

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

August 29, 2025



B2B **Blessed to be a Blessing**

Did you know...Do you remember?
First UMC - A Resource for the Community

- 1972** - The first worship service was held at our current location in what is now the Living Water Café. First UMC, Muncy opened its doors to help those displaced by Hurricane Agnes.
- 1982** - Upper-level construction was completed and the first worship service was held in our traditional sanctuary.
- 2001** - The Vision 2020 committee was formed and recommended additional space was needed to expand ministries.
- 2011** - A Design Implementation Team (DIT!) formed to begin plans for a church addition
- 2014** - 87% of the First UMC congregation voted to move forward with a new building project. The \$3.4 million project was to be partially funded by a \$1.1 million capital campaign. The \$1.1 million goal was hit and actually exceeded by members and friends of First UMC, Muncy.
- 2019** - The Fellowship Hall (and original worship space) was remodeled to create The Living Water Café, a new worship space for the Contemporary Worship Service.
- 2025** - The Susquehanna Conference of the UMC approached First UMC, Muncy with an opportunity to pay principal only and forgive interest on our outstanding mortgage loan balance. Planning began to conduct a 2nd capital campaign to significantly reduce our mortgage loan balance with the hopes of repaying the full loan in 5-7 years.

Save the Date!

October 5th is World Communion Sunday.

Please make a commitment, as a member of First UMC, to attend the combined worship service and an important Capital Campaign informational luncheon afterward.

Reminders:

Hospitality Potluck Meal

The Hospitality Committee will be holding a potluck meal and everyone is invited. It will be on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00 pm in the Celebration Center. There are sign-up sheets on each of the Connection Tables so please let us know you are coming so we have enough tables set up.

Bus Trip to Sight & Sound

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 Diener'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 Diener'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.

GriefShare Begins September 16th

A new 13-week session of GriefShare will begin September 16th. The group 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.

Let's Celebrate!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Tierney Pauling
- 9/3 Gail Wood
- 9/4 Kyra Creasey, Keeley Fae Dincher
- 9/5 Sue Gehrum, Glenn Klucka
- 9/7 Emilie Kainz
- 9/8 Emma McCormick, Darl Smith
- 9/9 Cori Cotner
- 9/12 Marie Mitchell – 95th
Loretta Ryder – 92nd
- 9/13 Sadie Creasey, Stephanie Mostowy
- 9/14 Amanda Derr, Christopher Timer
- 9/15 Courtney Taylor, Alaina Tingley
- 9/16 Bill Forse
- 9/17 Lou Cromley, Bob DeWitt – 91st,
Lyle Huggler, Jr., Adalynn Morse,
Michael Mostowy
- 9/18 Marshal Gordner, Bill Martens
- 9/19 Sara Tingley
- 9/20 Alyson McCabe
- 9/21 Aline Miller
- 9/22 Deb Beyer, Don Hurley
- 9/24 Floss McCarty
- 9/26 Sandy Ravert
- 9/27 Marie Bell
- 9/28 Pam Armstrong, Joe Hutchinson,
Joshua Kustanbauter
- 9/29 Kaylyn Nierzwicki, Margie Nuss,
Gail Pentz
- 9/30 Darren Webb

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/1 Deb and Mark Beyer
- 9/4 Mary and Jeremy Eckard
- 9/5 Dannon and Jim Dennis
- 9/6 Joanie and David Wallis
- 9/9 Emily and Patrick Myers
- 9/13 Cindy and George Collister
- 9/21 Linsey and Ben Sauers

Bill and I want to thank all the kind FUMC members who sent us get well and best wishes cards and phone calls during our recent hospital stays. Bill had a shunt in the brain removed and later a new programmable one put in. During this time I came down with pneumonia and was hospitalized after becoming too weak to walk. Thanks for all the well wishes. We are recovering slowing day by day. Always feeling blessed by our Church family. ~Bill & Patrice Bond



August 31, 2025
"Exalted"

Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 14:1, 7-14