

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

May 8, 2026

What's Cookin

Get Ready for VBS!! VBS will be June 15th-19th from 6:00-8:30 each evening. The Theme is "What's Cookin: Taste and See That the Lord is Good!" VBS is open to children in grades K-6. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family members. You can register by using the QR code or clicking the link [here](#).

The JAM leaders are looking for helpers. They need folks who can run the stations each evening: Snacks, games, crafts, etc. If you can help, please contact JAM at jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org. They are also looking for basket donations to be used as prizes for the children. Some basket theme ideas are: Summer Fun, Candy, Water Fun, Snacks, Smores, Camping, and Games. But feel free to get creative. Baskets can be dropped off at the church any time before the week of VBS.



Dumpster Arrives Wednesday, May 13th

A dumpster will arrive on Wednesday and will remain in the lower gravel parking lot until Friday May 22nd. This is available to church members and regular attendees to discard larger items that are not appropriate for the yard sale. Please NO tires, or anything with freon (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc).



We will celebrate Pentecost on May 24th with one combined service in the sanctuary at 10:00 am. There will be no children's activities that day. Adult Sunday School will be at the discretion of the class. Help us celebrate by **WEARING RED!**



May 10, 2026

"Lead Courageously"

Psalm 27:1-3, 14
Isaiah 58:6-10
Joshua 1:5-9
John 14:1



Reminders:

Spring Yard Sale May 15th -16th

The Mission and Outreach Team will hold a yard sale in the Celebration Center on May 15th & 16th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. There are sign-up sheets on both Connection Tables for much-needed helpers. Help is needed to set up the sale, run the sale and clean up after the sale. Donated items can be delivered on **Wednesday, May 13th 1:00-8:00 pm** or **Thursday, May 14th 10:00 am-8:00 pm**.

Graduate Sunday and Scholarships

We will celebrate our 2026 graduates during worship on Sunday, June 7th. If you or your child will be graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year, please send us the name of the graduate, the degree they are earning, the institution from which they are graduating and a recent picture. You can send that information by email to office@firstumcmuncy.org or drop off at the church office. If you need to make other arrangements, please call the office at 570-546-8030.

Scholarships

First UMC Muncy offers two scholarships to high school graduates who will be pursuing higher education. If you would like a scholarship application, you may pick one up from either of the Connection Tables or we can email it to you if you contact the church office. Please note that regular participation in the life of FUMC is a requirement for receiving these scholarships. Scholarship applications are due **May 24, 2026**.

VIM Week June 22nd-26th

Mark your calendars for Volunteers in Missions Week which will be held June 22nd-26th this year. Volunteer and Project Applications are now available on the Connection Tables. Home Repair Applications are due June 8th. Talk with Brian and Angie Kustanbauer for more information about VIM.

Summer Camp 2026

Registration is now open for the summer 2026 camping season with the Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry. First UMC does have some camping scholarship funds available. Speak with Pastor Rick for more information. See all of the camps available here on the [camping website](#).

Helpers Needed with Trimming

The Trustees are looking for people to help with trimming/weed whacking for the season. The job includes providing a weed free area around the church. If you are able to help, please contact John Lucas at 570-560-2626.

Miracle Sunday Offering

In December of 2025, the bishops of the United Methodist Church began a spirit-led initiative to create the *Theological Education Outside the U.S. Endowment Fund*.

The need is both clear and urgent. In the United States, **more than 70%** of clergy have at least some formal theological education. Outside the U.S., **fewer than 5%** do. In order to facilitate the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the growth of the church, more clergy need to receive theological education. That takes funding.

On May 17th, Miracle Sunday, United Methodist congregations around the world will unite in a one-time, denomination-wide offering to strengthen theological education for the worldwide church. The resulting endowment fund will support approximately 500 clergy each year, helping close the gap and equipping a new generation of pastoral leaders across Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. Our generosity will shape the future of the church worldwide.

To participate in the Miracle Sunday offering, you can place your cash or check (payable to First United Methodist Church) in a special offering envelope, mark it with "Miracle Offering" and place it in the offering plate or basket.



We were overwhelmed with the beautiful sympathy cards, notes of caring, phone calls, texts and prayers - especially the prayers - after the passing of my mother. She was such a blessing to others during the 101 years God gave her. We are forever grateful.

~Karen and Al Barraco

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Good 'N Plenty dinners during this season. Your help is very much appreciated. We hope to see you all back in the fall.

~The Hospitality Committee