

SUMMER LINK 2022

The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

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“One Day” Vacation Bible School’s theme for the day is “Trust Jesus.”

A day for the Little People of the First Church family, ages toddler through rising 5th graders and they are welcome to bring a guest with them. It’s a day filled with Bible stories, crafts, music, and fun. Weather permitting, there will be playground time and Nate Linger will be there with his guitar to sing with the children. There will be snacks, too!

Schedule

10:00 AM	Gathering, Introductions, and Music
10:30 AM	Bible Story Time and Activities
11:00 AM	Music
12:00 PM	Lunch and Playground (weather permitting) Cheese Pizza, chips, juice boxes, and Jane’s homemade Cookies
12:45 PM	Crafts
1:45 PM	Music
2:00 PM	Dismissal

“ONE DAY” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 10 AM

LUNCH INCLUDED WITH EARLY AFTERNOON SESSION

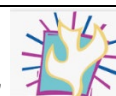


*A One Day Adventure for the
“Little People” of First UMC*


If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the children, please contact Renee Warner, refwarner@gmail.com or call/text: 304-322-1177. If after hours, you can also call the church at 304-472-9494, follow the prompts and leave a Voice Message for Renee and the message will be delivered to her.

What a great day for the Little People of First Church to hear the Good News that we can “Trust Jesus.”

Confirmation Class Resumes July 17, 7 PM, Church Library





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		JULY 2022			1	2
3 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:40am	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am Cub Scouts - Scout Room 6:00pm	7	8	9
10 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:40am	11	12 NOW - GFH & Zoom 6:30pm	13 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	14	15	16
17 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:40am Confirmation 7:00pm	18	19	20 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am Cub Scouts - Scout Room 6:00pm	21	22	23 VBS - GFH 10:00am
24 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:40am	25	26	27 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	28	29	30
31 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Clawson Memorial during Worship 10:30am Worship 10:40am Micah Meal - GFH 12:00pm						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 District Interviews - Lib 10:00am - 3:00pm	2 District Interviews - Lib 10:00am - 3:00pm	3 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am Cub Scouts - Scout Room 6:00pm	AUGUST 2022		
7 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:40am	8	9	10 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	11	12	13
14 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:40am hot dogs & smores4p	15	16	17 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am Cub Scouts - Scout Room 6:00pm	18	19	20 Parish House Event 10:00am - 4:00pm
21 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:40am	22	23	24 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	25	26	27
28 Micah Meal/12p Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:40am	29	30 Parish House Event - GFH	31 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am			

JULY & AUGUST GREETERS

July 17	Jane Martin
July 24	Sue Pugh
July 31	John or Lora Mathias
August 7	Margaret Miller
August 14	Jeff or Sandy McDowell
August 21	Herb Coston
August 28	Steve or Kelley Tierney

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



PARISH HOUSE NEEDS for the Month



JULY is "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" MONTH
and is the monthly collection for the
Parish House & sponsored by the
Micah Outreach Ministry Team.

Needed:

backpacks for Elementary – 15 inch or larger,
larger backpacks for Middle School & High School –
17 inch or larger, packs of markers, safety scissors for
elementary students, packs of 24 count Crayola
crayons, highlighters, packs of wide-ruled looseleaf
paper, packs of college-ruled looseleaf paper, pink
eraser blocks (rectangles, not small pencil top
erasers), glue sticks, single subject notebooks,
pocket folders, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens,
blank index cards (note cards), toothbrush,
toothpaste, hand sanitizer, hairbrush and comb,
deodorant

NEEDED BY JULY 29

BLOOD SCREENING

St. Joseph's Hospital and The Rotary Club of
Buckhannon-Upshur will hold blood screenings on July
9th & 23rd, by appointment only. To register go to
<https://RotaryBloodScreening.as.me/>. Basic blood
profile tests will be offered at \$35, with additional
testing for thyroid for \$5, hemoglobin A1C for \$15,
colon cancer screening for \$5 and prostate for \$20. An
additional test for the Hepatitis C antibody will be
offered for \$20. Please stay in your car until
appointment time. Also please wear a mask.



