



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MAY 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

What a wonderful day we had celebrating “On God’s Green Earth” on Sat., April 22. We collected lots of electronics to recycle, made new friends, collected documents to shred, ate hot dogs for lunch, learned all about backyard composting and took a hike to learn about glacier pools and the amphibians who make their homes there. We even ended our hike with a nourishing thunderstorm. Thanks to everyone who participated!!





# New and Reinstated Members

Welcome to our newest members who became part of our church family:



Ben and Linsey Sauer became members on 2/27/23 and were received on March 26. Pictured with them are their two children, Annie and Harrison. They attend the 9:30 service.



Nancy Stiger Weigle was reinstated on 3/2/23. She is the daughter of former members, the late Cam and Rebecca "Nana" Musser. She attends the 8:15 service.



Lorie (Stiger) McCarty was also reinstated on 3/2/23. She is the daughter of Nancy Weigle and is married to John McCarty. She attends the 8:15 service.

## Good 'n Plenty Supper – Wed., May 3

~ TAKE OUT ONLY ~  
 "To Go" curbside  
 4–5:30 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$12  
 ~ No child-size take outs ~

**MENU:** Ham BBQ, roll, macaroni salad, chips, dessert and beverage



Keenagers/Muncy Area Sr. Citizens  
 Noon, Wed., May 17  
 In the Celebration Center gym  
 Program: Dick Hess, wood carver



**Where:** Good Wil's, Milton (carpooling from the church)  
**When:** Thurs., May 18 at noon  
 RSVP: Connie Holtzapple 546-6058  
 or Janice Oden 546-6166



WE'RE COLLECTING Children's Sunscreen FOR DWELL'S HOPE CHEST FOSTER CLOSET  
 in honor of Foster Care Awareness Month this May!  
 COLLECTION CRATES are in The Living Water Café (downstairs) and The Welcome Center (upstairs)

# 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 May 15 for the June newsletter.

**Submitted by Karen Barraco**

It was a time of uncertainty for us in 1985. A bad economy had led to a lay-off for Al. We traveled to Williamsport where he accepted a job offer. With that decision behind us, we left our hotel in search of the Lycoming Mall and took in a movie. After the show, we discovered the mall was closed and a gate prevented us from returning to the car by the way we came. Never having been there before, we stood trying to decide which way to go when a couple approached us asking if they could be of help. We gratefully accepted their offer to drive us around to the other side of the mall. Our conversation led to our plans to move from western PA to the area. They had high praise for Muncy, and house-hunting did eventually lead us to Muncy.

Before long, we decided to search for a new church home, starting with the United Methodist Church. We were greeted at the door and a friendly gentleman helped us find our way from the lower level to the sanctuary upstairs. As the pastor stood to speak, Al and I looked at each other with surprise. He was the man who had driven us to our car after the movie! God had guided our steps all along the way!

A verse I held close to my heart during those months: *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* Jeremiah 29:11

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### CURRENT EXPENSE

Balance 3/1/23	\$13,587.09
Receipts	\$31,694.87
Funds available	\$45,281.96
Total expenses	\$38,284.25
Net balance 4/1/23	\$6,997.71

### BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance 3/1/23	\$4,595.72
Receipts	\$4,430.00
Funds available	\$9,025.72
Total expenses	\$1,537.50
Net balance 4/1/23	\$7,488.22

### BUILDING FUND

Balance 3/1/23	\$14,404.00
Receipts	\$5,622.00
Funds available	\$20,026.00
Total expenses	\$20,926.85
Net balance 4/1/23	-\$900.85

## Holy Spirit Bible Study Survey



The survey didn't generate enough interest this year. It will be offered again next year.

**REMINDER:** ongoing small group Bible studies are available on Sunday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday evening. The Pastor's Tuesday morning study will resume in June.

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





- **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:**

Anne Knox – Wolf Run Village (Rm. D13), 3750 Rt. 220, Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737  
Phone: (570) 974-1020

Bill and Floss McCarty – WeCare At Loyalsock (Bill: Rm. 306; Floss: Rm. 403),  
1445 Sycamore Rd., Montoursville, PA 17754  
Phone: Bill's: (570) 601-8284; Floss: (570) 601-8172

Alberta Shaner – Ephrata Manor (Rm. 124), 99 Bethany Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522

Tom Weaver – Wolf Run Village (C-4), 3750 Rt. 220, Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737

- **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

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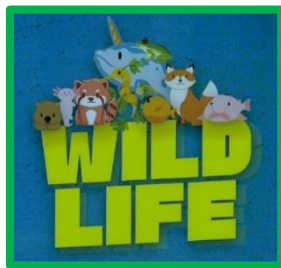
**WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY:**

- Alida Ritter, 93, mother of Tom Ritter of 38 Michael Ave., Hughesville, PA 17737, passed away on April 23, 2023.

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## Summer Children's Ministry Events

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

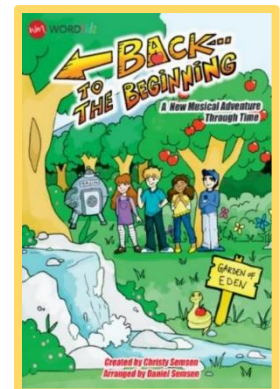


**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will run in the evenings from June 5 through June 9 this year.

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. (Brochures are on the Connection Tables)

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!





