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Undie Sunday - OCTOBER 14, 2018

Please bring a package or two of new underwear to church on October 14th.

Boxers, briefs, undies, t-shirts, long johns & janes, socks, diapers and training pants are needed (larger sizes for adults and all sizes for children's items).

UNDIE SUNDAY BENEFITS UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE!



World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7th, focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One half of the proceeds from the special offering is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the UMC General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.



Celebrate Superhero Sunday!

Join the children and youth for Superhero Sunday on October 21 – Children & Youth Sabbath. Everyone is invited to wear a superhero shirt or costume (especially adults!).



Help us celebrate our Children & Youth!

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



**Set-up on Mon., Oct. 1st, 8am
Selling on Tues., Oct. 2nd,
8am – 8pm**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Basement Sale Setup - GFH 8:00am Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm	2 Basement Sale - GFH 8:00am Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	3 Basement Sale Cleanup- GFH 8:00am Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Study Group-7pm	4 UMW - GFH 7:00pm		6
7 S School 9:30am Worship - Sanc10:40am Youth Group - #25E 6:00pm	8 Columbus Day + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Nurture - Jawbone 6p Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm Witness - GFH - 7:00pm	9 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	10 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Wednesday Study Group 7:00pm	11 + Church Night Out - Zicks - 6pm	12 +	13 + Scrapbooking - 10am - GFH
14 + S School 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am	15 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Outreach - #21E 6:00pm Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm Cub Pack Meeting - GFH 7:00pm	16 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	17 + Exercise- #18 9am Morning Circle - Fleming Lounge 9:30am Afternoon Circle - Fleming Lounge 1:30pm Wednesday Study Group 7:00pm	18 +	19 +	20 +
21 + United Methodist Men - GFH 8:00am S School 9:30am Worship- 10:40a Micah Meal -GFH 12 Youth Group - 6pm	22 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm	23 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	24 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Wednesday Study Group 7:00pm	25 +	26 + Spaghetti Dinner - GFH 5:00pm 	27 +
28 + S School 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am Barry Ball Seminar - BUMS - 2:00pm	29 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Boy Scouts - Scout Room 7:00pm	30 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - GFH 7:00pm	31 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Wednesday Study Group 7:00pm Trick or Treat - 6pm			

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

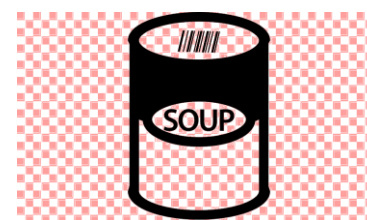
1 Diane Godwin
 Elizabeth Spencer
4 Leslie Kennedy
 Brett Miller
7 Kenneth Welliver
 Felicia Johnston
10 Jane Crutchfield
 Graham Godwin
14 Esther Dyer
16 Billee Mick
22 Katherine Huffman
24 Jim Finegan
25 Sammie Allman
27 Dan Hagi

OCTOBER USHERS

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

OCTOBER GREETERS

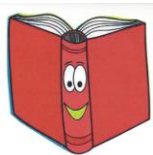
October 7 Greenbrier & Araceli Almond
 October 14 Jane Martin, Amy Botzet
 October 21 Cheri Green, Ava Lantz
 October 28 Dale & Robynn Shannon



October is "SOUPS"
 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.



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:

Max Lucado: "Fearless" and "God's Story, Your Story"

Two new books by Max Lucado have been added to the library. In "Fearless" Lucado tries to imagine life without fear, as each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear: fear of layoffs at work, finishing last, a mole on your back, flare-ups in the Middle east, terrorism. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? Lucado invites you to consider Jesus' invitation to courage.

In "God's Story, Your Story" Lucado encourages us to look at our own roots and see how they intertwine with God's universe.

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES PRESENT

CHILDREN/YOUTH SABBATH

SUNDAY, October 21

10:40 AM, Main Sanctuary

Celebrate the kids in your life and help fill the sanctuary with balloons!

Proceeds will go to

Children/Youth Ministries.

A donation of \$5 buys you a balloon. Your name and the name of those you honor will be printed in a register for Children/Youth Sabbath. Remember big kids, little kids, grand-kids, adult kids, favorite kids, groups of kids!

Your Name: _____

Child/Youth Name: _____

For the Glory of God: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Return this info & check or cash to church office or place in offering plate. Please respond by October 14.



Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by FUMC Micah Outreach Team
October 26th in Godwin Fellowship Hall
5 to 7 pm... \$9 Adults \$4 Children

All proceeds benefit Crosslines
at the Parish House

meat sauce, marinara, gluten free & take outs available!

MICAH MEAL

Join us on October 21 for our Micah Meal benefitting the FUMC Children & Youth Fund which provides financial support for special programs and projects, and especially for camperships and scholarships for youth to attend Fall Workshop, Spring Heights Summer Camp, Youth 2019 and much more! Please bring a generous casserole to share and join us for food and fellowship!

