sr. Citizens**

When: Wed., March 20 at noon

Where: Celebration Center gym

Program: ABC's (singing trio)



When: Thurs., March 21 at noon

Where: Cracker Barrel, Muncy

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

# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 AA 9:00–noon Mission Stitchers 7:00 Social Dance
3	4	5	6	7	8	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.	9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball  6:30 Lent study	7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	1:30 Bible study 4-5:30 G'nP Takeout 5:00-6:30 G'nP Dine in 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad 7:00 AA	8:30 Women's prayer breakfast 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bells 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  Noon Private party
10–Daylight Saving	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24–Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28–Maundy Thur	29–Good Friday	30
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31–Easter Sun.						
Worship Services: 6:30 Sunrise Worship (outside in the Memorial Garden))  10:00 Combined Worship						

CHURCH STAFF

Lucy Buck – Music Director ..... (H) 570-584-4521  
Barry Grove – Facilities Manager, Financial Secretary ..... (C) 570-447-0514  
John Lucas – Custodian ..... (C) 570-560-2626  
Kiley Dgien – Administrative Director of Children’s Ministries ..... (C) 570-560-0535  
Kevin Myers – Youth Ministry Coordinator ..... (C) 570-412-2820  
Tiffany Rarick – Children’s Ministry Coordinator..... (C) 570-560-8112  
Sherrill Reynolds – Receptionist, Secretary ..... (W) 570-546-8030  
Jody Robinson – Treasurer, Communications Director ..... (W) 570-546-8030  
The Rev. Richard “Rick” N. Robinson, Jr. – Pastor ..... (W) 570-546-8030  
Tom Ruhl – Associate Music Director ..... (C) 570-220-1544



“Blessed to be a Blessing”

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