# April 8 – JAM’s Easter “Color Run” Fun

This year’s Color Run was a big success. Click [here](#) to check out the picture gallery.



“A big thank you to all that made the Color Run happen. Special thanks to Heather Koser for her fun music, the Hospitality Ministry Team for the snacks, the JAM planning committee, and Miss Kiley and Miss Tiffany for their leadership. We had a fun time. – The JAM kids”



# Let's Celebrate!

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

## BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Brandon Cotner, Mark Hester  
5/2 Anna Buck, Ruth Frontz, Sue Kainz,  
Maddox Leitenberger, Brooke Spillane  
5/3 Michael Creasey, Nikki (Fausey) Wilcox  
5/4 Ron Hill  
5/6 Reece Armstrong, Hope Freeborn  
5/7 Darlene Webb, Dona Winder  
5/9 Chip Cowher, George Henry  
5/10 Jennifer Bowman  
5/12 TJ McCabe  
5/13 Linda Young  
5/14 Abigail Klucka, Deb Steransky  
5/15 Alexandria Eck, Ben Fausey  
5/16 Emily Bressette, Nate Grenoble  
5/17 Paige Kepner, John Shoop  
5/18 Jeane Smay – 95<sup>th</sup>  
5/21 Sherrill Reynolds, Lois Velkoff  
5/22 Timothy Morse  
5/23 Gina Beyer, Sandy Schell  
5/24 Clay Fahringer, Andrew Lucas  
5/25 Halley Campbell  
5/26 Dave Gehrum, David Young  
5/27 Braden Foresman, Josephine Miller  
5/30 Sally Gardy, Mary Ann Kilpatrick

## ANNIVERSARIES

5/7 Betsy and Merle Parker  
5/8 Sharon and Scott Moyer  
5/9 Erin and Thad Baker  
5/11 Kathi Blaker and Jim Brown, Kathy and Don Colyer  
5/13 Sue and Dave Gehrum  
5/19 Courtney and Tim Taylor  
5/22 Nancy and Barry Grove  
5/24 Pollie and Bob Furman – 65<sup>th</sup>  
5/28 Tierney and Jeff Pauling  
5/29 Amy and Kevin Myers



Congratulations to Allison & Patrick Eisenhauer  
3074 Green Valley Rd., Hughesville, PA 17737  
on the March 2 birth of their son,  
William Allyn Eisenhauer  
Proud grandparents: Melissa and Bill Martens.



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

THANK YOU

“Dear First UMC Muncy Family,

Thank you to all of my church friends and family who have reached out to me in this sad time. Thanks for all the prayers and loving thoughts throughout the years Tony was in the nursing home. He is now free and healed and in the loving arms of God. Thank you to all of you who helped with his service and luncheon. Everything was how I wanted it to be.” – Love, Bonnie Rebeck

“I would like to thank everyone who brought me food and prayed for my elbow. God Bless.” – Charlotte Hoffman



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball  6:30 Endowment Committee mtg.	<b>2</b> 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 No study 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Church Council mtg. 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>3</b> 1:00 Bible study 4:00–5:30 G'nP "Take-out only" 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>4 National Day of Prayer</b> 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast  9:00 Women's Ex 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>5</b>   7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>6</b> 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous   7:00 Social dance
<b>7</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 1:00 Private Party	<b>8</b> 9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	<b>9</b> 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 No study 1:00 D.A.R. mtg. 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 SPRC 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>10</b> 1:00 Bible study   5:30 Praise Band 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>11</b> 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bells 6:30 Discipleship Team mtg. 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir	<b>12</b>   7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>13</b> 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous   2:00–5:00 Private Party
<b>14</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	<b>15</b> 9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball  7:00 Trustee mtg.	<b>16 Election Day</b> 7am–8pm Polling 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 No study 6:30 Faithful Hands Interest Group 6:30 GriefShare 7:00 NA	<b>17</b> Noon Muncy Sr. Citizens/Keenagers 1:00 Bible study 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>18 Annual Conf.</b> 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Women's Exercise Noon Widow's Mite at Good Wil's 6:15 Hand Bells 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>19 Annual Conf.</b>   7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>20 Annual Conf.</b> 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00–Noon Mission Stitchers 10am–3pm Rotary Event Noon Private Event (pavilion)
<b>21</b> Same as above Except... 2:00 Baptism party and... 2:00 Muncy High School's Baccalaureate Service	<b>22</b> 9:00 Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	<b>23</b> 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 No study  6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>24</b> 1:00 Bible study 5:00 Muncy Women's Club 5:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>25</b> 9:00 Women's Exercise 6:15 Hand Bells 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 8:00am–5:00pm Life Line Screening   7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>27</b> 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>28 PENTECOST</b>  COMBINED Worship Services at 10 a.m.  8:45 Adult S.S. NO Children's Church NO Nursery Care	<b>29 Memorial Day</b> 9:00–4:00 Office Closed  9:00 NO Women's Exercise 10:00 Pickleball	<b>30</b> 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 TOPS 10:00 No study  6:30 GriefShare 7:00 Finance Com. 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>31</b> 1:00 Bible study   5:30 Praise Band 6:30 God Squad Youth Group 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous			

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ~ Hebrews 12: 1 (NIV)

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