

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

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Blessed to be a Blessing

I've always been told that the latest addition to the First UMC, Muncy building was intended to be a resource to the community. It was a significant blessing to the community on Monday this week. You may have heard about the death of John Erods, a 42 year-old gentleman who was hit along route 180 on May 29th. John was employed at SCI Muncy and was one of the leaders who use our Celebration Center for training each fall. When John's family and friends were planning his funeral services, they came to us because they are familiar with the building and because they were expecting hundreds of people to attend and knew we could accommodate a larger crowd. When we walked the building planning the services, they were blown away by the view of the prison from the Welcome Center windows and knew immediately that they would place the casket and receive mourners in that room. Because John was a member of the honor guard at the prison, there were honor guard members throughout the building, directing traffic and helping the hundreds of mourners who attended the visitation and funeral. With our location at the end of Sherman Street, we were also able to accommodate a line of emergency vehicles that formed a procession after the service. Everyone was so appreciative of our hospitality and help in providing a beautiful farewell to their friend and brother. Thank you to everyone who helped set up extra chairs, move tables, run the technology and all the other little jobs behind the scenes.



Mission and Outreach members are happy to share that we raised \$3,600 through the yard sale held in May. We received a mountain of items to sell and many volunteers assisted in unpacking, setting up, organizing and then packing up when it was completed. Thank you as well to the Hospitality committee for selling hotdogs, chips, cookies and cheesecake. \$1,600 was given to Muncy's summer recreation program and \$2,000 will be provided to the local school to help with the backpack food program for students. Many thanks to all assisted in making this such a success. We truly are blessed to be a blessing.



June 14, 2026
"Calls Into Being,
Things That Were Not"
Romans 4:17
Matthew 13:24-30



**The church office will be closed
on Monday, June 15th**

Reminders:

What's Cookin VBS

VBS will be June 15th-19th from 6:00-8:30 each evening. The Theme is "What's Cookin: Taste and See That the Lord is Good!" VBS is open to children in grades K-6. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family members. You can register by clicking the link [here](#). The JAM leaders are looking for helpers. They need folks who can run the stations each evening: Snacks, games, crafts, etc. If you can help, please contact JAM at jesusandme@firstumcmuncy.org. They are also looking for basket donations to be used as prizes for the children. Some basket theme ideas are: Summer Fun, Candy, Water Fun, Snacks, Smores, Camping, and Games. But feel free to get creative. Baskets can be dropped off at the church any time before the week of VBS.



To our Church Family,
for your caring thoughts,
concerns and prayers
THANK YOU! David and I
appreciate all the wishes for
strength, support and
comfort during the past 10
weeks including the wonderful meals! Each
note and card sent our way was a reminder of
HIS love and care and the FUMC family.
Blessings,
Joanie and David Wallis

