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The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/01 - Turn your clocks back!
11/01 - 5 pm - Fall Festival - GFH
11/03 - Taco Tuesday - GFH
11/08 - 10:45 am - Consecration Sunday
11/08 - Progressive Dinner - 5 pm
11/09 - 6 pm - Witness Team
11/09 - 7 pm - Nurture Team
11/11 - Veterans' Day - Offices Closed
11/12 - Finance Team - 6 pm
11/14 - Scrapbooking - 10 am
11/15 - Micah Meal
11/16- 6 pm - Outreach Team
11/16 - 7 pm - Church Council
11/16-23 - Shoebox Collection
11/22 - Charge Conference
11/22 - A Grand Night of Music - 4 pm
11/22 - Advent Decorating - 6:30 pm
11/25 - 11/27 - Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
12/01 - Taco Tuesday
12/06 - Advent Festival - GFH - 4 pm
12/12 - 8 am - Cookie Walk
12/13 - 10:45 am - Lessons & Carols
5 pm - Church Family Dinner Gathering
5:30 pm - Let's eat and enjoy
12/20 - 10:45 am - Christmas Nativity Celebration
12/23 - 01/03 - Offices Closed
12/24 - 7:30 pm - Christmas Eve Service
01/03 - Epiphany Party - GFH

NOVEMBER MICAH MEAL

The Loose Change Offering and the Micah Meal on November 15th will support our Veteran's Day celebration through "We Care – Beyond the Yellow Ribbon." This project is sponsored by our WV Council of Churches. All proceeds stay here locally and are distributed by Crosslines. The funds help with needs such as insurance, car repair, utilities, etc. for the families of current military as well as veterans. Bring a generous dish on the 15th and share food and fellowship as we honor those who serve.



You are invited to attend the Buckhannon Chamber Orchestra's fall concert on Sunday, November 1 at 3 p.m. in Wesley Chapel on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College. This probably will be the last concert at which Eric Harshbarger will play his harp with us because he is graduating from Wesleyan in May. Admission is free, but you will have an opportunity to make a donation if you wish to do so. The orchestra members appreciate being permitted to rehearse for these concerts in the education building. Thank you.

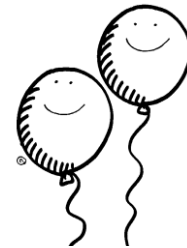


Journey Toward Peace

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION 2015
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015
1:30 PM

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Patty McComas
Karen Cartwright | 17 Ava Lantz
Gary Frush |
| 3 Emmalee Mohan | 20 Barbara Watts
Jeff Godwin |
| 4 Chuck Loudin | 22 Tom Darnall |
| 11 Linda Wellings
Kathleen Ferrell | 23 Mary Ellen Biller |
| 13 Rick Edwards | 26 Mary Welliver |
| 14 Sue Darnall | 28 Randy Clark |
| 15 Marcy Dean
Maureen Wilson
Lori Hagi | |



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The world's largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child, uses gift-filled shoeboxes to share God's love in a tangible way with needy children around the world.



Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected and delivered more than 113 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 150 countries through Operation Christmas Child.

Individuals, families, churches, and groups fill empty shoeboxes with gifts of toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and notes of encouragement.

During **National Collection Week, Nov. 16-23**, Samaritan's Purse will collect the gift-filled shoeboxes at more than 4,000 drop-off sites in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

