

# First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from  
First United Methodist

May 30, 2025

## Summer Praise Band Help Needed



Summer brings family vacations and lots of activities. The faithful members of the contemporary praise band will each be taking several much-deserved weekends away during the summer months, leaving spaces for others to jump in and help. If you have the gifts of singing and/or playing drums, piano or guitar, they would love to have you jump in and fill those empty spots. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the Living Water Café. If you wish to lend a hand this summer, please talk with the members of the band and they will let you know what weeks you can help.

## Parsonage Phone Disconnected

In order to save money, the Finance Committee and Church Council voted to eliminate the land line to the church parsonage. The reality is that there were lots of spam calls and hardly any true church related calls coming in to that number. If you need to reach Pastor Rick outside of business hours, simply leave a message on the church phone line (570-546-8030). That message will be converted to an email and immediately sent to Rick or Jody's cell phones. Any emergencies will be addressed ASAP.



Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to all of my church family who have remembered my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in some way. I have received a lot of lovely cards with heartwarming messages, small lovely gifts and a HUGE gift from my Sunday School Class of 31 years. I thank you all, my church family, and I pray a rich abundance of God's good grace on all your lives. What a faithful, loving family you are! Now I begin counting the days of my 81<sup>st</sup> year. YEAH! and Hallelujah!

~Sally Gardy



June 1, 2025

"Trust & Obey"

2 Kings 5:1-14

Mark 1:40-45

## Reminders:

### Combined Service for Pentecost

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will gather as one church family to celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. We will worship at 10:00 in the sanctuary. There will be no other services that morning. There will also be no JAM children's activities that day. We'd love to have the children join us for worship in the sanctuary. Sunday school will be at the discretion of the teacher and class.

### Step Right Up to VBS

JAM Children's Ministry is gearing up for another fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS is a carnival theme. VBS will be June 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 pm and will conclude on June 13<sup>th</sup> with a family fun night from 6:00-7:30. Registration is now open. You can use the QR code or call the church office.

How can you help? We're glad you asked. We will need helpers and donations to make this week a success. Look for more information about how you can help in the coming weeks. If you want to be proactive, feel free to contact the JAM leaders directly or maybe stop by on a Sunday morning to let them know you want to help.



### VIM Week June 16—20

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. Talk to Bryan or Angie Kustanbauter to volunteer.

### 2025 Summer Camp

Registration is now open for the summer 2025 camping season with the Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry. 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](#).

# Let's Celebrate!

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Wayne Kemmerer  
6/2 Lacy Eckard  
6/3 Linda Holsinger, Heather McCormick  
6/4 Darcie Peterman  
6/5 Mitch Morgan  
6/7 Amanda Kustanbauter, Jim Stuart  
6/8 Rebecca Byers, Molly Kemmerer-80<sup>th</sup>  
6/9 Malcolm Ebner  
6/11 Allison Beck  
6/12 Jane Pick  
6/13 Lin Frey, Jr.  
6/14 Sullivan Ryan Miller  
6/16 Marcy Benner, Bill Bond  
6/17 Amanda Creasey, John McCarty  
6/19 Ginny Boob, Sue Brittain, Don Kepler  
6/21 Kathy Colyer  
6/23 Dottie Mertz  
6/25 Wade Beck  
6/29 Gary Hartley, Paul Miller  
6/30 Bill McCarty

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

6/1 Heather and Brian McCormick  
6/3 Lana and Bob Forse  
6/6 Katie and Greg Bell  
6/7 Jean and Denny Hammond  
6/8 Joanne and Lou Cromley  
Nikki and Skylar Wilcox  
6/12 Karen and Al Barraco  
6/14 Halley (Campbell) and Jonathan Hoot  
6/15 Julie and Jed Ritter  
6/16 Lori and John McCarty,  
Linda and Craig Miller  
Darl and Doug Smith  
6/18 Jan and Bruce Weaver  
6/21 Karen and Tom Ruhl  
6/23 Lois and Townsend Velkoff  
6/24 Sue and Tom Brittain  
6/25 Kristin and Matthew Timer  
6/26 Cindy and Steve Campbell  
Anne and Chris Leshner  
6/27 Patsy and Charles Feigles  
Monica and Ron Hill  
6/28 Mary Ann and Paul Miller  
6/29 Paula and Marty McCabe  
Dottie and Bob Mertz



Amelia Grace Taylor,  
daughter of Courtney and Tim Taylor  
and granddaughter of  
Michele and Chris Ebner

Amelia Dawn Lamper,  
daughter of Hailey & Jed Lamper,  
granddaughter of Karen Lamper and  
great-granddaughter of Judy Hartzell