JULY

- 1 Patience Brock
Shea Phillips
Renee Warner
- 3 Sandy McDowell
- 5 Victoria Adams
SarahJean McGee
- 6 Todd Whitehair
- 8 Jeff St.Clair
- 9 Sean Crites
- 14 Gary McGrew
- 16 Nicklaus Boring
- 17 Jo Criss
- 20 Jake Reger
- 22 Steve Tierney
- 26 Harold T. Elmore
- 27 Melissa McCauley
- 29 Barbara Loftis
Wilda Godwin
- 30 Ava Grace Wallace
Anita Lawson
- 31 Dale Shannon
Josh Michael

AUGUST

- 5 Troy Casto
- 9 Nancy Hefner
- 11 Carolyn Mallory
Charles Washington
- 12 Sebastian Reger
- 13 G. Paul Richter
Shelli Lantz
Ella Whitehair
- 16 Greg Kennedy
- 17 Margaret Walls
- 18 Sandra Presar
Dan Martin
- 22 Sylvia C. Elmore
Martha Meadows
- 23 Curtis Wilkerson
- 25 Ben Crutchfield
- 29 David Rowan
Danny Green
- 31 Sarah Carr
John Walsh
Andrew Scott

Micah Meals Have Resumed

What a wonderful time to gather following worship to break bread together and to give a donation to missions.

The next Micah Meal will be July 31 following Sunday worship. We're continuing safety protocols by preparing the lunch and safely serving the food. Hot Dogs with all the fixins will be on the menu for the day. You do not need to bring anything.

The Micah Meal donation recipient for the July 31 meal is the Upshur Parish House School and Homework supplies.

The next Micah Meal will be August 28 and the proceeds will be given to Tyrand Co-Op Ministries in Mill Creek, Randolph County. Tyrand is a United Methodist Mission site similar to the Upshur Parish House.

Micah Meals are a vital part of Micah Outreach Ministry Team.





United Methodist Women



In the last 150 years, our organization has had 25 names. The last name change was in 1972! That was a long time ago. The change is intended to address the needs and life stages of current and future members. There will be a national membership option and new and improved online resources. All the traditional structures on the conference, district and local levels including circles remain intact. Bylaws have been changed so that women of any denomination may be

involved and be leaders. Yvette Moore in *Response Magazine* March/April 2022 says this about the new logo. "The multicolored pieces of the cross coming together represent the diversity we aim for and the inward and outward reflection we engage in as women of faith." Visit **UMFaith.org** for more information. Our local unit is on summer break after a busy spring. In May we had a huge basement sale netting \$1500 that will help with mission projects. Our unit meeting was the very next week along with Church Women United which we hosted. Several of us gathered for a day of jam making. The jam was sold at the strawberry pancake breakfasts to benefit the Parish House. In June we were able to have the traditional family picnic covered dish at City Park. It was a joy to gather and eat together!

Monthly meetings will resume in September. We'd love to have some more ladies join us. Contact Barb Loftis, President, for more information at barbaraloftis9@gmail.com, or call or text 304 439-5108.

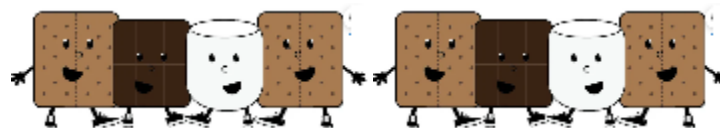


Here is our tentative schedule for the fall:

- September 7, 2 pm, GFH, Unit Meeting with Sue Dostal, WV State Pres.
- October 4, 8 am – 8 pm, GFH, Basement Sale (no unit meeting this month)
- October 21-22, WV Annual United Women of Faith meeting, FUMC of South Charleston
- November 5, District Day Apart here at FUMC
- December 17, GFH, Crafts and More



Campfire and S'mores



On Sunday, August 14, beginning at 4 PM, you are invited to bring a chair and gather at the Campfire Circle (in backyard of the District Office) for a late afternoon/early evening time of fellowship.

It will also be a wonderful time for the kids to spend time on the Playground. S'mores kits will be safely pre-packed in zip-lock bags with disposable wooden sticks. It's another way for the Church family and friends to safely gather.



