



The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

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MARCH 15 MICAH MEAL BENEFITS



UPSHUR HELPING HANDS

McDowell Work Team

OUR MOTTO: "WARMER, SAFER, DRYER"

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

The Upshur Helping Hands Work Team is affiliated with the Upshur Cooperative Parish and First United Methodist Church in Buckhannon, which have been sponsoring work teams to help our fellow mountaineers in southern West Virginia for over 20 years. The work team strives to help the community and local folks with building repairs, to make their homes safe, warm, and dry. The group brings hope, encouragement, and love to the residents by demonstrating caring through sharing.

GET READY FOR...

CLOCK CONFUSION!!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 08

Church Night Out

THINK

Relaxation...Conversation...Good food...Fellowship with fellow church family members
FOOD IS "PAY-YOUR-OWN".

Invite friends to join us. Children are welcome, too, of course!

MARCH EVENT

Thursday, MARCH 26 at 6 pm
 (or whenever you are able to arrive)
 at **MISS PIGGIES** (18 N. Kanawha St.)



PAMPERING RECEPTION FOR THE HAYSLETES

We will host a reception following worship on Sunday, March 29 for Chris and Amy Hayslette as they prepare to welcome Baby Hayslette in April. Please bring a package of diapers and/or wipes for the Hayslettes, and join us for the reception.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 + SSchool 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am UMW-GFH 2:00pm	2 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Conference Operations - GFH 10:00am	3 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Study Group 6:00pm Chancel Choir - Annex 7:00pm	4 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	5 +	6 +	7 + UMW District Meeting - #21, Lib, Annex, GFH 9:00am - 3:00pm
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins + Sunday School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Confirmation-7pm	9 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Outreach – Lib 6pm	10 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Study Group 6pm Chancel Choir - Annex 7:00pm	11 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	12 +	13 +	14 +
15 + United Methodist Men - GFH 8:00am S School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Micah Meal-GFH	16 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Witness - Rm 21 6:00pm CUBS - GFH 7:00pm Nurture - #21E 7:00pm	17 Saint Patrick's Day + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Study Group 6pm Chancel Choir - Annex 7:00pm	18 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am Morning Circle - Fleming Lounge 9:30am	19 +	20 + Cubs Lock-in	21 + Cubs Cleanup
22 + SSchool 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am	23 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	24 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Study Group 6pm Chancel Choir - Annex 7:00pm	25 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	26 + Church Night Out - Miss Piggies 6:00pm	27 +	28 +
29 + S School 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:40am Hayslette Pampering 12N	30 + Exercise Group - #18E 9:00am	31 + Early Birds - Library 8:00am Study Group 6pm Chancel Choir - Annex 7:00pm				

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

10 Madora Wildman
11 Marilyn Clarke
12 Keri Phillips
14 David Petrosky
Janet Chandler
16 Rose Ellen Loudin
Woody Martin
20 Pat Kennedy
23 Brenda Connell
24 Julia Lynch Siegel
Robynn Shannon
26 Sherrie Walsh
30 Nate Kennedy
31 Sarah Frush



MARCH USHERS

Ben Crutchfield (head), Shea Phillips, Sandra McCutcheon, Jeff McDowell

MARCH GREETERS

03/01 Jeff & Sandy McDowell
03/08 John & MaDora Wildman
03/15 Ellen Nickell, Christal Taylor
03/22 Shea & Keri Phillips
03/29 Brooke & Andy Scott

ITEM OF THE MONTH



March is "PASTA AND SAUCE" 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.



Kairos Prison Ministry Spring 2020 event at Huttonsville State Correctional Center is in March. They need 100 dozen cookies plus some cakes and pies by noon on March 15. See instructions about cookies at the UMW table in Linger Hall. Items baked ahead of time may be frozen. Labeled items may be left in the FUMC kitchen or the freezer.



United Methodist Women

A diverse group of men and women heard about Barry Moll's adventures on mission trips to Russia, Puerto Rica, and Ireland. As he shared slides and memories, the impact on the volunteers in his group and recipients of their service was obvious. Many volunteers make multiple trips because of how the trips enrich their lives. When telling stories about the significance of various objects on display, the deep emotional ties formed with the people was obvious. Barry and others hope to schedule another trip soon. He provided information about already scheduled trips in the US and around the world through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, UMMVIM, that are open to all. See that information on the UMW table in Linger Hall.



