

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

September 5, 2025



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

Did you know how much and how often our Community uses our facility? You're probably familiar with some of the offerings: Good 'N Plenty Dinners, Bible Studies, GriefShare, God Squad Youth Group - what you may not be familiar with are the other 50+ activities or groups that count on our Church's top notch facility. One specifically is Mission Stitchers - a sewing ministry showing 'Mission in action' which came about because we had the space in the new building. The group is doing something they enjoy and serving God. The items that they have sewn, crocheted and knitted over the years have gone to many places in our community and around the world.

Our Church functions as a place to gather and celebrate, build fellowship, break bread, serve and heal.

First UMC has opened our doors and partnered with so many groups that, on any given day you drive by, you'll see activities going on! Whether it's a couple of times per week or a couple of times per year, First UMC is serving the community.

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.

Family Promise September 21st-27th : On Standby



Our church is scheduled to host Family Promise during the week of September 21-27. Normally we would be asking for your help to provide meals, but 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. We will know more by the middle of September and will keep you up to date. Thank you for being patient during this time. You can contact Joyce McCarty with any questions.

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 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.



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"Church: A Blessing
To the World"

Genesis 12:1-3
Galatians 3:6-9