Announcements

Prayer List:
Our Church, Adelma & Paul Carter, Charlotte Douglas, Chuck Parkhurst, Connie Smith, Dan Hauswirth, David Anderson, David Delong, David Hubbard, Holly Fadora, Janice & Ken Gregory, Jason, Jennifer Petrie Schlag, Jim & Elaine Delong, Joan Southwell, Johanna Delong, John Lobello, Jonita Delong, Justine, Karen Mack, Kate and Cathy Clark-Mayo, Lucy Emery, Mary Matteson Babbitt, Millie Wallace, Robby & his family, Sheila Smith, our Sunday School & Teachers, and young adults starting college for the first time.

Coffee with the Pastor:
2nd Saturday of every month at 9 am at Books and Brew on Main Street, Mexico.

Christmas in Mexico:
Saturday, December 5, 2026 – A kitchen supervisor is needed during our craft show. See Sue Morton if interested.

Interested in Cake Decorating?
There has been a suggestion / request for a class on cake decorating. If you would like to participate, contact Sue Morton. Date and time for the class is TBD.

Puzzles! Puzzles! Puzzles!
Fall is here! The apples are plentiful and just ripe for picking. After a day spent in the orchard or making your "world famous" applesauce or pie, it's time to settle down with a beautiful fall-themed puzzle and some cider. There are several puzzles available to borrow. Take one home today!

Halloween Candy donation:
Thank you to the members who brought in wrapped Halloween candy that was given out last night to many, many children.

Outreach Happenings!
Blessing Box
As we transition to cooler weather, the Blessing Box still needs our regular staples such as bottled water, cereal, pasta/pasta sauce, peanut butter, and personal hygiene products. However, if cool enough, please consider purchasing some butter/margarine, eggs, milk and/or cheese and just place it in the box when passing through town - again, only if cooler temperatures are happening.
We also welcome canned and boxed items, such as: applesauce, pumpkin seeds, cornbread mix, beans, sauces, pepperoni, toothpaste/toothbrushes/dental floss.

Red Bird Mission
Established in 1921, Red Bird serves those living in southeastern Kentucky; an isolated, rural distressed area plagued by chronic poverty, poor housing, and challenging mountainous terrain.

We are coordinating with Endwell United Methodist Church's annual transportation of shoeboxes to Beverly, Kentucky by providing much needed NEW linens: towels, wash cloths, twin and double sheets, blankets, and pillows. Look for the box in the corner of the narthex labeled Red Bird Linens. Thank you in advance for supporting our southern Appalachian neighbors; **the last day to bring in items is Sunday, November 1** so we can get the collection to Endwell that week.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox update:
Our goal of 100 filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were packed at the October 17th packing party. Here is a listing of additional items that you can pick up in the Narthex to help you complete a shoebox at home: 12 jump ropes, unsharpened pencils with small sharpeners, nylon back packs, coloring books and lined paper rolled in tubes, crayons, rubber balls, washcloths, girls' pillowcase dresses and boy's shorts. **All completed shoeboxes should be turned in by Sunday, November 15th.**

Operation Christmas Child Fundraising Opportunities:
Can Man fundraiser:
Please continue to turn in your empty cans and bottles to the "Can Man" on Main Street. Mention that the money for your returns will go to the shipping costs and educational material for the shoeboxes. The worker at the store will write the amount in a notebook and give that money to the appropriate church member who is collecting the money for the shipping costs. So far, $101.62 has been collected from individuals and bottle returns. (That will ship 10 boxes!)

Heart of the Barn Fundraiser:
A new fundraising opportunity for Operation Christmas Child awaits! Heart of the Barn Creations will have a "painting party" in the Fellowship Hall on Friday-November 13th from 6-8 pm. We will have fun making a Winter-themed wall hanging for ourselves or as a Christmas gift for a friend or family member. The price of the handcrafted wooden wall hanging and instructions is $30.00. Snacks and fellowship will be provided. See or call Sue Morton (315) 447-6056 if interested.

Operation Reindeer Fundraiser:
This is a meat raffle that includes: 4 lbs ground chuck, 4 lbs of ground chuck patties, 4 lbs pork steak, 4 lbs beef ribs, 3 lbs sirloin steak, 3 lbs chuck steak, 5 lbs chicken leg quarters, 3 lbs chicken breast, 2 lbs mild Italian sausage, and 2 lbs shaved beef steak. The tickets are $5 each and can be obtained by calling Shawn Mills at 315-806-7351. The winning ticket will be drawn Sunday, November 8, 2026.

