



**SEPTEMBER
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The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV



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*Pastor Steve presents Bibles to third graders
Micah Brittain and Gavin Leaseburge.*






September is "Cheerios and Oatmeal (instant or quick cooking)" 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.



**CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
SEPT. 4TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 + Furry Friends Tent Festival Fridays 4:30pm	2 +
3 + S School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am	4 Labor Day + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm	5 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir 7:00pm	6 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	7 +	8 +	9 +
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17 + United Methodist Men - GFH 8:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Micah Meal - GFH 12:00pm	18 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Outreach - #21E 6:00pm Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm Cub Scouts-GFH 7:00pm	19 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir 7:00pm	20 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Morning Circle - Fleming Lounge 9:30am Afternoon Circle - Fleming Lounge 1:30pm	21 + 	22 +	23 +
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happy birthday

- 1 Mikenze Poling
- 5 Madison Green
- 10 Marvin Carr
- 11 Marty Kelley
- 13 Donna Jeffco
Barney McGee
Susan Martin
- 15 Tena Shannon
- 16 Tina Horstman
- 17 Phil Loftis
Margaret Miller
Robert Allman

- 21 Phil Petrosky
- 22 Ellen Nickell
John Wildman
- 23 Herbert Coston
- 24 Jeannie Wiest
- 25 Bekah Wilkerson
Rob Rupp
Lynn Rupp
Joyce Hoover
- 26 Kathy St. Clair
Evelyn Harkins

SEPTEMBER USHERS

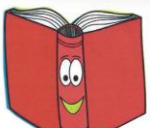
Katherine Huffman (head), Steve Atkins, Sue Boring, Dale Shannon

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

September 3
September 10
September 17
September 24

Tina Horstman, Yvonne Foster
Greenbrier & Araceli Almond
Jane Martin, Amy Botzet
Cheri Green, Ava Lantz

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:

"Upholding Mystery"
By David Impastato

This book focuses in depth on the work of fifteen poets. Instead of highlighting one poet at a time, the author combines the poems into major areas of Christian themes. The result is both an anthology and an overview of contemporary Christianity revealed through poetry. Included among these poets are Daniel Berrigan, Annie Dillard and Kathleen Norris.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 12-HOUR BASEMENT SALE

Set-up on Mon., Oct. 2nd, 8am - ?
Selling on Tues., Oct. 3rd,
8am – 8pm

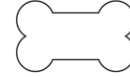
It's magic! The United Methodist Women can turn your unwanted STUFF into MONEY to support missions! Bring your clean used clothing, household items, knick-knacks, toys, etc., to the church any time after Monday, Sept. 28th.

***Fair trade coffee for sale**
on SEPTEMBER 10TH in Linger Hall
following worship.

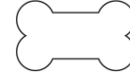


Future Chancel Choir members,
Mason, Clay and Darcy

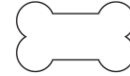
FIRST CHURCH ON THE FIRST FRIDAY AT FESTIVAL FRIDAYS!



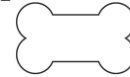
Join us on **September 1** at the **Furry Friends Hospitality Tent** at **Jawbone Park** from **4:30-8 pm.**



Bring your furry friends and invite family and friends to do the same!



The pet hospitality tent has bowls of water and complimentary treats.



All are welcome!



The September 17th Micah Meal and loose change collection benefit the Tyrand.

Please bring a generous casserole to share and join us for food and fellowship! (No salad dressings are needed).

Tyrand Cooperative Ministries Seeks to serve God and the community by reaching out to the poor, the hungry, the hurting and oppressed.

Tyrand offers emergency assistance in times of need with food, clothing, medications, rent, mortgage and utility payments and more.

