

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

May 2, 2025

Answered Prayer!

Last month it was announced that there were two openings on the SCI Muncy Prison Ministry Team. God had a plan. Joining Gail Pentz and Karen Barraco starting in June are Deb Steransky and Amy Nesselrodt. What a tremendous answer to prayer!

SCI Muncy is one of only two state facilities for women, with Muncy housing over 1,000 women. In June 2000, the Williamsport District of United Methodist Women launched this ministry, meeting twice a month to offer small group Bible study, prayer and fellowship. The Northern Wilds District of United Women in Faith (formerly known as the Williamsport District United Methodist Women) remains the sponsoring organization. However our church continues to offer generous support, and now - four team members!

If you were feeling that Holy Spirit “nudge” when you first heard about the prison ministry, we encourage you to continue to consider how you could be involved. Karen or Gail would be happy to talk with you!~Karen Barraco



Rummage Sale May 30th & 31st

Start cleaning out those closets because The Mission and Outreach Team will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on May 30th & 31st in the Celebration Center. You can drop off donations for the rummage sale at the Celebration Center entrance on Wednesday May 28th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. and Thursday May 29th from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. The Rummage Sale will be open for business on Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Contact Nancy Grove if you have questions or want to volunteer to help with set up, clean up or running the sale.



May 4, 2025

“Healing Medicine”

1 Corinthians 11:17-34a
(First Nations Version)

Reminders:

GriefShare Begins May 6th

The next 13-week session of GriefShare will begin May 6th. They will meet on Tuesday evenings in the Living Water Café beginning at 6:30 pm. 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.

“Good Boundaries and Goodbyes”

The Wednesday Night Ladies Study Group will be exploring the book “Good Boundaries and Goodbyes” by Lysa TerKeurst. This study will begin on May 7th and run for 6 consecutive weeks until June 11th. They will meet in the lounge from 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you plan to join the group, please purchase the book and read the first two chapters by May 7th. If you have questions, call or text Elaine Duckworth at 570-419-9983.

Graduate Sunday and Scholarships

If you or your child will be graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year, please send us the name of the graduate, the degree they are earning, the institution from which they are graduating and a recent picture. You can send that information by email to office@firstumcmuncy.org or drop off at the church office.

Scholarships

First UMC Muncy offers two scholarships to high school graduates who will be pursuing higher education. If you would like a scholarship application, you may pick one up from either of the Connection Tables or we can email it to you if you contact the church office. Scholarship applications are due **May 21, 2025**.

2025 Summer Camp

Registration is now open for the summer 2025 camping season with the Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry. There is a \$25 Early Bird Discount if you register before May 15th. First UMC does have some camping scholarship funds available. Speak with Pastor Rick for more information. See all of the camps available on the [camping website](#).

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NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

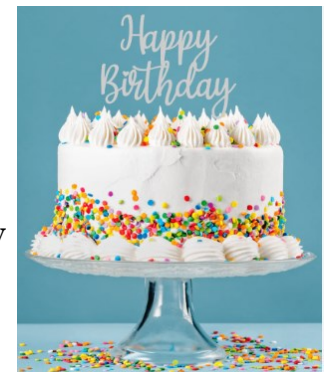
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Native American Ministries Offering

As part of the celebration of Native American Ministries Sunday, we will take a special offering on Sunday, May 4th. The Native American Ministries offering bolsters the work of Native American ministries in annual conferences throughout the United States and provides scholarships for Native Americans studying at United Methodist schools of theology. You can contribute to the offering by placing cash or check (payable to FUMC) in a special offering envelope and placing it in the offering plate or basket. Special offering envelopes can be found in the pew racks and on both Connection Tables.

Party at Muncy Place

“I haven’t seen so many smiles in a long time.” That was the comment from a resident of Muncy Place last week as the Faithful Hands group hosted the monthly birthday party for about 25 residents. The smiles came especially during games (and prizes), but there were lots of happy faces when cake and punch were served, too. Faithful Hands meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge for Bible study and planning of community outreach projects. More “faithful hands” are always welcome! ~Karen Barraco



Volunteers In Mission Week June 16th—20th

VIM week is scheduled for June 16-20, 2025. The team is beginning to collect projects to be completed during the week. There are Home Repair Applications on both Connections Tables. Please take one and fill it out if you have work you would like to be considered. Feel free to take one to pass along to a friend or neighbor who needs help with a project. The completed Applications are due back to the office by June 2, 2025.