

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

June 26, 2026

New Young Adult Small Group

A new Young Adult Small group (ages 20-35) will begin meeting on Thursday, July 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Living Water Cafe! They will begin with a study on the Bible and it's history, from the first few books, to the two testaments and why these books got picked and arranged. Let's find out how the Bible got into our hands. This is a 13-week study.

We know that many in this age range have children. We would like to offer childcare, but we need volunteers. If you are interested, please see Kaitlin Mack or Kylie Dgien to talk about clearances and help arrange a schedule.



Hoping to Be Salt and Light



(Please read Matthew 5:13-16). We are to be salt and light to God's children. The Bible Life and Times (BLT) Sunday school class has decided to do monthly Salt and Light projects. In June, we made gifts for the men at Wolf Run Village and the Hughesville Fire Company. For July, we will be collecting, as requested, mixed

canned goods for Son Light House. We decided we should open our plans to others in the church. If you wish to help, please collect any normal sized, canned good (veggies, fruits, etc.), and deposit them in the provided boxes in Room 202. We will deliver these gifts during the last week in July. Thank you for your help and God Bless! We figure 4 to 6 cans per person will help them tremendously. We will let you know at the end of July what you can help with for August. Questions? Contact Sally Gardy at 570-757-7033.



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"Words and Action"

James 1:17-27
Luke 6:46-47

Reminders:

Faithful Hands School Supply Collection

We are joining with other Muncy churches to collect school supplies which will be given out at a Back-to-School event to be held at Church of the Resurrection on Saturday, August 1st. Please consider giving items from the shopping list below. Donation collection locations are by the coat rack area outside the Living Water Cafe and in the narthex outside the sanctuary on the upper level. You may bring your items starting **July 1st through Sunday, July 26th**.

School Supplies Shopping List

Backpacks Pencils #2
Scissors Glue sticks
Crayons Colored pencils
Two-pocket folders
Pencil box or pouch
Markers (dry erase)
Binders (1 in. or 2 in.)

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](#).

Advent Devotion Reminder

The Discipleship Committee is still looking for your short Advent devotions. We know it's only June, but Advent has a way of sneaking up on us and we really want to be ahead of that busy season. It isn't supposed to be long, just a short thought and a short prayer. If you can't think of a scripture to go with it, we can help with that. Look to the Upper Room for format ideas. Questions? See Deb Steransky or Dave Gehrum.

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.

Let's Celebrate!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2 Al Barraco, Evelyn Derrick, Jim Mothersbaugh, Shelley Webb
- 7/3 Grady Oden
- 7/4 Jenelle Miller
- 7/6 Charlotte Hoffman, Susanne Morse
- 7/7 Jayla Koser, Lee Laubscher
- 7/9 Lyla Foresman, Tyler Rarick
- 7/10 Keith Pentz
- 7/11 Heather Koser, Brittany McNett
- 7/12 Jan Mostowy, Luther Merrill
- 7/13 Khloe Huggler
- 7/14 Shelley Gadoury, Sara Gehrum
- 7/15 Leon McCaslin
- 7/17 Ian Glidewell
- 7/20 Lana Forse
- 7/22 Dane Freeborn
- 7/25 Lyla Allshouse, Connie Holtzapple
- 7/26 Skylar Ebner
- 7/27 Abigail Evans
- 7/28 Max Frye
- 7/30 Matthew McCabe
- 7/31 Cole Baker

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/2 Jennifer and Michael Freeborn, Jane and John Lucas, Jo Ann and Randy Welch
- 7/3 Molly and Wayne Kemmerer, Sandy and Glenn Schell
- 7/7 Abby and Tyler Potts
- 7/11 Tiffany and Tyler Rarick
- 7/14 Pam and Zack Armstrong
- 7/16 Samantha and Mike Sherman
- 7/20 Nora and Jim Stuart
- 7/25 Floss and Bill McCarty
- 7/28 Allison & Wade Beck
- 7/30 Sharon and Jim Goss

Membership and Baptisms



Rick Knorr was baptized and brought into membership by profession of faith. Rick usually attends the 8:15 service with his sister, Elizabeth Knorr, who is a long-time member.



Tyler and Tiffany Rarick were brought into membership. Tiffany and children, Waylon, Kora and Casslyn were baptized. The Raricks usually attend the 9:30 service, although you will usually find Tiffany in the JAM area as she is our Children's Ministry Coordinator.



Sam & Brianna Eck presented Bo Daniel for baptism. Brianna was also baptized and brought into membership. Sam is a long time member and is the son of Dani and Gordon Eck.