



# FIRST LIGHT

E-NEWS FROM MUNCY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 25, 2023

## Muncy Ministerium Back-To-School Prayer Walk

The pastors of the Muncy Ministerium will be hosting a Back-To-School Prayer walk in Muncy this coming Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the walk is to surround the Muncy Schools, children, teachers and staff with prayer as they head back to school. The walk will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Andrew Lutheran Church at 201 S. Main Street. They will then walk to Myers Elementary and Muncy High School and end at the Muncy Baptist Church for an ice cream social. The group will be led in prayer at each stop along the way. We hope you will consider being a part of this ecumenical gathering as we fellowship and pray together.



## Sports Card Show Roundup

Youth Director, Kevin Myers reports that the Sports Card Show held last Saturday was a big success. Ten youth and their leaders helped to run the show and concessions. They hosted approximately 15 vendors and 125 guests to the show. The goal was to raise enough money to support their Compassion International sponsor child for one year but they raised enough to support her for TWO years. Well done Kevin and God Squad!



## Reminders:

**-Family Promise Clothing Closet** collection August 13<sup>th</sup>-September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**-UMCOR Maui Fire Relief** offerings being collected through September 10<sup>th</sup>. Place donations in the special offering envelopes in the pews or on the Connection Tables. Mark for "UMCOR" and place in the offering plate/basket.

**-Just Walk Across the Room** small group study led by Pastor Rick. Sessions will be Sept. 20 & 27 and Oct. 11 & 18. A light meal will be served in the Celebration Center at 5:45 followed by the study in the Living Water Café. Childcare is available. Sign up on the Connection Tables or [online here](#).

**Make a Joyful Noise:** It's that time of year again. Time for our Chancel and Bell Choirs be begin practicing for a new season of blessing our worship services. Weekly rehearsals will begin for the **Bell Choir on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 pm** in the sanctuary. Practice for the **Chancel Choir will begin on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** in the choir room.

♪♪♪♪♪ NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN! ♪♪♪♪♪

# Being a “Doer” of the Word

Doug Alexander attends our 9:30 service with his wife, Polly and daughter, Cori Cotner. Doug is an “uncle” at the Little League World Series. Each year Doug works with Gary Weaver who is currently one of our Susquehanna Conference Superintendents in the UMC. This year, Doug and Gary had the honor of being uncle to the team from Cuba who made their Little League World Series debut. When Cori heard from her dad and Gary that the team from Cuba would be arriving with little to no money and none of their families, she felt that someone should be there to support the team. At the same time, Pastor Rick preached a sermon about not only being a hearer of the Word but also being a “doer” of the Word. Cori felt God tugging at her heart to act so she sent a text to some church friends from her small group and they started to hatch a plan to support the Cuba team. The first thing they did was gathered as a group to sit in the “family seats” at the team’s first game against Japan. The parents and families may not have been there to cheer for the team but they definitely had a “fan section” cheering them on. Next, Cori heard from Doug and Gary that one of the kids’ biggest wishes while in the USA was to go to McDonalds. So again, Cori got to texting friends and family and before long had raised enough money to send the team to McDonalds TWICE!” They loved it, by the way. Cori also made contact with our friends over at Aly’s Monkey Movement and had monkey’s donated for each of the boys. These are such simple acts of kindness that went a long way to show the love of Christ to those who found themselves in a somewhat stressful situation. The boys found kindness from other sources as well. For example, the team from Australia invited the Cuba team to go to a Pittsburgh Pirates game in Pittsburgh. Whatever they may hear in their own country about the USA, we know they felt welcomed and loved while they were here and we are so thankful that our church had a part in that, once again living out our vision of “Blessed to be a Blessing.”



*Heather Koser, Polly Alexander, Cori Cotner and Nancy Kohl cheering on the team*



*The teams from Cuba and Panama join in prayer after the game.*



*The Cuba Team just “monkeying” around*



*McDonalds!  
Wish completed!*