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THE HOPE CHEST

A CLOSET FOR CHILDREN WHO NEED THINGS OF THEIR OWN.

When foster children experience the disruption of an emergency placement, they don't always have the chance to gather belongings. They often arrive at their new home with very little clothing or necessities. If they bring anything at all, it's often shoved hastily into a garbage bag. Their whole life has been uprooted, and their existence is carried in a trash bag.



The Hope Chest at Dwell Orphan Care exists to ease the trauma and transition of placement, restoring hope through an open door so that foster children and the families that love them are able to get what they need.

We are asking for donations of the following items:

- DIAPERS: SIZES 1, 2, 3 & 4
- WIPES
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT & DRYER SHEETS
- NEW SOCKS & UNDERWEAR FOR CHILDREN & TEENS
- NEW (NOT USED) DUFFLE BAGS, TOTES, & CARRY ON SUITCASES
- CELL PHONE CHARGERS FOR TEENS

Donations for the Hope Chest may be placed in the boxes in the Welcome Center and on the table outside the Café beginning September 12 through October 3. Join us on Sunday, October 3, 3-5 p.m. in the Celebration Center to hear more about the outreach of Dwell Orphan Care.

Reminders:

-JAM Blasted Off on September 5th. Let's keep it going. Contact Lisa Laidacker if you would like to help in the nursery or children's ministry in any way.

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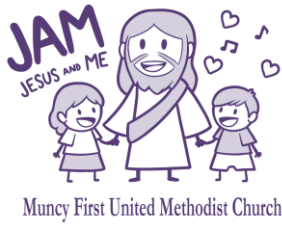
-A Memorial Service for Beryl Magyar will be held at the church on September 11th at 4:00 p.m. with a meal following in the Celebration Center.

-Card Shower for Marie Mitchell's 91st birthday on September 12th.
522 S. Market Street
Muncy, PA 17756

-A special UMCOR offering is being collected through the month of September to help with disaster relief efforts. Place your offering in a red and white envelope found on the connections tables or in the pews. Clearly mark for UMCOR. You may also send your checks to the church office.

-FUMC and Dwell Orphan Care will host a Foster Care Advocacy Event on October 3rd from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Celebration Center. Registration is free. However, it is requested that you pre-register [here](#). Children should be at least 13 to attend.

-Experience Missions will hold a Bible and Christian Literature Collection Drive at FUMC on October 18-23, 2021.



JAM NEWS!

Are you a volunteer in our children's ministry or would you like to be? If so, then please join us for a Volunteer Recognition/Recruitment Night on September 21st at 6:00 p.m. This is a night to celebrate our JAM Helpers. If you are currently a volunteer, we want to thank you! If you would like to be a JAM Helper but aren't sure about background/child abuse clearances and training, we want to help you. There will be computers set up to guide you through the process of getting the necessary clearances to allow you to help in our program. If you might want to be a JAM Helper but aren't sure what that means, please come and check it out! We will be meeting in the children's wing, in Room 103. Come and have some refreshments and celebrate our goal to grow the children's ministry program.

Good 'N Plenty Meals Return

The smell of delicious home cooking will return to the church building very soon. The monthly Good 'N Plenty meals will start back up on Wednesday, October 6th with a fan-favorite turkey dinner (roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, salad and dessert). Because of the ongoing pandemic, the meals will be **TAKE OUT ONLY** until further notice. The suggested donation for meals will be \$12/each. Curb-side service begins at 3:30 p.m. and goes until 6:00 p.m. or whenever we run out of food. So, plan to take a break from cooking on October 6th and join the drive through line for a wonderful meal. Tell your friends and neighbors so they can enjoy as well.

Good 'N Plenty coordinator, Betsy Mothersbaugh, is **looking for more helpers**. There are lots of different kinds of jobs available for every ability level, young and old, men and women. Give Betsy a call if you want to join in the fun and fellowship. It takes many hands to make a Good 'N Plenty meal a success. Betsy's number is 570-971-7866.





9:30 Service Changes

Submitted by David Gehrum

As we continue to assess our congregation's needs and meet people where they are, we would like to announce that there has been a change in the 9:30 a.m. service structure. Previously, there had been an opportunity to discuss the scripture and sermon message in a small group setting during the service. After assessing this flow and based on input from a number of our congregation, we instituted changes that took effect on Sunday, August 22nd. We are no longer breaking into small groups to discuss the scripture and sermon message during the service. However, everyone is invited to stay after the service as you are so moved to join in an in-depth discussion on these topics. Dave Gehrum facilitates a small group immediately following the service and all are invited to attend! You do not have to commit to attending every session - come as your schedule allows. The bulletin will still include questions in line with the service for you to contemplate during the week.

One Man, One Woman Bible Study

Sally Gardy will teach a bible study class on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. beginning October 6th. The class will meet in room 201. Please sign up at the connections table.

