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The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

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MICAH OUTREACH TO DELIVER VALENTINE COOKIES TO SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS



Your Micah Team (Outreach) will again be delivering plates of Valentine cookies to local service organizations on Tuesday, February 14th.

We hope you will help us provide smiles by bringing a variety of cookies to the church kitchen by 9 A.M. on the 14th.

SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner



February 28

Hosted by Young Adults Group
5-7 pm in Godwin Fellowship Hall

\$7 per person

**BRING A FRIEND FOR PANCAKES,
SAUSAGE AND MORE!**

February Micah Meal

Sunday, February 19

12 noon after worship in Godwin Hall

Bring a large salad, casserole or
dessert to share.

Donations benefit WV Flood Recovery



FEBRUARY 2ND



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 2017			1 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am	2 + Overeaters Anonymous-#22E 5:30 pm	3 +	4 +
5 + Sunday School 9:30 am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40 am UMW - GFH 2:00 pm	6 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am Round Table - GFH 7	7 + Early Birds - Library 8 am Sunday School 9:30 am Chancel Choir 7:00 pm	8 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am	9 + Overeaters Anonymous-#22E 5:30 pm	10 +	11 +
12 + Sunday School 9:30 am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40 am	13 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am Witness-#21E 6:00 pm Nurture - #21E 7:00 pm	1 Valentine's + 4 Day Early Birds - Library 8 am Chancel Choir 7:00 pm COOKIE DELIVERY	15 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am Circle One - Fleming Lounge 9:30 am Circle 2-3 - Fleming Lounge 1:30 pm - 9:00 am	16 + Overeaters Anonymous-#22E 5:30 pm Church Night Out – CJ Maggies – 6pm	17 Evening Circle Governor's Inn – 7pm	18 + Scrapbooking – GFH 0 10am
19 + United Methodist Men - 8:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Worship - Sanctuary 10:40 am Micah Meal -12N Disciple Me-4pm	20 President's Day + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am Cub Scouts-GFH 7:00 pm Outreach – 21E-6pm	21 + Early Birds - Library 8 am Chancel Choir 7:00 pm	22 + Exercise Group - #18E 9 am	23 + Overeaters Anonymous-#22E 5:30 pm	24 +	25 +
26 + Sunday School 9:30 am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40 am	27 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am	28 + Shrove Tuesday Shrove Tuesday Pancakes - GFH Early Birds - Library 8:00 am Chancel Choir 7:00 pm	<div>MEMORIALS:</div> <p>Gifts, in memory of Dave Fox, were made to the FUMC Memorial Fund by Dave & Alice Poling, Al & Mary Poling, Lee & Barb Peterson and Ronald & Donna Fox.</p> <p>A gift, in memory of Barbara Watts, was made to the FUMC Memorial Fund by Bill O'Brien and Tony & Mary Gum.</p> <p>A gift, in memory of Sarah Wallace, was made to the FUMC Memorial Fund by Tony & Mary Gum.</p> <p>Margaret Walls made a donation, in memory of Dick Heatherly, Barbara Watts and Sarah Wallace, to the Higher Education Scholarship Fund.</p>			

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Zachary Calef-Boring	8 Brooke Scott	20 Barbara Loudin
2 Christa Edwards	10 Naomi Lynch	24 Lynne Petrosky
3 Mary Anna Summers	11 Matthew Bellamy	25 Keturah Frye
Maria Almond	15 Joe Wiest	27 Steve Meadows
Kaylyn Carpenter	16 Amy McGrew	
Carrie Wallace	17 Ronceverte Almond	
4 Alicia Rapking	Alison Clausen	
7 Phyllis Coston	18 Steve Wilson	
Tristen Scott	19 Delaney Green	





United Methodist Women

UMW started off the new year with several new officers. We welcome Barbara Loftis, president; Lynne Petrosky and Nancy Hefner, vice presidents; and Jane Crutchfield, secretary. Jo Criss returns as treasurer. The unit appreciates the many hours volunteered by outgoing officers Patty McComas, Margaret Miller, Esther Dyer, Sandra McCutcheon, and Lillian Halverson.

Thanks to all who helped make our cookie walk in December a success: those who baked, worked, and bought. \$1,230 was raised for mission projects we support such as Crosslines, Habitat for Humanity, Literacy Volunteers, and Upshur Helping Hands.

