

First Light

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First United Methodist

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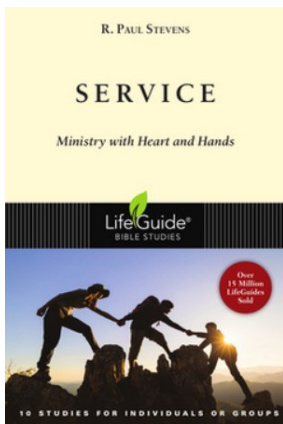
“Faithful Hands” Begins New Study and Project

It's been a busy fall for the Faithful Hands group. We've initiated a few new community outreach projects, including helping with several activities at Wolf Run Village. We also completed our study book, “Christian Community.” Now we're ready to begin a new Bible study and another project for the Christmas season.

Volunteer for Meagan's Box Foundation

We had such a good time last year packing boxes for “Meagan's Box,” we've decided to volunteer again on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. Started 25 years ago, Meagan's Box gave over 2,300 Christmas gifts to children in 2023 through Sonlight House, YWCA, WIC and referrals. If you would like to help pack gift boxes that evening at the Hughesville Fire Hall, contact Jane Lucas (570-546-5777) for more information.

“Service: Ministry with Heart and Hands” is the new Bible study we'll be using starting on November 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the church lounge. Using examples of people in the Old and New Testaments, we'll discover service that was motivated by imagination, passion, faith, hope and love. Each meeting of Faithful Hands begins with Bible study, followed by planning new projects. Now would be a great time to join us! For more information, contact Karen Barraco (570-546-5180 or kbarraco@windstream.net).



November 10, 2024

Sermon: “Ayin Tovah: A Good Eye”

Psalms 37:25-26
Psalms 112:1-10
Matthew 6:19-34

Reminders:

-Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Filled shoe boxes are due on Sunday, November 10th. Questions? Contact Gail Pentz at 570-546-3998.

-Poinsettia Orders Due November 10th

Hurry! Orders for Christmas Poinsettias are due Sunday, November 10th. You can find order forms on the Connection Tables or you can order [online here](#).

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

We will be hosting the East Lycoming Cluster churches for this annual meeting. All members have voice and vote.

-Church Conference Flood Bucket Collection

In response to the recent hurricanes, 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. Place donations in the collection bins in the Welcome Center or under the coat racks outside the Living Water Café. Donations are due by November 10th.

-Surviving the Holidays November 12th

To help those who are 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 Living Water Café. Come find support or tell a friend who you think might benefit from this ministry.

-Harvest Home Collection-November 17th

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.

-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 or [online here](#). 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.

-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.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO FIRST UMC



Left to right: Patrick Myers, Emily Myers, Peggy Hiller, Ashley Hiller, Jake Hiller. These new friends usually attend our 9:30 service.



Pat Reiner. Pat sings in the choir and usually attends the 10:45 service.



Fumc Family
Just wanted to thank you for all the prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits after my surgery. It means so much to know that we have amazing support during the difficult times. We are so blessed to have such a caring group of people here at our church. We certainly are a church family!
Love + Blessings.
Patti Myers

Terri Lynn Nuts Have Arrived

The nuts are sorted and ready for pick up on Sunday morning in room 200 in the upstairs Sunday School wing. There will be a limited number of extra bags available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please make plans to pick up your nuts this Sunday or as soon as possible.

