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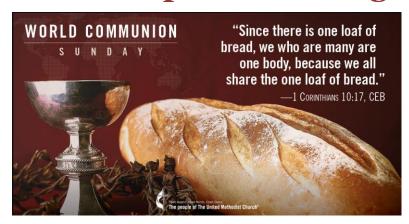
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Sunday is World Communion With a Special Offering

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

"Since there is one loaf of bread, we who are many are one body, because we all share the one loaf of bread."
—1 Corinthians 10:17, CEB

This Sunday, October 3rd is World Communion Sunday and we'll celebrate communion with Christians worldwide. As part of that celebration, we will collect a special World Communion offering. This offering supports a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion Scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries; the remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduates studying in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training. These funds are administered by the General Boards' of Higher Education and Ministry and Global Ministries. You can place your offering in the envelops that will be available from the greeters on Sunday. We hope you'll join us in worship this week! If you plan to join us virtually, be sure to have bread and juice handy.

Reminders:

-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.

-We are holding a collection for items needed for Dwell Orphan Care Hope Chest Closet until October 3rd. Boxes and lists of needed items can be found in the Welcome Center and outside the Café.

-Good & Plenty Take Out Only Meal is October 6th 3:30-6:00. Call Betsy Mothersbaugh to volunteer to help 570-971-7866. THIS WEDNESDAY!

-Experience Missions will hold a Bible and Christian Literature Collection Drive at FUMC on October 11-20, 2021. (Note date change)

Women's Prayer Breakfast

After taking a summer break, the weekly Women's Prayer Breakfast will resume meeting on Thursday, October 14th from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. The group meets at the Mothersbaugh home. There is plenty of room at the table and all are welcome to come enjoy a time of fellowship and sharing along with a light breakfast. Contact Betsy Mothersbaugh if you would like more information 570-971-7866.

Are You Ready To Take the Next Step?

Submitted by the Discipleship Committee

You've been attending worship at Muncy First United Methodist Church for some time now, met the pastor and some other nice people, but what's next? Where are you on the pathway to becoming a committed follower of Jesus Christ? If you have questions about how Muncy First UMC can help you grow spiritually and be involved in ministry, we hope you'll attend the "Next Step" gathering on Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Living Water Cafe (located on the lower level of the building). You and your family can meet with Pastor Rick, some of our church leaders, and get connected with who we are as a faith community. Childcare will be provided upon request. Call the church office (570-546-8030) to register or sign up on the connection tables (upstairs lobby or in the hall outside the café). Discover how to take your next faithful step on your journey of discipleship!

A Peek Inside Heritage Hall

Submitted by Joanie Wallis, Chair of the Archives Committee

In the Spring of 1997, eight Muncy First United Methodist Church members gathered together to study various styles of decorative painting under the leadership and direction of Jeane Smay. In 1999, the members chose a project to use oval shaped boxes which included lids for their own individual design and paint colors. The project was completed the same year.

Top of box

The Archives Committee has received the box designed and hand painted by Jeane Smay, showing the Methodist church on top of the lid and old Muncy properties (identified) with date of build for each around the entire oval shaped box. This box will be on display in the cabinet in Heritage Hall for the month of October. Be sure to check it out!

Various properties in Muncy are depicted around the side of the box.

Bottom of box has names and build dates of properties depicted.