



FIRST LIGHT

E-NEWS FROM MUNCY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 18, 2023

Maui Fire Disaster Relief Donations

Wind-driven wildfires on Maui prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. In order to provide immediate aid, our ministry partner, UMCOR, is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. However, ongoing recovery work will require additional funds. As first responders continue to provide aid in the area, please join UMCOR in prayer for those affected. If you would like to contribute financially to the ongoing aid work through UMCOR, here are the ways you can give:

- Place a check or cash in one of the red/white special offering envelopes found in the sanctuary pews and on the Connection Tables, mark it for UMCOR and place it in the offering plate or basket.
- Send or drop off a check or cash to the church office, again, clearly marking that your intention is to send it to UMCOR.
- Donate online at the following link: <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670>. Click "Donate Now." In the drop down list asking where in the USA you would like to *send your donation*, choose "USDR-Hawaii Relief."

Reminders:

-Sports Card Show to benefit the God Squad's Compassion International Child. August 19th 9:00-3:00. Contact Kevin Myers if you are able to help with this event.

-Family Promise Clothing Closet collection August 13th-September 10th. Place donations in the collection bins in the Welcome Center and under the coat racks outside the Living Water Café. All sizes of clothing accepted.



Sports Card Show
August 19, 2023 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
***Silent Auction of sports themed items**
***Food, collectors' tables and FUN**



Just
Walk
Across
the
Room

New Study for Fall 2023

Submitted by Karen Barraco

Have you ever wondered why sometimes it's so hard to break out of our comfort zone and simply walk across the room to greet someone we don't know? Someone who may not appear to be "my people"?

This fall, be a part of a four-week experience to learn "simple steps to point people to faith." On four Wednesday evenings, Sept. 20 & 27 and Oct. 11 and 18, join us for a light supper at 5:45 p.m. in the Celebration Center followed at 6:30 p.m. by an approximately one-hour session led by Pastor Rick in the Living Water Cafe. A short video presentation will be followed by a teaching segment and then small group discussion. The evening will close with sharing thoughts from the small groups.

Sign-ups will begin this Sunday, August 20, at the Connection Tables or by using this [online sign-up form](#). Let us know if you will be coming for the meal or just the group session. Childcare will be available in the nursery, so if needed, let us know how many children and their ages. Participant study books will be available as we get closer to the study at a suggested donation of \$5.00 each. We had intended to do this study just as the COVID lockdowns were happening in 2020 so you may already own the study book. If you will need us to provide a study book, please indicate that during the sign-up process.

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