

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

November 22, 2024

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Volunteers are needed to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 13th, at Sam's Club in Muncy. Bell ringers are needed for 1-hour time slots from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Giving an hour of your time to support this worthy cause is a great way to bring meaning to the holiday season. You can sign up for 1 or more hours at the upstairs Connection Table. Contact Bob Webb at 570-447-2462 if you have questions.



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
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Ring a bell...help change a life

2025 Altar Flowers

The 2025 Altar Flower Sponsor sign-up sheet is now in the Welcome Center. The suggested donation for sponsoring a week is \$35.00. You can sponsor a week in honor of a loved one, in memory of a loved one or to the glory of God.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. There were 131 boxes filled and returned. This was an increase of 13 boxes over last year! Thank you to those who helped assemble the boxes and to those who helped with ensuring that no money was included in the boxes. The boxes were delivered on November 18th to the Grace Baptist Church which is a drop off location for our area. We can only imagine what a blessing these boxes will be to the children who receive them.



November 24, 2024

Sermon: "Praise the Lord"

Psalm 118:104
1 Chronicles 16:8-36
John 6:1-13



Reminders:

-Decorating for Christmas

The Worship Team will decorate the church for Christmas on **Monday, November 25th** beginning at 9:00 am. We will stage the larger trees and other items on **Sunday, November 24th** at 12:00. Please consider lending a hand if you have a strong back!

-Church-wide Advent Study

We will be exploring Susan Robb's "The Angels of Christmas." There are 6 classes to choose from. Sign up at the Connection Tables. Pay special attention to your class start date and whether weeks are being skipped. Books are a suggested donation of \$5 each and can be picked up from the Connection Tables. Pay your teacher at the first class.

-Touch-A-Heart - Sign up by November 24th

Sign up to receive Touch-A-Heart tags for either children or seniors by November 24th. Gifts will then be due back by December 15th.

-Faithful Hands Project December 5th

Faithful Hands invites you to join them at 6:30 pm on December 5th at the Hughesville Fire Hall as they work with Meagan's Box to pack up Christmas gifts for children in our area. Contact Jane Lucas with any questions, 570-546-5777.

-JAM Christmas Program

JAM Children's Ministry Christmas Program "Manger Tales" will be performed on Sunday, December 8th at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Come hear the Christmas story from a unique perspective.

-2024 Cantata

"Sing Christmas: A Christmas Choral Experience" will be shared on December 15th at 10:45 am and 2:00 pm. There will be no other worship services that day and no children's programs.

-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.

-Toys for Tots

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.

-Got Turkeys?

We will gladly take any free turkeys you earn at the grocery store but don't plan to use. Drop frozen 20-25 pound turkeys in the walk-in freezer or hand off to the office staff and we'll get them to the right place.