Tyrand is also involved in a home repair ministry for the elderly, handicapped, and less fortunate in the Tyrand ministry area. Adult and youth groups come to the area from many states to experience "hands on" discipleship by responding to these repair needs.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women are back in full swing as the school year begins and people are now back in town on a more regular basis. Our first couple programs relate to climate. This topic has certainly seen some renewed debate on the political stage recently. Politics, however, will not be the focus. On Thursday, September 7, in Fellowship Hall, at 7 pm., Marge and Paul Richter will give the program *Community Climate Ecology/Solar Energy Plus*. Evening Circle has refreshments. On October 5, Patty McComas will report on climate justice. **All of our programs are open to anyone interested.** We have the program portion first so you have an opportunity to leave before our short business meeting.

Some UMW members have been busy this summer. Patty McComas and Sandra McCutcheon attended Mission U at West Virginia Wesleyan, July 20-22. They each took two classes and got to know other UMW members from the West Virginia Conference. A committee, led by President Barbara Loftis, developed a brief survey to learn the interests and availability of nonmember women at First United Methodist Church. This followed a discussion that we are all United Methodist Women and that as an organization we want to plan programming, special events, and small interest groups that more people will want and be able to attend. We are truly interested in getting to know more women, becoming a more supportive fellowship, and making all women feel welcome any time. If you haven't returned your survey, please take a few minutes to do that. There are extras on the UMW bulletin board in the back of Linger Hall.



Lynne Petrosky, Mary Lou Fox, Alice Poling attending Girls' Night Out



Girls' Night Out attendees Keri Phillips and Esther Dyer

Girls' Night Out was sponsored by UMW and provided an opportunity for fellowship, fun, and food in a Hawaiian/beach atmosphere with theme related music. Lynne Petrosky had a few games to keep the conversation going and we enjoyed fruit salad, veggies, homemade cookies, and ice cream sundaes served by Esther Dyer.

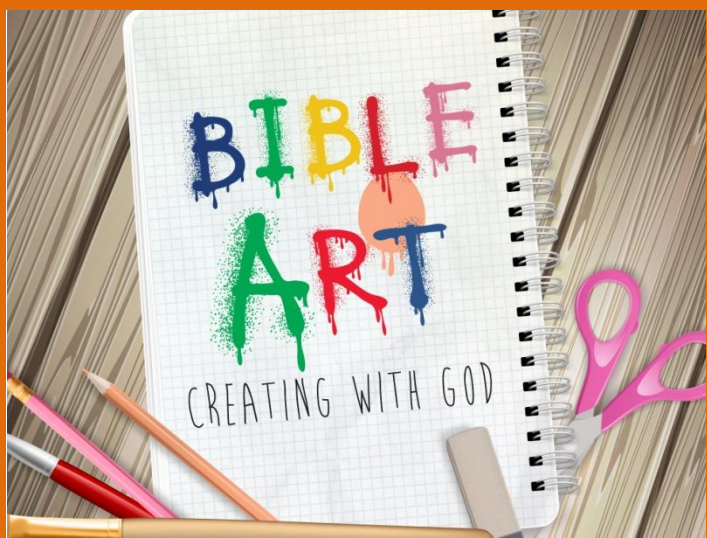


Patty McComas and Sandra McCutcheon at Mission U

Future Dates:

- ...Executive Board Meeting: August 31, 4:30 pm, Executive Board Room
- ...Organizational Meeting: September 7, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall
- ...Fall district meeting: Sept.30, Beverly UM Church, speaker Michelle Lucatelli, Associate Dir. House of the Carpenter

YOUR OPPORTUNITIES



Calling all kids!

This fall, we will host a "Bible Art" series for children. More info available soon!

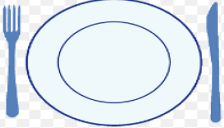


Upshur Cooperative Parish
HOUSE AND CROSSLINES Inc.

First UMC hosts the Parish House's **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** lunch on October 6. If you are available to help serve or donate food items, please contact Sandra Presar at [304-472-6012](tel:304-472-6012).

COMING SOON:

Parents Meeting for Mid-High Youth
Stay tuned for details on a meeting for parents/grandparents/family of our 5th to 8th grade students. Let Kristi or Steve know your availability and we'll schedule it soon. Thank you!

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**CHURCH NIGHT OUT
RETURNS!**

Good food and fellowship with fellow church family members!

