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The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

WORLD COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, Oct. 3



First Church will celebrate the sacrament of communion on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3 at In-person worship. Those wishing to receive communion will safely pick up a pre-packaged grape juice/wafer in a zip-lock bag in Linger Hall as they arrive for worship. Following communion, persons will be asked to put the empty container back in the zip-lock bag, seal the bag, and drop the used container/zip-lock bag in a trash container as they leave. It will be a Sacramental Celebration for the First Church family as we resume this holy gift.



Volunteers NEEDED!



The DNA of the local church continues to change but still, we must reach outside these beautiful stained-glass windows to share the Good News.

That's why we're looking for you!

Would you share the joy of being a part of the On-line Ministry of the First Church family? Are you interested in helping make First UMC's services happen? The Tech Team is looking for volunteers to help once or twice a month and as back-up support with working our livestream cameras, audio, and slides. Training will be provided. If you're interested in being a part of this exciting and growing ministry, please email Pastor Steve at stevowvu@gmail.com.



RESTART TEAM UPDATE

WELCOME!

**Masks
and
Social Distancing
Required at All Times**

**(For Worship,
Sunday School
& All Activities)**

Thank You



The Restart team met by a ZOOM meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 8. The Team is made up of persons across the Church family including Staff Parish Relations Committee, Trustees, Lay Leader, Staff, and United Methodist Women. The meeting took place during the rising number of active cases.

The Restart Team agreed upon the following guideline in every effort to maintain the In-person church activities we already have in place and to do our best to keep moving forward toward recovering the life of the Church while providing a Safe Sanctuary for all gatherings. The primary goal of the Team is to guide the Church family toward continuing the life of the church in a safe environment...to err on the side of caution and To Do No Harm.

The following guidelines are in place for Worship, Sunday School, and All Other Activities.

MASKS REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE AT WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

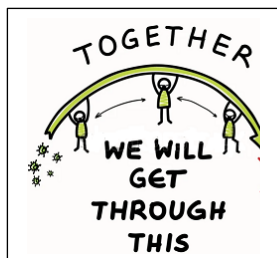
Everyone has been kind and patient as we have cautiously worked to return to some sense of normalcy. Again, take no risks and be safe. And please, take advantage of the Online and Sermon-By-Phone opportunities.

This is a welcome step for some and an anxious step for others.

Thank you for your help as together we remain the Church, the Body of Christ, and a reflection of the Light of Jesus by modeling safe practices.

If you would like to receive by email, **Circle of Prayer**, the daily prayer concerns of the First Church family, please send your name and email address to lwellings@mpl.com.

If you are not on the **FUMC email list** to receive announcements, notices, newsletters, etc., please send your name and email address to lwellings@mpl.com so that you are up to date on the most recent updates at First Church.



NEIGHBORS REACHING NEIGHBORS

The Micah Outreach Ministry Team encourages you to continue your support of the Upshur Parish House. The Collection of the Month for October and the first week of November is for THANKSGIVING MEAL BASKETS. Needed: instant mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing box, gravy mix, canned pumpkin pie mix, jiffy pie crust mix, and cranberry sauce. You may leave your donations in Linger Hall if you attend Sunday Worship, or leave your donations on the Front Porch of the Parish House, 68 College Ave.

Later in November, we will begin collecting items for CHRISTMAS MEAL BASKETS.

"Canned yams/sweet potatoes, corn, pork n beans, stuffing, box cake mix, frosting."



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women will continue to meet monthly in Fellowship Hall following masking and distancing guidelines set by our church. Executive Committee decided to have meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, leaving the other Wednesdays for individual circles. On October 6 at 2pm we will make cards for Nancy Hefner to send to those church members and friends that need our support.

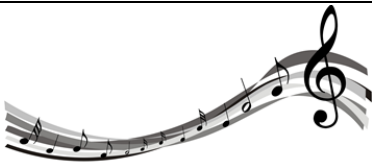
Our Fall Basement Sale is cancelled. We do hope to finally have one in Spring 2022. Watch for information about dropping off items in the next newsletter.

We voted to take money from funds in the UM Foundation to cover our 2021 budgeted items supporting nonprofits and the pastor's discretionary fund. Please continue to pay pledges or give a donation.

If you have any ideas for programs or ways to better keep in touch with members, please let me know.

Barbara Loftis, president

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS November 7th



If you would like to sing with the Covid Singers group on Sunday mornings, please let Renee Warner or Val Huffman know. You may email Renee: refwarner@gmail.com. Or you may email Val: vhuffmanpc@yahoo.com. Sometimes we need persons to fill in another's absence, and some Sundays we could use an extra voice or two.

ETC.

*First UMC, Buckhannon, Livestream Worship on Facebook. 10:45 AM
<https://www.facebook.com/firstumcbuckhannon>

*Subscribe to First UMC YouTube
(FirstChurchUMBuckhannon):
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCydw6hKQYnBfJ7T8n7t9iNw>

*Sermon by Phone: 1-304-250-4556 (Scripture and sermon only) Please share this service with those who do not use electronics.

