

**September
2019**



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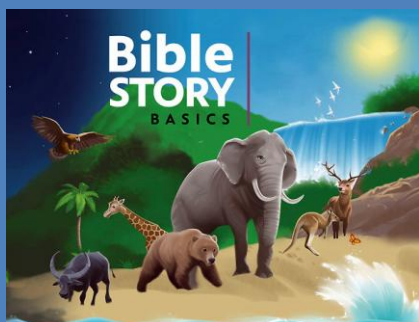
The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

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BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

"BIBLE STORY BASICS" SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN PRE-K THRU GRADE 5 (PRE-READERS AND READERS)

Here's how the morning goes...

9:30 AM All students arrive for Greeting, Attendance, The Storyteller, and Music

**Each Sunday, the Story Teller will share the Basic Bible story for the day with the whole group in Room 18, (room with red carpet and piano).*

9:50 AM to 10:25 AM - Students break into two groups in the two children's classrooms, Pre-readers in Room 19 and Readers in Room 18, for Leaflets (activity sheet) that help develop the day's story time, activities, crafts, etc....*The students spend time with a class leader, (leader for each class) who accompanies the students through developing a better, age-appropriate understanding of the day's story.*

10:25 AM Dismissal

A schedule for Story Tellers and Class Leaders is being assembled now. This will allow for the church family to participate in the flexible arrangement that assures that our children receive what they need in terms of Christian Education. If you would care to join in growing children's faith and sharing the journey with them, please let us know.



Sundae Jazz Neighborhood Party



with Adam Loudin Group

Sunday, Sept. 29, 4 to 6 pm
First United Methodist Church

**...in green space
beside Playground**

Bring a chair and enjoy good
music and visit with neighbors,
and have an

ICE CREAM SUNDAE.

\$50 Gift Card Door Prize






Join inviting the neighborhood to the Sundae Jazz Neighborhood party.

We'll gather in Godwin Hall to make street assignments on Sunday, Sept. 22, 3:30 pm, have a prayer, and leave no later than 4 pm.

(Knock on a door, introduce yourself from First Church, invite the person to Sundae Jazz, and give them an invitation card. That's it!)

The more we have inviting, the larger the area and the quicker the afternoon goes. This is just ONE MORE WAY for FUMC to enlarge its footprint in our neighborhood.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 + Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am	2 + OFFICE CLOSED 	3 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - Annex 7:00pm	4 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	5 + UMW - GFH 7:00pm	6 + 	7 +
8 + CHRISTIAN ED SUNDAY Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am	9 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Nurture - Rm #21E	10 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - Annex 7:00pm	11 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	12 +	13 +	14 +
15 + United Methodist Men - GFH 8:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Micah Meal - GFH 12:00pm Confirmation Meeting - Youth Room 7:00pm	16 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Outreach - Lib - 6pm CUBS - GFH 7:00pm Witness - #21E - 7pm	17 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - Annex 7:00pm	18 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Morning Circle - Fleming Lounge 9:30am Afternoon Circle - Fleming Lounge 1:30pm	19 +	20 + 	21 +
22 + Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Nickell Reception - GFH 12:00pm	23 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	24 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Chancel Choir - Annex 7:00pm	25 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	26 + Church Night Out - Legends - 6pm	27 +	28 + Scrapbooking - GFH - 10 am Evening Circle - GFH 7:00pm
29 + Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Sunday Jazz Party - Outside 4:00pm	30 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	<div> SEPTEMBER 2019 </div> <div> October 6 PAMPERING FOR Lorilyn & Nate Linger Following Worship </div>				



11 Marvin Carr
 Marty Kelley
13 Susan Martin
 Gary Summers
15 Tena Shannon
16 Tina Horstman
17 Phil Loftis
 Margaret Miller
18 Jane White

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

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Katherine Huffman (head), Steve Atkins, Randy Clark, Matt Leventry, Dale Shannon

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

Sept. 1	Danny & Ricki Green
Sept. 8	Ron & Mary Lynn Shamblin
Sept. 15	Marilyn Clarke, Jane Martin
Sept. 29	Cheri Green, Ava Lantz

The church offices will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.



Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



The family of Ellen Nickell invites you to a reception to celebrate her 90th birthday in Godwin Hall following church on Sunday, September 22. No gifts please, but we invite you to share your good wishes in person that day, or by mailing a card to her at 111 Chestnut St., Buckhannon.



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:

"Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life"
by Karen Armstrong

This is a practical book that can help us make the world a more compassionate place. Armstrong believes that compassion is intrinsic in all human beings, but we need to cultivate and expand our capacity for compassion. Here are twelve concrete ways to enhance our compassion and put it into action: from mindfulness, to suffering, to sympathetic joy, to concern for everybody. In our troubled world today the compassionate voice of religion is so sorely needed.

