



**MAY  
2018**

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

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**Strawberry Pancakes  
during Festival!**

**Friday & Saturday, May 18 & 19  
7 am to 12 noon**

**Godwin Fellowship Hall  
\$7 per person / \$4 for children**

... with pancakes, sausage, fresh strawberries,  
maple & strawberry syrup!

Invite your friends, family & neighbors to  
enjoy pancakes. Take-outs available.

*\*Proceeds benefit the Upshur Parish (youth/mission  
projects) and the Upshur Christmas Store*



Mid High youth doing origami with Shin Fujikawa

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
12-HOUR BASEMENT SALE**






**Set-up on Mon., April 30th, 8 am - ?  
Selling on Tues., May 1st, 8 am - 8  
pm**

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, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MAY 28TH**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 + Early Birds - Library 7:00am Basement Sale - GFH 8:00am Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	2 + Basement Sale Cleanup- GFH 8:00am Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Study Group - GFH 7:00pm	3 + Orchestra - #24 6:00pm UMW - GFH - 7pm	4 +	5 + COME-Quiet Dell Private Party - GFH - 12N
6 + Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Micah Meal & Dessert Auction 12:00pm	7 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm	8 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	9 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Study Group - GFH 7:00pm	10 Ascension Day+	11 + Church Women United - GFH - 12N	12 +
13 Mother's Day + Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am 	14 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm	15 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	16 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Morning Circle - Fleming Lounge 9:30am Afternoon Circle - Fleming Lounge 1:30pm - 9:00am Study Group - GFH 7:00pm	17 +	18 + Strawberry Pancakes - GFH 	19 + Strawberry Pancakes - GFH
20 Pentecost Sunday + United Methodist Men - GFH 8:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Private Party - GFH 2:00pm	21 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm	22 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Headstart - #21E - 6pm Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	23 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Study Group - GFH 7:00pm	24 +	25 +	26 +
27 Trinity Sunday + Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am	28 Memorial Day + OFFICE CLOSED Boy Scouts - 7:00pm	29 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	30 + Exercise Group - Library 8:00am Study Group - GFH 7:00pm	31 + UMW Exec - Lib. 4:30pm UMW dinner - GFH - 6pm		

# MAY 2018

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 K Almond                               | 17 Zachary Reger                |
| 6 Jane Godwin                            | 16 Cheri Green                  |
| 7 Donna Carpenter<br>Mark Petrosky       | 18 Paul Kennedy<br>Austin Cabic |
| 11 Donovan Godwin<br>Morgan Gifford      | 19 Tori Gifford                 |
| 12 Rodney Godwin<br>Ron Jeffco           | 20 William O'Brien              |
| 13 Helen Reger                           | 21 Charles Helmick              |
| 14 Nana Faah-Ababio<br>Calvin McCutcheon | 23 Isaac Casto                  |
|  | 25 Elizabeth Edwards            |
|  | 27 Mateal Poling                |
|  | 29 Judy Warner                  |

## MAY USHERS

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

## MAY GREETERS

- |        |                            |
|--------|----------------------------|
| May 6  | John & Madora Wildman      |
| May 13 | Karen Kesling, Jim Finegan |
| May 20 | Jake & Beverley Reger      |
| May 27 | Shea & Keri Phillips       |

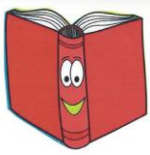
## MAY ACOLYTES

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| May 6  | Evan McDowell & Andrew McDowell   |
| May 13 | Clay Lantz & Mason Lantz          |
| May 20 | Hannah Boyles & Rebekah Wilkerson |
| May 27 | Tori Adams & Ava Lantz            |



## FROM THE LIBRARY

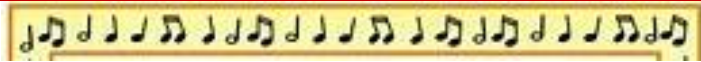
The church library is always open. You are welcome to browse through the books at any time, and borrow one to read at home. Just sign the card in the back of the book and leave it on the desk. Here's some good reading:



Martha Oldham: "Africa: Lord Hang Onto Me and Don't Let Go"

Martha Oldham was in her mid 50s when she went to Zaire, Africa, as a member of a Volunteer in Mission team (VIM). She went as a short term missionary to serve Rwandan refugees who were fleeing from the genocide to relative safety in Zaire. The Team was sponsored by the general Board of global Ministries of the United Methodist Church under UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). When shooting broke out in the refugee camp the Team was quickly removed to safety. Martha, determined to continue serving in Africa as a missionary, subsequently served in Kenya, Ghana and Tanzania. These are her amazing and hair-raising stories.

