

First Light

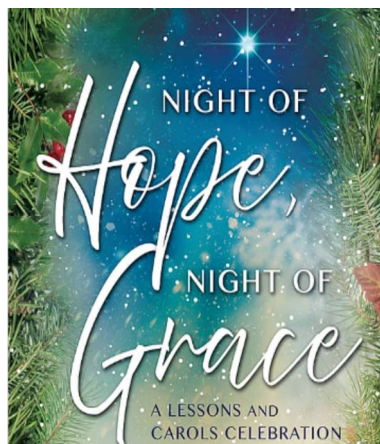
A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

September 25, 2026

Cantata Rehearsals Begin October 15th

The 2026 Christmas Cantata is titled "Night of Hope, Night of Grace," by Joel Raney. Cantata Sunday is December 20th. We will begin rehearsals on Thursday, October 15th at 7:15 pm in the Celebration Center. Rehearsals will typically be Thursdays at 7:15 pm with an occasional Sunday afternoon. As always, all parts are welcome, especially Soprano 1's, Tenors and Basses. Please invite anyone who might enjoy being a part of this inspirational cantata.

Talk with Tom Ruhl if you have questions.



Bible Bag Event- October 11th



Tiffany Rarick is hosting a "Bible Bag Event" on Sunday, October 11th from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Celebration Center. Come join the fun and fellowship where you'll decorate your own tote bag for carrying your Bible. All of the supplies will be provided. We hope you'll join us for this fun activity. A donation of \$10 is suggested but not required. If you choose to donate, just bring your donation to the event. All

ages welcome. Register using the QR code or sign up at the Connection Tables by October 4th.



Advent Devotion Writing Workshop –Oct. 24th



The Discipleship Committee is still collecting submissions for an Advent Devotional they will provide to the congregation. If you would like to contribute a devotion but need a little help with writing it, the Committee is offering a workshop on Saturday, October 24th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Living Water Café.

September 27, 2026

"Light and Easy:
Yoke of Love, Not of Duty "

Acts 15:1-11
Matthew 11:28-30

Reminders:

World Communion Sunday-Oct. 4th

World Communion Sunday is October 4th. We will hold one combined service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. There will be no JAM Children's Church or nursery that day. A special offering will be collected which will benefit educational opportunities worldwide. Donations can be placed in the special offering envelopes found in the pews or on the Connection Tables, and placed in the offering plate. Make checks payable to FUMC.

George Frey Blood Drive—October 5th

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 5th from 1:00-6:00 pm. To register, call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Thanks in advance for helping us to celebrate George and make a difference by giving blood.

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. 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 is 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 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.

Let's Celebrate!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Robin Bardo, Angie Huggler
10/2 Nancy Lyons
10/3 Betsy Mothersbaugh, Bonnie Rebuck
10/4 Rowan Potts
10/5 Randy Welch
10/7 Joshua Gardner
10/9 Murray Hanford, Sadie Ritter
10/10 Tom Brittain, Jamie Hanford
10/12 Waylon & Kora Rarick
10/15 Gary Edwards, Craig Miller,
Kathy Hurley
10/17 Stacie Nierzwicki
10/18 Ryan Riddell
10/20 Mark Beyer, Don Johnson,
Barry Shuck
10/22 Heather McCaslin
10/24 Jo Langer, John Smay
10/25 Amy Myers, Abby Potts
10/26 Linda Geise
10/28 Mike Wood
10/29 Jackie Shuck

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 Nicole and Don Johnson
10/5 Ann and Wayne Dougherty,
Steph and Jan Mostowy
10/6 Valerie and Dan Kelley
10/7 Donna and Leon McCaslin
10/11 Juli and Dan Mingle
10/12 Barb and Mitch Morgan
10/15 Michelle and Chip Cowher,
Dani and Gordie Eck
10/16 Penny and Luther Merrill
10/17 Jo Ann and Dave Swartz
10/22 Patrice and Bill Bond
10/25 Shelley and Bob Webb
10/30 Lyla and Gary Allshouse

Good 'N Plenty Dinner
Wednesday, October 7th
Curb Side Take Out - 4:00-5:30
(or until sold out)

Dine In - 5:00-6:30



**Roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed
potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce
& dessert**

\$12/meal (suggested donation)

No Call Ahead Orders Please