PACKING IDEAS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

TOYS: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch,[®] toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky,[®] etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Please bring your shoebox to the church by noon, November 23rd. Shoeboxes will be available in Linger Hall or the church office.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends FALL FEST Sunday School 9:30 Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Donations for FUMC college student care packages due 12 pm	2 Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am UMW Exec - #21E 12:00 pm Weight Watchers - #22 5:00 pm Scouts-7:00 pm	3 Early Birds - Library 7:00 am Dist Evaluations 9:00 am Taco Tuesday - Kitchen 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7pm	4 Dist Evaluations 9:00 am Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am Study Group 7 pm	5 Overeaters Anonymous-#22E 5:30 pm Disciple 1 - #21 6:30 UMW - GFH 7 pm	6 Church Women United - GFH 12:30	7 DISTRICT DAY APART - FUMC
8 Sunday School 9:30 Worship - Sanctuary 10:40 am Progressive Dinner 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	9 Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am Weight Watchers - #22 5:00 pm Witness-#21E 6 pm Scouts- 7:00 pm Nurture - #21E 7:00 pm	10 Early Birds - Library 7:00 am Chancel Choir 7 pm	11 Veteran's Day OFFICE CLOSED Prayer Shawls - McCauleys 10 am Pancake Dinner - GFH - 4:30 pm Study Group 7 pm	12 Overeaters Anonymous-#22E 5:30 Finance - Office - 6pm Arts Alliance - #21E 6:30 pm Disciple 1 - #21 6:30	13	14 Scrapbooking - GFH - 10 am
15 United Methodist Men- GFH 8:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Worship - Sanctuary 10:40 am Micah Meal - GFH 12:00 pm	16 Exercise - 9 am Weight Watchers - #22 5:00 pm Outreach - #21E 6:00 pm Scouts- 7:00 pm Cubs - GFH 7p Church Council - #21E 7:00 pm	17 Early Birds - Library 7:00 am Chancel Choir 7 pm	18 Conference Nominations Committee 9:00 am Exercise Group - #18E 9:00 am Study Group 7 pm	19 Overeaters Anonymous-#22E 5:30 Disciple 1 - #21 6:30	20	21
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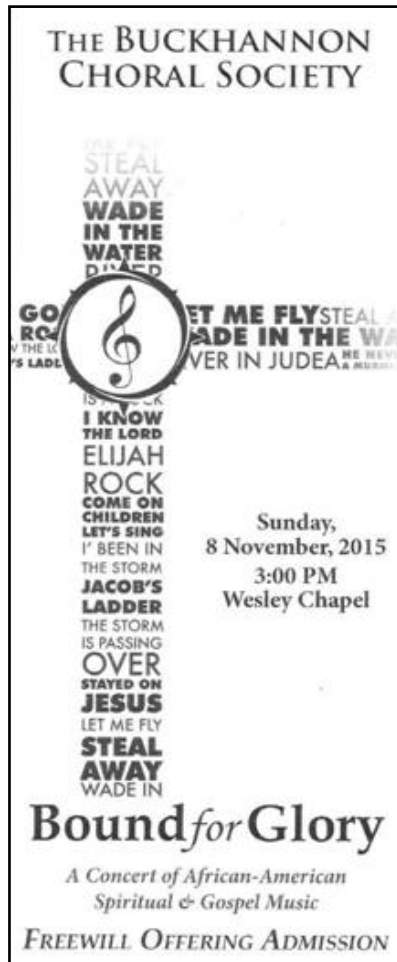
NOVEMBER 2015

NOVEMBER USHERS

Tom Botzet (head), Ron McCauley, Students

NOVEMBER GREETERS

Nov.1 – Patty Bailey, Amy Botzet
 Nov. 8 – Dale & Robynn Shannon
 Nov. 14 – Scott & Teresa Bellamy
 Nov. 22 – Graham Scott, Zachary Reger
 Nov. 29 – Mikenze & Mikinna Poling



FOOD OF THE MONTH

November is "Fill a Thanksgiving Meal Paper Bag" Month, the monthly collection for the Parish House & sponsored by the Micah Outreach Ministry Team.

Bags are available in Linger Hall.

Items needed include:

Canned green beans, canned corn, stuffing, pumpkin pie filling (not pure pumpkin) or any fruit filling for pies, pie crust mix and canned fruit.

Please leave your gift in Linger Hall on Sunday or leave at the church office.

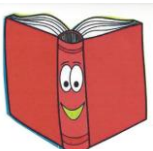


Hayride at Halle Farm

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 a good book to read:



"What's So Amazing About Grace?"

By Philip Yancey

In this EPCA Book of the Year, bestselling author Philip Yancey gives us a probing look at grace: what it looks like and what it doesn't look like. In 1987, an IRA bomb buried Gordon Wilson and his twenty-year-old daughter beneath five feet of rubble. Gordon alone survived. And forgave. He said of the bombers, "I have lost my daughter, but I bear no grudge. I shall pray, tonight and every night, that God will forgive them. His words caught the media's ear, and out of one man's grief the world got a glimpse of grace.