On January 8 we gathered on a frigid Sunday to “warm up” each other's spirits and hear “A Community of Women Share” facilitated by our VPs. The women pictured told some highlights of their years in previous versions of UMW such as WSCS, and Lynne Petrosky educated us with some history. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 5, 2 pm, for the program “A Learning Community: Literacy Volunteers”, led by Kendra Sullivan. All are welcome to come.

Our organization now has 3 circles designated for the time of day they usually meet: morning, afternoon, and evening. This is a great way to find a caring, supportive, group of friends. Circles generally meet once a month either at FUMC, someone's home, or wherever they choose. The meeting may be a program, service project, fellowship at a local restaurant, or a community cultural event. It's up to the group.

Future dates to reserve:

- Spiritual Growth Retreat at Cedar Lakes Conference Center, March 16-17 or March 18-19
- UMW Basement Sale, May 2
- Mission Encounter, Burlington, May 5-7
- Mission U, WVWC, July 20-22



UMW CIRCLE SCHEDULE

Morning Circle

– Wednesday, Feb. 15 – 9:30 am –
Fleming Lounge -Program: Sylvia
Elmore-*Response*” -Bring something to
share about love!

Afternoon Circle

–Wednesday – Feb. 15 - 1:30 pm

Evening Circle

-Friday, Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m., dessert and
tour of A Governor's Inn

Women Share History and Memories of UMW

*From left to right: Nancy Hefner, Sylvia Elmore,
Sandra McCutcheon, Sarah Carr, Phyl Coston,
Ellen Nickell and Lynne Petrosky*



FEBRUARY GREETERS

February 5 – Wilda Godwin, Sharon Carr
February 12 – Eric & Shelli Lantz
February 19 – Greg & Pat Kennedy
February 26 – Ron Pugh, Morgan Gifford

FEBRUARY USHERS

Junior McGee (head), SarahJean McGee, David Petrosky, Ron Pugh, David Rowan

***Fair trade coffee for sale on SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 26TH in Linger
Hall following worship.**



FROM THE LIBRARY



*The church library is always open.
You are welcome to browse through
the books at any time, and borrow
one to read at home. Just sign the*

*card in the back of the book and leave it on the desk.
Here's some good reading:*

“Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor” by Leonardo Boff

The author is a noted Latin American theologian who focuses on the threatened Amazon of his native Brazil. He traces the economic and metaphysical ties that bind the fate of the rain forests with the fate of the Indians and the poor of the land. He shows how liberation theology must join with ecology in reclaiming the dignity of the earth and our sense of a common community.



FEBRUARY is “Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce & Mac-n-Cheese” Month, the monthly collection for the Parish House & sponsored by the Micah Outreach Ministry Team. Please leave your gift in Linger Hall on Sunday or leave at the church office.



The Board of Trustees of First United Methodist Church Buckhannon would like to welcome Janis Allen as a new member. At their January meeting Karen Cartwright was re-elected to the position of Chairperson with Dr. Rick Loar continuing to serve as Treasurer. The non-voting position of Secretary will be filled by Patty McComas. Other members of the Board are Tom Botzet, Pat Hoover, Junior McGee, Lori Hagi, Naomi Lynch and Dr. John Mathias along with Pastor Steve Meadows (non-voting).

We are still fighting an elusive leak that only seems to manifest itself when there is melting snow. This problem is making it impossible to finish the plaster job in the balcony. The ‘hurry-up and wait’ along with ‘wait and see’ has been trying our patience for way too long. Hopefully this project will be taken care of soon.

We, the Board, wish to say a special Thank You to the church family for their continued support, both monetarily and prayerfully. We truly appreciate each of you!

Karen Cartwright

*Ash
Wednesday*

Join us for Worship

March 1, FUMC Sanctuary - 7 pm
Speaker - Rev. Mary Ellen Finegan,
District Superintendent
All are invited and welcome!

