

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

September 12, 2025



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

- We are moving forward with a Capital Campaign.
- First UMC signed a new 10-year covenant (loan repayment) agreement with the Susquehanna Conference in March 2025.
- Since March, and going forward, our church only pays principal on our \$1.8 Million loan.
- We can receive periodic discounts on the loan principle when certain payment thresholds are met. The total principal discount amount could be as much as \$200,000.00
- Our goal is to pay the loan off in 5 years.
- We hope our Capital Campaign will raise \$905,000.00. This is possible if our entire church family prayerfully considers making a commitment to our upcoming campaign. (We'll announce what has been raised on either September 28th or October 5th).
- Feel free to contact any member of the Campaign Committee with any questions. A list of committee members and their phone numbers is on the reverse side.

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.

Please RSVP for the luncheon on the sign-up sheets available on both Connection Tables.



Reminders:

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 Laidacker 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.

Family Promise: Sept. 21-27

For the first time ever, Family Promise does not have any families in residence. Case Manager, Jenny Hull, does not foresee any families for several weeks, but we need to be available just in case meals are needed during the week of September 21-27. We will keep you posted on any developments.



September 14, 2025

"Church: A Blessing to the Community"

Exodus 25:1-9

Numbers 2:1-2

Matthew 16:17-18

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