

FUNDRAISER

**Support
FCUMC Alumni,
Allayna Farmer
on her Expedition to
The West Bank**



Would you support Allayna, our former FCUMC youth who attended several mission trips, as she joins a group to bridge communities in the West Bank this November?



Contact her at: allaynafarmer@gmail.com
More info in Thursday newsletter email & October Epistle

*Donate at
GoFundMe*

Allayna Farmer, one of our former youth who went on several FCUMC youth mission trips is planning to go to the West Bank with Sabeel's delegation of 15-20 adults in November. Their goal is to create a bridge between Americans and Palestinians, in the hopes that American advocates can assist in generating aid and compassion in the United States.

She began her Master of Social Work at La Salle University in Philadelphia this past January. Allayna expresses gratitude to Fairwood for igniting the light of service work on a global scale. Her trips to Belize, Montana, Portland, and San Francisco are pillars to her commitment to service work, which would not have been possible without the church.

Upon her return, she'll present what she learned in-person at FCUMC and report in the January 2026 Epistle newsletter.

Her goal is to raise \$2,000 to help pay for her ticket and travel. Scan the QR code to donate at her GoFundMe. Checks can also be mailed to her at: 1711 S. Cleveland St., Philadelphia, PA 19145.

Questions? Contact her at allaynafarmer@gmail.com.

Fairwood UMC Christmas Wreaths Fundraiser



A tradition we missed last year!

We need your help!

Are you interested in leading this?

Please reach out to the Children and Youth Council



Would you be interested in leading our FCUMC Wreaths Fundraising event?

Contact our Children and Youth Council.



Youth Choir practices have started. We meet on Sundays after church in the choir room (11:15-11:50).

All 6th – 12th grade youth are invited to join us each Sunday! It's a new school year so it's a great time to try something new even if you have never sung with us. Bring your friends as well, no prior choir experience necessary. We focus on contemporary Christian music.

We plan to sing this fall on Oct. 19th. We will not have practice after church that Sunday.

For more information contact Bill & Lori at bill.mcewen@comcast.net.

A poster for FCUMC Trunk or Treat 2025. The background is a gradient of brown and gold. At the top center, "FCUMC" is written in white serif font. Below it, "Trunk or Treat 2025" is written in a larger white serif font. To the left of the title, there is a large orange and white striped candy. To the right, there is a large pink and white striped candy. Below the title, the date "**October 26th**" is written in orange, underlined. To the left of the date, "NEW Date!" is written in white. Below the date, "5:30-7" is written in white. To the left of the time, "Donate Candy to the Green Monster!" is written in green, slanted. Below the time, "Set up at 4:30" is written in white. To the left of the setup time, there is a cluster of various candies. To the right of the time, there is a cluster of various candies. Below the setup time, "Volunteer Needs:" is written in white. Below that, "Cars for Trunk or Treat" is written in white. Below that, "Help at stations/ games" is written in white. Below that, "Decoration help" is written in white. To the right of the volunteer needs, there is a cluster of various candies. At the bottom right, there is a small teal car.

This year's Trunk or Treat (and games) for the children will be held on SUNDAY, October 26th (yes, this is a change from previous announcements). The event is 5:30 – 7:00, with setup starting ta 4:30pm.

Volunteers are needed for decorating and clean up, helping with the games, and cars for the trunk of treat time. Donations of candy (peanut-free) can be left in the "green monster" in the narthex entryway.

Contact? Samuel or Emily Hansen.

Blessing of the Animals

Next Sunday, October 12, 11:30am

Outside in front parking lot

*all are
welcome!*



Everyone is invited to a short outdoor Blessing of the Animals service after the regular Sunday worship service on Sunday, October 12th. So that people can go home to get their pets, we'll start at 11:30am out in the front parking lot. You don't need to have a pet to enjoy this service.

Bring your pet or bring a picture of your pet to be blessed by Pastor Ferdie. Pets must be leashed or in carriers. Invite your neighbors and friends with pets!

We'll have a memorial table for our blessed pets of the past. Consider bringing a picture of pets you've loved and include their names on the back for us to see.

Blessing of the Animals is traditionally done around the Feast of St. Francis.

Questions? Contact Sharon K.

United Women in Faith Annual Quilt, Bake & Craft Sale

***TODAY, October 5, 2025
after worship
11:30 am – 2:00 pm***

**Proceeds will go to local
women & children
experiencing homelessness**



The United Women in Faith Annual Quilt, Bake & Craft Sale is happening after worship today, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm!

Your generous donations will go to our missions benefitting local homeless women and children.

Contact: Debbie M.

Thank you!!!

START OF WORSHIP

Changes happening now!

9:55 - 10:00 Countdown time

Lay Reader welcome

Passing the Peace

Prelude music

Light of Christ and pastor enter sanctuary

Call to Worship

Opening Song/Hymn



Feedback welcome!
Contact a worship leader

The Worship Committee received feedback that generated thoughtful consideration at two of our recent meetings. We hope to offer the prelude music as a more meaningful element of the worship experience by connecting it to the Call to Worship.

So, **effective now**, the start of our worship services will be: Immediately after the countdown time (i.e. 10:00), the Lay Reader will welcome worshippers, offer any verbal announcements, then invite the congregation to Pass the Peace of Christ. Then we'll move into the Prelude with the light of Christ and the pastor entering the sanctuary. Following the Prelude, we'll then share in the Call to Worship.

Another change we're making is to present any Mission Moment after the offering. The offering is our time to respond to God with our gifts, gifts of money and our time and prayers. This puts the Mission Moment in the context of offering ourselves as our response to God's gifts to us.

We welcome any feedback. Please contact our worship leaders with any feedback for our worship experiences at FCUMC!