

# First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from  
First United Methodist

March 28, 2025

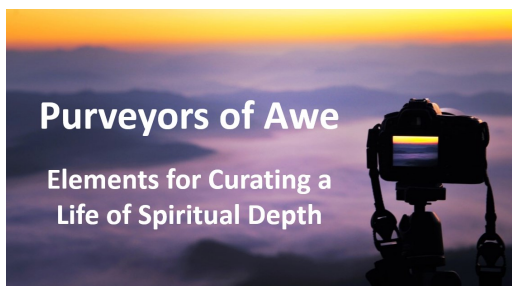
## Opportunities for Prison Ministry at SCI Muncy

Unless you work at the women's prison just outside of Muncy, you may not have given much thought to the 1,000+ women who are incarcerated there. But just like us, they are children of God. For 25 years, there has been a group of United Methodist Women meeting twice a month at the prison, sharing the Good News of hope and redemption found through faith in Christ.

Currently there are openings for two volunteers to join the group who ministers to the women. Group size varies from 3 or 4 to as many as 12 women who meet to study, pray and share faith. Of you feel called to join this ministry, you would need to be available either the second or fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. You would partner with either Gail Pentz or Karen Barraco. This opportunity is open to both men and women. If you would like to know more about what is involved in being a volunteer, contact Karen (570-772-8169) or Gail (570-419-3750).

## Family Promise April 13-19

Calling all cooks! We are asked to provide meals on April 13<sup>th</sup> - April 19<sup>th</sup> for Family Promise. The sign-up sheet will be at the upstairs Connections Table beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>. There are currently two families at the center but this could change before our week. If you have any questions regarding meals, contact Joyce McCarty at 570-546-8910. Thank you for serving the homeless. Your meals are so appreciated by the families at the center.



March 30, 2025  
Purveyors of Awe  
"Delight"

Psalm 36:5-9  
Psalm 37:3-4  
Matthew 13:44

The theme for April 6<sup>th</sup> is: Connection  
Pictures depicting "Connection" are due April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Email to [office@firstumcmuncy.org](mailto:office@firstumcmuncy.org) or drop off at the church office.

Awe is a gateway to connection. As we have experiences that give us a sense of being part of something larger than "just us," our penchant for self-preservation and obsession with the competitive default-self gives way to a renewed commitment to the greater whole. We need moments of "collective effervescence" that increase hope and joy at being part of the human family.

## Reminders:

### -UMCOR Sunday

We will take a special collection on Sunday to support the work of UMCOR in disaster areas around the world. Please place cash or checks (payable to FUMC) in a special offering envelope and place it in the offering plate/basket. Envelopes can be found in the pews or on the Connection Tables.

### -JAM Color Run-April 13<sup>th</sup>

The run will take place at Lime Bluff Park on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Check-in will begin at 1:30 pm with the run beginning at 2:00 pm. [Register online here](#) by April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### -Holy Week Choir

The Holy Week Choir will help lead worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter morning. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the choir room beginning March 27<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**Good 'N Plenty Meal**  
**Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**4:00-5:30 Take Out**  
(or until sold out)  
**5:00-6:30 Dine In**



**Cheese lasagna w/ meatballs  
on the side, salad, garlic bread,  
& dessert**  
**\$12/meal (suggested donation)**  
**No child sizes**

**No Call Ahead Orders Please**



# Let's Celebrate!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Nathaniel Lewis, Tom Ritter
- 4/2 Katherine Ebner, Makenzi Leitenberger
- 4/4 Kiley Dgien
- 4/5 Bob Furman, Brian McCormick
- 4/7 Ben Sauers
- 4/8 Tom Ruhl, Ashley Miller
- 4/9 Lucy Buck, Avery Wright
- 4/10 Judy Stover
- 4/11 Janice Easton, Bruce Weaver
- 4/12 Karen Barraco, Paula McCabe, Tyler Potts
- 4/13 Barb Morgan, Pastor Rick Robinson
- 4/14 Dan Cotner
- 4/18 Monica Hill
- 4/20 Holly Pote
- 4/21 Joyce McCarty
- 4/22 Timothy Buck, Sharon Goss, Jake Foresman
- 4/23 Olivia Timer
- 4/24 Joanne Cromley, Bob Webb, Emily Webb
- 4/27 Sandy (Rigby) Jones, Lori Lewis, Nancy Kohl
- 4/29 Nancy Grove

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/1 Dottie and Bob Mertz
- 4/2 Heather and Lee Koser
- 4/4 Jody and Pastor Rick Robinson
- 4/7 Elaine and George Duckworth
- 4/14 Elizabeth and Glenn Klucka
- 4/16 Kathy and Nate Grenoble
- 4/21 Suzy and Brad Foresman
- 4/26 Toni and Shawn Leitenberger
- 4/29 Becky and Joe Hutchinson

Congratulations 



*Congratulations to Sierra Wilcox and Chad McElwee who were married on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chad and Sierra attend the 10:45 service.*

## 2024 Benevolence Distribution

At the beginning of each year, a small group meets to decide how to distribute any funds left over in the previous year's Benevolence Fund. The group recently met and decided on the following distributions:

- Experience Missions \$1,450.00 (10% of Endowment income)
- UMCOR \$1,500.00
- Fierce Love 4 Good \$1,000.00
- Sigo Vivo (Hollingers) Building Project \$2,000.00
- Easter Weis Gift Cards Project \$1,000.00
- Camp Victory \$1,000.00
- United Methodist Home for Children \$1,000.00

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