Micah Meal & Loose Coin Offering Year in Review

Oct. 2017	Parish House Thanksgiving Baskets	\$450
Nov. 2017	Parish House Christmas Baskets	\$400
Dec. 2017	Heifer Project	\$418
Jan. 2018	Pastor's Help Fund	\$105
Feb. 2018	BU Middle School Backpack Program	\$1720
Mar. 2018	UMCOR	\$915
Apr. 2018	Project Graduation	\$703
May 2018	COME	\$1650
Jun. 2018	Upshur Helping Hands (McDowell)	\$511
Jul. 2018	Parish House School Supplies	\$66.00
Aug. 2018	Parish House School Supplies	\$69.50
Sept. 2018	Bread for the World	



MEMORIALS

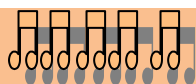
Donations, in memory of Charles Watts, were given to the FUMC Memorial Fund by BUHS Class of 1952, BUHS Class of 1950 and David W. Carson.

A donation, in memory of Harry & Kathleen Ferrell, was given to the FUMC Memorial Fund by Jack and Donna Carpenter.

A donation, in memory of Delma Iden, Bob Chamberlain and Phyl Coston, was given to the FUMC Memorial Fund by The Lunch Bunch.



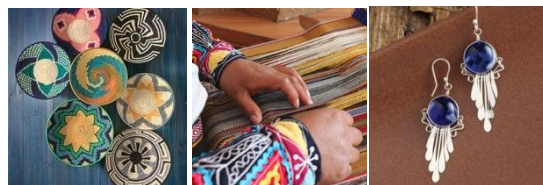
FUMC kids at the Petrosky bonfire: Sylvia, Rayla, Grant, Mason, Rebekah and Hunter with Val



**BUCKHANNON CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA CONCERT
Sunday, November 4
3:00 pm Wesley Chapel**

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

serrv



When you need a gift for any occasion or just some interesting foods for yourself, you can support Crosslines and artisans around the world by shopping on-line. Visit the SERRV address at:

serrv.org?a=crosslines

Here you can find fair trade products from countries around the world and learn about the artisans who produce these products. If you would like some help finding the site, please call Judy Knorr at 304-472-5189 or Marje Richter at 304-472-3317 and we will schedule a time to meet you at the church library to help you.

Many items sell out quickly, so shop early for the best selection. This is the last year we will be circulating SERRV catalogs for the holiday season, so shopping on-line will be your best way to support Crosslines and artisans who make fair-trade items. Support checks will be sent to Crosslines quarterly, so remember this web site whenever you need a unique decoration, food, or gift.



~ Enroll (or re-enroll) your Kroger card for McDowell mission team ~

Kroger gives Upshur Helping Hands a percentage of every shopping trip and it doesn't cost you anything! *But, you do have to enroll or re-enroll your Plus Card every year.*

Go to Kroger.com and sign in, click on "Savings & Rewards," and then "Kroger Community Rewards," and then "View Details" to enroll or re-enroll, and then "Enroll." Select (or confirm) your enrollment for Upshur Helping Hands (#83160 or #GE633).



United Methodist Women

“The Power of Bold” was the theme for 2018 UMW Assembly held in May in Columbus, Ohio. The keynote speaker was Leymah Gbowee, a Liberian peace activist who led a nonviolent movement bringing women together to help end a civil war in Liberia in 2003. Sandra McCutcheon, Patty McComas, and Yvonne Foster shared some of the highlights of their experience at our unit meeting in September. In addition to worship and singing, sessions they attended tackled social and humanitarian issues such as the lack of clean drinking water in many parts of the world. Sandra learned how to make “plarn”, plastic yarn made from plastic bags, and how to crochet it into useful items. The focus of the entire assembly was how women can be bold and work to promote needed social change.

In September UMW donated \$250 to Kairos Prison Ministry in addition to 115 dozen cookies, 4 cakes, and 2 pies baked by women of the church. This shows what we can accomplish when we come together for a common cause. We may never know the full impact of those cookies, but they make a bold statement showing prisoners that complete strangers do care about them and their relationship with God.

Our fall basement sale is October 2, from 8 am to 8 pm. This is an important fundraiser for UMW, as it provides money we use to support local organizations such as Crosslines, Women’s Aid in Crisis, Habitat for Humanity, Upshur Helping Hands, COME, Kairos, and others. We need congregation and community members to donate gently used items, plus we really need volunteers to help sort, sell, and clean up. You don’t need to be a UMW member. Contact Jane Crutchfield if you can work on Oct. 1, 2, or 3. It’s a huge job, but together we can make it a success!



Empty Pill Bottle Collection Begins

Last spring our local unit started the campaign “Be Just! Be Green!” to bring awareness to habits we can change that will help us be good stewards of our environment. Please continue to drink from reusable containers and take your own reusable bags shopping. **This month we are starting to collect all sizes of empty pill bottles with their lids, both prescription and over-the-counter.** Labels need to be completely removed and bottles washed, rinsed, and dried. Look for the collection box in the area leading to the small kitchen off Linger Hall. We will mail bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries for inclusion in shipments with medical supplies for distribution in areas lacking adequate medical care. See <http://m25m.org/pillbottles> for more information.

