

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

August 21, 2026

2nd Annual Hospitality Potluck Meal

The Hospitality Committee will be holding a potluck meal for EVERYONE who wants to come and enjoy a casual meal and fellowship. The dinner will be on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm in the Celebration Center. There will be sign-up sheets on each of the Connection Tables. Please let us know you are coming so we have enough tables set up. This is just an informal gathering to relax and enjoy each other's company before the hectic Good 'N Plenty season begins. COME, EAT, AND VISIT!



GriefShare Begins September 15th



A new 13-week session of GriefShare will begin September 15th. They will meet on **Tuesday afternoons in the Living Water Café from 1:00-3:00 pm.**

GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week session, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability, and gain solid support each step of the way. Please invite anyone you know who is struggling after the loss of a loved one and could use support. Contact Holly Pote, Ginny Boob or the church office if you would like more information.

A Special Thank You to First United Methodist Church!



The Church of the Resurrection would like to give a very special THANK YOU to First United Methodist Church of Muncy for their incredible generosity and support of our annual Back-to-School Event! Your congregation collected and donated an amazing amount of school supplies to help us prepare for the more than 225 families we were able to serve this year.

Events like this truly take a community, and we are so grateful to have neighboring churches who are willing to come together for one purpose; helping the children and families in our community start the school year with everything they need.

To everyone at First United Methodist Church who donated, collected, organized, and helped make this possible, THANK YOU! Your generosity made a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your partnership and support.

Different churches. One community.
One big mission to help our kids.

Reminders:

Muncy 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. All are welcome to join.

New Season of Music to Begin

The Chancel Choir and Jubilation Ringers 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.

Bible Life & Times 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.

College Addresses Needed

Please send us your student's college address for the coming year. The information will be shared with the Congregational Care Team. Send the information to office@firstumcmuncy.org or 570-546-8030.

George Frey Memorial Blood Drive

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.



August 23, 2026

"For Such a Time as This"

Jeremiah 29:10-13
Esther 7:1-10