*For the Sermon on the Web: Go to the First Church Website: www.firstchurchum.com, look for the SERMON tab on the home page.

*Sharefaith App---Go to Google Play or the App Store (iPhone), search for the Sharefaith App. Download the app, and then search for First United Methodist Church, then select. It's a great way to receive weekly updates from the First Church family.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

If attending In-Person Worship, please leave your Gift in Linger Hall.

You may mail your Gifts to First UMC, 52 S. Florida St. or if you wish, you may give Electronically.

Go to: www.firstchurchum.com and click the DONATE (Paypal) Button.

Thank You! again for your faithful stewardship as ministry continues at First UMC.

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

The Board of Trustees is currently working toward repointing, sealing, and repairing loose brickwork and capstones, and repairing loose flashing on the S. Florida side of the Old Main building (sanctuary). This will prohibit moisture from seeping through the wall and creating interior wall issues of paint bubbling and plaster becoming soft and falling. As with most repair work, correcting one problem uncovers another. The Trustees are committed to caring for our 120 old facility. And the Trustees are grateful for the patience of the Church family as they care for the needs of First Church facility.



Also, the First Church family is grateful for a memorial gift given toward replacing the wooden fencing that begins at the District Office and stands along the perimeter of the



back yard and ends at the rear of the parsonage. The fencing work was completed on Sept. 29. The Trustees are grateful for the memorial gift and the seed funds to move

toward replacing the fence, a much-needed upgrade, and an attractive renovation for curb-appeal.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

Inviting others to First Church has never been easier. We learned this during the two years we participated in "[REACHING NEW PEOPLE](#)." If you use Facebook and receive posts for Worship and Sunday School from First United Methodist Church, LIKE those posts and SHARE them with others. Or, if you receive the weekly emails that invite folks to On-line worship, Sunday School, and list other First Church opportunities, you can forward those emails to others. What a great way to grow the First Church On-line congregation.

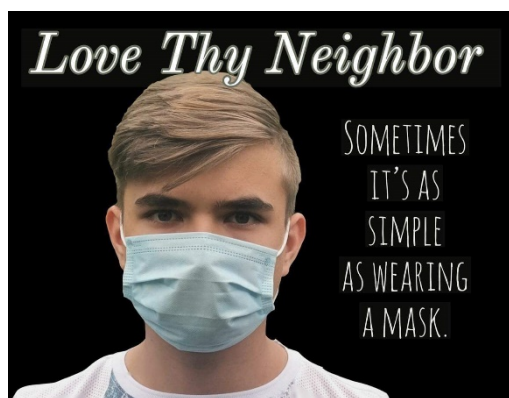


YOU MAY HAVE THE VERY THING THAT SOMEONE NEEDS TODAY!



Someone needs to hear your voice today. There are those who are comfortable being out and about, but due to Covid many are still anxious and are staying home and away from others

until they feel safe and comfortable leaving their homes. A brief call may be the very thing someone needs to lift their spirits and brighten their day. Your voice may be the only caring voice they hear that day. You can spare a few minutes so that another knows that someone cares enough to call and to stay in touch.



A LETTER FROM THE RICHTERS

Some of you know that we have been planning to move in order to be closer to our daughter who lives in Washington, D.C. Finally that move has occurred. We are now living in Winchester, VA at The Village at Orchard Ridge, where Doris Bright also lives. It is a retirement community of about 400 residents. All those we have met so far have been friendly and helpful, as have all the staff members. (No comments on the communications company which set up our TV, internet and telephones. They wouldn't be positive reports.)

The opportunity to move came in early July so we have been quite busy since then, downsizing from living in our house for 55 years to move to a two bedroom apartment. We already miss seeing our many friends and neighbors in Buckhannon, but hope that some of you can visit us in western Virginia, less than fifteen miles from West Virginia's eastern border. Our new address is 400 Clocktower Ridge Drive, apartment 322, Winchester, VA 22603. Our new telephone number is 540-486-4929.

FALL BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

1 Elizabeth Spencer
4 Leslie Kennedy
7 Kenneth Welliver
Felicia Johnston
10 Jane Crutchfield
Graham Godwin
11 Allayah Skidmore
22 Katherine Huffman
24 Jim Finegan
27 Dan Hagi
30 Evelyn Linger

NOVEMBER

2 Patty McComas
Karen Cartwright
3 Emmalee Mohan
4 Chuck Loudin
10 Grant Wilkerson
11 Linda Wellings
13 Rick Edwards
15 Lori Hagi
17 Ava Lantz
Gary Frush
22 John Wildman
23 Mary Ellen Biller
26 Mary Welliver
28 Randy Clark



The online (ZOOM) **Bible Study Group** meets on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. We are studying and discussing the book of Romans, using a couple of different resources. Prayerfully consider joining this group, as we explore the Word, fellowship together, and pray for one another!

