

# First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from  
First United Methodist

September 18, 2026

## World Communion Sunday—October 4<sup>th</sup>

World Communion Sunday reminds us that Christ's table is wide enough for the world. Join United Methodists around the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 4<sup>th</sup> as we remember our oneness in Christ. Here at FUMC, we will celebrate with one combined worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. There will be no JAM Children's Church or nursery that day.

As we share in the bread and cup, we also share in a mission: supporting diverse leaders through scholarships and training. We'll take a special collection that day and your gift will empower students from underrepresented communities to serve and lead the church into the future. The funds will help students from around the world pursue their call to ministry. 50% goes to fund scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students of color pursuing ministry careers. 35% goes toward grants for worldwide diversity, equity, inclusion and access training. 15% goes to fund leadership development grants in partner churches.

To donate, place your cash or check (payable to FUMC) into a special offering envelope found in the pews or on the Connection Table, mark the envelope for "World Communion Offering" and place it in the offering plate.



## George Frey Memorial Blood Drive—October 5<sup>th</sup>



**American  
Red Cross**

First UMC will host a special 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 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00 pm. To register, call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Thanks in advance for helping us to celebrate George and make a difference by giving blood.

## Reminders:

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT—OCT. 25<sup>TH</sup>

The JAM Children's Ministry is gearing up for Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org) or following the link in the QR code. There are also sign up sheets on the Connection Tables.



### 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. Place your donations in the boxes provided in Room 202. Questions, call Sally Gardy, 570-757-7033.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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"Light and Easy:  
Come to Me"

Hebrews 3:7-4:11  
Matthew 11:28-30



**Note on Salt and Light Collections:** The Salt and Light Collection Project will be paused during the months of October, November and December in order to focus our efforts on the projects that we promote annually during the holiday season (Harvest Home, Touch-A-Heart, Operation Christmas Child, etc.). The Salt & Light Collections will resume in January. An announcement will be made in December, letting you know what we will be collecting. Thank you for all the items collected this year!