## BUCKHANNON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT



You are invited to the Buckhannon Chamber Orchestra concert on Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 p.m. in Wesley Chapel on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Choir member Patience Brock conducts the orchestra and Dr. Dan Martin will accompany at this concert on the organ. Three talented teenagers have also become part of the orchestra. They are Emily Adams on violin, and Camden Wentz and Sofia Heath on cellos. Sofia has previously played her violin for some of our church services.

We will be performing An American in Paris by Gershwin; Point Lookout, A Fantasy on Civil War Songs by Balmages, Patience and Persistence by Scott Green of Elkins, and works by Geminiani, Mozart, and Albinoni. Everyone is welcome to attend the concert. We don't charge admission, but do accept donations.

Thank you for providing a room in the education building for us to rehearse.



MAY is "CANNED VEGETABLES" 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 MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MICAH MEAL, DESSERT AUCTION AND LOOSE CHANGE BENEFIT THE CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT

Stay after worship for a covered dish luncheon in Godwin Hall on May 6. Bring a covered dish to share. Salad dressings are available.

- C** Comforting the comfortless, sheltering the homeless, quenching the thirst of those who seek.
- O** Owning our discipleship by sharing Christ's love with the lonely, the unloved, the lost.
- M** Ministering to the needs of the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, the under-educated.
- E** Expanding our church families beyond the church walls, the neighborhood, the town, to the hills and valleys of the whole West Virginia Conference.

Our district C.O.M.E. Event is May 5th in Quiet Dell. You are invited to join in the celebration! More details available soon.

## Dessert for the eyes?



A special offering at the C.O.M.E. dessert auction will be a framed pen-and-watercolor drawing of a fern by Doris Bright.

The drawing is being displayed in Linger Hall on Sunday mornings April 23 & 30 and May 6, with an opportunity for early silent bidding. The reserve price is \$50, and the winning bid will be determined on May 6 at the live auction.



Congrats to BU graduates, Alex Edwards and Sean Crites and to WVWC graduates, Angie Botzet, Tyler Broadwater, Savana Earnest, Collin Nelson and Alea Hess!

## Trustee Report April 2018

Lots of major work has been completed within the last couple of months.

1. The nursery is fresh and welcoming with new paint, ceiling tile, carpet, curtains and an area rug.
2. Another roof leak has been repaired.
3. Godwin Hall sports a new ceiling and LED lights.
4. The sanctuary light fixtures have been fitted with adapters allowing the installation of LED bulbs. The extra brightness is certainly noticeable immediately upon entering.
5. The Cub Scouts will occupy an additional room in the education building since the membership of girls will push their attendance to an all-time high.

The following projects are planned as money and time permit:

1. The front railing on the ramp leading to the education building will be replaced as well as the shrubs which are currently covering our sign.
2. The kitchen will see some new baseboard.
3. The choir room is scheduled for new ceiling tile and LED lights.
4. A railing will be installed along the walk from the parking lot leading to the elevator door, hopefully this fall.

The Memorial Committee, (Ellen Nickell, Mark Lynch and Karen Cartwright) who reports to Trustees, has ordered a new front door for the education building. The old ones are unable to be locked from the outside and the building is left open if someone goes out after the doors have been locked from the inside. Also there is much heat lost because of the spaces both above and below the current doors.

As always we Trustees are incredibly grateful to the church family for supporting the Endowment Fund which supplements our budget.

Karen Cartwright, Chairperson  
Patty McComas, Secretary  
Janis Allen

Rick Loar, Treasurer  
Danny Green  
Lori Hagi

John Mathias  
Junior McGee  
Keri Phillips

Naomi Lynch



## United Methodist Women

**The Spring 12 Hour Basement Sale is Tuesday, May 1, from 8 am to 8 pm.** Service organizations such as Crosslines, Upshur Builder's Club, Upshur Helping Hands, Literacy Volunteers, Women's Aid in Crisis, and Kairos Ministry are just a few of the organizations we support with funds raised. We also give to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. We ask you to donate gently used items any time after April 23. You can also volunteer to set up April 30, work the sale May 1, or clean up May 2. Items not sold are donated to another organization. Let Jane Crutchfield or Barbara Loftis know if you're available to help. Thanks!

