



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## JUNE 2023 – NEWSLETTER

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*“We are a welcoming family of Christ followers, living lives of generosity as we seek to be a blessing to others.”*

## FIRST UMC IN ACTION

### B2B = Blessed to be a Blessing

# The Sharing Shelf

*Submitted by Karen Barraco*

The Faithful Hands interest group meets monthly for Bible study and planning projects to reach out to our community. The latest outreach is “The Sharing Shelf.” Did you realize that five days a week, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous support groups meet at our church? “The Sharing Shelf” is our way of saying “Welcome! We’re glad you’re here.” The actual Sharing Shelf was designed and built by Chip and Michelle Cowher. Faithful Hands group members will see that the shelves are well stocked. Support group members are invited to donate non-perishable food items if they wish, and take what they need. The church staff will also offer food items to anyone who stops by the church looking for help with food. We are blessed to be a blessing!



# Summer Youth Ministry Event

## Sports Card Show

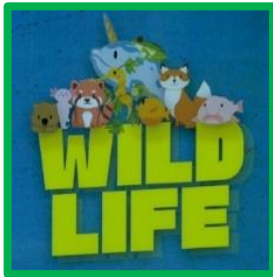


The FUMC youth God Squad will hold a sports card show in the Celebration Center gym on August 19. The purpose of the show is to raise funds for the child the youth group sponsors through Compassion International. The show will run from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. and will include food concessions in the Living Water Café.

The event is open to the public and funds will be raised through table fees and concessions. The youth are asking for the congregation's help in several ways. First, they will be looking for volunteers to help in the café with food preparation and sales. Second, the youth will be assembling "kids' packs" to be given to children who attend the event. They will be asking for donations of items that will go into the kids' packs. Third, if there are any members of the congregation who have sports card collections, the youth would love for you to be a part of the day. There will be more information about this event in the weeks ahead. Please mark your calendars and be thinking of how you might help support the youth with this event. If you have questions, contact Kevin Myers.

## Summer Children's Ministry Events

We have two exciting weeks of activity and learning for the children of FUMC and surrounding communities.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will run in the evenings from June 5 through June 9 this year at 6 p.m.

The theme is "Wild Life" and the children will explore God's wild creation, spiritual habits, how special they are to God and how wild it is that they can share their story, use their gifts, spend time with God and spend time with others.

**MUSIC DAY CAMP** will run during the day from June 11 through June 16 this year, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

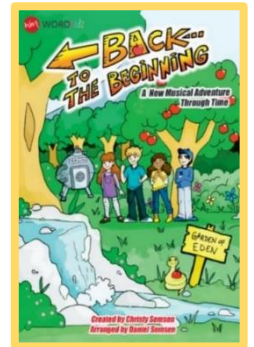
The title of this year's program is "Back to the Beginning: A Kid's Musical Through Time" and focuses on engaging kids in the story of creation.

Filled with scriptural truth and the promise of God's love, this message of hope and redemption is a reminder of how good His ways are!

Brochures are on the Connection Tables in the church or...

Click the link below for the registration brochure:

<https://firstumcmuncy.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-Music-Camp-Brochure.pdf>



Muncy First United Methodist Church

How can you get involved?

We are looking for parents and other church members to volunteer their time to help at different events and during Children's Church.

If you are available and would like to volunteer your time, we would appreciate your help. Kiley Nierzwicki and Tiffany Rarick, [jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org](mailto:jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org)

# Sharing the good news!

Do you have some good news to share - an answer to prayer, an unexpected blessing, God's guidance? Send your faith story (250 words or less) to Karen Barraco ([kbarraco@windstream.net](mailto:kbarraco@windstream.net)) by June 15 for the July newsletter.

## **“Keep The Faith”** Discipleship Ministry Team

As summer approaches, what we consider to be ‘normal’ activity changes for many. Summer brings with it the end of school, the excitement of vacations, and just a different schedule for many – which is a refreshing change of pace. Don't forget though, that it is important to not change your ‘faith schedule’. As we should all strive to improve our faith every single day, summer can bring the tendency to slow our faith journey down just a bit. Slowing down on church attendance, skipping our devotional life, maybe even ‘pausing’ our prayer life. Maybe Summer '23 can be different. Maybe we can take some time to be deliberate in our faith walk by being intentional in our prayer and devotional habits and for some of us, attending church while we're on vacation.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to ‘Pray without ceasing’ – but what does that mean? Does it mean formal prayer? It can...but it can also mean worshipping God in and through everything that we do. Taking in a sunrise or a sunset – realize the Creator who made it happen! Enjoying a rainstorm – think of Who created that balance of sun and rain. Spending time with friends and family – take time to see and share God in those moments. Through simple things, we can truly ‘Pray without ceasing!’



