

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

July 31, 2026



Your back-to-school donations were delivered to Church of the Resurrection by “Faithful Hands” last Sunday. There will be lots of smiles as kids put supplies in their new back packs in preparation for the upcoming school year. Thank you so much for your generosity! Every gift makes a difference - from little, God can make much!



Reminders:

Advent Devotion Reminder

The Discipleship Committee is still looking for your short Advent devotions. 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.



August 2, 2026

“Coming Home”

Jeremiah 31:2-6
Luke 15:11-32

Bible Life and Times August Salt & Light

The Bible Life and Times Sunday School Class August Salt and Light collection will be **full sized bags of potato chips** (NOT individual size). These will be shared between the Vineyard Community Activity Center and Son Light House. Please place your donations in Room 202 during the month of August.



AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO

Fall

WHAT MINISTRY MIGHT GOD BE CALLING US TO START?



New opportunities.
Fresh ideas.
Lives changed.
Together for His glory.



Talk to Pastor Rick
IF YOU HAVE IDEAS!

God has given each of you
a gift from his
great variety of
spiritual gifts.
1 PETER 4:10



Let's Celebrate!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Joanie Wallis
8/5 Yuanita Frantz
8/7 Annie Bell
8/8 Paula Jean McCabe
8/9 Barb Kiessling
8/10 Gary Glidewell, Cookie Shaffer,
Liam Stratton
8/11 Ben Robinson, Lyle Huggler, Sr.
8/12 Craig June, Brian Kustanbauter,
Annie Sauers
8/14 Reagan Potts, Sophia Taylor
8/15 Jennie Borek, Roland Long
8/16 Barry Grove, Alex Laubscher
8/18 Jim Goss, Joyce Heiges
8/20 Michele Ebner, Brittany Rabb,
Samantha Sherman
8/21 Bob Forse
8/22 Clark Enders
8/23 Marty McCabe
8/24 Juli Mingle
8/25 Nick Kilpatrick
8/26 LizAnn Barlett, Hailey Myers,
Jody Robinson
8/28 Linsey Sauers
8/30 Mary Ann Miller
8/31 Chad McElwee

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 Angie and Brian Kustanbauter,
Dolly and Layne Oden
8/2 Mary Ann and Nick Kilpatrick
8/5 Kiley and Jacob Dgien
8/7 Marcy and Tim Benner
8/11 Stacie and Stan Nierzwicki
8/15 Jennie and Walter Borek
8/16 Jamie and Murray Hanford
8/17 Sue and Scott Moon,
Michelle and Justin Bower
8/21 Tiffany and Royce Boyle,
Becky and Dennis DeWald
8/23 Alicia and Corey Blackwell
8/26 Sara and Joe Lowe
8/29 Brenda and Joe Neidig
8/31 Brooke and Troy Hansen,
Sally and Garman Zehner