Our April unit meeting was given by Mary McCartney about West Virginia Hospice. Although many of us are familiar with hospice, we learned additional information. Hospice services are available to any age individual, and Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance companies pay for the service. It is designed to support all family members -addressing both emotional needs and educational. There is also Hospice Promise, a non-profit that helps grant last wishes. WV Hospice needs volunteers that have a passion for helping others. To volunteer, email [diane.roy@lhgroup.com](mailto:diane.roy@lhgroup.com). For WV Hospice brochures, see the UMW table.



Wesleyan District Banner

**Esther Dyer received a Gift to Mission card on April 8 in honor of the many hours she volunteered in United Methodist Women.** The fund provides advocacy and support for women, children, and youth around the globe. This seems very appropriate as Esther always advocated for kids and youth when we were making decisions.



Esther Dyer receives notification of Gift to Mission in her honor

In April we challenged you to not buy or use non-reusable plastic bottles as part of UMW's **"Be Just Be Green"** campaign. We hope you continue that environmentally friendly habit. **For May, we're promoting reusable shopping bags.** Many of us have a collection, we just forget to use them. Consider keeping them on the back seat of your car so they are visible and easy to grab. FUMC logo bags will be available after church during May.

### Future Dates:

- April 26 – Executive Board, Library, **4 pm** \*Note time change.
- April 28 – Wesleyan District Spring Meeting, Bridgeport UMW, coffee & registration 9 am; worship, program, & meeting 10 am.

### \*FUMC provides breads, donuts, juice & fruit for meeting

- May 1 – Basement Sale, Fellowship Hall, 8 am – 8 pm
- May 3 – Unit Meeting, Call to Prayer and Self Denial, Fellowship Hall, 7 pm
- May 11 – Church Women United, Fellowship Hall, covered dish, 12 noon
- May 31 – June Unit Meeting to avoid conflict with Annual Conference



UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat  
Left to right: Yvonne Foster, Tina Horstman, Ellen Nickell, Patty McComas and Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball



**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS**



Adult Summer Sunday School will begin June 24 and go throughout the month of July. We will gather together in Godwin Fellowship Hall with coffee. Our study book will be "Daniel: Spiritual Living in a Secular World," a Lifeguide Bible Study, by Douglas Connelly. This continues our VBS theme of Daniel.

Children and Youth Summer Sunday School begins June 10 with "UKELELE DAY!" with Amanda Webb, WVWC student and Parish House summer intern. The children will then study "Bible Lessons based on ICE CREAM!" for the next 8 weeks.

Join us each Sunday at 9:30 am. If you are interested in teaching one of these classes on a Sunday or two, please see Kristi.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

May 7	Church Council at FUMC Room #21, 7 pm
May 14	Nurture at the 88 Restaurant 6 pm Witness at the 88 Restaurant, 7 pm
May 21	Outreach at FUMC Room #21, 6 pm
<b>AND</b>	
July 1	Trip to The Wilds in Cumberland, OH for a safari tour of exotic animals
July 29	Day in Charleston, WV including worship with Elizabeth Memorial UMC at Kanawha State Forest and a WV Power baseball game

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**CHURCH NIGHT OUT**  
 Good food and fellowship with Church family members!  
**Thursday, May 10 at 6 pm**  
**At B&L Friendly Kitchen**  
**(at the Moose on N. Kanawha St.)**



*Can You Help?*

*2018 Vacation Bible School:*

***Babylon - Daniel's Courage in Captivity!***

*June 24 - 28 ~ 6 - 8 pm*

*Kids' supper beforehand at 5:30 pm*

*Let Kristi know if you are available to help!*

**Invite your family, friends and neighbors to mark their calendars now.**

**Volunteers Needed!**

Let Kristi know if you are available to help with any of the following -

- \*Music
- \*Team Leader
- \*Food (meal and snack)
- \*Crafts and Hands-On Activities