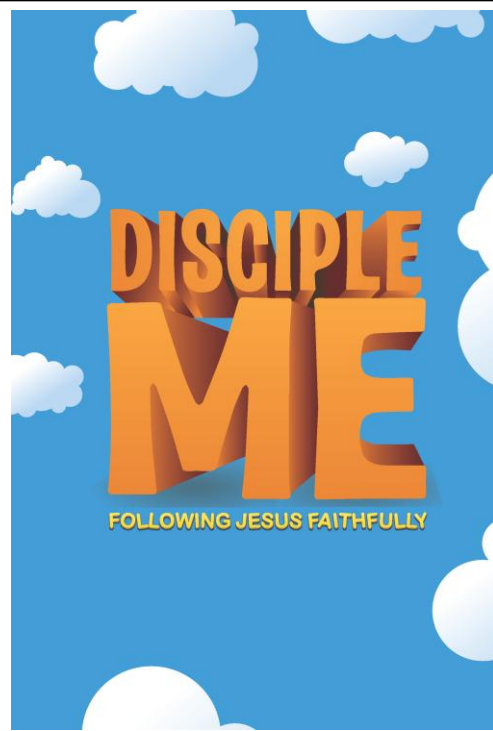
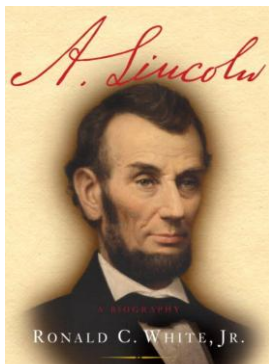


*An invitation from
Paula McGrew:*

Ronald C. White, Jr.,
an Abraham Lincoln expert
and biographer

Speaking in
WWWC's Wesley Chapel
Wednesday, February 15
7 pm

Free and open to the public – all are
welcome!



(based on the
Despicable Me movies)

Fun for children through 8th grade

February 19 4 – 5:15 pm

Godwin Fellowship Hall

Pizza for everyone!

Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Memory Verse: *“Therefore encourage
one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Monthly Themes: **Change of Heart, Secret
Weapon, Banana! and Loyalty** with lessons
and stories from the books of Matthew and
Luke

Tentative future dates: March 26, April 23,
and May 21

CHURCH NIGHT OUT

*Good food and
fellowship with fellow
church family members!*

Thursday, February 16 at 6 pm
(or whenever you are able to arrive)
at C.J. Maggies (2nd floor).

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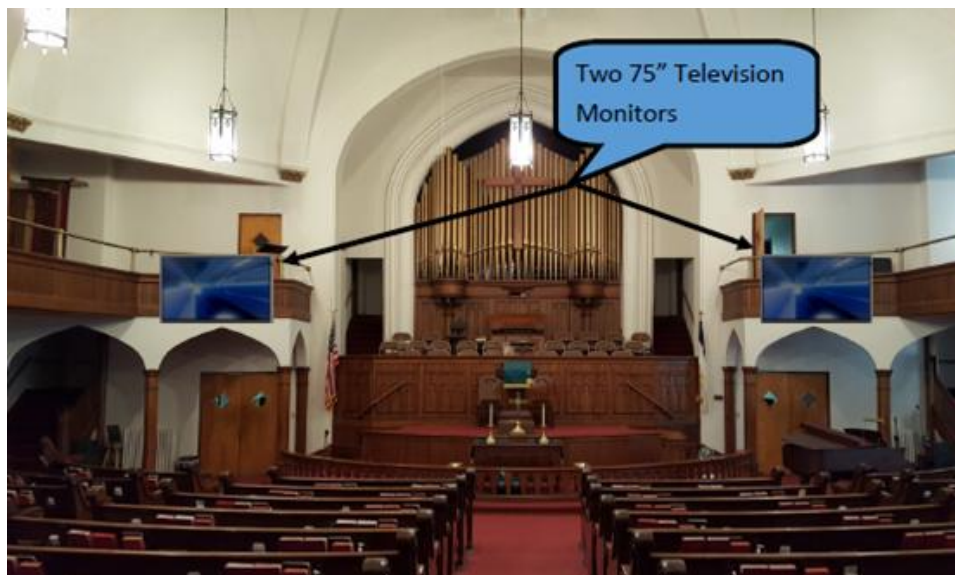
*Let Kristi know if you would like to receive **weekly
email announcements** from FUMC. Contact her at
KRLWilkerson@gmail.com

*Would you like to receive the **daily prayer
concerns** via email? Contact Linda Wellings
at llwellings@mpl.com to be added to the list.

