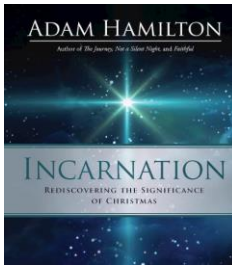
First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from First United Methodist

November 6, 2026



Church-Wide Advent Study: *Incarnation*
Our church-wide Advent study this year will be *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, by Adam Hamilton. We'll examine the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, and explore the historical and personal significance of his birth. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect on the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and world today. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ Child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. We hope you'll find a class that fits your schedule this Advent season and come together to remember what's important.

There are six 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**

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

Thursdays – For Young Adults (35 and under)
-6:30 p.m. led by Seth Mack, Living Water Café – **Nov. 19th**

Reminders:

Surviving the Holidays – November 8th
Our GriefShare Ministry will hold a special meeting for those who are struggling with loss during the holiday season. The gathering with be held on Sunday, November 8th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Living Water Café.

Church Conference – November 8th
Our Annual Church Conference meeting will be held on November 8th beginning at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will be hosting all the churches of the East Lycoming Cluster. This meeting is where important annual business is cared for. Every church member has voice and vote. If you have any questions about this annual meeting, please speak with Pastor Rick.

Poinsettia Orders Due November 8th
Poinsettias are $8.00 for each 6.5" pot and come in either red, pink, white or Candy Cane (red/white variegated). To purchase poinsettias, please complete an order form which can be found on either of the Connection Tables. Place order forms and payment (either cash or checks payable to First United Methodist Church) in the offering plates or baskets or turn in to the church office. Orders are due by November 8th.

November Book Club
The new book club will be discussing "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans at the next meeting which will be on November 11th at 6:30 pm in the Lounge. Contact Stephanie Mostowy or Angie Kustanbauter with any questions.

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

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. Here's how you can be involved. You can join in any part of the day on December 12th as your schedule allows. We are also asking for cookie donations for the treat plates which will be delivered to the residents at Wolf Run Village. We'll share with the staff as well if we get enough donations. To the right is a list of cookies requested. Feel free to follow your own recipes. A sign-up sheet to bake cookies will be available on each of the Connection Tables. We hope you'll consider joining in on this day of fun and fellowship as we bless our neighbors.





Do you have any Halloween candy leftover? If so, the JAM Children's Ministry can take it off your hands. They have a special project coming up and would gladly help you keep from eating it all. Donations can be taken to the JAM Room.





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"What Can I Give Him"
2 Corinthians 8:1-15
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Mark 12:41-44

