

# First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from  
First United Methodist

December 13, 2024

## GriefShare Begins January 7<sup>th</sup>

The next session of GriefShare will begin January 7<sup>th</sup>. They will meet on Tuesday evenings in the lounge beginning at 6:30 pm.

GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week session, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability, and gain solid support each step of the way.

Please invite anyone you know who is struggling after the loss of a loved one and could use support. Contact Holly Pote, Ginny Boob or the church office if you would like more information.



## Vineyard Volunteers Needed

The Vineyard Community Activity Center has been providing Friday Youth Activity Nights for the youth in Muncy for the past 27 years. Some of the long-time volunteer staff will be heading to Florida for a few of the winter months and this will leave the center short staffed for January—April. The Vineyard is looking for more volunteers to help serve the 30 to 60 youth who come each week. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, give Cindy Collister a call at 570-220-4568. There is a Christmas party on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Center if you would like to stop and check it out. Their normal hours are 6:00-10:00 pm.

ON THE WAY TO  
**BETHLEHEM**

2024 Christmas Eve Services

3:30 Candlelight Service

8:00 Candlelight Service

Both services in the sanctuary



December 15, 2024

"Sing Christmas" Cantata

## Reminders:

### -Touch-A-Heart

Gifts are due back by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### -2024 Cantata

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

### -Christmas Day Meal & Fellowship

For singles or couples who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day, please join our gathering at 11:30 am on December 25<sup>th</sup> for a meal and fellowship. Contact the church office by December 16<sup>th</sup> to make your reservation.

### -2024 Christmas Offering

The 2024 Christmas Offering will go to support the building or purchasing of a worship space for the ministry run by our mission partners, Bryan & Judy Hollinger, in Guatemala.

### -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.

### -2025 Cereal Sponsor

The 2025 Cereal Sponsor sign-up sheet is now in the Welcome Center. To sponsor a month, simply purchase and deliver \$100.00 worth of cereal to Son Light House during the month. Turn in your receipts for reimbursement.

### -2025 Offering Envelopes

The 2025 offering envelopes are in the Welcome Center. Anyone with a number above 150 will now have a new number. Please consult the list on the table for your new number. Contact Barry Grove with questions 570-447-0514

### -Youth Alpha Meals

Please consider providing a meal to our God Squad Youth one Wednesday evening between January 8<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> as they work through the Youth Alpha Course. The youth would also love to have you join them for dinner. You can sign up at the downstairs Connection Table. Contact Kevin (570-412-2820) with any questions.

# *First Happenings*



Members and friends of our Faithful Hands Ministry helped to pack Christmas gifts for Meagan's Box



Cindy Campbell's granddaughter, Brynn Hansen, joined the Mission Stitcher on December 7<sup>th</sup> and made a quilt block for quilts they are making to donate. Consider joining Mission Stitchers. They would be happy to teach some sewing skills.



## *Sing Christmas*

A Christmas Choral Experience

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10:45 am**

**&**

**2:00 pm**

**Sanctuary**

No 8:15 or 9:30 Services that day. No children's activities.