



# FIRST LIGHT

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Two of the most common words associated with foster care in the United States are “not enough”. Not enough resources to meet all the needs. Not enough support for struggling biological, kinship, foster, and adoptive families. Not enough families for kids who need them. But it doesn't have to be that way.

On Sunday, October 3rd, Dwell Orphan Care and First UMC are hosting a foster care advocacy event at which information will be shared regarding the current state of the foster care system in our community and the support needed to ensure that every child in care has a safe, loving, forever home in which to dwell.

If you've ever felt pulled to do more for vulnerable children but you're not quite sure where to start, this event will help provide insight and direction so that you know which step to take first.

Dwell believes that everyone can do something for the cause of caring for foster and adoptive families. Whether it's signing up to foster, providing a meal or buying diapers, offering financial support, praying, mentoring, volunteering, or growing a greater understanding of trauma-informed care, you can find your “something.”

And, together, we can work to make sure there is More Than Enough.

Registration is **free!** Sign up to attend at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/more-than-enough-tickets-165955947707>

*Children attending should be at least 13 year of age. Some of the videos that will be shown include sensitive content that may not be suitable for young viewers.*

## Reminders:

-JAM Blast Off is September 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Lisa Laidacker if you would like to help in the nursery or children's ministry in any way.

[JAM@firstumcmuncy.org](mailto:JAM@firstumcmuncy.org)

-A Memorial Service for Beryl Magyar will be held at the church on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. with a meal following in the Celebration Center.



## Card Shower

For Marie Mitchell's 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday on September 12<sup>th</sup>

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# Special Offering This Sunday



From earthquakes in Haiti to widespread hurricane Ida destruction in the United States, it's hard to turn on the news without being faced with stories of devastation and suffering caused by natural disasters. Thankfully, the United Methodist Church has UMCOR, an organization that responds to these events to help ease suffering and restore communities. The United Methodist Committee on Relief responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. But they need our help to do this. Join United Methodists from all over the world in helping to fund the important and life-giving aid that UMCOR offers in times of greatest need. We will receive an UMCOR special offering this Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. This offering will be designated to help with the current disasters we are seeing in the news. Please place your gift in the red and white envelopes found in the pews or on the connections tables and write "UMCOR" on the outside of the envelope. If you can't make worship this week or forget, don't worry. We will receive this special offering through the month of September. Just make sure your gift is clearly marked. Remember we are **"Blessed to be a Blessing!"**



## Bible & Christian Literature Collection Drive

According to Wycliffe Bible Translators, an estimated 250 million people around the world have no access to the scriptures. You can help change that by sharing the gospel! First UMC Muncy is once again partnering with Experience Missions to act as an official collection point for a Bible and Christian Literation Collection Drive October 18-23, 2021. These materials will be used by pastors and missionaries around the world as they seek to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Items to be collected include Bibles (new or used), New Testaments, Psalms & Proverbs, commentaries, concordances, Bible on cassette tapes or DVD's (in good condition only), new or used SD cards (all sizes), Christian books (hardback or paperback), Christian magazines, devotionals, tracts, Christian music CD's & DVD's, Sunday School and VBS materials (only from these publishers: David C. Cook, Lifeway, Standard, Pathway Press, and Union Gospel), and flannelgraph supplies. If you have items you would like to donate, please collect them in your homes and bring them to the church during the collection drive. Go to the Experience Missions [events website](#) to learn more.