Barry Moll explains the significance of items in his collection.

The United Methodist Women had a financially successful year in 2019 with your help. From our carry over funds raised in December through pledges and the annual Cookies and More sale, we voted to give \$1000 to Crosslines for assistance with clients' utility bills. As a unit, we consider our main goals to be emotional and spiritual support of each other, plus financial and hands-on support of those in need. We welcome anyone who is interested in being part of our sisterhood.

Our 2020 Yearbook is available from your circle leader. You will find member information, dates of upcoming programs and district events, and our 2020 budget. If you see a correction or update is needed, contact President Barbara Loftis who was the editor.

March 15 is our next Kairos Prison Ministry sponsorship. We hope to provide volunteer Lloyd Strobeck with his required 100 dozen cookies for their spring weekend event. Recipes and guidelines are available on the UMW table in Linger Hall. During the weekend event, some inmates attend daily sessions. However, the entire inmate population each receives one dozen cookies as a way of showing the faith community supports and cares about all of God's children.

Future Dates:

February 27: Executive Committee, 4:30pm, library

March 1: Unit meeting 7 pm, GFH, program by Kristi Wilkerson, "Lighting the Way Through Partnerships"

March 7: Officers' Training by UMW Conference Team, 9am-3pm, Kristi Wilkerson in charge, we'll assist

March 15: Kairos Prison Ministry baked goods due

March 28: Spring District Meeting, 9am-noon, Vincent Memorial UMC, Nutter Fort

May 5: Spring Basement Sale at FUMC

October 6: Fall Basement Sale at FUMC

December 19: Cookies and More

FROM THE CHURCH 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: "Lord Save Us from Your Followers" by Dan Merchant



We have become a nation of Bumper-sticker mentality people. "Are you as close to Jesus as you are to my bumper?" "The Rapture is coming, are you ready?" Slogans, bumper-stickers, signs, all assail us, allowing anyone to state an opinion without the inconvenience of listening to another point of view. This book is a stark reminder that one of the best ways to communicate God's love with others is to listen; it will make you think about who Jesus really is and who He encourages all of us to be.



Micah Outreach delivers cookies to First Responders



Pastor Steve has a captive audience

UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE NEWS

The Upshur Parish House is making a few improvements to be more accommodating to their clients/neighbors. The Parish House will be offering evening hours on the last Thursday of the next three months, as a pilot or trial basis, to see if it is something they should do more often. They will be opening on February 27, March 26, and April 30, the last Thursday of each month, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The food pantry will be open, and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Director of the Parish House Kristi Wilkerson expressed, “We have lunches Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, available for anyone...there are many different people that come, usually around 30 neighbors...they come in often just to fellowship.” Offering something on Thursday evening will give neighbors the opportunity to receive dinner and fellowship on an evening that other organizations and churches aren’t already offering assistance throughout the week.

The Parish House has created a great partnership with West Virginia Wesleyan College We Lead Poverty Reduction Team, who will be cooking and serving the food on February 27 and March 30. Tentatively, they are planning to serve chili and cornbread in February. Wilkerson added that these lunches and dinners are not just for the lower income neighbors, but also for people who live alone and want companionship or fellowship.

The Parish House is normally open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. They offer other assistance with rent and utilities during normal operating hours, but they cannot do that in the evening currently. Offices to pay such things are not open in the evenings, however they are working on making that possible for neighbors in the evenings as well. For the time being, the food pantry and dinner are the only things offered in the evening during this trial run, according to Wilkerson.

“This came after we recognized that neighbors that work during the daytime have a difficult time utilizing our services,” expressed Wilkerson. When the organization did their Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions in 2019, 691 households received Thanksgiving baskets and 511 households received Christmas baskets, which were distributed during their evening hours. This impacted at least 30 percent of children and youth. The Parish House is looking forward to offering extended hours on a more regular basis. They are hopeful this improvement will make it easier for neighbors to come in, utilize the Parish House and share a meal with fellow neighbors.



HOLY WEEK

Invite FRANK to join us – Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors and Kids!

Join the **PROCESSION OF PALMS** during the first hymn on Palm Sunday. The Chancel Choir, pastor, youth and children will gather in Linger Hall prior to Palm Sunday worship and processes waving palms to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as we begin the Holy Week journey.

