

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

November 29, 2024

2025 Christmas Offering

This year's Christmas offering will be given to our mission partners, Bryan and Judy Hollinger to be used to help purchase or build a building to be used as the worship space for their ministry. All loose offerings on Christmas Eve, and anything marked as "Christmas Offering" will go toward this collection. The Hollingers hope to be in worship with us on December 29th.



2025 Cereal Sponsors Sign-Up

Each month First UMC provides \$100.00 worth of breakfast cereal to Son Light House to support their food distribution to neighbors in need. The sign-up sheet for sponsoring a month during 2025 is now available in the Welcome Center. To sponsor a month, you simply purchase about \$100.00 worth of cereal and deliver it to Son Light House at 130 Carpenter Street in Muncy during the month. You can donate the cereal yourself or turn in your receipts to the church office for reimbursement. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Advent Festival of Music

Our friends at the Church of the Resurrection up the hill at 75 Musser Lane are celebrating Advent with a series of musical offerings. Our cantata and bell choirs will be the featured music on December 8th beginning at 3:30 pm. This would be a great opportunity for you to hear part of the cantata if you can not join us on December 15th or if you just want to hear more of the program and our bell choir. The full schedule for Church of the Resurrection's Advent Festival of Music and Carols is as follows.



December 1 st	3:30	Resurrection Singers
December 8 th	3:30	First UMC Bells and Cantata Choir
December 15 th	7:00	Ryan Workman, Tenor & Friends
December 22 nd	7:00	Williamsport Flute Choir



December 1, 2024

Sermon: "On the Way to Bethlehem"
"Rome: A Place of Longing"

Romans 8:18-25
Luke 2:1-3

Reminders:

-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. Pay your teacher at the first class.

-Touch-A-Heart

Gifts are due back by December 15th.

-Faithful Hands Project Dec. 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.

-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.

-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.

Let's Celebrate!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 Joseph Paul (J.P.) McCabe,
Chrissie Schmidt
- 12/2 Linda Hartley, Lorie McCarty,
Dan Strailey
- 12/3 Alaina Brelsford, Tony Mack,
Layne Oden
- 12/4 Kathy Grenoble, Helen June,
Gary Laidacker
- 12/6 Madesyn Brelsford, Hailey Lucas
- 12/7 Troy Hansen
- 12/8 Denny Hammond, Kelsey Foreman,
Jason Perritt
- 12/10 Dori Fisher
- 12/11 Mary Eckard, Nancy Poust
- 12/12 Emily Glidewell
- 12/13 Thomas Gordner
- 12/14 Joan Likens
- 12/14 Kylie Beck
- 12/16 Temperance Eck, Brooke Rishel
- 12/17 Dominique Schell
- 12/18 Erabella Eck, Deb Frye, Matt Frye,
Samantha Velkoff
- 12/19 Scott Moon
- 12/20 Mary Ann Hull, Angie Kustanbauer
- 12/21 MJ Kainz, Carol Karschner,
David Waltz
- 12/22 Kathy Burkhart, Becky Hutchinson,
Chris Maneval
- 12/23 Morgan Armstrong, Lindsay Maxwell
- 12/24 Lillian Klucka, Dave Pentz,
Justin Winters
- 12/26 Samantha Robinson
- 12/27 Reid Baker, Crispin Morgan,
- 12/28 Elsie Emick
- 12/30 Jane Lucas, Sophie Strong
- 12/31 Elaine Duckworth, Betty Wright

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/4 Dona and Dan Winder
- 12/13 Michelle and Chris Ebner,
Jackie and Barry Shuck
- 12/14 Alyson & TJ McCabe,
Betsy and Jim Mothersbaugh
- 12/30 Holly and Don Pote
- 12/31 Cori and Dan Cotner,
Patty and Paul Wentzler
Lisa and Gary Laidacker



Dear Church family -
Words cannot express how grateful we
are for your love, prayers and support for
Dennis and our family. We have felt
the prayers so often and will continue
to feel them as we navigate this life
without him by our side.
We appreciate the many cards, food, visits
and flowers we received - Thank you
ALL so much.
Judy Faucy + family

A big **Thank You** goes out to everyone who helped
decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas
Seasons. The Worship Team decorated the sanctuary
and Living Water Café. Achieve Committee
members, Connie Holtzapple and Nancy Weigle
decorated the cabinet in Heritage Hall. The
Hospitality Committee placed decorations around
the building and the Congregational Care Team
decorated the Welcome Center. Thanks everyone!