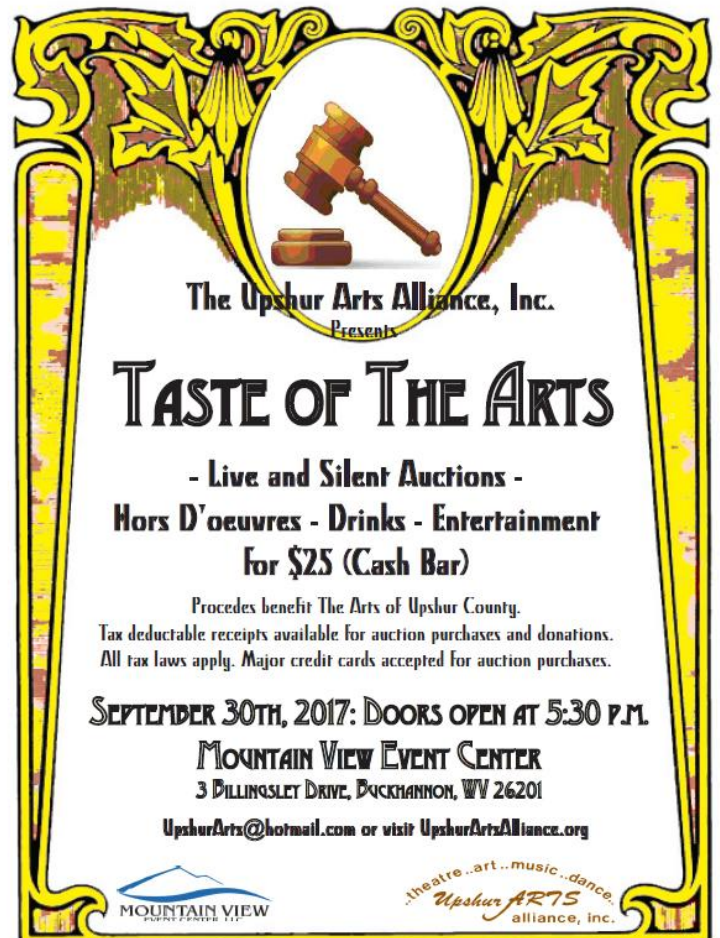
Join us on Thursday, September 14 as we gather and resume Church Night Out this fall! Meet at the Dairy Queen at 7 pm.
(Weather permitting)



Young Adults Group Gathering
SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 21

Jamie O'Brien's home – 65 Florida St.



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SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2017: DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU - Steve and Kelley (Cartwright) Tierney



It seemed so easy when Kristi asked us to “share about ourselves” with the church family...to share about our work, share our fun time activities and share our faith. Steve and I met at WVWC when I was both working in the Admission Office and on my MBA and he arrived as a men’s basketball graduate assistant and master’s degree student too. And should we share that Steve arrived at Wesleyan, from a stint in New Zealand playing professional basketball, as a student in the Master of Education program. Someone (who shall remain nameless) in the Admission Office looked at his transcript and decided he needed to be in the MBA program, called Professor Ruhlow...and Steve suddenly became a

MBA student too? Hmmmm... that was one way to meet the “new” guy on campus!!

After our graduation from the Master program, Steve tried his hand one more time at playing/coaching basketball overseas (this time Austria), while State Farm Insurance came knocking on my door about an opportunity as an agent. I began the process of leaving WVWC and Steve, in the meantime, came back to the States. With Rev. Mary Ellen Finegan’s help, who is a family friend and the current Wesleyan DS, within days of Steve’s return from overseas, we were married!

When we returned to Buckhannon in 2000, due to a State Farm office vacancy, Steve returned to Wesleyan as the Women’s Basketball Assistant. It was great to see and be with old friends again. We had attended Heaston United Methodist Church prior to our Shinnston move, but Bkhn. First United soon became our new church. It felt like and was home!! It was great to be HOME!