NOTES OF THANKS

My family and I want to say a sincere Thank You for the prayers, love and kindness offered during the past year of David's battle with kidney cancer. Our faith carried us through this difficult time. God was by our sides always and He continues to give us strength, comfort and peace as we share the sweet memories of the one we loved so much. Special thanks go to Rev. Meadows, Rev. Finegan and Dr. Martin for a beautiful and touching Memorial Service. Blessings, Karen Cartwright, Kelley and Steve Tierney, Dr. Bill and Kelley Cartwright, Grandchildren Olive and Lucy Cartwright

*On behalf of my Aunt Polly, along with my three brothers and our families, I want to thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy and encouragement following the loss of my Mother. It meant a lot to us, for you to honor her in such a thoughtful way.
Sincerely, Jane Martin*

MEMORIALS

The following persons sent contributions, in memory of David Cartwright, to the FUMC Improvement Fund: Larry & Cathy Rummel, Patrick & Sharon Safstrom, Rick & Carolyn Loar, Tony & Mary Gum, Ellen Nickell, Marilyn (Hawkins) & Gary Bechtol, Danny & Ricki Green, Pat & Joyce Hoover, Anna Ifert, Martin & Sandra Berisford, Sue Boring, Charles & Nancy Favor, Harold & Sylvia Elmore, Greg & Lynn Cartwright, Kelly Woody Poirier, Lena Umbright, and The Lunch Bunch, Rosemary Heatherly, and The Donut Shop.



CHURCH NIGHT OUT

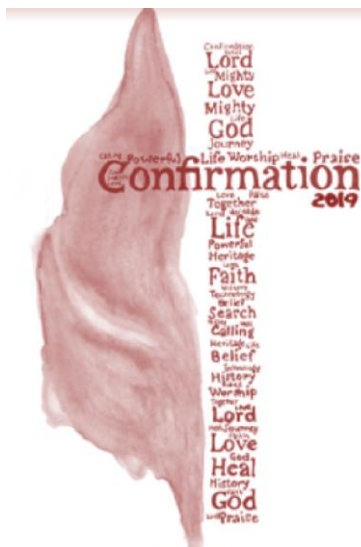
Come and enjoy friends, fun, and food!
Thursday, September 26, 6 pm
or come when you can
See you at LEGENDS!



SET UP YOUR MEDICAL ID ON YOUR PHONE

1. Open the iPhone Health app and tap the Medical ID tab.
2. Tap Edit. If asked, tap Edit Medical ID.
3. To make your Medical ID available from the Locked screen on your iPhone, turn on Show When Locked
4. Enter health information like your birth date,
5. height, and blood type.
6. Tap Done.

Android phones usually don't have built in health apps that allow you to create a **Medical ID**. But people with **Android phones** can still create **Medical IDs** that anyone can see from the lock screen without unlocking the **phone**...Go to the app store and download **Medical ID** (Free) ICE Contacts.



Confirmation Organizational Meeting, Sunday, Sept. 15, 7:05 PM, Youth Room

BLOOD SCREENING

St. Joseph's Hospital will host two blood screening events this fall. The screenings will be held on October 5 and 12 from 6:30 to 10 a.m. at Buckhannon Middle School and will include basic blood profile tests for \$35. Optional colon cancer and thyroid screenings will be \$5. There is no need to make an appointment and participants are asked to fast for 12 hours prior to the tests.

Payments must be made by cash or check. Test results will be sent to the participant's home address. Participants should consult their physician with questions about the results of the screening.

It is at the Baptismal font, or even when we hold our children for the very first time, that we as family and church family commit ourselves to nurture our children in Christ's holy church, that by teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life. **Confirmation** in The United Methodist Church is a time of intentional preparation; it gives teens and tweens the opportunity to reflect on the most basic tenants of our faith and gives them a safe environment to ask questions and grapple with the divine truths and mysteries proclaimed by the church of Jesus Christ. **Confirmation** helps youth to begin to understand what it means to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, and to make their first public profession of faith. During this time, youth are invited to claim for themselves the name Christian and the name United Methodist. **Confirmation** is a benchmark in Baptism and a significant step in the journey of faith. The teenage years are important for making a commitment to live as a disciple of Christ. We encourage our Middle School and High School students to participate in **confirmation**.

We will gather together, youth and parents on Sunday, Sept. 15, 7:05 PM in the Youth Room with our calendars to schedule 6 sessions for Confirmation Class. If you have questions, please call Pastor Steve, or email him: stevowvu@gmail.com.



September is "Canned Foods (veggies, fruit, soup)" 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.





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Join us as we begin Fall 2019! All are welcome at events planned by the organized unit of United Methodist Women. You are encouraged to attend and participate any time you have an interest. Your ideas, comments, and concerns are always welcome. Contact President Barbara Loftis, Vice Presidents Nancy Hefner and Janis Allen, Secretary Jane Crutchfield, or Treasurer Jo Criss. Morning Circle leader is Ellen Nickell; Afternoon Circle leader, Patty McComas; Evening Circle coordinator Brooke Scott. Unit meetings this fall are on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall, while individual circles meet once a month at various times and places. Watch the bulletin, Link, and see the schedule on the UMW bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for details.



