

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

December 12, 2025

Spreading Christmas Cheer

The Mission and Outreach Team will once again bless the community by handing out Weis Market gift cards to grocery shoppers during the Christmas Season. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, cards will be available beginning Sunday, December 14th at all three worship services. Contact Joyce McCarty if you have questions.



Bus Trip Update



While we were very disappointed to have to cancel our bus trip to see *Noah* at Sight and Sound last week, we are excited to have the opportunity to see *Joshua* as we reschedule the trip. We have tickets for April 28th. If you were signed up to see *Noah*, you automatically have a spot to see *Joshua*. If you are unable to join us on April 28th, please contact Lisa Laidacker at 570-419-8786. If we end up having empty spots, we will advertise those available tickets to the church in 2026.

2026 Offering Envelopes

The 2026 Offering Envelopes for those who attend the traditional services are in the Welcome Center. The envelopes for those who attend the contemporary service are on the Connection Table outside the Living Water Café. There is an alphabetical list if you don't remember your number. If you give electronically or on a yearly basis, you will not have envelopes on the tables. If you currently are not assigned envelopes and wish to have them, please contact Barry Grove at finance@firstumcmuncy.org or 570-447-0514.



Reminders:

Touch-A-Heart

Gifts are due December 14th. You can place them in the Welcome Center or the church office. Contact Candy Winters with questions.

JAM Children's Christmas Program

The JAM Children will present "Building Christmas" a series of Christmas skits. The program will be held in the sanctuary on December 14th at 5:00 pm. Following the program, all are invited to the Celebration Center where we will celebrate Jesus' birthday with a pizza dinner, games, prizes, singing and lots of fun. All are invited to both the program and the after party but we do ask that you sign up if you plan to attend the after party so we have enough food for everyone. Don't forget to include the grandparents in your sign-ups. Sign-up sheets are available on the Connection Tables.

Poetry of Promise Cantata

The cantata choir has been working hard! Please plan to join us for this year's Christmas Cantata, "The Poetry of Promise." This cantata is a colorful tapestry of carols, original seasonal songs, scripture, and poetry. The music visits treasured traditional melodies and re-imagines them to represent Advent anticipation and the joy of the incarnation. Celebrate the sights and sounds of the season with this service of music and the spoken word. The cantata will be presented on December 21st at 10:45 am and again at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. **There will be no other worship services that day. There will be no nursery care or JAM activities that day.**

Invite your friends, family and neighbors!

Christmas Day Meal & Fellowship

Don't be alone on Christmas Day! Consider joining us for a meal, fellowship and a short movie on December 25th. This invitation is for singles and couples who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. The gathering will begin at 11:30 am in the Living Water Café. We'd love to have you join us. Please notify the church office (570-546-8030) or Elaine Duckworth (570-419-9983) by December 17th if you plan to attend.

God Squad to Ring in the "Noon" Year

The God Squad Youth Group will ring in the "Noon" Year with a brunch on December 31st beginning at 10:00 am in the Living Water Café. The Brunch will end with a ringing in of the "Noon" year at 12:00 pm. Youth and college students are invited and adult helpers are welcome. Just let Kevin Myers know if you plan to help.



Christmas Eve Services

3:30 pm & 8:00 pm
in the sanctuary



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"Redeeming Grace"

John 1:1-5, 14, 16-17
1 John 4:9-14



If you would like to send a Christmas greeting to our friends who reside in assisted living facilities, or who have been unable to join us in worship, their addresses are below.

Juanita Cuddeback
Muncy Place
Room 227
215 E. Water Street
Muncy, PA 17756

Bill and Floss McCarty
WeCare At Loyalsock
Room 509
1445 Sycamore Road
Montoursville, PA 17754

Betty Lou Wright
Valley View Nursing Home
Room 604
2140 Warrensville Road
Montoursville, PA 17754

Carol Karschner
Valley View Nursing & Rehab
Room 306
2140 Warrensville Road
Montoursville, PA 17754

Aline Miller
Heritage Springs
Room 202
878 Old Cement Road
Muncy, PA 17756

Janice Oden
411 S. Market Street
Muncy, PA 17756

Jane Pick
275 May Drive
Hughesville, PA 17737

Marie Mitchell
522 S. Market Street
Muncy, PA 17756



Frozen Meals Available

The Hospitality Committee has packaged some frozen meals for anyone who may need them. If you know someone who is sick, grieving or just needs a pick me up, and you would like to deliver a meal, please contact the church office.