

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

December 19, 2025

Holiday Blessings with Faithful Hands Ministry



Faithful Hands Ministry supported the Meagan's Box Foundation last week by packing Christmas gift boxes for children, teens and seniors. Pictured are Jane Lucas, Karen and Al Barraco, Lisa Laidacker, George and Elaine Duckworth and Jo Ann Welch. Faithful

Hands meets monthly for Bible study and planning community outreach projects. Our next meeting will be January 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the church lounge. If you would like more information, contact Karen Barraco at kbarraco@windstream.net or 570-546-5180.

2025 Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering this year will be put into a special fund that will be used to help neighbors in need with heating oil this winter. The Christmas offering will consist of the entire offering collected on Christmas Eve and any gifts given over the next few weeks which are specifically marked for "Christmas." You may use the special offering envelopes if you would like.

Christmas Eve Services

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

Reminders:

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!

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.

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.



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"Hope"

Followed by
"The Poetry of Promise"
10:45 & 2:00

The Congregational Care team would like to thank everyone who made the Family Christmas Party on Sunday evening a success! What a wonderful blessing to have a church community that will step up and help with just a few days, or even a few hours, notice. We are truly blessed! Merry Christmas!

Thank
You

Card Shower for Hannah

As many of you know, our friend Hannah Scranton fell and broke her leg last week. She had successful surgery but, unfortunately, will be in a rehab facility during Christmas. Let's let Hannah know we are thinking of her with a Christmas Card Shower. You can send Hannah a holiday greeting to:

Hannah Scranton
Room 11A
64 Rehab Lane
Danville, PA 17821

Dear Friends,

The 39th year for Touch-A-Heart has been a very challenging one with 22 more children than 2024 (212) and 157 senior citizens. Your faithful generosity has been overwhelming. You may ask how we were able to accomplish this task. With the support of the entire church community, the children were sponsored and we were able to provide for the seniors through generous monetary donations. There is no way we could give out 157 senior tags and have them all provided for. With the monetary donations, we were able to purchase the items for the extra 80 gift bags.

May your new year and the Christmas season ahead be a blessing to all.

On Behalf of Touch-A-Heart,
Candy Winters

