

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

April 4, 2025

Spreading Easter Joy

The Mission and Outreach Team has had such positive feedback from our practice of handing out gift cards at the local Weis Market during the Christmas season that they decided to spread some **Resurrection Joy** this year as well. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, cards will be available at all three services this Sunday. So grab a friend or your children and bless a few shoppers during the next couple of weeks before Easter. Go be **Blessed to Be a Blessing!** Contact Joyce McCarty if you have questions.



Reminders:

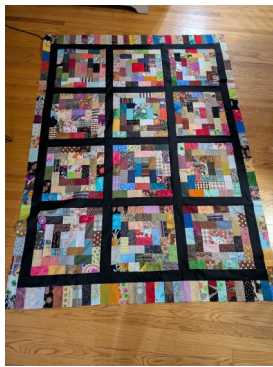
-JAM Color Run-April 13th

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

-Family Promise April 13-19

We will provide the evening meal for Family Promise in Williamsport each evening during the week of April 13-19. If you are able to provide a meal one evening that week, please sign up at the upstairs Connections Table. Call Joyce McCarty with any questions 570-546-8910.

Sew This is What's Happening!



Mission Stitchers meets on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m in the Celebration Center. On Saturday, April 5th, we will continue working on blocks to make quilts to donate to Unto, a humanitarian organization located in Mount Joy, PA. For specifics on the blankets or quilts, visit their website, [blanket-specifications Lake-Hart.pdf](#) If interested in learning more about the organization, check out their Blog: [Stories | Unto](#)

Another project under the needle is drawstring bags that will be sent to Rwanda to carry small dolls and other gift items to be given to children at Christmas. And we've recently been asked to make more washable sanitary pads so the girls don't miss out on school. They too will be sent to Rwanda. We'll start this project in May and those who don't sew can easily assist by helping to cut flannel and terrycloth material.

We welcome anyone interested in learning how to sew, helping sew current projects or picking up projects to sew at home. We have several donated sewing machines, fabrics and other supplies so there's no need to bring your own unless you prefer to. Questions can be directed to Nancy Grove, nj429@comcast.net, or 570-447-5114. ~Submitted by Nancy Grove



April 6, 2025

Purveyors of Awe
"Connection"

Psalm 149:1-4 John 10:14-16
Hebrews 10:19-25 John 15:5

The theme for April 13th is: Self-Giving
Pictures depicting "Self-Giving" are due April 10th
Email to office@firstumcmuncy.org or drop off at the church office.

A sense of awe can include witnessing acts of "moral beauty." Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem was such an act as he continued his ministry of lifting up the cause of the lowly and advocating for the power of peace and justice. Research shows that when we witness with awe others' kindness, courage, strength, and overcoming, we are more likely to feel inspired to give ourselves in service of the good. We become more self-giving, more ready to lend a helping hand or commit energy to making the world a better place.

Thank You First Responders

Members and guests of the Muncy Area Volunteer Fire Company were honored at the April 2nd Good 'N Plenty dinner. In addition to a small gift for each member, people from the community attending the dinner signed a "Thank You" poster which was given to the group. A huge thank you to our congregation for their generous donation totaling \$1,100.00 which was presented to Fire Chief Scott Delaney. The Faithful Hands group would also like to thank the Good 'N Plenty crew for their supportive role and hospitality for this community outreach project.
~Submitted by Karen Barraco



Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday: Service with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Good Friday: 7:00 p.m. service in the sanctuary

Easter Sunrise: 6:30 a.m. service in the Memorial Garden

**Easter Combined Celebration: 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary
(no other services this day)**