\*StoryTime and Drama \*Creating decorations and the "set" (no experience necessary)

**HELP US MAKE VBS A FUN AND MEMORABLE TIME FOR OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CHILDREN - AND WE PROMISE . . . YOU'LL HAVE FUN, TOO!**



## Our United Methodist Roots – 50 Year Anniversary

### **The Methodist Church**

John Wesley was a priest in the Church of England. After his spiritual awakening in 1738, he and his brother Charles created groups, called societies, of “Methodists” whose members followed a daily routine of spiritual disciplines and acts of service. As these societies gained popularity and spread, lay leaders began Methodist societies in America. In 1769, Wesley sent missionaries to America to serve these societies, but during the Revolutionary War, all but one of these preachers - Francis Asbury - returned to England.

By 1784, Wesley began ordaining lay preachers in America to spread the Methodist movement. In doing so, he realized that he was essentially creating a new church apart from the Church of England. In that same year, a conference of Methodist preachers was held at Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland, on Christmas Eve. The name Methodist Episcopal Church in America was adopted for the new body, and Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke were elected superintendents (what would later be called bishops) of the newly formed church.

### **The Evangelical Church and the United Brethren in Christ Church**

During the early years of The Methodist Church, two other churches made up almost entirely of German-speaking people were forming. The first was founded by Philip William Otterbein and Martin Boehm. Otterbein, a German Reformed minister, and Boehm, a Mennonite bishop, preached an evangelical message and experience similar to the Methodists. Their followers formally organized into the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1800.

A second church, The Evangelical Association, was started by Jacob Albright, a Lutheran farmer from eastern Pennsylvania who had been converted and nurtured in a Methodist society. Albright and a group of his converts officially organized in 1803, creating the Evangelical Association. After a division and reunion in 1922, the Evangelical Association (later Church) merged with the United Brethren in Christ in 1946 to become the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

### **A Brief Timeline**

- **1784** — The first American Methodist Conference was held on Christmas Eve at Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland. The name Methodist Episcopal Church was adopted, and Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke were elected superintendents (later bishops).
- **1800** — United Brethren in Christ Church was founded with Otterbein and Boehm as bishops. This church became the first denomination to originate in America.
- **1830** — The Methodist Protestant Church would be formed after splitting from the Methodist Episcopal Church over the role of laity in the church.
- **1844** — The Methodist Episcopal Church South splits from The Methodist Episcopal Church over the issue of slavery.
- **1894** — The Evangelical Association splits into the conservative, mostly German speaking Evangelical Association in the Midwest and the more progressive, English-favoring United Evangelical Church in the East.
- **1922** — The Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Church reunite to become the Evangelical Church.
- **1939** — The Methodist Church was formed when the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church reunited to form a single denomination. As part of the union, churches were divided into administrative units called jurisdictions, five of which were based on geography. The Southern church agreed to union only after a compromise created a jurisdiction based exclusively on race, which was called the Central Jurisdiction.
- **1946** — The Evangelical Church and the United Brethren merged to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The two denominations began merger discussions in 1926, but the United Brethren’s long-standing ordination of women was a major obstacle. When the two finally joined, United Brethren women clergy — who had been ordained for 60 years — were forced to give up their clergy rights.
- **1968** — On April 23, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church united to become The United Methodist Church. With the merger, The United Methodist Church abolished a painful part of its history of segregation. The EUB, which was not segregated, made the dissolution of the Central Jurisdiction a condition for union.



## Outdoor Worship and BBQ at Annual Conference

All United Methodists in our region are invited to a special outdoor worship service and BBQ during WV UMC Annual Conference.

Friday, June 8

*Free and open to all*

Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Mark your calendar and save the date – more details coming soon.



Alex and Sean teach Sunday School for Clay and Mason Lantz



### MID-HIGH YOUTH GROUP

All 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to Mid-High Youth Group –

*May 6 and May 20*

*6 – 7:15 pm in the youth room*

*Supper included!*

### MADRIGAL SINGERS RETURN TO FUMC!

Mark your calendar now for the Madrigal Singers of Clarksburg annual Buckhannon performance. FUMC hosts the Madrigals on Monday, June 4 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Invite family, friends and neighbors to the concert!