Kairos Prison Ministry: FUMC will once again support this ministry at Huttonsville State Correctional Center for their fall weekend event. We need at least 100 dozen cookies plus some cakes and pies by noon on September 15. See details and sign up at the UMW table in Linger Hall.

UMW will once again sponsor Kairos Prison Ministry for their fall weekend event at Huttonsville Correctional Center. Lloyd Strobeck is a volunteer leader for Kairos and our contact. He is to supply 100 dozen homemade cookies and 5 cakes. They need to be in the FUMC kitchen by noon on Sunday, September 15 for pick up. It is suggested we pray for the inmates while making the cookies, as leading them to Christ is the main priority. Only a limited number can attend the special event, but all inmates receive 1 dozen cookies. Therefore, please check the restrictions on acceptable cookies found on the UMW table as they go to the general population.

Our September unit meeting is Thursday, September 5, 7 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Edwina Howard-Jack will give the program titled "Women Speaking the Truth" and tell us about her advocacy on behalf of women. Morning Circle has refreshments.

Save these future dates for special events:

- September 15**, noon: Kairos cookies and cakes due in FUMC kitchen
- September 21**, 9 am-lunch: UMW Fall District Meeting, North View UMC
- September 23**, 9 am-3 pm: Church Women United Assembly, Quiet Dell UMC
- October 8**, 8 am-8 pm: UMW Fall Basement Sale
- October 25-26**: UMW Annual Meeting, Trinity UMC, Bluefield (we are to donate crafts for sale)
- November 1**, 1-3 pm: Church Women United meets at FUMC (provide refreshments)
- November 2**: Day Apart, Beverly UMC
- December 14**, 8 am-11 am: Cookies and More
- April 17-18**, 2020: Spiritual Growth Retreat, Cedar Lakes, Ripley

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 12-HOUR BASEMENT SALE



Set-up on Mon., Oct. 7, 8am - ?
Selling on Tues., Oct. 8th,
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 Godwin Fellowship Hall starting Monday, Sept. 30th.



FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FOOD – FALL KICK-OFF 2019

If you would like to contribute to FUMC online, please visit our webpage

www.firstchurchumc.com and look for "DONATE."

*If you would like to receive the
Circle of Prayer Ministry, a daily prayer web of First UMC, please send your
email address to: lwelling@mpl.com.*

FIRST CHURCH HAS AN APP!

If you're a "smartphone" or tablet user, and prefer it to a computer, then you can get the latest church information and the latest sermon on your device now. Go to your app store, and download and install "Sharefaith Ministry". Once installed on your device, search for "First United Methodist Church" within the app. The app does not have all the details you can find on the church website, but it is another way to stay informed. See Danny Green with questions and more info.



MICAH MEAL SEPT. 15

Godwin Fellowship Hall

Immediately following worship

Please bring a generous casserole to share and join us for food and fellowship!

Proceeds benefit the Living Hope Residential Christian School in Kenya.



This 83-student Kenya Accredited residential Christian school serves impoverished teens. Some have lost one or both parents due to AIDS or desertion, and others through disease. Some have both parents, but live in abject poverty. Almost 95% of these undergraduate high school students are sponsored by members of churches in the West Virginia United Methodist Conference! 53 college and training school students are also sponsored by UM members. One college student is sponsored by the WV Annual Conference. To what else can we, UMC members, attribute this miraculous outpouring, other than the Holy Spirit? GOD IS AT WORK!



Enjoy Music? Like to sing?

Do you have fun being with a group of great people who enjoy and like to sing?

Then, you're cordially invited to share the joy of celebration with the Chancel Choir. Choir rehearsal is each Tuesday, 7 PM in the Choir Room just off Godwin Fellowship Hall.

Sunday warm-up is usually 10 AM before worship in the Choir Room.

Come and find your place. Join the celebration! And stay tuned...rehearsals for Lessons and Carols are just around the corner.

September Anthems

8--Give Me Jesus

15--The King of Love My Shepherd Is

22--Ubi Caritas *Sarah Downes Memorial Anthem

29--Be Thou My Vision



On Saturday, Aug. 10, FUMC held a prayer walk for Upshur County Schools at the beginning of the Fall semester. The Prayer Walkers were encouraged to pray for the students of Upshur County, students who are close to them, and to pray for the administration, faculty, and staff.



WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL THAT YOU AND ONLY YOU KNOW WHEN THE END IS NEAR, HUH?

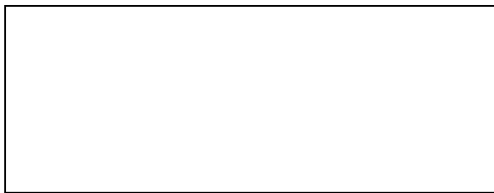
BLOOPERS!

"If you need to heave during the Postlude, please do so quietly."

"The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir."

"Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons."

"Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers."



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