Palm Sunday
Church Family Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt



Immediately following Palm Sunday Worship
Ages up to 5th Grade

HOLY THURSDAY TAIZE WORSHIP & COMMUNION




Taize (teh-ZAY) is a participatory worship service with music, prayer, scripture and silence designed for a contemplative atmosphere for worship and sacrament.

Maundy/Holy Thursday April 9 7 PM
Sanctuary First United Methodist Church

TENEBRAE

A Service of Darkness



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GOOD FRIDAY April 10 7:30 PM
PRESENTED BY CHANCEL CHOIR

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for the cards, texts, and expressions of love my family has received since Mom's passing. She always enjoyed coming to FUMC and was quite the BU fan. I am so grateful for all our beautiful memories with her. I feel all the prayers and support wrapped around me and my family.

Thank you,
Diane Godwin and family

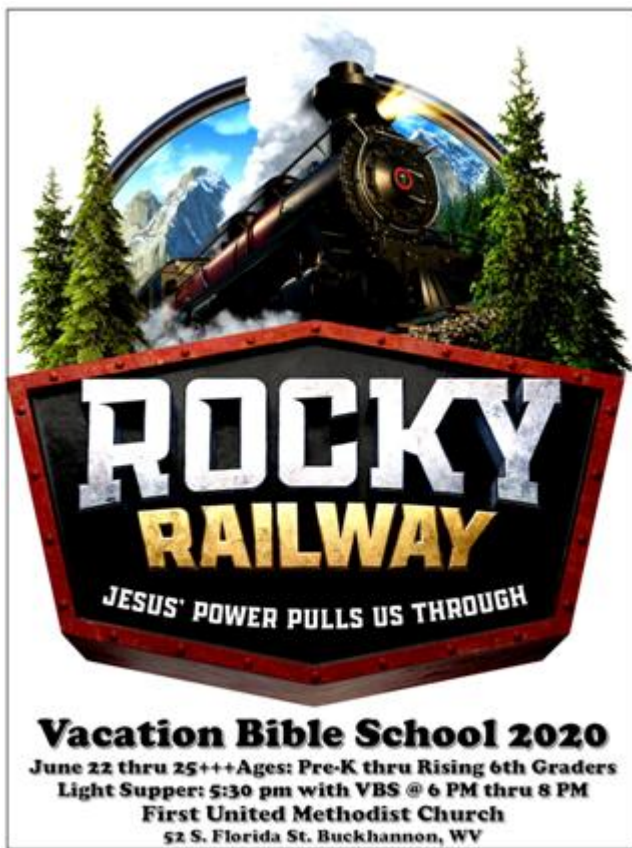
ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS NOW!

It's time to think about flowers for Easter Sunday. We will once again order plants from Feola's Flowers. To place your order, please fill out the form below and return to the church office by April 6th. We ask that you pay for your flowers when ordered.

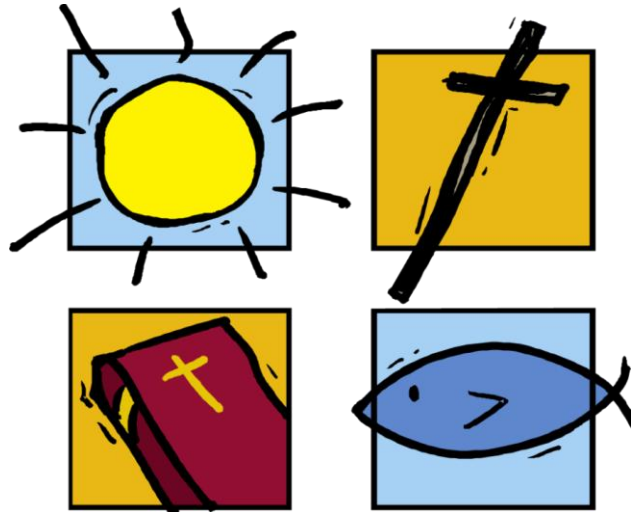
FLOWERS	NO.	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF
Lily - \$17.50		
Tulip - \$30.00		
Azalea - \$30.00		

NAME: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____



Christian Education Leaders & Church Volunteers



If you need any books, materials, or supplies, please let Renee Warner know.

Renee Warner: refwarner@gmail.com or call/text: 304-322-1177 (text works best).



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