

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

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CHURCH CONFERENCE FLOOD BUCKET COLLECTION

In response to the recent hurricanes and UMCOR's desperate need for supplies, the churches of the East Lycoming Cluster will work together to collect items that make up the flood buckets that UMCOR supplies to flood survivors. A list of needed items can be found on both of the Connection Tables. Bring your donations to Church Conference at 2:00 pm on November 10th or place them in the collection bins in the Welcome Center or under the coat racks outside the Living Water Café. Donations are due by November 10th.



HARVEST HOME COLLECTION

We will once again be collecting non-perishable food items as part of our "Harvest Home" service which will take place on November 17th. If you would like to participate, bring your donations to church on **November 17th** and place them in the display in the sanctuary or in the Living Water Café. Food items will be donated to Son Light House.



Reminders:

-Trunk-or-Treat—Oct. 27th

This is a last call to participate in Trunk-or-Treat on October 27th 2:00-4:00 pm in the Celebration Center. If you haven't already registered, please email jesusandme@firstumcmuncy, and let them know you plan to host a table.

-Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Brighten the Christmas for children around the world. Empty shoeboxes are available in the Welcome Center and on the Connection Table outside the Living Water Café. There are also instructions on how to pack a shoebox along with suggested items. When you pick up a box, please sign the sheet and indicate how many boxes you have taken. The cost of shipping each box is \$10.00. If you are able to contribute all or part of that expense, please place your donation in an envelope provided at the table. Envelopes should be placed in the basket at those locations. DO NOT put the donations in the shoebox and do not wrap the shoebox. Shoeboxes should be returned to either location by Sunday, November 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Pentz at 570-546-3998.

-Church Conference—Nov. 10th at 2:00 pm

We will be hosting the East Lycoming Cluster churches for this annual meeting where we care for important items that must be completed per the Book of Discipline. We will begin in the sanctuary with words from the District Superintendent and then break off into individual churches for the business of the day. All members have voice and vote.

-Apple Crates Needed

If you have any apple crates we can borrow for our Harvest Home Collection display, please bring them to the church by November 13th. Questions? Call Jane Lucas.

-Baptism

One of our children has requested to be baptized by immersion. Everyone who is able will gather at the Muncy Boat Launch at 231 Aquatic Road, Muncy on Sunday, October 27th at 1:00 pm for a short service. Come support this bold statement of faith.

-2025 Disciplines

It is time to order your 2025 *Disciplines* books. Order forms are on both Connections Tables. The books are \$10.00 each and orders are due by November 24th. You can put your payment in a special offering envelope, mark it for "Disciplines" and place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office.

Good 'N Plenty Meal
Wednesday, November 6th

Curb-side take out 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Dine in: 5:00-6:30 p.m.



**Pork chops, filling, potatoes,
gravy, vegetable, applesauce,
dessert & beverage**
Suggested donation \$12

Thank you for all the cakes provided for the last Good 'N Plenty meal. Please pick up your cake pans from the kitchen.

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Sermon: "Humble Leadership"

Scriptures: James 4:6b-10
Mark 10:35-45





CHRISTMAS IS COMING

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 10TH

It's time to order the poinsettias that will adorn the church during the Christmas season. Poinsettias are \$8.00 for each 6.5" pot and come in either red, pink, white or Candy Cane (red/white variegated). You may dedicate each poinsettia to the memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or to the glory of God. Poinsettias can be placed in either the sanctuary or the Living Water Café. To purchase poinsettias, please complete an order form which will be in this Sunday's bulletin. After this Sunday, forms will be on both of the Connection Tables. Place order forms and payment (either cash or checks payable to First United Methodist Church) in the offering plates or baskets or turn in to the church office. You can also order [online here](#) and send your payment to the church office. Orders are due by November 10th. We ask that you leave your poinsettias in the worship space through Christmas Eve if possible. Any poinsettias left after December 29th will be donated unless other arrangements are made with the church office.



TOUCH A HEART—TAGS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 24TH



church by December 15th.

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Touch-A-Heart time!! For those who are not familiar with this outreach, local churches partner to help provide Christmas blessings to people in need in our area. Gifts provided by sponsors will be distributed to both children and senior citizens for Christmas. You can sign up to receive gift tags and be a sponsor using the sign-up sheets on the Connection Tables. Gift tags will be available for sponsors beginning November 24th. Sponsors will use those tags to shop for the gifts that are due back to the



The collection bin has arrived and the annual Marine Corps Toys For Tots toy drive has begun. First UMC will again collect new, unwrapped toys. You can place your donations in the collection bin located under the coat rack, outside the Living Water Café. Toys will be collected until December 12th.



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

For many who have lost loved ones, the holidays can be the worst time of the year. To help the grieving navigate the holidays, our GriefShare Ministry will hold a special, free-standing (one-time) meeting for those who are struggling with loss. The gathering will be held on Tuesday, November 12th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church lounge. Come find support or tell a friend who you think might benefit from this ministry.



Look for information in next week's "First Light" about the church-wide Advent Study classes and sign-ups. The study will be "The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent" by Susan Robb.

Let's Celebrate!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Diane Shoop
- 11/2 Melissa Martens, Kristin (Nuss) Timer
Vonnie Poust
- 11/3 Gary Allshouse, George Duckworth
- 11/4 Jim Dennis
- 11/5 Reese Roca
- 11/6 Dennis Fausey, Gail Nuss
- 11/7 Michelle Cowher
- 11/10 Kent Bennett, Pearl Rathmell
- 11/11 Willow Nichols, Marta Smay
- 11/12 Nicole Johnson
- 11/13 Donna McCaslin
- 11/14 McKenna Beyer
- 11/16 Patsy Charles
- 11/18 Jason Winters
- 11/19 David Wallis
- 11/20 Royce Boyles, Dick Langer,
Ali (Swank) Stratton
- 11/21 Suzy Foresman
- 11/22 Rayma Gover, Reed Hansen,
Jonathan McJunkin
- 11/23 Sawyer Pauling
- 11/24 Chantal Gadoury
- 11/25 Mccaulay Eisenhauer, Patti Myers
- 11/27 Mya Evans, Glenn Schell, Paige Wright
- 11/28 Leora Mincemoyer
- 11/29 Cathy Henry, Phyllis Strasburg
- 11/30 Lisa Laidacker

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/24 Nancy and Dick Lyons
Susanne and Tyler Morse
- 11/28 Cathy and George Henry
- 11/29 Jo and Dick Langer



Celebrating the birth of:

*Judah Michael Adrian, son of Eve
and Tristan Adrian and grandson of
Deb and Mike Steransky.*



Thank you!

Jody and I want to express our deep gratitude for the many cards and gifts we received during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your support of our ministry and of us personally makes the journey so rewarding. I especially loved all of the cards from the children. Stop by my office door to have a look. It may be Pastor Appreciation month but we think it should be "Congregation Appreciation" month as well. Thanks for all you do to support us and the ministry of FUMC. ~Pastor Rick & Jody