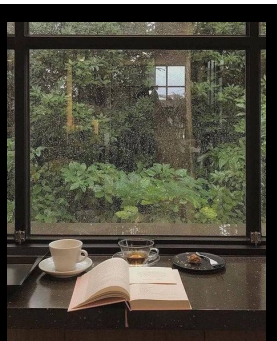
Send an email to Renee Warner refwarner@gmail.com if you would like to receive the Zoom link.

Early Birds

Prayer and Devotions

Wednesday
Mornings
9 AM

Church Library





INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*Buckhannon-Upshur
COVID-19 Community Task Force*

TESTING LOCATIONS

UPSHUR-BUCKHANNON HEALTH DEPT

LOCATION: DRIVE-THRU ALONG SENIOR DRIVE
IN BUCKHANNON

DAYS/TIMES: TUESDAYS 9AM – 12 NOON

THURSDAYS 9AM – 12 NOON

*** NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

COMMUNITY CARE OF WEST VIRGINIA

LOCATION: 4 NORTHRIDGE RD. BUCKHANNON

TYPE OFFERED : STATE FREE

(FREE OPTION THRU THE STATE HAS A LONGER TURN-
AROUND TIME)

DAYS/TIMES: MONDAY – FRIDAY 9AM – 12PM

*** NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

LOCATION: DRIVE-THRU - TRAILER IN
FRONT OF HOSPITAL

TYPE OFFERED: STATE FREE OR WITH A
DOCTOR ORDER

(FREE OPTION THRU THE STATE HAS A LONGER TURN-
AROUND TIME)

DAYS/TIMES: MONDAY – FRIDAY 7AM – 3PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8AM – 4PM

*** NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

PHARMACY – TESTING LOCATIONS

KROGER

LOCATION: 80 SKYLINE PLAZA DR. BUCKHANNON, WV

TYPE OFFERED : **ANTIBODY TEST ONLY**

NO COVID TESTING

DAYS/TIMES: *** NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

MONDAY – FRIDAY 9AM – 7PM

SATURDAY 9AM-5PM / SUNDAY 10AM-4PM

WALGREENS

LOCATION: 71 W. MAIN STREET. BUCKHANNON, WV

*** DRIVE THRU ONLY * MUST REGISTER ONLINE AT [WALGREENS.COM](https://www.walgreens.com)
TO RECEIVE APPOINTMENT TESTING TIME**

TYPE OFFERED : STATE FREE TESTING

(FREE OPTION THRU THE STATE HAS A LONGER TURN-AROUND
TIME)

VACCINE LOCATIONS

to search for vaccine locations by zip code please use the following link:

<https://www.vaccines.gov/results/?zipcode=26201&medications=779bfe52-0dd8-4023-a183-457eb100fccc,a84fb9ed-deb4-461c-b785-e17c782ef88b,784db609-dc1f-45a5-bad6-8db02e79d44f&radius=25&appointments=true>

CVS

*** NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

Location: 74 W. Main St. Buckhannon

TYPE OFFERED : VACCINES – MODERNA ONLY

DAYS/TIMES: MONDAY – FRIDAY 9AM – 8:30PM

SATURDAY 9AM-8:30PM / SUNDAY 10AM-5:30PM

WALGREENS

*** NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

Location: 71 W. Main St. Buckhannon

TYPE OFFERED : VACCINES - PFIZER & MODERNA ONLY

DAYS/TIMES: MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM – 4PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12PM-3PM

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL.....

Patients can call their Primary Care Provider to
schedule an appointment or call the physician's
referral line at 304-473- 2200 to make an
appointment.

COMMUNITY CARE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Vaccines are provided when available. Please
call 304-473-5600 for locations and availability.

KROGER

*** NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

Location: 80 Skyline Dr. Buckhannon

Type Offered: Vaccines – Prizer & Moderna Only

Days/Times: Monday – Friday 9am – 7pm

Saturday 9am – 5pm/Sunday 10am – 4pm

WALMART

*** NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

Location: 100 BUCKHANNON CROSSROADS . BUCKHANNON

TYPE OFFERED : VACCINES - PFIZER & MODERNA ONLY

DAYS/TIMES: *** NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM – 4PM

SATURDAY 9AM-6PM / SUNDAY 10AM-5PM

UPSHUR-BUCKHANNON HEALTH DEPT

Location: Upshur-Buckhannon Health Department
15 N. Locust Street

- **1st dose Vaccine** Call 304-472-2810 for an
appointment
- **2nd dose Vaccine** – **THURSDAYS ONLY 1:30pm-3pm**
- **3rd dose Vaccine** – **TUESDAYS ONLY 1:30pm-3pm**
****must meet guidelines to qualify for 3rd dose**

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