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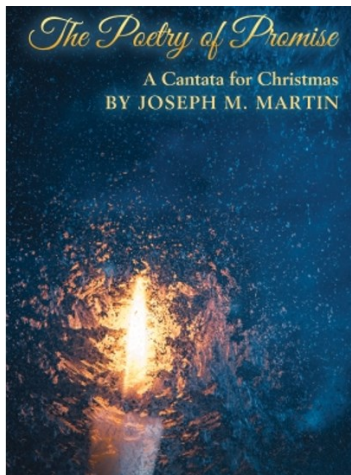
A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

October 3, 2025

Canata Rehearsals to Begin

The cantata this year is "The Poetry of Promise" by Joseph M. Martin. This cantata is a colorful tapestry of carols, original seasonal songs, scripture, and poetry.

Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, October 16th. The first rehearsal will be in the sanctuary. Weekly rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:15 pm with a few Sunday afternoon rehearsals sprinkled in. The Cantata will be presented on December 21st at 10:45 am and 2:00 pm. If you plan to participate, you must be available for a dress rehearsal on December 20th. Please consider adding your voice to the mix as we come together to present this beautiful cantata. Invite any friends or family who might enjoy singing with us. We especially need 1st sopranos and tenors.



Annual Church Conference—November 2nd



Our Annual Church Conference meeting will be held on November 2nd beginning at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will be hosting all the churches of the East Lycoming Cluster. This meeting is where important annual business is cared for. Every church member has voice and vote. If you have any questions about this annual meeting, please speak with Pastor Rick.

Save the Date:
November 9th

The Discipleship Committee will be showing the movie "Wicked" followed by discussion.

NOTE: The Terri Lynn Nut Company has gone out of business so we will not be selling holiday nuts this year.

October 5, 2025

"Church: A Blessing for the Future"

2 Timothy 1:13-14
John 4:1-7



Reminders:

World Communion Sunday-October 5th

Sunday, October 5th is World Communion Sunday. We will have one combined worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. There will be no JAM or nursery. We will take a special collection that goes toward scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international and U.S. racial-ethnic students.

Capital Campaign Information Luncheon-October 5th

A luncheon will be held after the World Communion Service to provide important information about our church. Please plan to attend.

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's. 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.

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 Dienner's Country Restaurant. The cost per person is \$162.00. and includes the bus transportation, the show ticket, and the meal at Dienner's. You can sign up for the trip at the Connection Tables and pay the \$80.00 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. 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.

Invite a friend!