November has arrived!

Church Growth and Discipleship Meeting:
Sunday, November 1, 2026 – There will be a short meeting in the Sanctuary after the worship service. Meet in the front of the Sanctuary (children's message area).

Ad Council:
Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 6 pm.

Chili & Coat Giveaway:
Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 11 - 1 - It's that time of year again. The Chili and coat giveaway will be November 7th. The Men's club is collecting coats. There is a collection box in the Narthex to collect your gently used coats.

Open Mic Night:
Thursday, November 12, 2026 @ 6 pm. – Performers can sign up from 6 – 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the talents of our members and community members. Refreshments are available. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Blessing Box.

Heart of the Barn fundraiser:
Friday, November 13, 2026 from 6 – 8 pm. There will be a Heart of the Barn painting workshop in the Fellowship Hall. Come and make a stunning wall hanging for yourself or to make for a friend. The fee is $30. Sign up on the "circulating clipboard".

National Collection Week:
November 16, 2026 – November 23, 2026 – During this week our filled shoeboxes will be taken to the Oswego Covenant Church. The shoeboxes will then be taken with other area collections to a processing center in either Boone, NC or Baltimore, MD. From the processing centers, they will will be flown to countries around the world.

Thanksgiving Day:
Thursday, November 26. 2026

Advent Begins:
Sunday, November 29, 2026 - First Sunday of Advent – Advent candles will be plugged in and remain lit through Advent. (See insert regarding sponsoring a candle)

December Events:

Ad Council Meeting:
Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at 6 pm

Christmas in Mexico:
Friday, December 4, 2026 – Set up for Christmas in Mexico Vendors.

Christmas in Mexico:
Saturday, December 5, 2026 – Come visit our Fellowship Hall and visit our many crafters and vendors.

Open Mic Night:
Thursday, December 10, 2026 @ 6 pm. – Performers can sign up from 6 – 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the talents of our members and community members. Refreshments are available. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Blessing Box.

Red Cross:
Tuesday, December 15, 2026 from 9 – 2

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 20, 2026 during the regular worship service.

The Longest Night service:
Monday, December 21, 2026 @ 7 pm.

Christmas Eve Service:
Thursday, December 24, 2026 - TBA

Advent Ends:
Thursday, December 24, 2026

Christmas Day:
Friday, December 25, 2026

Upper Room:
The November-December Upper Room publication is in the Narthex. Please take one and read for your daily devotionals. Compliments of the Growth group.

Pocket Crosses:
Pocket Crosses have been made by Mary Grants and Mary Smith. The pocket crosses are on a table in the Narthex. Please take one, compliment of the Growth group.

Free Little Library Box:
Check out the books in the "Free Little Library Box" in the side yard of the church. Books are available for all ages.

Church Website:
Website address: www.mex1umc.com
Email Chuck Parker with anything you wish to include on the website. aparker@twcny.rr.com

Bulletin Items:
To submit items for the bulletin, please email your information to fumcmexico@gmail.com by Thursday.

To Contact Pastor Brandin Greco
Pastoral Emergencies – 315-378-7963

Office Hours:	Monday	Off					
	Tuesday	Mexico	3 – 6 pm		Wednesday	Lycoming	On Call
	Thursday	Lycoming	On Call				
	Friday	Mexico	9am – 12pm				
	Saturday	Off					

Marlea Munger, Office Coordinator:
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ADVENT CANDLE SPONSORSHIP

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As is our tradition, we will let our Christmas spirit of love and hope shine in our church windows this Advent season. We invite you to sponsor a candle in one of the church's windows in memory or honor of a loved one. This is a visible way to show our community the love and light of Jesus.

The cost of sponsoring a candle is $15 per candle. The electric candles will be lit for the first time on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29. We are accepting candle sponsorships through December 13.

Please make checks payable to Mexico First United Methodist Church and note "candle lighting" in the memo section. Your check and the coupon below can be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 255, Mexico, NY 13114 or you can place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

Candle in Memory
of:_____

or,

Candle in Honor of:_____

Candle sponsored by:_____

Total number of candles @ $15 per candle: _____

Total $ _____

Please make check payable to Mexico First United Methodist Church and note "Candle Lighting" in the memo section. Your check and form can be mailed to: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 255, Mexico, NY 13114, or put in the collection plate. Proceeds will go to the general church fund.