



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 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.”

FIRST UMC IN ACTION

B2B = Blessed to be a Blessing

Holy Spirit Bible Study



John Smay is offering a 5-week Bible study between Easter and Pentecost on the topic of the Holy Spirit.

There will be two different options:

1. Sundays at 9:30 a.m. (beginning April 7)
2. Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (beginning April 10)

If you are interested in this study, please sign up at the Connection Tables (upstairs or downstairs), email or call the church office.

The Faithful Hands group prepared 130 small crosses which were put on the lunch trays for the residents at Muncy Place during Holy Week. The message on the back expressed “Easter Blessings from Muncy First United Methodist Church.”



What r u up 2? Can you help?

Submitted by Nancy Grove, Mission and Outreach Ministry Team Convener

Our ministry teams are working together to provide a meal at Sojourner Truth Ministries Dinner Church on Saturday, May 4th and need your help! The dinner menu is handled but we need about 12 dozen **homemade** cookies for dessert, people to deliver and serve, a few to provide fellowship and they would love to have music provided. If you’re willing to help on May 4th or are open to providing a few dozen cookies, signup sheets will be on the table near the entrance to Living Water Café and in the Narthex beginning April 7th.

Please watch for additional information in April Sunday bulletins or reach out to me directly. We hope you’ll be blessed through this opportunity. We are blessed to be a blessing!

TREASURER'S REPORT

CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 2/1/24	\$21,954.72
Receipts	\$41,337.72
Funds available	\$63,292.68
Total expenses	\$35,600.74
Net balance 3/1/24	\$27,691.94

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 2/1/24	\$8,168.29
Receipts	\$2,871.00
Funds available	\$11,039.29
Total expenses	\$2,575.40
Net balance 3/1/24	\$8,463.89

BUILDING FUND

Balance 2/1/24	\$1,833.83
Receipts	\$11,912.00
Funds available	\$13,745.83
Total expenses	\$0.00
Net balance 3/1/24	\$13,745.83



NOTE: *until further notice...*

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

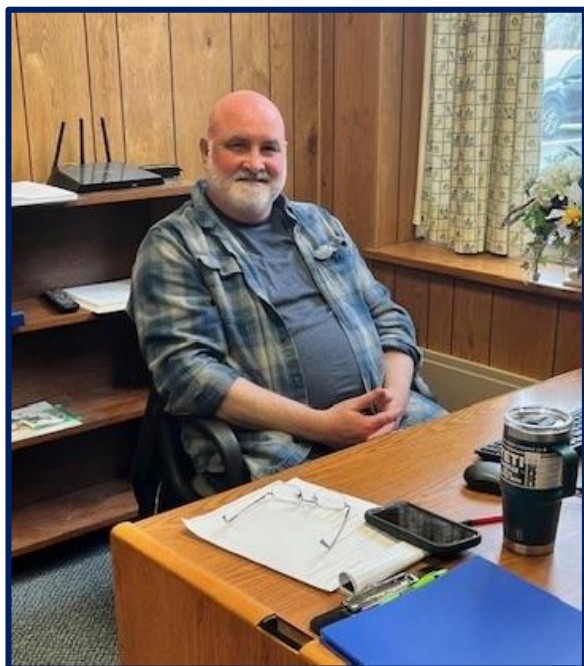
Sunday Morning Schedule

- 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/>

Welcome to our new Facilities Manager



Mike Romano will serve as Facilities Manager previously held by Barry Grove.

Mike resides in McEwensville (grew up in the Pittsburgh area) and attends Crossroads Church of the Nazarene in Milton. He was baptized as an infant Methodist and attended a Methodist church mostly; attending here for a few years before Covid.

He tag-team teaches a Sunday School class, teaches a biblical manhood class and mentors a new Christian man.

He retired from the Bureau of Prisons as an Attorney representing the agency and staff, with his Practice area mostly constitutional law.

He has a passion for studying the Bible and helping further God's kingdom and is very excited about joining the team at FUMC.

His favorite verses/

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks the door will be opened. – Matthew 7:7-12.



"Dear FUMC Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and messages before, during, and after my surgery. Your support, coupled with the powerful presence of God in our midst, has been a source of immense strength. I am truly blessed to be a part of this church family. ~ Dolly Oden"

"Many thanks for the cards, kind thoughts and prayers during my recent illness and hospital stay. I'm pacing myself and doing well thanks to the power of your prayers. It's comforting to be part of such a caring church family. ~ Tom Ruhl"

"UMC Family,

When going through difficult situations it really helps to have the support of others to help you through. Our God is always there, and I give Him thanks for my UMC support team for their prayers, cards and letters, phone calls and visits. "What A Lift" when you are feeling down. It really helps to get through the problem. May God bless all of your thoughtfulness. In God's Love ~ Rich Pursel"

"I would like to thank my church family for the cards, food, phone calls, visits and prayers during my recovery from knee surgery. You lifted my spirits and I feel blessed. ~ Joanne Cromley"

"A HUGE Thank You and God's Blessings to my church family for all the cards and calls concerning my recent mini stroke and hospitalization. I especially want to thank my dear sweet helpers, whom I shall not attempt to name, for my Sunday School class who recognized my symptoms and super quickly got me to the hospital via the George and Elaine Duckworth express. Everyone that day, my days in Williamsport Hospital and since have been so-o-o-o much of a blessing. Keep praying, please. Still some questions but holding my own. Thanks again and God Bless! ~ Love, Sally Gardy"

"Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind thoughts, prayers, and uplifting cards that gave us great comfort in the loss of my beloved mom Sally. ~ God Bless, Mike Sherman"

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 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 April 15.



