



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 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.”

B2B = Blessed to be a Blessing

FIRST UMC IN ACTION

“GETTING TO KNOW YOU”

Submitted by the Discipleship Ministry Team

What do you like to do? What would you like to learn to do? What are you willing to help someone else learn to do? The Discipleship Ministry Team is asking these questions because we want to connect with our church family and make some new friends. We know we share some interests, but with whom? And how do we find those people? We hope to help you.

There are posters to sign located on a wall near the Connection Tables to indicate what you're interested in. For example, you might like to read mysteries and talk about those stories with someone else who also likes to read mysteries. Or maybe you like to go birdwatching and need a partner to go with you who may know more about it than you and you would love to learn from them. So, you would sign the poster with your name and contact information and what interests you have. Then others who see what you wrote could sign alongside you and maybe you get a group of folks who like what you like. And you can connect with each other. This doesn't need to be a formal thing, and it doesn't have to be a long commitment. But maybe it turns out that it is. Maybe you make some life-long friends who love Jesus and who also like what you like! Put down anything. You never know who might like to do that too! And if you do connect, let the Discipleship Ministry Team know so that we can celebrate a new friendship with you.



BULLETIN BOARD LOCATED ON THE WALL OUTSIDE THE LOUNGE

A SUMMER TO REMEMBER AWAITS!

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 the camps available on the camping website: <https://suscrm.org/> or pick up a handout on the Connection Tables.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 3/1/24	\$27,691.94
Receipts	\$44,711.40
Funds available	\$72,403.34
Total expenses	\$32,752.02
Net balance 4/1/24	\$39,651.32

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 3/1/24	\$8,463.89
Receipts	\$5,661.50
Funds available	\$14,125.95
Total expenses	\$10,306.95
Net balance 4/1/24	\$3,818.44

BUILDING FUND

Balance 3/1/24	\$13,745.83
Receipts	\$14,675.00
Funds available	\$28,420.83
Total expenses	\$26,756.71
Net balance 3/1/24	\$1,664.12

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

REMINDER: One combined service on **Pentecost Sunday**,
May 19 at 10 a.m. (if possible, wear **red**)

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/>



This Christ-centered program helps people apply biblical principles as they deal with the emotions and life stresses following the death of a loved one.

A new 13-week class of GriefShare will begin on Tues., May 9. The sessions are facilitated by Holly Pote and Ginny Boob and are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Please pass along this information if you have a friend or family member who might benefit from this support group. If you would like more information about GriefShare, you can check out their [website](#) or call the church office.



“Dear First Church (UMC),

Great news! An elderly man recently prayed to live out the remainder of his days for Jesus Christ! We’ve had a small Journey with Jesus discussion group on Saturday mornings for people wanting to go deeper than our short service allows. It’s wonderful (just a trial for the month of March) and even a man who cannot talk comes – and gives the Thumbs Up! sign. Our soup kitchen was standing room only yesterday. God is working! 😊 Thank you for supporting this ministry. I appreciate you and what your support helps with!

May Christ richly bless you all! – In His mighty love, Pastor Angelique (Sojourner Truth Ministries)”

“The unexpected passing of our sister-in-law Jo has been difficult for us all, especially our brother Doug. Our church family & hometown friends have been such a comfort with the many sympathy cards, heartfelt prayers & words of love & support. We appreciate it more than you know!! - Jane/John Lucas & The Fritz family”

Welcome to our New Members



Welcome, Luther and Penelope “Penny” Merrill. They became members on March 7, '24 and attend the 8:15 a.m. worship service.



Wesleyan Sunday School Class

Submitted by Chalmer VanHorn

The Wesleyan Sunday School class will be studying the interpretations of Rev. Robin Wilson during May.

The topics include:

1. May 5: “The Way, The Truth, The Life”
2. May 12: “Our Mission”
3. May 19: “Pentecost, Reimagined”
4. May 26: “Making Connections



March 30 – JAM’s Easter “Color Run” Fun

How can you get involved?

