

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

August 15, 2025

Hospitality Potluck Meal

The Hospitality Committee will be holding a potluck meal for Hospitality Volunteers past, present and future and anyone else who wants to come and enjoy a casual meal and fellowship. That includes EVERYONE! The dinner will be on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00 pm in the Celebration Center. There will be sign-up sheets on each of the Connection Tables so please let us know you are coming so we have enough tables set up. If you know what you are bringing, you can write that on the sheet as well. If you don't know what you are bringing, it's okay to surprise us on the night of the dinner. This is just an informal gathering to relax and enjoy each other's company before the hectic Good 'N Plenty season begins. COME EAT AND VISIT!



Bus Trip to See "Noah" at Sight and Sound in Lancaster



We are excited to announce that, under the leadership of Lisa Laidacker, the church is hosting a bus trip to see "Noah" at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. The bus trip will be on December 2nd and we will attend the 11:00 am showing. Afterward, we will enjoy a late buffet-

style lunch at Dienner's Country Restaurant. We are anticipating leaving around 7:30 am and returning by 6:00 pm. The cost per person is \$162.00 and includes the bus transportation, the show ticket, and the meal at Dienner's. We are asking that each person pay at least an \$80.00 deposit when signing up. This deposit is **REQUIRED** in order to reserve your seat on the bus and your show ticket. You can sign up for the trip at the Connection Tables and pay the deposit by either dropping it off at the church office or placing it in a special offering envelope and placing it in the offering plate. Be sure to clearly mark the envelope "bus trip". Checks should be made payable to First UMC. The deadline to sign up and to pay any balance due is October 28th. Any questions can be directed to Lisa at 570-419-8786.



August 17, 2025
"Rocky"

Matthew 16:13-20

A Note of Greeting

Hello to all my FUMC family. I truly miss being able to attend church services. We do have services here at Valley View but I miss the warmth, love and hugs I get at my home church.
Love, Carol Karschner

Reminders:

Join the Coffee Fellowship Fun

Jo Langer and Sharon Moyer are seeking several individuals who would like to sign up for a Sunday or two to help out with Coffee Fellowship by making coffee, getting ice water ready, and a few other small tasks. The church provides the supplies and snacks. All we need is your willingness to help! Any offers to help would be greatly appreciated. Please talk with Jo or Sharon who both usually attend the 8:15 am service or call Jo at 570-916-8582 or Sharon at 570-971-4304.

Worship Changes

Beginning this fall, we will live stream our 8:15 am worship services instead of the 10:45 am worship services. If you join us at 10:45 online, don't worry, you will still be able to watch the recordings on our Facebook page.

Tech Helpers Needed: With these changes, we are looking for some new folks to step up and take over responsibility for sound and video for the 10:45 service. It only takes a little bit of training which will be provided. If you are interested in learning the boards and joining this ministry, please talk with Barry Grove. All ages are welcome.

New Choir Season to Begin

The Chancel and Bell Choirs will soon begin blessing us with their gifts of music as they kick off a new season. As always, they would love to welcome new members. One change for the upcoming season is that the Chancel Choir will begin singing at the 8:15 am service each week and only at the 10:45 am service when we celebrate holy communion. This coincides with our switch to live streaming the 8:15 am service instead of the 10:45 am service. If you want to check out either choir, the rehearsal times are as follows:

-Bell Choir Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary, beginning August 28th.

-Chancel Choir Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room, beginning September 4th.