

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

January 23, 2026

The most recent forecast makes it clear that it will not be safe to travel on Sunday. To keep our staff and members safe, we are canceling services. Please be safe!

Reminders:

2026 Offering Envelopes

The 2026 offering envelopes are now in the church office. If you need to pick them up, please make arrangements with the office staff. 570-546-8030 or office@firstumcmuncy.org.

A Note Concerning Cash Donations

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, signed into law in July 2025, creates a new federal tax deduction for non-itemizers, starting in the 2026 tax year, that allows those who claim the standard deduction to also deduct contributions to public charities. The new law allows single filers to deduct up to \$1,000 and married couples, filing jointly, to deduct up to \$2,000 in cash contributions to public charities, even if they take the standard deduction. This "above-the-line" deduction provides a tax benefit for everyday donors who previously received none when not itemizing. Please note that this new law does not go into effect until filing you taxes **next** year. If you are not currently using offering envelopes or checks that identify you as a giver, please contact Barry Grove, Finance Secretary, and he will provide you with offering envelopes, keep track of your contributions throughout the year and provide you with a year end giving statement for 2026. His contact information is finance@firstumcmuncy.org or 570-447-0514. Barry already keeps track of giving for everyone who uses offering envelopes or who contribute by check. This notice only applies to those who put cash in the offering plate with no way for us to track your giving.



Join the Archives Committee

Do you love First UMC and enjoy preserving history? Then you're invited to join the church Archives Committee. The Committee meets a couple of times each year to organize, preserve, and share our church's records, artifacts, and memories for future generations. If you have an interest, please speak with any of the following committee members: Joanie Wallis, Connie Holtzapple Bob DeWitt, or David Young.

Good 'N Plenty Dinner
Wednesday, February 4th
Curb Side Take Out - 4:00-5:30
(or until sold out)
Dine In - 5:00-6:30



Chicken & biscuits, mashed potatoes, salad & dessert
\$12/meal (suggested donation)

No Call Ahead Orders Please