

# First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from  
First United Methodist

August 8, 2025

## Donations Needed for God Squad Benefit Card Show

The God Squad Youth Group will be hosting a sports card show on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. All proceeds from the show will benefit Hareruya, the group's sponsor child through Compassion International. The money raised last year helped the family as her father was receiving cancer treatments. Unfortunately, Hareruya's father passed away which makes the funds sent by the God Squad an even more significant blessing for the family.

How can you help? The group is looking for donations to help with the café that will be provided for card show visitors. A donation list will be on the Connection Table outside the Living Water Café on Sunday morning. Stop by and sign up to donate hot dogs, buns, drinks, etc. Also, please come check out the show and have lunch on August 16<sup>th</sup>.



## New Season of Music 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 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 or both choirs, the rehearsal times are as follows:

- Bell Choir Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary, beginning August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room, beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>.

COME JOIN THE FUN!



August 10, 2025  
"70 x 7"

Genesis 50:15-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

## 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.



Save the Date:  
September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm  
Hospitality Committee  
Potluck

More details  
coming soon...



Dear First United Methodist Church,

Church of the Resurrection wants to extend our deepest thanks for all of your generous support in helping make our back-to-school event a success. Your kindness, donations, and willingness to help meet the needs of 300 children and families in our community have not gone unnoticed.

Your church has been such a blessing to us during this time. Because of your generosity, so many children are able to start the school year with the supplies they need—and with smiles on their faces.

We truly could not have done this without you. Thank you for being such a beautiful example of love in action. Your support meant more than words can express, and we are so very grateful.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
The Back to School Committee  
Church of the Resurrection



 *Blessed to be a Blessing!*