

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

December 6, 2024

Spreading Christmas Cheer

The Mission and Outreach Team will once again bless the community by handing out Weis Market gift cards to grocery shoppers during the Christmas Season. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, cards will be available beginning Sunday, December 8th at all three worship services. Contact Joyce McCarty if you have questions.



Reminders:

-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.

-Touch-A-Heart
Gifts are due back by December 15th.

-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
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.

-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.

2024 Christmas Eve Services
3:30 Candlelight Service
8:00 Candlelight Service
Both services in the sanctuary

Christmas Day Meal & Fellowship



Don't be alone on Christmas Day! Consider joining us for a meal and fellowship for single people or couples who would otherwise be alone that day. We'll gather at 11:30 am on December 25th in the Living Water Café. We'd love to have you join us. Please notify the church office (570-546-8030) or Elaine Duckworth (570-584-2234) by December 16th if you plan to attend.

2025 Offering Envelopes



The 2025 offering envelopes are in the Welcome Center. There is an alphabetical list there if you don't remember your number. Please note that anyone whose number was higher than 150 has been assigned a new number so please check the list for your new number. If you give electronically or on a yearly basis, you will not have envelopes on the table. If you currently are not assigned envelopes and

wish to have them, please contact Barry Grove at finance@firstumcmuncy.org or 570-447-0514. Thank you for your faithful support of the ministries of FUMC.

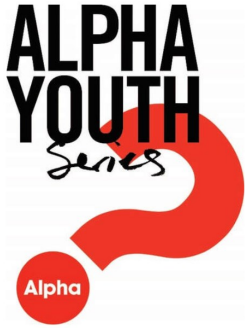


December 8, 2024
Sermon: "On the Way to Bethlehem"
"Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting"
Romans 12:9-18
Luke 1:5-17

Calling All Cooks!

The God Squad Youth will be starting a new season of Youth Alpha, a ten week series, beginning Wednesday, January 8th. Each session begins with a meal and leads into a video session and Bible study. We are looking for teams/individuals who would consider signing up for one of the ten week sessions to make and share a meal with the youth. So grab a friend or two or your small group and sign up for a week. We are expecting between 10 - 20 youth to participate each week. The God Squad is certainly willing to cover any costs that go beyond what individuals are able to donate.

A sign-up sheet for the meals can be found on the Connection Table outside the Living Water Cafe. Dinner will be served each night at 6:30 pm with the God Squad assisting in cleanup. Those preparing the meals are encouraged to join the youth for dinner! Thank you! Contact Kevin (570-412-2820) with any questions.



Keenagers Luncheon
December 11th at 12:00
Music performed by David Waltz



If you would like to send a Christmas greeting to our friends who reside in assisted living facilities, their addresses are below.

Juanita Cuddeback
Muncy Place
Room 107
215 E. Water Street
Muncy, PA 17756

Bill and Floss McCarty
WeCare At Loyalsock
Room 509
1445 Sycamore Road
Montoursville, PA 17754

Betty Lou Wright
Valley View Nursing Home
Room 604
2140 Warrensville Road
Montoursville, PA 17754

Carol Karschner
Valley View Nursing & Rehab
Room 306
2140 Warrensville Road
Montoursville, PA 17754

Aline Miller
Heritage Springs
Room 202
878 Old Cement Road
Muncy, PA 17756

Anne Knox
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Room D-13
3750 Route 220 Highway
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C/O Paula McCabe
335 Trinity Drive
Hughesville, PA 17737