Choir "Notes"-Fall 2022*Making a Joyful Noise*

Welcome Back!

I think if there are two words in the English language that we as church-goers need to hear more than anything after this pandemic, they would be "welcome back". We have seen (and not seen) so much in the last two-plus years, but also, we have not heard (and sung) many musical notes during this interesting time in our lives. Well, as you may have noticed, the choir loft is starting to fill up again with hearts, souls, and voices, not only to praise and pray, but also offer the Word in music.

We have missed being able to sing as a full choir in almost two years and are looking forward to cranking up the music full force this fall and Advent seasons. However, it takes more than just one person to make a choir. We are looking for singers of all abilities who like to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Remember, in Psalm 100, David writes: "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing". Notice, he didn't specify those verses with the type of singing, or the quality of singing, but to just make a joyful noise. That's what it boils down to. We just need for you to add your "joyful noise" to our choir!

We anticipate singing for the entirety of fall and advent seasons, and God willing, some form of a Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent. For now, choir practices are on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., and we have been, and will continue to sing a collection of some of our best-loved anthems and hymns. All it takes is a few minutes of your time, and your voices raising together to make a joyful noise!

We look forward to seeing you join us, and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me, or any member of the choir. Happy Fall everyone!

Thanks! Val Huffman



Christian Education Sunday in September

Christian Education Sunday will be September 18. On that Sunday we will recognize the Christian Educational opportunities and we will begin "**Children's Church.**" Children's Church is for the Little People in worship each Sunday. Following Wiggletime, the children are invited to join the two Children's Church Leaders for that Sunday in "Church" activities just for Little People.



And...on Christian Education Sunday, we will resume **Acolytes** in worship. Renee Warner is working on the Schedule. If your child or youth would like to participate in this vital part of Sunday worship by bringing the "Light" to remind us Jesus is the Light of the World, and that as we leave worship, we take the Light to others, please email Renee: refwarner@gmail.com.

Bring your Pennies, Nickels, Dimes, and Quarters!

The Micah Outreach Ministry Team has resumed the Sunday Loose Change Offering. Each Sunday, there is a Collection Box on the table in Linger Hall for you to leave your loose change. We will continue using the Collection Box until it is safe to return to using offering plates during worship.

The Loose Change Collection for July will support the Back-to-School Supplies at the Upshur Parish House. The collection for August will support Tyrand Ministries. It's surprising what goodwill pennies can do when we collect them together and share them with others.

AND.....

Public School starts August 16. When you pray, remember the students, faculty, and staff persons that this year is abundantly productive and safe.

School Supply donations need to be at the Parish House by July 31. If you would like to volunteer packing or assist in distributing supplies, please contact Kristi Wilkerson, krlwilkerson@gmail.com.



2022 West Virginia Annual Conference Links

To watch videos of Annual Conference: <https://www.wvumc.org/2022-annual-conference-videos/>

Three Resolutions Passed by the Annual Conference:

<https://www.wvumc.org/2022/06/three-resolutions-passed-by-the-west-virginia-annual-conference/>

WE CARE



“We Care” is a card ministry of the First Church family. Cards are mailed to church family who are staying home, have health concerns and are unable to safely return to In-person gatherings, or who have moved away but maintain First Church as their home church. Cards, envelopes, and stamps are provided. If you would like to share in the new and vital ministry, please call the church office or email Lynne Petrosky: lynnepetrosky@yahoo.com. Our faith and care become real when we share with someone else.



LOOKING AHEAD...

September Communion Sunday is September 11. This is the Sunday following Labor Day weekend.

Oct. 14, Crosslines Spaghetti Dinner at Godwin Fellowship Hall. First Church is thankful that we can safely resume this great evening and give support to Crosslines, a vital ministry of the Upshur Parish House.

Oct. 23, Children/Youth Sabbath. A great Sunday to celebrate the wonderful gift of kids and youth. This year, we are returning to celebrating with Balloons in the Sanctuary during worship. Watch for details so that you can celebrate your kids and youth with balloons.



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