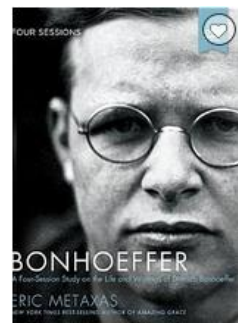
Where has the time gone? October 1st will mark twenty-three of State Farm AND our twenty four year wedding anniversary. Little has changed...Steve’s stint as Wesleyan’s Head Women’s Basketball Coach came to an end and he is now at Alderson Broaddus as their Head coach. We still enjoy traveling although time and work seems to get in the way. Trips to Chicago to see Steve’s family are a must and trips south to Pinehurst, NC are always enjoyable. Steve and I have been blessed with so much. Jobs we enjoy, opportunities to travel (New Zealand is our favorite so far), great friendships, even better family (both sets of parents have been married over 50 years!) In 1998 I suddenly became quite ill and the “guesses” ranged from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lymes, Epstein-Barr, and even leukemia. After being hospitalized for almost a week with a fever of plus 105 and still no answers, six months later we were led to a doctor at UPMC who easily diagnosed me - Adult Onset Stills Disease and started me on a treatment plan. I firmly believe it was the prayers from our Shinnston Church and Bkhn. FUMC that carried us through this horrible time. Our favorite verse, Philippians 4:13 - “I can do all things through Him who gives us strength” blesses us daily.



Save-the-Date
Wednesday, October 4
at the new Dog Park at the River Walk
Details available soon

Coming Soon!

A Study of Bonhoeffer
with Jamie O'Brien
Let Kristi or Jamie know if
you are interested in
participating. A beginning
date and time will be set
soon.





Acolytes: Mason & Clay Lantz



Volunteers prepare to canvass neighborhood giving out invitations to Neighborhood Party



Alison Clausen and Curtis Wilkerson at Bobcat Fair



Volunteers in thought



Rosemary Heatherly, Sandra Presar, Regina Atkins and Kim Walls prepare for neighborhood canvass.



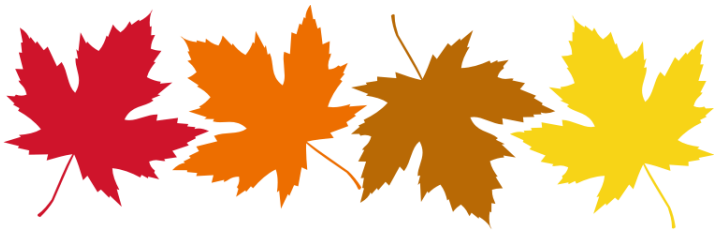
WWWC Chapel Event for area churches on August 22 - FUMC table hosted by Savana Earnest, Shin Fujikawa and Tyler Broadwater

WE CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH FAMILY AS THEY PARTICIPATE IN SERVICE!



WIGGLETIME WITH PASTOR STEVE





Fall Fest!

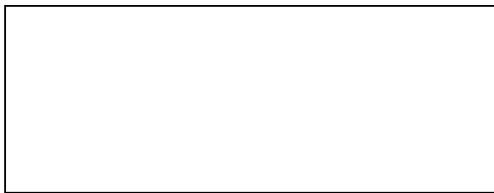
Join the Buckhannon-Upshur community on
Friday, September 29 at
Jawbone Park for the Fall Fest event.
The Witness Committee will provide free
beverages for the community.
Please see Curtis Wilkerson
if you are available to help.

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CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO GOOD
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WE ARE GROWING! WE ARE THRIVING! GOD IS GOOD!





FUMC extends our deepest appreciation to all who assisted and attended our Neighborhood Party.

We especially thank those who:

- prayed for this event and its preparations, as well as the Reaching New People initiative and our Grow Team
- participated in the canvas by preparing the postcard invitations, walking door-to-door, and serving as "runners" for walkers needing additional supplies
- donated food, money or other supplies needed
- assisted with setup and cleanup
- provided entertainment: music, crafts, games, etc.
- prepared and served the food and beverages
- invited family, friends and neighbors, and
- attended and welcomed our neighbors to FUMC