ALL SERRV ORDERS NEED TO IN BY SUNDAY, NOV. 1ST!

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Our Bereavement Team is looking for new volunteers. If you would like to provide a dish for a meal or help with the cooking and serving, please contact Ellen Nickell 472-2914, or call the church office. Our team provides meals after funerals for our church family.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

OCTOBER MEETING

The First Church United Methodist Women invited United Methodist Women from other churches in the Cooperative Parish to a Covered Dish Dinner and program on Thursday, October 8, 20125. Women from Reger Chapel and Chapel Hill joined the group for good food and fellowship. Circle 5 served as hostess. Sandra McCutcheon and Patty McComas presented the program “Going Out to Welcome”.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Yvonne Foster and Patty McComas attended the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Women in Lewisburg, WV. The Rev. Monty Brown was the keynote speaker.

DECEMBER MEETING

The regular meeting of the FUMW will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Godwin Fellowship Hall. Peg McCauley will present the program Welcoming Advent. Circle 1 will serve as hostess. Everyone is always invited to attend the meetings. You do not have to be a member of First Church to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

COOKIE WALK AND MORE

The Cookie Walk and More Sale will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm (or until cookies are sold out). We need cookie donations and workers. Come and purchase your cookies and candy for Christmas. The proceeds from the sale will go to support the UMW mission work and projects.

FALL BASEMENT SALE

Many thank yous to the people who donated items to the fall UMW Basement Sale. The sale made \$1,150 and will go to support our mission work and projects.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

Pastor K Almond delivered the sermon for the UMW Sunday on October 25, 2015. Each year the UMW select a Sunday to celebrate the faith based organizations with a church service to God. The UMW are a group of women from First Church who work together in fellowship to provide services and financial support to groups who work to help women, children and youth in the local community, church and around the world. Local groups include Crosslines, Parish House, Habitat for Humanity, Literacy Volunteers, Women’s Aid in Crises, Upshur Helping Hands, Burlington Home & Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.

Thank you to the following people who participated in the service: Ellen Nickell, Lynne Petrosky, Phyllis Coston, Patty McComas, Yvonne Foster, Esther Dyer, Wilda Godwin, Judy Knorr, Barbara Loftis, Renee Warner, Sue Boring, Rebekah Wilkerson and Tori Adams. Following the service the FUMW served punch & cookies.

UMW CIRCLE SCHEDULE

Circle One – Wednesday, November 18 – 9:30 am –
Program: “World Thank Offering” by Tina Horstman

Circle Two –Wednesday – November 18 - 1:30 pm –
Home of Sarah Carr – program by Carolyn Crozier

Circle Three – Wednesday, November 18 - 1:30 pm –
Fleming Lounge

Circle Five – November 12, 7 p.m., at Jane Crutchfield's.
Leslie Kennedy will lead the World Thank Offering



Save the Date for Fall Fest!

(Nov. 1st at 5 pm)

GODWIN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Baked potato bar, games, pumpkin carving, photo booth and more!

Bring your favorite potato topping, Salad, and/or pie (or check the bulletin board in Linger Hall for needed items). Potatoes will be provided.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!



Getting to Know You...

To learn more about our church family members, we will include a "Getting to Know You" section in the Link from time-to-time. Here is a little bit about our intern, Patrick Traxler, in his words as he shares about who he is, the church, favorite scripture and hymn, and more.



Patrick Traxler

I come from a small town in Central Pennsylvania called Lewistown. I am the younger of two children. My dad is a United Methodist Pastor, and my Mom is a Certified Tumor Registrar. I graduated from Mifflin County High School in 2012. I am currently a senior Religious Studies Major with a concentration in Christian formation and liturgy at WV Wesleyan. I work part-time for the Upshur County Emergency

Squad. Also, instead of living on campus, I live at the Buckhannon Fire Department and volunteer my time there. I also enjoy photography.

The Church is important to me because there is no better second family to have than a church family. There is no better place to be on a Sunday morning than worshipping with brothers and sisters. The church is my light in this dim dark world.