The Children's JAM Color Run was postponed until
Sat., April 30
(after the deadline for this month).
News & pictures will be in next month's newsletter.



Submitted by Kevin Myers, Youth Ministry Coordinator

The God Squad has decided to work to complete a Mission through a Water Project (Rwanda) which requires \$7,800. Our goal would be to work until we complete it.

We have decided to start a “change for change penny war”. Every Sunday morning, we will place three jars in the Welcome Center or the Living Water Café.

The jars will be labeled by School. We're asking the congregation to consider making donations. Every penny counts as a point for the school of choice. Any other form of currency equals (-) negative points. For example, a dollar bill is -100 for that school. All proceeds from the penny war would get us started.

We are also hoping to host a “water bar” evening in the Living Water Café on Friday, April 26. We're calling it a “bring your own flavor packer or BYOFP” evening. We want to highlight the importance of water and discuss our project a bit that evening.

The Praise Band will be playing that evening for about an hour. All are invited to join us for Worship and all the water they can drink. Donations will be accepted.



Registration is now open for the summer 2024 camping season with the Susquehanna Conference Camp & Retreat Ministry. There is a \$25 Early Bird Discount if you register before May 1. First UMC does have some camping scholarship funds available. Speak with Pastor Rick for more information. See all of the camps available on the camping website: <https://suscrm.org/> or pick up a handout on the Connection Tables.

Let's Celebrate!

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Nathaniel Lewis, Tom Ritter
- 4/2 Katherine Ebner, Makenzi Leitenberger,
- 4/4 Kiley (Nierzwicki) Dgien
- 4/5 Bob Furman, Brian McCormick
- 4/7 Ben Sauers
- 4/8 Tom Ruhl
- 4/9 Lucy Buck, Avery Wright
- 4/10 Judy Stover
- 4/11 Janice Easton, Bruce Weaver
- 4/12 Karen Barraco, Paula McCabe, Tyler Potts
- 4/13 Barb Morgan, Pastor Rick Robinson
- 4/14 Dan Cotner
- 4/18 Monica Hill, Ashley Miller
- 4/21 Joyce McCarty
- 4/22 Timothy Buck, Sharon Goss, Holly Pote
- 4/23 Olivia Timer
- 4/24 Joanne Cromley, Bob Webb, Emily Webb
- 4/27 Roger Frantz – 85th
Sandy (Rigby) Jones
- 4/29 Nancy Grove

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/2 Heather and Lee Koser
- 4/4 Jody and Pastor Rick Robinson
- 4/14 Elizabeth and Glenn Klucka
- 4/16 Kathy and Nate Grenoble
- 4/21 Suzy and Brad Foresman
- 4/26 Toni and Shawn Leitenberger

Good 'n Plenty Supper – Wed., April 3

“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: Pork chops w/stuffing, vegetable,
scalloped potatoes, dessert
and beverage**

CORRECTION

Last month I inadvertently typed Craig McElwee instead of Chad. They are brothers.

IT'S A BOY!



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

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Congratulations to
Skylar and Allison Ebner
on the birth of their son,
Hudson George Ebner,
on March 12, 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

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

- Joanne Miller, 90, of Danville, PA, passed away on March 4, 2024.
- To Janice Oden in the loss of her son, Arroll Oden, on March 15.
Janice’s address: 411 S. Market St., Muncy, PA 17756



Keenagers / Muncy Area Sr. Citizens

When: Wed., April 17 at noon
Where: Celebration Center gym
Program: Allen Foust



When: Thurs., April 18 at noon
Where: Olive Garden, Williamsport
RSVP: Connie Holtzaple 546-6058
or Janice Oden 546-6166

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	2 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	3 9:30 Archives mtg. 1:30 Bible study 4-5:30 G'nP Takeout 5:00-6:30 G'nP Dine in 6:30 God Squad 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	4 8:30 Women's prayer breakfast 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	6 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00-noon Mission Stitches 7:00 Social Dance
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.	8 9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	9 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 1:00 D.A.R. mtg. 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	10 1:30 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 6:30 Bible study 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	11 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell Rehearsal 6:30 Discipleship Team mtg. 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir Rhrl.	12 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	13 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous Noon-4:00 Private party
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21 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.	22-EARTH DAY 9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball 7:00 Trustee mtg.	23 7:00 Men's Breakfast 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Election polling in CC. gym 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	24 1:30 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 6:30 Bible study 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	25 8:30 Women's prayer breakfast 9:00 Women's Exercise Noon Widow's @ Olive Garden 6:15 Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 SPRC 7:30 Choir Rhrl.	26 Possible Youth event 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	27 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
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