

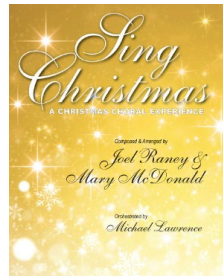
First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

September 13, 2024

“SING CHRISTMAS” CANTATA

It may only be September but it's time to start thinking about the annual Christmas cantata here at FUMC. (Really, Tom and Lucy have been thinking about it for a while already). We will once again be accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra!!



This year we will present “Sing Christmas: A Christmas Choral Experience” by Mary McDonald and Joel Raney. The first rehearsal will be **Sunday, October 6th at 2:00 pm in the Celebration Center**. Normal weekly rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings 7:15-8:15 pm.

Important Dates to Remember this year:

Sunday, December 8th: There will be a rehearsal beginning at 1:30 pm in the Celebration Center followed by a "mini concert" at Church of the Resurrection at 3:00 pm.

Cantata Rehearsal Week:

Rehearsal: Monday, December 9th, 7:00-9:00 pm

Rehearsal: Thursday, December 12th, 7:00-9:00 pm

DRESS REHEARSAL: Saturday, December 14th, 8:30-12:00 (It's extremely important that you make a commitment to be at this rehearsal)

Cantata: December 15th at 10:45 am and 2:00 pm.

Please plan on joining us and get the word out to others you know who like to sing.



September 15, 2024

Sermon: “Artificial Horizon”

Scriptures: Psalm 33:4
Proverbs 3:5-6
Matthew 7:24-27

Reminders:

-Terri Lynn Nut Sale

The Mission and Outreach Team is selling nuts again this year. Order forms can be found on the Connection Tables. Orders are due by October 1st and can be turned in to the office or placed in the offering plates or baskets. No extra nuts will be ordered this year. Contact Candy Winters with any questions.

-2025 Nominations

Contact Pastor Rick if you are interested in serving on a committee in 2025 or if you currently serve but no longer wish to. You can also contact him if you wish to serve but you aren't quite sure where you would best fit.

-Urgent Need from UCLC

The United Churches of Lycoming County organization is in urgent need of supplies. You can find the full list on the Connection Tables. Donations can be placed in the marked containers in the Welcome Center and outside the Living Water Café. Donations accepted through the month of September.

-Family Promise Sept. 29-Oct. 5

Sign up at the upstairs Connection Table to provide and deliver a meal one evening during the week. A list of current residents and food allergies is available on the Connection Table.

-Mission & Outreach Yard Sale

The Mission & Outreach Yard Sale will be on October 12th from 7:30 am-1:00 pm. Helpers are needed for set up, running, and tear down including boxing up the leftovers for local charities. Contact Nancy Grove if you can help. Donations for the sale will be accepted beginning October 9th.

A **Dumpster** will be in the lower parking lot from October 10-18 for church members to dispose of larger items. Please no tires, tube style tvs or anything containing freon.

*We are a welcoming family of Christ followers, living lives of generosity,
as we seek to be a blessing to others.*

Traditional Worship: 8:15 & 10:45 Contemporary Worship 9:30 JAM Children's Church 9:30

FAITHFUL HANDS BLESSES WOLF RUN VILLAGE

Submitted by Karen Barraco

A few members of the Faithful Hands Ministry recently helped with an indoor carnival held for the residents at Wolf Run Village. We enjoyed conversations with folks while helping with games and serving food. Faithful Hands meets monthly for Bible study and planning outreach to our community. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Living Water Cafe.** Join us!



A great big THANK-YOU goes out to Kathy Grenoble for refreshing our children's "busy bags" in the narthex. One of Kathy's grandchildren recently discovered that the old books were used up and Kathy decided to do a total refresh with new toys, crayons and books. Thank you, Kathy, for seeing a need and jumping in and taking care of it.

Do You Use Hearing Aids?



One of our members recently donated a bag of #312 hearing aid batteries. If you can use them, stop by the church office and take them off of the secretary's desk.



Good 'N Plenty Meal
Wednesday, October 2nd
4:00-5:30 Curb Side Take Out
5:00-6:30 Dine In



**Roast turkey, gravy, stuffing,
mashed potatoes, vegetable,
cranberry sauce
& dessert**

\$12/meal (suggested donation)
No child sizes

No Call Ahead Orders Please