

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

October 17, 2025

Wicked – November 9th at 3:00 pm

Come join us for an afternoon movie and snacks. The Discipleship Committee will be showing “Wicked” on Sunday, November 9th starting at 3:00 pm in the Living Water Café. The movie is based on the musical and imagines how the “wicked” witch became who she was. We’ll enjoy some movie snacks and spend some time talking about what the movie might be trying to tell us. We hope to see you there!



Mission & Outreach Thank You!

The Mission and Outreach Ministry coordinated serving a meal at Sojourner Truth dinner church on October 4th in conjunction with our Hospitality team. Many thanks to Lana Baker for determining how much food was needed and coordinating reheating very early that morning so food didn’t require heating when we arrived. We served approximately 80 people and sent some extra food with a few. They expressed their appreciation many times as they enjoyed their early “Thanksgiving” meal. Thank you very much to the many who were involved in this opportunity to be a blessing to others. ~Nancy Grove



Check out the beautiful fall display in Heritage Hall. Thanks to Lisa Laidacker, Angie Kustanbauter and Sue Gehrum for this and the wonderful fall altar decorations.



October 19, 2025
“Great Love”
Romans 12:9-21
John 15:9-17

Reminders:

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission

The 2025 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission project has begun. Empty shoeboxes are available in the Welcome Center and outside the Living Water Café. Instructions on how to pack a shoebox along with suggested items will be available. (Note that soap is no longer accepted). Please sign the sheet and indicate how many boxes you have taken. The cost of shipping each box is \$10.00. If you are able to contribute all or part of this expense, please place your donation in an envelope provided at the table. Envelopes should be placed in the basket at those locations or turned in to the office. **PLEASE DO NOT** put the donations in the shoeboxes and do not wrap the shoeboxes. Shoeboxes should be returned to the Welcome Center or outside the Café by Sunday, November 9th. Contact Gail Pentz at 570-546-3998 with any questions. Thank you for your support.

2026 Disciplines

It is time to order your 2026 *Disciplines* book. *The Upper Room Disciplines* is a book of daily meditations and prayers from 52 diverse Christian leaders that will help deepen your daily life with God. Order forms will be on both Connection Tables. The books are \$10.00 each and orders are due by November 23rd.

Church Conference

This year’s Church Conference will be on November 2nd at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. We are hosting the East Lycoming Cluster.

Trunk-or-Treat—October 26th

JAM Children’s Ministry will hold a Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday October 26th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Celebration Center. If you plan to host a table, please sign up at the Connection Tables or [online here](#).

Red Cross Blood Drive-Oct. 31st

First UMC will host a special American Red Cross Blood Drive to honor the life of George Frey, a good friend and running partner of Gary Laidacker. Please consider donating blood on October 31st 12:00-5:00 pm in the Celebration Center. To register, call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.