

# First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from  
First United Methodist

June 27, 2025

## Faithful Hands Ministry Blesses Area Youth

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the youth and staff of the Vineyard Community Activity Center were treated to a party at the Muncy Pool, sponsored by First UMC and hosted by the Faithful Hands group. Thanks to the Faithful Hands team for providing drinks, snacks, pizza, and especially those brownies and cookies! For nearly 30 years, Muncy's Vineyard Youth Activity Center has been open on Friday nights for area youth, offering games, food, and a safe environment staffed by caring adults. Many from our church have served as staff through the years or offered support in other ways. Kudos to Cindy Collister, who has been involved in this youth ministry since its inception! ~ Karen Barraco



## Mission and Outreach News

Mission & Outreach Team sends our heartfelt gratitude to all who assisted with the May yard sale by donating items, helping to set-up and tear-down and shopping! Pictured are members of the God Squad Youth who pitched in to help. The sale raised over \$2,500.00 which will be donated to the Muncy School District food backpack outreach that assists food insecure students on weekends or over holiday breaks. Our next projects will be serving at Sojourner Truth's Dinner Church in October and holding a Craft Show in November.



The Mission Stitchers group recently made cosmetic bags (pictured below) that were donated to Fierce Love 4 Good, an organization that helps individuals escape human trafficking. To learn more about this organization, you can check out their website by clicking [here](#). The next meeting of Mission Stitchers will be from 9:00 am-12:00 pm on **July 12<sup>th</sup>, instead of July 5<sup>th</sup>.**



## Reminders:

### Summer Praise Band Help Needed

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 join to 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

### 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](#).

**THANK YOU!**

I would like express a note of thanks for those people who surrendered their Lenten Bible Study books from the year. They will be used at Wolf Run Assisted Living in Hughesville. They are a great bunch of people who love to learn more.  
Because of Him,  
Kathy Burkhart

June 29, 2025  
"So That They Won't Understand"

Isaiah 6:8-13  
Matthew 13:1-23



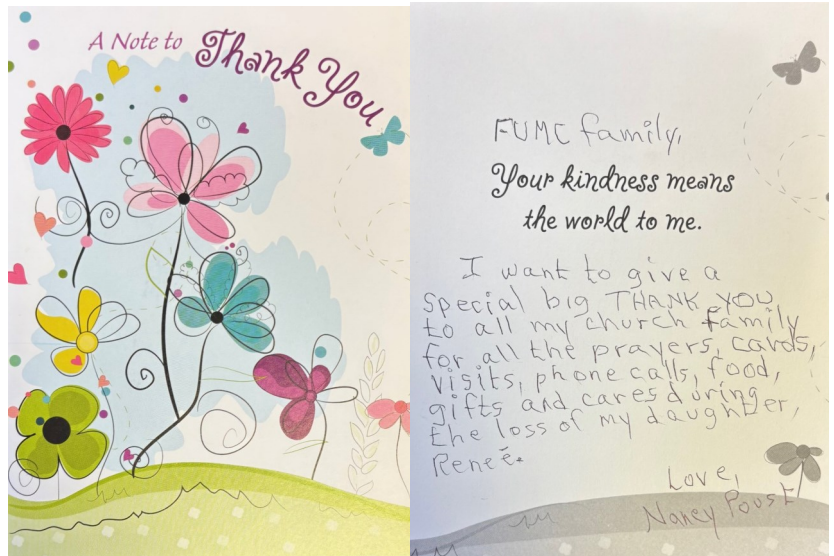
# Let's Celebrate!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2 Al Barraco, Evelyn Derrick,  
Jim Mothersbaugh, Shelley Webb
- 7/3 Grady Oden
- 7/4 Jenelle Miller
- 7/6 Charlotte Hoffman, Susanne Morse
- 7/7 Jayla Koser, Lee Laubscher
- 7/9 Lyla Foresman
- 7/10 Keith Pentz
- 7/11 Heather Koser, Brittany McNett
- 7/12 Jan Mostowy, Missy Smith,  
Luther Merrill
- 7/13 Khloe Huggler
- 7/14 Shelley Gadoury, Sara Gehrum,  
Janice Oden
- 7/15 Leon McCaslin
- 7/20 Lana Forse
- 7/22 Dane Freeborn
- 7/25 Lyla Allshouse, Connie Holtzapple
- 7/26 Skylar Ebner
- 7/27 Abigail Evans
- 7/28 Max Frye
- 7/30 Matthew McCabe
- 7/31 Cole Baker

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/2 Jennifer and Michael Freeborn,  
Jane and John Lucas,  
Jo Ann and Randy Welch
- 7/3 Molly and Wayne Kemmerer,  
Sandy and Glenn Schell
- 7/7 Abby and Tyler Potts
- 7/14 Pam and Zack Armstrong
- 7/16 Samantha and Mike Sherman
- 7/20 Nora and Jim Stuart
- 7/25 Floss and Bill McCarty
- 7/28 Allison & Wade Beck
- 7/30 Sharon and Jim Goss



### New Birthday and Anniversary Card Ministry

We thank Janice Easton for her years of dedicated ministry in sending out Birthday and Anniversary cards to members of the congregation. With the ever-increasing cost of postage, we have decided to stop sending those in the mail. Instead, the Congregational Care Team has set up Birthday and Anniversary displays in the Welcome Center and outside the Living Water Café. These displays will include lists of the Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month. The displays will also have Birthday and Anniversary cards for everyone to fill out and display on cords. To send a birthday or anniversary greeting to anyone, simply choose a card, write the honored person/couple's name on it along with your well wishes, sign it and hang it on the cord with the provided clips. This is a great opportunity for everyone to save money on postage if you are in the habit of sending cards to members of the congregation. These new displays will be available beginning with the July Birthdays and Anniversaries. At the conclusion of your birthday or anniversary month, please be sure to stop by each display and remove your cards so we can begin fresh with empty cords for the next month. Any questions can be directed to Congregational Care Team members Dave Waltz, Sharon Goss or Sue Brittian. THANKS TEAM!