Future Dates:

October 2: Basement Sale, 8 am-8 pm

October 4: Unit Meeting, “Domestic Abuse” presented by
Barbara Loudin

October 26-27: WV UMW Annual Meeting, Mineral Wells

November 3: Day Apart, Salem UMC

March 22-23, 2019: Spiritual Growth Retreat



Patty McComas, Sandra McCutcheon, and Yvonne Foster share about Assembly 2018.



"A Simple Response to the Opioid Epidemic"

Sunday, October 28 2:00 pm

Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School Library

Presented by the Rev. Dr. Barry Steiner Ball

Hosted and Sponsored by First United Methodist Church

Topics to be discussed: What are opioids? How are they different from other drugs? What happens in the brain that causes opioids to have such a hold on people's lives(physiology of opioid addiction)?Who are the groups of people who have been affected by the opioid epidemic? How can the church begin to respond to one of these groups of sufferers?

Barry Steiner Ball is a graduate of The Citadel, Duke University and Wesley Seminary. He is an ordained United Methodist Minister. In addition to serving churches, Barry has worked with the Maryland Natural Resources Police, as well as the Air Force Reserves as a chaplain. Most recently, he served on the NRP's Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force in Hagerstown, MD where he worked larger drug cases in Western Maryland and the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. During this assignment he was exposed to the plight of Drug Endangered Children and began working with local United Methodist Churches helping them discover how they can support these children. Barry retired from the Maryland Natural Resources Police on Oct. 1, 2017 to work full time with local churches in helping them find their ministry in response to the opioid epidemic. His wife, Sandra, serves as Bishop of the West Virginia United Methodist Conference. They have two grown daughters, Sarah a high school math teacher in Talbot County Maryland and Becky, an aspiring princess at Walt Disney World.



Rev. Shea James (in pink), director of youth ministries for WV UMC Conference, visited FUMC Youth on Sept. 23.



Youth
activities

Youth Group: October 7 & 21
with games, supper and more . . .
bring a friend!

Fall Workshop - Nov.16-18, 2018 Cedar Lakes Conference Center-Ripley, WV

For years, youth from throughout the West Virginia Annual Conference have gathered together each fall to worship, pray, and take a hands-on approach to life and faith through workshops. The 2018 theme is RUN THE RACE (from Hebrews 12:1-2). Fall Workshop is open to all Middle School and High School Youth. See Kristi for more information.



Church Night Out!

Join us on Thursday, October 11
as we gather for Church Night Out
at Zicks Restaurant,
just off Childers Run on Rt. 33
6 pm – or whenever you can arrive

LOLLIPOPS needed!



The Witness Committee will again give candy to children during Trick or Treat on October 31 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Please bring lollipops/suckers to Kristi or the church office by October 22. All are welcome to help give candy to our area children – we greet 400+ kids annually!

Tootsie Roll Pops or Blow Pops preferred (with tootsie roll or gum in the middle)

Want to learn more about the Grow Team and Reaching New People initiative?

Join us for a “tune-up” meeting with our consultant/coach Paul and cohort group.

Sunday, November 4

2 - 6 pm

FUMC – Godwin Fellowship Hall
Let Kristi know if you plan to attend.



Getting to Know You – Tena and Bill Shannon



We were both raised in the area. Bill is from Ellamore and Tena is from Buckhannon. Bill went to Coalton High and Tena went to BUHS.

Bill was a carpenter before he retired. Tena has worked at WVWC for 24+ years.

Bill has 3 sons and 5 grandchildren.

We enjoy the outdoors, hunting, fishing etc. and we enjoy watching the grandchildren play in their sports and their bands.

Church is important to us because of the relationship we want with God and the fellowship with other Christians.

A couple of our favorite verses are Corinthians 10:13 and Psalms 23.

Our favorite hymns would have to be “Church in the Wildwood” and “Lord of the Dance.”

Most people don’t know that I (Tena) didn’t have children of my own. And with Bill, he is 100% blocked in his carotid artery on one side.



Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. – 1 Peter 4:10

Looking Ahead . . .

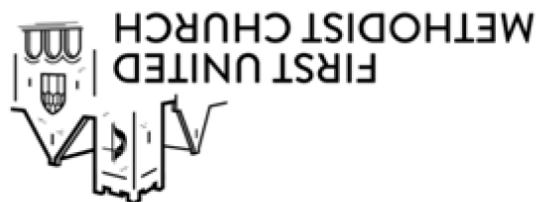
- November 25 – Decorate FUMC for Advent & Christmas
- December 2 – Brass in Worship
- December 4 – Charge Conference
- December 8 – Cookie Walk
- December 9 – Nativity Celebration
- December 9 – Church Family Christmas Dinner
- December 13 – Blue Christmas Service
- December 16 – Choir presents Lessons & Carols
- December 17 – Madrigal Singers of Clarksburg Christmas Concert
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Service
- January 27 – Martin Luther King Jr. Male Chorus

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson

As for me and my 'mouse'
we will serve the Lord.



Joshua 24:15 revised for an online society.



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