**Bill Nicholson, Parish House Trustee Chair, invites
volunteers to come to the Clothes Closet on Sat. Feb.
11, 8:00 am, to help remove a wall (Vent your
Frustrations!)**



HERE WE GROW AGAIN!



In Fall, 2015, we were able to complete Phase 1 of the Audio/Visual project for the Sanctuary through a gift designated for that very purpose. Although, at the time, we had only enough funds to complete the Audio phase of the project, and in the effort to conserve reserve funds, the visual portion of the project was put on hold. But, to gain information, Church Council asked some individuals to explore the possibilities. The possibilities were presented but still, the need to conserve reserve funds remained and no further action was taken. And then, just before Christmas, 2016, an

anonymous donor gave to First Church two 75" monitors, one for each side of the sanctuary and two small monitors for the Choir Loft along with the needed installation equipment. This is our best option which was recommended by the Creative Audio/Visual Group who did the sound installation, eliminating drop-down screens and projectors with computer driven TV screens that still maintains the aesthetic decorum of the Sanctuary. Following the gift, the Board of Trustees recommended to the 2016 Charge Conference to accept the gifts of visual equipment and move forward with the completion of the original Audio/Visual project. We are grateful to accept the additional equipment and have the capacity for projecting announcements, photos, video conferencing, and other video presentations in the Sanctuary.

AND HERE WE GO AGAIN!



2017 Spelling Bee FUMC "Wesley Wannabees"

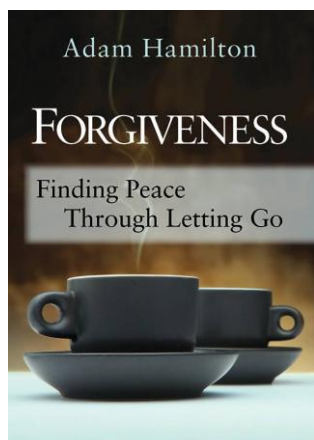


January "Church Night Out" at Legends



YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

College Sunday School



Starting a new study!
"Forgiveness" by Adam Hamilton
9:30 am on Sunday mornings
Meet in the kitchen, includes breakfast!



Youth Sunday School

Now studying "saints"
Join Kristi in the Youth Room
Grades 6 - 12

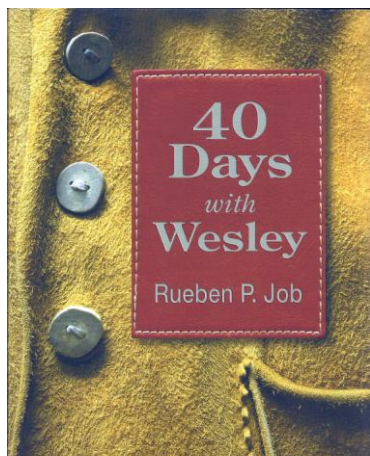
Coming in March . . .

Lenten Lunches
Wednesdays - 12 noon
Beginning March 8
More details available soon



LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS...

40 DAYS WITH WESLEY by Rueben P. Job (author of Three Simple Rules) is a Daily Devotional Journey. The daily pattern contains:



A Prayer of Presence, Scripture, First Wesley Reading, Reflections, Second Wesley Reading, Time for Silent Reflection and Journaling, and a Blessing. Here's how the journey goes...Begin with the daily readings on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 1, and read a daily devotion per day, excluding Sundays, and we will gather together on Wednesday, March 8, 7 PM to 8 PM (and every Wednesday at the same time through Holy Week) in Godwin Hall to share in community and any special insights gained during the previous week's journey. Come on! Make this Lenten Season a season of personal growth and a Lenten season to remember.

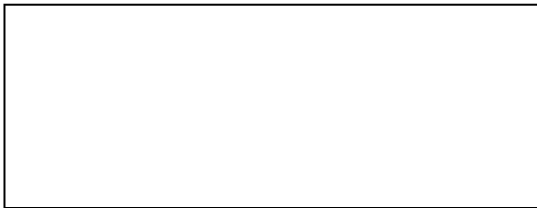
Books will be available before Sunday, Feb. 26.



MLK CHORUS CONCERT JANUARY 22



What a wonderful evening of blessed music ministry!



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