My favorite Bible verse and favorite hymn go hand-in-hand with one another. "Here I am, Lord" is my favorite hymn and my favorite Bible verses are Matthew 28:16-20. In our lives we are all called to do great things in the work of the Lord. In the grand scheme of things though, God may be calling you to minister through your job, through other people, or through the church. Each story has its own plot, but it all goes right along with Jesus walking beside you and never leaving. Be the light of Christ to people wherever God calls you to do so.

Something people may not know about me is that I get extremely nervous talking in front of large groups of people.

MICAH OUTREACH CHILI COOK-OFF





IT'S A BUSY TIME AT FUMC!

NOV. 1 - COMMUNION SUNDAY



We will again wear nametags for Communion Sunday. We have several new faces at FUMC. Wearing a nametag is optional, but we hope many folks will participate so that we can get to know one another by name. Pick up your nametag in Linger Hall before worship begins.

NOV. 3 – TACO TUESDAY:



All youth (grades 5-12) are invited for our **November TACO Tuesday** event in Godwin Fellowship Hall and the kitchen at 6 pm. Katherine Huffman will provide the meal. Invite a friend and join us!

NOV. 8 – PROGRESSIVE DINNER:



Meet Kristi in the church parking lot at 5 pm and bring a dish to share at one of the stops: appetizers & salads, entrée, or dessert. If you would like to ride with someone else, please let Kristi know and she can make those arrangements. **Our stops include:** Jeff & Diane Godwin's home for appetizers and salad, Isaac & Deidra Casto's for the entrée, and Dale & Robynn Shannon's for dessert. Join us for this fun fellowship time!

NOV. 11 – PANCAKE DINNER:



WVWC Chaplain Christopher Scott invites First UMC to a **pancake dinner on Nov. 11 from 4:30 – 7 pm in Godwin Fellowship Hall**. Proceeds benefit an alternative spring break mission trip for WVWC students.

NOV. 22 – ADVENT DECORATING:



We need your help – the more hands we have, the merrier it will be! We will be **decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas** at 6:30 pm. (There will be pizza for “decorators” at 6 pm, too!)

DEC. 6 – ADVENT FESTIVAL:



Save the date for an evening of fun for the whole family! 4 to 6 pm in Godwin Hall



Volunteers Needed! . . . to provide after-worship punch!

Signup sheets are located on the bulletin board in Linger Hall.

IT'S AMAZING THE DIFFERENCE THIS HOSPITALITY MAKES!

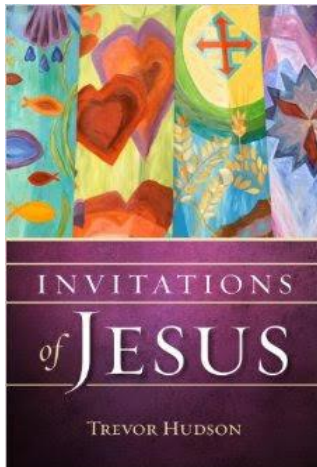
For punch info, see Pat Kennedy
(304-472-6440).

Servers bring the ingredients for punch (generally enough for 1 ½ punch bowls), and prepare and begin serving it during the last hymn of worship. Punch bowls, ladle, and cups are available in the kitchenette between the ladies restroom and Fleming Lounge. After the fellowship time concludes, please wash the bowl and ladle and wipe off the table cover in Linger Hall. Thank you for providing this fellowship time for our church family!





Did you know you have to renew your Kroger card link to the Upshur Helping Hands/McDowell Mission Team community organization? Even if you have connected your Kroger card to UHH in the past, you now need to renew that link (see reminder image). Go to [kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and sign in, then click on "community" at the top, and then "community rewards." At the bottom of the "account summary" page you can renew or begin linking your card to Upshur Helping Hands (#83160). That way, Kroger gives them a percentage of every shopping trip and it doesn't cost you anything. It's a great way to support the work of UHH!



Wednesday Study Group begins New Study Invitations of Jesus

How do we respond to the invitations of Jesus? Trevor Hudson calls us to consider the invitations Jesus offers in five dimensions of life. In his gentle and intimate style, Trevor leads you to see where Christ is touching your life, calling you to deeper relationship with God, self, and neighbor. The sessions are structured to open with a prayer followed by reading the Word, reflecting on the chapter invitation, and responding to the invitation.

Wednesday Study Group Meets in Godwin Fellowship Hall, Wednesdays at 7 PM .

