First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from First United Methodist

November 13, 2026

Blessed to Bless Those Who Serve

The Muncy School District transportation team (bus drivers, van drivers and aides) were special guests at the Good 'N Plenty meal last Wednesday. Faithful Hands and the Hospitality Team expressed our appreciation for their dedication and hard work throughout the school year with a small gift and a delicious meal**.**



Two Changes to the Advent Study Offerings

-We have added a class. It will be on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm at the Goss Home, led by Sharon Goss. Contact Sharon or the office for the address. The class will begin on December 1st.

-The class led by Seth Mack on Thursday evenings is open to everyone, not just young adults.





November 15, 2026

"A Goodly Heritage"

Psalm 16:6-11
Deuteronomy 8:6-18
John 4:35b-38

Reminders:

Harvest Home Collection-November 15th

Our Harvest Home Collection will be on November 15th. This year's donations will go to Son Light House and will focus on helping them provide holiday food for those in need. While we will accept all donations, we are asking you to focus on the following: **canned potatoes, boxed potatoes, canned yams, canned cranberries, canned green beans, jarred gravy, and boxed stuffing mix.** Also, Son Light House is always in need of cereal and canned pasta (spaghetti and ravioli). Donations can be placed in the special displays before worship on November 15th.

Advent Devotions Due November 15th

We'd like to have your submissions for the Advent Devotion by **November 15th**. Please email them to
Deb Steransky: debrasteransky@gmail.com or
David Gehrum: ddgehrum64@gmail.com

Church-Wide Advent Study: *Incarnation*

There are seven class options to choose from. Please note the start date listed with each class offering. Sign-up sheets and books are available on the Connection Tables. Books are $10 payable to your teacher at the first class.

Sundays

-9:30 a.m. led by Deb Steransky, Church Lounge - **Nov. 29th**
-10:30 a.m. led by Dave Gehrum, Living Water Café – **Nov. 29th**

Mondays (Please note: this class is open to all, not just women)

-6:30 p.m. led by Elaine Duckworth & Nancy Grove, Living Water Café – **Nov. 30th**

Tuesdays

-10:00 a.m. led by Pastor Rick, Living Water Café – **Nov. 24th**
-1:00 pm led by Sharon Goss, Goss Home – **Dec. 1st**

Wednesdays

-1:30 p.m. led by Sally Gardy, Room 202 - **Nov. 25th**

Thursdays

-6:30 p.m. led by Seth Mack, Living Water Café – **Nov. 19th**

Christmas Cookies and Caroling

Our next Family Life event will be a day of spreading joy on December 12th. We will gather at 2:00 pm at Muncy Place (on the grounds of Muncy Hospital) at 215 E. Water Street, Muncy and bless the residents with a little Christmas caroling. We will then travel back to the church and assemble plates of cookies and Christmas treats and make Christmas cards. At 5:00 pm, we'll travel to Wolf Run Village to deliver the cards and treats to the residents and do more Christmas caroling. You can join in any part of the day on December 12th as your schedule allows. We are also asking for cookie donations. See Connection Table displays for cookie varieties and to sign up.

Touch-A-Heart—Tags Available November 22nd



Touch-A-Heart is a ministry of local churches who partner to provide Christmas blessings to people in need in our area. Gifts provided by sponsors will be distributed to both children and senior citizens for Christmas. Sponsor gift tags will be available beginning November 22nd. Sponsors will use those tags to shop for the gifts which are due back to the church by December 13th.
Children's gifts need to be gift wrapped and the tag placed on the front of the gift. Senior citizens' gifts do not need to be gift wrapped. A list of items to purchase for the senior citizens is on the designated tag (male/female). Monetary donations will also be accepted from those who wish to participate but cannot do the shopping. Monetary donations will be used to help fill the senior citizen gift bags. Gift distribution set-up will take place in the Celebration Center on December 14th. Anyone interested in helping with gift distribution or who has questions regarding Touch-A-Heart can contact Candy Winters**.**

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission Wrap-Up

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. There were 128 boxes filled and returned. Thank you to those who helped assemble the boxes and to those who helped with ensuring that no money was included in the boxes. The boxes will be delivered on November 17th to Grace Baptist Church which is a drop off location for our area. If you haven't turned in your box, you may still bring it on Sunday or drop it off at the office next week. We will make sure it is delivered to Grace Baptist Church. Thank you to everyone who has been a blessing to the children who will receive a box. A special thank you to the JAM Children's Ministry for coloring the Friends' sheets to be sent in the boxes. We can only imagine the excitement of the children upon receiving these gifts! Any questions, please contact Gail Pentz at 570-546-3998.

Book Club December Read

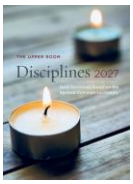
The book club will meet on **Wednesday, December 2nd** at 6:30 pm in the Lounge. They will be discussing "In a Holidaze" by Christina Lauren.



Toys For Tots Collection

The collection bin has arrived for the annual Marine Corps Toys For Tots toy drive. First UMC will again collect new, unwrapped toys. You can place your donations in the collection bin located under the coat rack, outside the Living Water Café. Toys will be collected until December 10th.

How to Order a 2027 Disciplines Book



Due to declining interest over the last few years, we will not be putting sign-up sheets on the Connection Tables for ordering 2027 Discipline books. If you wish to have a copy, you can call or email the church office by December 1st and we will order one for you or you can follow this link to order your own copy to be shipped directly to you. Large print and e-book copies are available as well from this site.

Blessed To Be A Blessing



The Mission & Outreach Team will once again bless the community by handing out Weis Market gift cards to grocery shoppers in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. If you would like to participate, cards will be available to pick up at the Connections Tables this Sunday, November 15th at all three worship services. Distribution is done by giving the card to an individual shopping at Weis Market as a random act of kindness. This is a great way to involve the kids and let them experience the joy of blessing others. Questions? Call Nancy Grove, 570-447-5114.