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Recycle Disciples

Christ UMC in Waynesboro has a very unique way of raising funds for their ministries.

It began with placing aluminum can recycling bins at the church. The collected cans were turned in at a local recycling center for cash. But the story doesn't end there! They began to collect larger metal objects. Quickly, the church realized there was a need in the community to help folks who had old items which they could not dispose of themselves. As word of mouth spread into the community, folks began to contact the church to see if they could benefit from some of their old appliances, used auto parts, old copper pipes or wiring and various other types of scrap metal. On some occasions, church members would even agree to pick up items from local homes or businesses at no cost to the owners.

Since starting in April 2010, Christ UMC's Recycle Disciples have recycled over 1,000,000 pounds of metal – earning a total of around \$100,000.00 while helping the earth! Not only did they raise funds for various church projects, but they have impacted their local community and the environment in a positive way.



Current Rates

1 Year 1.04% APY 1.05%

2 Year 1.14% APY 1.15%

3 Year 1.34% APY 1.35%

4 Year 1.38% APY 1.40%

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Springing Forth at First, Mechanicsburg

As we progress into Fall and another unsettling season of Covid, First UMC of Mechanicsburg shares their journey and the creative ways that they have seen Covid change their ministry for the better. They quickly made the transition from in-person to digital worship. Through their online presence they have extended the reach of their ministry out into their community and beyond. Even though churches reopened, they still continue to offer digital worship and have reached many more people than having only in person services.

With churches shut down for Christmas, First UMC tried something new. They offered a pre-recorded family service with a special worship “kit” that made it interactive for children, a hands-on approach which can be used in the future for in-person services as well.

Once in-person worship returned, they added an outdoor service in their church parking lot. Since First UMC is located in a downtown neighborhood, they attracted not only current members but church neighbors as well.

Leaders and church staff have been innovative in finding creative ways to carry out mission even when their church doors were closed. As Pastor Denny has repeated throughout the year, “The doors of First Church are closed, but our ministry is alive and active because of the faithfulness of our congregation. We have been blessed in many ways throughout this challenging year!”

