

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

August 28, 2026

September Salt & Light Collection

The Bible Life and Times Sunday School Class September Salt and Light collection will be SOCKS, for babies, children, and adults. They can be sporty, fancy, decorative, anklets, knee-high, bed socks, floor gripping socks! Just SOCKS! All these will go to the Son Light House. If you care to help, please place your donations in the boxes provided in Room 202.

Questions, call Sally Gardy, 570-757-7033. Thank you and God bless you for helping to keep those tootsies warm and dry this fall!



New Book Club

Do you like to read? Do you enjoy talking about books with others? If you answered yes, then we would love for you to join us October 14th at 6:30 pm in the lounge for the formation of a new book club. The first meeting will be organizational and we will pick a book for November. Please bring suggestions and ideas. We will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. We hope to see you there. Questions? Please reach out to Angie Kustanbauter 570-916-7833 or Stephanie Mostowy 570-506-9175.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT—OCT. 25TH

The JAM Children's Ministry is gearing up for Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 25th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Celebration Center. They need YOU to make it a success again this year. Would you or your group consider having a "trunk" (really a table) this year and handing out candy to all of our young guests? All you have to do is think up a theme for your table, decorate, provide the candy and come have fun. You can register a table by calling the church office, emailing the JAM leaders at jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org or following the link in the QR code on the flyer.



Reminders:

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.

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!

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.

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.



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"I Am
Exodus 3:7-15
John 8:42-59

Let's Celebrate!

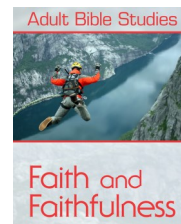
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Tierney Pauling
- 9/3 Gail Wood
- 9/4 Kyra Creasey, Keeley Dincher
- 9/5 Sue Gehrum, Glenn Klucka
- 9/8 Emma McCormick, Darl Smith
- 9/9 Cori Cotner
- 9/12 Marie Mitchell – 96th
- 9/13 Sadie Creasey, Stephanie Mostowy
- 9/14 Amanda Derr, Christopher Timer
- 9/15 Courtney Taylor, Alaina Tingley
- 9/16 Bill Forse
- 9/17 Lou Cromley, Bob DeWitt – 92nd,
Lyle Huggler, Jr., Adalynn Morse,
Michael Mostowy
- 9/18 Marshal Gordner, Bill Martens
- 9/19 Sara Tingley
- 9/20 Alyson McCabe
- 9/21 Aline Miller
- 9/22 Deb Beyer, Don Hurley
- 9/24 Floss McCarty
- 9/27 Marie Bell
- 9/28 Pam Armstrong, Joe Hutchinson,
Joshua Kustanbauer
- 9/29 Kaylyn Nierzwicki, Margie Nuss,
Gail Pentz, Emily Myers

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/1 Deb and Mark Beyer
- 9/4 Mary and Jeremy Eckard
- 9/5 Dannon and Jim Dennis
- 9/6 Joanie and David Wallis
- 9/7 Luann and Bill Bartlow
- 9/9 Emily and Patrick Myers
- 9/13 Cindy and George Collister
- 9/21 Linsey and Ben Sauers
- 9/22 Nichole and Matt Frye
- 9/26 Angie and Lyle Huggler
Kaitlin and Seth Mack

Wesley Sunday School Class Fall Lesson Schedule



- Sept. 6 “So Much Greater”
- Sept. 13 “Hold On and Draw Near”
- Sept. 20 “Better Promises”
- Sept. 27 “You Can Do This!”
- Oct. 4 “Their Witness Speaks to Us Part 1”
- Oct. 11 “Their Witness Speaks to Us Part 2”
- Oct. 18 “Faithful Endurance”
- Oct. 25 “A Community That Pleases God”
- Nov. 1 “Mourning Clothes”
- Nov. 8 “Showers of Forgiveness”
- Nov. 15 “The Holy One in Our Midst”
- Nov. 22 “Flourish and Blossom”
- Nov. 29 “Test or Trust?”