

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

August 14, 2026

Muncy Ministerium Back to School Prayer Walk

The Annual Muncy Ministerium Back-to-School Prayer Walk will take place on August 23rd beginning at 3:00 pm in the St. Andrew Lutheran Church parking lot at 201 S. Main Street. Prayer walkers will walk to Myers Elementary School and then to Muncy High School. Participants will pray for a safe and successful school year and will pray for students, teachers, administrators, coaches, bus drivers and all involved in the school system. The walk will end at Muncy Baptist Church with ice cream. All are welcome to join.



George Frey Memorial Blood Drive



The American Red Cross has declared the second national blood crisis in its history. The blood supply fell nearly 25% in June, and blood donations are now at a four-year low.

First UMC will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive to honor the life of George Frey, a good friend and running partner of Gary Laidacker's. The blood drive will be in the Celebration Center on October 5th from 1:00-6:00 pm. We are announcing this drive early so you can plan ahead if you are a regular donor. Registration is already open. To register, call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

New Season of Music to Begin

The Chancel Choir and Jubilation Ringers will soon kick off a new season. Rehearsals will begin on September 3rd. As always, they would love to welcome new members. The Jubilation Ringers (bells) will rehearse on Thursdays at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary and the Chancel Choir (voice) will rehearse on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room. Please talk with Tom Ruhl if you are considering joining the Jubilation Ringers.



August 16, 2026
"Coming Home 3.0"
Ephesians 4:29-32
Luke 15:25-32

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.

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.

College Addresses Needed

As our college students head back to campus for a new semester, the Congregational Care Team would love to stay connected with them throughout the year with notes of encouragement, reminding them that their church family is supporting and praying for them! Please send us your student's address for the coming year, even if they will be commuting. The information will be shared with the Congregational Care Team. Send the information to office@firstumcmuncy.org or 570-546-8030.

