

# First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from  
First United Methodist

September 20, 2024

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

World Communion Sunday is a day to celebrate the Christian practice of breaking bread together, and to recognize that the Lord's Supper is celebrated in different ways around the world. It's a time to learn about different Christian traditions and to share in Jesus' meal with his friends. We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6<sup>th</sup> with one combined worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. There will be no JAM Children's Church or nursery that day. The special collection taken will go to support scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international and U.S. racial-ethnic students.



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT—OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>



We had so much fun at Trunk-or-Treat last year that we are going to do it again. The JAM Children's Ministry will hold Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Celebration Center. They need YOU to make it a success again this year. Would you or you committee or small group consider having a "trunk" (really a table) this year and handing out candy to all of our young

guests? We estimate that we will have 150 children come through the doors. All you have to do is think up a theme for your table, decorate, provide the candy and come have fun. The JAM leaders would like to know how many tables to set up so they are asking that you register your table ASAP. You can do that by calling the church office, emailing the JAM leaders at [jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org](mailto:jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org) or following the link in the QR code.



## 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. Contact Candy Winters with any questions.

### -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 Rummage Sale

The Mission & Outreach Rummage Sale will be on October 12<sup>th</sup> 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. **Sign up on either Connection Table to help.** Donations for the sale will be accepted beginning Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### -"Sing Christmas" Cantata Rehearsals

begin Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Celebration Center. Normal rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings 7:15-8:15.

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Sermon: "The Heart of Worship"

Scriptures: Genesis 4:1-8  
John 4:19-26

Dear FUMC Family,

Where do we begin to say “thank you” for walking with our family the last 3 weeks? From the outpouring of love in the form of food, cards, visits, phone calls & flowers to the wonderful luncheon that served our family and friends as we celebrated Marshal’s blessed life in our church.

Pastor Rick’s service was beautiful, our “Kitchen Crew” -AKA Hospitality group, poured out their love in the form of cooking, serving and cleaning up so we didn’t have to do a thing. You truly are “blessed to be a blessing.”

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Love to all,  
Debbie, Jen, Dawn,  
Val, Matt & Families



My Dear Church Family,

There aren’t enough adequate words to express my gratitude for all the texts, phone calls, food and prayers following my surgery. I felt God’s presence and your prayers as I went into surgery with grace and peace. And I appreciate all your kind offers to help Rayma. She’s a great caretaker. Pastor Rick, I thank you for your calls and prayers. It is a special blessing to be a part of our very special Christian family. May God continue to richly bless all of you. ~ Cookie Shaffer

**Oct. 5th  
9:00 am**

**Outside  
Work Day**



Helpers needed to pull weeds and spruce up the outside of the church building.

**Good ‘N Plenty Meal  
Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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**

*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