



FIRST LIGHT

E-NEWS FROM MUNCY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 15, 2023

Christmas Offering

The Church Council has voted to distribute the 2023 Christmas Offering to three local charities that serve children experiencing difficult circumstances. The offering taken at the 3:30 and 8:00 services on Christmas Eve, as well as any offerings specifically designated for "Christmas Offering" will be split evenly between Meagan's Box, Aly's Monkey Movement and Dwell Orphan Care.

- "Meagan's Box is a nonprofit Christmas Project in which toys and clothing are purchased for children ages birth to 18 years. The gifts are boxed and wrapped for the children to experience a true Christmas."

- "Aly's Monkey Movement provides stuffed animal monkeys to children all over the world who may be experiencing a difficult time in their lives. Whether it be the loss of a loved one or a diagnosis that leaves them hospitalized, the list goes on and on. The intention of the monkey is to provide comfort and joy to the child in the midst of their fear."

- "Dwell Orphan Care exists to support and encourage foster, adoptive and kinship families in Central PA and beyond, while mobilizing and equipping the community and local churches so that children have a safe, loving, forever home in which to dwell."

Please consider giving generously to these worthy causes. Make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and mark "Christmas" in the memo line or use the Christmas envelope from your box of weekly offering envelopes.

Reminders:

- **Touch-A-Heart** Gifts are due by **THIS SUNDAY**. Place gifts in the Welcome Center.

- **"Festival of Christmas" Cantata: THIS SUNDAY**, December 17th at 10:45 and 2:00. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. **NO 8:15 or 9:30 SERVICES THIS DAY. NO NURSERY OR JAM.**

- **Christmas Eve Services: (No JAM or Nursery at any services on Dec. 24).**

10:00 am in the sanctuary. One Combined worship for the 4th Sunday of Advent. (Live Streamed)

3:30 pm in the sanctuary. Candlelight and communion service.

8:00 pm in the sanctuary. Candlelight and Communion service. (Live Streamed)

- **Christmas Day Meal:** for singles and couples who would otherwise be alone. 11:30 am in the Living Water Café. RSVP to the office or Elaine Duckworth (570-584-2234) by **TODAY**.

- A **new 13-week class of GriefShare** will begin on January 9th. The class will meet in the church lounge on Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

- There will be **extra nuts** for sale in the Welcome Center on Sunday morning or you can make arrangements with the office to purchase some during the week.

- **2024 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Welcome Center. If you want envelopes or you got envelopes but prefer to give online, contact Barry Grove at finance@firstumcmuncy.org.

Faithful Hands December Project

Submitted by Karen Barraco

Many hands make light work, so that's why some from the Faithful Hands group met last week with dozens of others at the Hughesville Fire Hall to pack gift boxes for Christmas with the organizers of Meagan's Box. What an awesome outreach! Working at two different boxing stations that evening were Jane Lucas, Jo Ann Welch, Gary Allshouse, Al Barraco, Angie Kustanbauter, Elaine Duckworth and Karen Barraco. We were also able to deliver donations of personal care products which were included in boxes for teens. Thanks to all who supported our efforts!



I do not want to name
names, GOD knows...

Words are not enough for
Thanks with all of your
PRAYERS. I am on the
way to healing in many
ways. THANK YOU to
all of the Muncy 1st UMC
Angels.

Love,
Rebecca