

# First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from  
First United Methodist

August 9, 2024

## WHAT IS THE PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND?



Did you know that First UMC has a special fund used to help our neighbors in need? The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is managed by Marty McCabe and Pastor Rick. When a request for assistance comes in to the church, Marty does the research to find out if it is a

legitimate need and, together, they make a decision on whether to help and how much to help. Just over the summer, these funds have been used to help 3 women with rental assistance, including one woman with children attempting to leave an abusive relationship. These funds are also used to purchase gas and food cards which are kept on hand in the church to help with immediate needs. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is funded with proceeds from the monthly Social Benefit Dance, held the first Saturday of each month, as well as through special giving and distributions of regular Benevolence Funds. These funds go a long way in helping us be "Blessed to be a Blessing."

## PREPARE NOW! RUMMAGE SALE OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

The Mission and Outreach Team is currently organizing an indoor rummage sale which will take place in the Celebration Center on October 12<sup>th</sup>. So start cleaning out those closets and storage areas, looking for items you want to donate to the sale. Set up for the yard sale will begin on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information in the coming months about how and when to bring your donated items. Proceeds from the yard sale will go to a charity or cause to be determined soon.



## ARE YOU READY FOR MEMBERSHIP?

Several people have approached Pastor Rick about becoming members. If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a member of First United Methodist Church, please contact the office to set up a time to meet with Pastor Rick. 570-546-8030 or office@firstumcmuncy.org

## Reminders:

-The Mission and Outreach Team is collecting individually packaged snacks and bottles of Gatorade for the Muncy Fire Department first responders. Place donations in the marked containers outside the Living Water Café and in the Welcome Center by August 10<sup>th</sup>.

-**Blessing of the Backpacks-August 25<sup>th</sup>.** Kids, teachers, school employees, bring your school bags/backpacks to church. We will have a special blessing for the new school year at 9:30 am in the Living Water Café.

-**Muncy Ministerium Back to School Prayer Walk.** The walk will be August 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 pm at the St. Andrew Lutheran Church parking lot. The walk will end at Muncy Baptist with ice cream.

Home  
Communion  
Servers  
Needed



Contact  
the church  
office

August 11, 2024

Sermon: "New Life"

Scriptures: Psalm 8:1-5  
Hebrews 10:19-25  
John 3:1-12