Registration is open for the 2023 Summer Camping season at the four camps of the Susquehanna Conference. There are camps for all age groups and for families. First UMC has scholarship funds available if needed. If you're interested in learning more about the camps offered, you can go to the [Camp and Retreat Ministries website](#) to explore and to register for a camp.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 4/1/23	\$6,997.71
Receipts	\$35,872.22
Funds available	\$42,869.93
Total expenses	\$37,361.07
Net balance 5/1/23	\$5,508.86

### BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 4/1/23	\$7,488.22
Receipts	\$4,080.00
Funds available	\$11,568.22
Total expenses	\$6,112.00
Net balance 5/1/23	\$5,456.22

### BUILDING FUND

Balance 4/1/23	-\$900.85
Receipts	\$4,240.00
Funds available	\$3,339.15
Total expenses	\$0.00
Net balance 5/1/23	\$3,339.15

## Sunday Morning Schedule

- Nursery care: 9:30–Noon (age 4 and under)
- Worship services:
  - 8:15 Traditional
  - 9:30 Contemporary
  - 9:30–10:30 Children's Church (age 5 through Gr. 6)
  - 10:45 Traditional
- Classes:
  - 9:30 adults
  - 10:30 adults; youth

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## **PASTOR RICK'S OFFICE HOURS**

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9-Noon

Tuesdays 1–4 p.m. by appointment

Church Council approved disbursing the excess benevolence funds from 2022 to the following organizations:

Aly's Monkey Movement	\$300.00
Camp Victory	\$1,000.00
Dwell Orphan Care	\$500.00
Experience Missions	\$1,000.00
Hands Up Foundation	\$500.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$1,000.00
Sojourner Truth	\$500.00
Sunnybrook Meadows	\$600.00
UMCOR undesignated	\$500.00
United Methodist Home for Children	\$500.00
Vineyard	\$500.00
West End Community Center	\$500.00
WGRC Radio	\$250.00
WJSA Radio	\$250.00

This is a total of \$7900.00

In addition, 10% of our Endowment Income from our investments will be sent to:

**The Central PA Food Bank \$1875.00**

Many thanks to the Benevolence Distribution Committee for their recommendations.

## Paper Shredding Containers Will Continue



We had such a great response to the paper shredding collection offered during our "On God's Green Earth" event that we decided to make it permanent. We will keep a collection container outside the Living Water Café.

The container will be locked so you can be sure that your confidential records are secure. When the container is full, the church office will contact North Central Sight Services who will come and collect the paper for shredding. Not only will this provide a great service to our church, but it also supports the mission of North Central Sight Services of helping to provide employment to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Please note that this container will be for confidential records only and not for normal trash.

**Live stream:** 10:45 worship services on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCMuncy/>  
Or our website— <https://firstumcmuncy.org/sermons/>

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- **Homebound:** Peach Bardo – 2699 Haas Lane, Montoursville, PA 17756  
Elsie Smith – 700 Glade Run Rd, Muncy, PA 17756

- **Assisted living facilities and nursing/rehabilitation centers:**

Wolf Run Village, 3750 Rt. 220, Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737

\*Richard "Dick" Hartzell (Rm. A-12)

Anne Knox (Rm. D13), Phone: (570) 974-1020

Tom Weaver (Rm. C-4)

WeCare At Loyalsock, 1445 Sycamore Rd., Montoursville, PA 17754

Bill McCarty (Rm. 306), Phone: (570) 601-8284

Floss McCarty (Rm. 403)

Ephrata Manor, 99 Bethany Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522

Alberta Shaner (124)

\*New this month.

- **Serving in the armed forces:**

Brett Bardo, Tyler Barto, Jamie Campbell, Morgan Eck, Madison Foreman, Josh Garverick, Pat Gaydon, John Kuhn, Joshua Kustanbauter, Matt Lucas, Matthew McCabe, Chad McElwee, Ginger Paddock, Derek Reese, Chris Secules, Tyler Smay, Coty Steele, Scott Wolfe, Roy Zeisloft



"My dear friends at the First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of my family from the bottom of my heart thank you so much for your prayers, visits and communion you gave my mother, Alida Ritter, this past year while she was a resident at Muncy Place. Our Pastor Rick Robinson was a blessing giving her a beautiful funeral service and a special thank you to Cathy Henry and the volunteers for providing us with a luncheon. Praise Jesus she's in heaven with my dad today. God's Blessings and healing to all. – Tom & Dave Ritter and family"

"Dear church family,

Thank you to everyone who has prayed, reached out with phone calls, and sent flowers, meals and cards during my recent surgery and ongoing recovery. Your love and care are very much appreciated, and I have felt God's love through you. Thank you! – Pastor Rick"



Thank you to everyone who helped with the May Good 'n Plenty takeout meal. For those who donated cookies, if you haven't retrieved your containers yet, please stop by the kitchen at your earliest convenience. – The Hospitality Ministry Team

# Let's Celebrate!

May the blessings of our loving God fill your heart with joy!

## BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Wayne Kemmerer
- 6/2 Melissa Buck, Lacy Eckard
- 6/3 Linda Holsinger, Heather McCormick
- 6/4 Darcie Peterman
- 6/5 Mitch Morgan
- 6/7 Amanda Kustanbauter, Jim Stuart
- 6/8 Rebecca Byers, Molly Kemmerer
- 6/11 Allison Beck
- 6/12 Jane Pick
- 6/14 Sullivan Ryan Miller
- 6/16 Marcy Benner, Bill Bond
- 6/17 Amanda Creasey, Amanda Knerr, John McCarty
- 6/19 Ginny Boob, Sue Brittain, Don Kepler
- 6/21 Kathy Colyer
- 6/23 Dottie Mertz
- 6/25 Wade Beck
- 6/29 Gary Hartley, Paul Miller
- 6/30 Bill McCarty – 85<sup>th</sup>

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/1 Heather and Brian McCormick
- 6/3 Lana and Bob Forse
- 6/7 Jean and Denny Hammond
- 6/8 Joanne and Lou Cromley, Nikki and Skylar Wilcox
- 6/10 Yuanita and Roger Frantz
- 6/12 Karen and Al Barraco
- 6/15 Elsie and Dan Emick, Julie and Jed Ritter
- 6/16 Lori and John McCarty, Linda and Craig Miller – 50<sup>th</sup>,  
Darl and Doug Smith
- 6/18 Jan and Bruce Weaver
- 6/21 Karen and Tom Ruhl
- 6/23 Lois and Townsend Velkoff
- 6/25 Kristin and Matthew Timer
- 6/26 Cindy and Steve Campbell,  
Anne and Chris Leshner
- 6/27 Patsy and Charles Feigles, Monica and Ron Hill
- 6/28 Mary Ann and Paul Miller
- 6/29 Paula and Marty McCabe, Dottie and Bob Mertz



Congratulations to Kristin and Matthew Timer  
212 Steed Ln., Bel Air, MD 21014  
on the April 23 birth of their daughter,  
Olivia Grace Timer.  
Proud grandparent: Gail Nuss.

**Reminder:** Please join us in celebrating



Jeane Smay's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday  
in the Living Water Café.  
Sunday, June 11, 2–4 p.m.

*John, Marta, Kathy and Kevin*  
R.S.V.P. to the church office



**Where:** Pier 87, on Rt. 87  
(carpooling from the church)  
**When:** Thurs., June 22 at noon  
RSVP: Connie Holtzapple 546-6058  
or Janice Oden 546-6166



Keenagers/Muncy Area Sr. Citizens  
Noon, Wed., June 21  
In the Celebration Center gym  
Program: Joy Barto



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bells 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	2  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	3 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  7:00 Social dance
4- <b>Grad. Recog.</b> 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. 9:30-10:30 Children's Church 9:30-noon Nursery 10:30 Adult S.S. 10:30 God Squad 2:00 Private Party	5 9:00 Women's Exercise  6:00 Vacation Bible School	6 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 Bible study 6:00 VBS 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Ad Council 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7 1:00 Bible study  5:30 Praise Band 6:00 VBS 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	8 9:00 Women's Exercise  6:00 VBS 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	9  6:00 VBS  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	10 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 11:00 Muncy Library Renaissance Fair  Set-up for Music Day Camp
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18- <b>Father's Day</b> 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult S.S. 9:30-10:30 Children's Church 9:30-noon Nursery 10:30 Adult S.S. 10:30 God Squad	19 Volunteers in Mission 9:00 Women's Exercise  7:00 Trustee mtg.	20 Volunteers in Mission 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 NO Bible study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	21 Volunteers in Mission Noon Muncy Sr. Citizens/Keenagers 1:00 Bible study 5:30 PBand Rehear 6:00-8:00 Exper. Mission project 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 AA	22 Volunteers in Mission 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:00 VIM dinner  7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	23 Volunteers in Mission   7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	24 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
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But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Philippians 3:20 (NRSV)

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