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The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

NOTE: Scheduling is subject to change if Covid-19 statistics rise and present an increase in possible transmission. Currently, Masks and Social Distancing are required for all activities at First UMC. Thank you for your patience as we work together to keep First Church a "Safe Sanctuary."

ADVENT DECORATION GATHERING

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 21, 4 PM as we decorate for Advent and Christmas.



An Advent Note From Renee...

On Sunday, November 21, before Advent Decorating, I'll have Christmas craft kits and Advent coloring booklets for the children of the First Church family. It will be a **Drive-By Pickup** from the porch of the church on Latham Street (3 Arches) from 3-4 p.m. Please consider bringing your kiddos to pick up some fun materials to help your family celebrate the Advent season! If you can't make it during that time, I'll find some time to drop off a packet to your home.

refwarner@gmail.com

Have a wonderful Advent season!

A SERVICE TO REMEMBER & HONOR

For those who struggle with, loss, grief, or the stresses of the holidays

West Virginia Wesleyan College, Wesley Chapel
Sunday, Dec. 12, 3 PM

Christmas Eve Worship December 24, 7 PM





2021 CHRISTMAS OFFERING GIFT



Traditionally, the First Church family receives a special Christmas Offering. This year, the Christmas offering will be divided equally between the **UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE/CROSSLINES, AND THE TRUSTEES IMPROVEMENT FUND** to help with the recent costs of renovations and the repairs to our building.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS...



Nov./Dec. Collection Items for Upshur Parish House
Christmas Baskets:

- stuffing box
- canned yams/sweet potatoes
- corn
- pork n beans
- cake mix
- frosting

You may leave donations in Linger Hall, or on the Parish House front porch: **68 College Ave.**
Monetary donations may be made to the Parish House.

January Collection for the Upshur Parish House...
CANNED SOUPS

Other Parish House Needs NEW...

- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Any gift of warmth



THANK YOU... A Memorial Gift given in memory of Sue Walls by her daughter, Kim Walls.

LOOKING AHEAD



**The Buckhannon Upshur High School
"Sound Waves" Singers**

Holiday Concert

Monday, Dec. 20, 7 PM

Main Sanctuary

First United Methodist Church
Concert is FREE but donations to the Choir will be received.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Male Chorus Concert

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, Jan. 30, 5 PM

A donation will be received.

**Local karate instructor inducted into
W.Va. Martial Arts
Hall of Fame**



*Congratulations to our own
Larry Carter!*

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting: Saturday, 8 AM
in Room 23 of the Christian Education Building



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women meets monthly as a unit on the first Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Executive Committee meets just before the unit meeting at 1:15 p.m. in the library. Three individual circles continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Lois Circle led by Ellen Nickell meets at 9:30 a.m., Susannah Circle led by Patty McComas at 1:00 p.m., and Grace Circle led by Barbara Loftis meets at 2 p.m. All women are invited to join us any time.



Sue Boring led our November program, *World Thank Offering: The Give and Take of Gratitude*. She shared maps of where UMW are in mission. Sue also shared a story from John 4. Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman at a well, violating social norms. Instead of mere water, Jesus reveals he is the source of living water. In gratitude and with courage she spreads the word of this good news.

"Crafts and More" is scheduled for December 11 in Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In addition to some craft items, we'll have Bornuhgen items from Jane Crutchfield, packaged homemade cookies, bean soup mix, a silent auction, and some Christmas items. If you have donations, contact Barbara Loftis or Jane Crutchfield. Nonperishable items can be brought to our unit meeting on December 1. Below is our meeting schedule for the next few months:

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12 noon <i>Christmas Celebration Covered Dish</i> Communion	Grace Circle: hostess
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:00 p.m. <i>Knitted Together With the Earth</i> Patty McComas	Lois Circle: hostess
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 2:00 p.m. <i>Knit Together Against Violence: School to Prison Pipeline</i> Jodie Akers: Director of Student Services	Susannah Circle: hostess

*United Methodist Women Executive Committee 2021-2022: Nancy Hefner,
Patty McComas, Jo Criss, Ellen Nickell, Janis Allen,
Jane Crutchfield, Barbara Loftis*



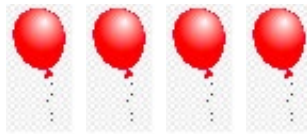
HOLIDAY BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

2 Patty McComas
Karen Cartwright
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

DECEMBER

1 Betty Weimer
Deidra Casto
David Wasson
14 Cheryl Reger
Alex Edwards
15 Lynn Linger
25 Emilia Whitehair
26 Diana Simmons
27 Jamie O'Brien
30 Yvonne Foster
31 Grace Clawson



Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving,
Nov. 24 and 25, and will reopen
Monday, Nov. 29

Church Offices Closed for Christmas,
Dec. 22 and 23, and will reopen
Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022.

COME WORSHIP WITH US

★ 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)):

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★ Sermon by Phone: 1-304-250-4556
(Scripture and sermon only)

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

★ Sharefaith App---Go to Google Play or the App
Store, search for the Sharefaith App. Download the
app, and then search for First United Methodist
Church, then select.

West Virginia Wesleyan

Lessons and Carols, Wesley Chapel,
Sunday, Dec. 5

You are invited to help to adorn our sanctuary with live poinsettias for the Christmas season. This year we are offering red, pink, and white plants. You may order a poinsettia in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or simply to the glory of God. The cost will be \$20 per plant. Please fill out the form below, with a check made out to FUMC and place it in the offering plate or bring it or send it to the church office no later than December 13.

Name of donor _____

I would like to order: Circle: RED WHITE PINK

_____ plant(s) in honor of _____

_____ plant(s) in memory of _____

_____ plant(s) for the glory of God