Kiley Dgien and Tiffany Rarick, jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org

With approximately 88 children registered to participate in the Color Run this year, a great time was had by all as seen here in these pictures.



Let's Celebrate!

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Brandon Cotner, Mark Hester
- 5/2 Anna Buck, Ruth Frontz, Sue Kainz, Maddox Leitenberger, Brooke Spillane
- 5/3 Michael Creasey, Nikki (Fausey) Wilcox
- 5/4 Ron Hill
- 5/6 Reece Armstrong, Hope Freeborn
- 5/7 Darlene Webb, Dona Winder
- 5/9 Chip Cowher, George Henry
- 5/10 Jennifer Bowman
- 5/12 T.J. McCabe
- 5/13 Linda Young
- 5/14 Abigail Klucka, Deb Steransky
- 5/15 Alexandria Eck, Ben Fausey
- 5/16 Emily Bressette – 88th, Nate Grenoble
- 5/17 Paige Kepner, John Shoop
- 5/18 Jeane Smay – 96th
- 5/21 Sherrill Reynolds, Lois Velkoff
- 5/22 Timothy Morse
- 5/23 Gina Beyer, Sandy Schell
- 5/24 Clay Fahringer, Andrew Lucas
- 5/25 Halley Campbell
- 5/26 Dave Gehrum, David Young
- 5/27 Braden Foresman, Josephine Miller
- 5/30 Sally Gardy, Mary Ann Kilpatrick

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/7 Betsy and Merle Parker – 58th
- 5/8 Sharon and Scott Moyer
- 5/9 Erin and Thad Baker
- 5/11 Kathy and Don Colyer
- 5/13 Sue and Dave Gehrum
- 5/19 Courtney and Tim Taylor
- 5/22 Amanda and Michael Creasey, Nancy and Barry Grove
- 5/24 Pollie and Bob Furman – 66th
- 5/28 Tierney and Jeff Pauling
- 5/29 Amy and Kevin Myers
- 5/31 Helen and Craig June

Good 'n Plenty Supper – Wed., May 1

“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: Ham barbeque on a Kaiser roll,
macaroni salad, baked beans,
potato chips and dessert**



CONGRATULATIONS

Skylar Elizabeth Phillips,
daughter of James and Carrine Phillips, grand-daughter of Shelley Gadoury (and the late Paul Gadoury), and grand-daughter of Mark and Carolyn Phillips was born on
April 9, 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:**

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)

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

Phone: (570) 433-3161

*Carol Karschner (Rm. 306)

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; effective Wed., April 24**

- **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:

- To Linda Holsinger in the loss of her son, David Holsinger, 51, of Chesapeake, VA, on April 10. Linda's address: 510 S. Market St., Muncy, PA 17756. NOTE: A Memorial Service will be held on Sat., May 11 in Chesapeake, VA and will be livestreamed.



Keenagers / Muncy Area Sr. Citizens

When: Wed., May 15 at noon

Where: Celebration Center gym

Program: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gibson



WIDOW'S MITE LUNCH

When: Thurs., May 16 at noon

Where: Good Wil's Restaurant, Milton

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Nat'l Day of Prayer	3	4
			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	8:30 Women's prayer breakfast 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00-noon Mission Stitchers 7:00 Social Dance
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. 9:30 Holy Spirit Study (4/5) 9:30-10:30 Children's Church 9:30-noon Nursery 10:30 Adult S.S.	9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	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 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Bible study 6:30 Holy Spirit Study (4/5) 6:30 God Squad Youth 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell Rehearsal 6:30 Discipleship Team mtg. 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir Rhrl.	8:00am-5:30pm Life Line Screening 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 11:00 David Holsinger Memorial Service Livestreamed
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19-PENTECOST	20	21	22	23	24	25
COMBINED Worship Services at 10 a.m. 8:45 ??Adult S.S NO Children's Church NO Nursery Care	9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball 6:30 SPRC	7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:45 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:30 Faithful Hands 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	1:30 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth 6:30 Bible study 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 Choir Rhrl.	7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
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