

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2022 LINK



The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

We will celebrate the joy of learning and growing together in Jesus Christ. We will also celebrate **Confirmation Sunday** by welcoming the Confirmands into the Church family. Following worship there will be a reception for the Confirmands in Linger Hall.

Children's Church will also begin on September 18. Following "Wiggletime" the children are welcome to join with the leaders to move to the Christian Education Building for activities just for our Little People. We have three leadership teams in place. We still need one more team of two leaders. The Children's Church leaders are: Elizabeth Spencer and Patty McComas, Brooke Scott and Lynne Petrosky, Lorilyn Linger and Martha Meadows. Please continue to encourage your children to watch the Sunday School YouTube each week.



Confirmation Class will meet Sunday, September 11, 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

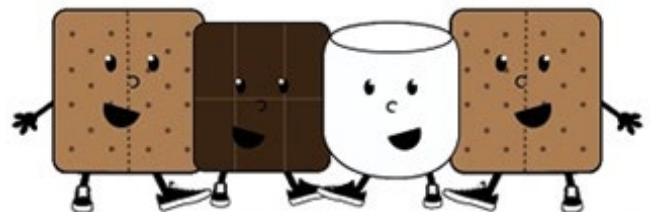


September **Communion Sunday** is September 11. This is the Sunday following Labor Day weekend.

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 5TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.



An Intergenerational Event



CAMPFIRE AND S'MORES!

September 18, 4:00 pm

DISTRICT OFFICE BACKYARD

Bring a Lawn Chair and a Drink

And Let's Party!



The playground will be open for the kiddos.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11 Marvin Carr
 Marty Kelley
13 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

GREETERS

Sept. 4	Sue Boring
Sept. 11	Barbara Loudin
Sept. 18	Greenbrier Almond
Sept. 25	Ricki Green
Oct. 2	Tina Horstman
Oct. 9	Mary Lynn Shamblin
Oct. 16	Cheri Green
Oct. 23	Scott Wilson
Oct. 30	Jamie O'Brien

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



One day I found two
 pumpkin seeds.
 I planted one and
 pulled the weeds.
 It sprouted roots and
 a big, long vine.
 A pumpkin grew; I
 called it mine.
 The pumpkin was
 quite round and fat.
 (I really am quite
 proud of that.)
 But there is
 something I'll admit
 That has me worried
 just a bit.
 I ate the other seed,
 you see.
 Now will it grow
 inside of me?

On Saturday, October 1st, the Upshur Parish House will host the **MARK PETROSKY MEMORIAL HUNGER WALK** to help fight food insecurity in our region. The walk begins at 9:00am, with registration at 8:30am, starting at the Upshur Parish House, 68 College Ave. To participate, a suggested donation of \$5 or a grocery bag filled with nonperishable food items is encouraged. Brochures will soon be available. Wear orange for hunger awareness and join us for this 1.5 mile walk around the River Trail. All are welcome!

PARISH HOUSE NEEDS for the Month

SEPTEMBER IS

"JIFFY PIE CRUST MIX



& SPAGHETTI SAUCE"



MONTH

and is the monthly collection for the Parish House & sponsored by the Micah Outreach Ministry Team.

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR GIFT IN LINGER HALL OR THE PARISH HOUSE PORCH.

We accept monetary donations!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sponsored by FUMC Micah Outreach Team,
 Friday, Oct. 14th in Godwin Fellowship Hall
 5 to 7 pm... \$10 Adults \$4 Children

All proceeds benefit Crosslines at the Parish House
 meat sauce, marinara, gluten free & take outs

The September Micah Meal will be held September 25th, immediately following worship. We're continuing safety protocols by preparing the lunch and safely serving the food. A POTATO BAR with all the fixins and salad will be on the menu. The Micah Meal donation recipient is Tyrand Ministries.

PARISH HOUSE NEEDS FOR OCTOBER

Sponsored by Micah Outreach Ministry Team

Thanksgiving Baskets (need by November 4)

- instant mashed potatoes
- green beans
- boxed stuffing
- gravy mix packet
- jiffy pie crust mix
- evaporated milk
- cranberry sauce

Please leave your gift in Linger Hall or the Parish House porch.



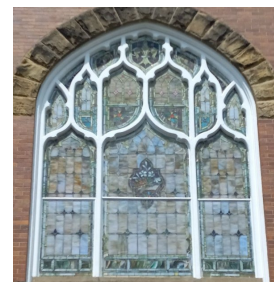


From the Board of Trustees

Thank you for your patience with our “Metho-dust.”

The following is a list of the late Spring and Summer projects that needed our attention in maintaining the First Church facility.

- New carpeting in the Prayer Chapel
- New overhead Lighting in the Christian Ed Building hallways and library
- Shampooed the carpeting in the front office and library
- Replaced four heating/air conditioning units in Godwin Fellowship Hall
- Replaced upstairs and downstairs heating/AC units at the Parsonage
- Tuck pointed and sealed all the brick work on Latham Street side of the Sanctuary (several areas of mortar had disintegrated and weathered away)
- Replaced rotten wood on the 3 dormers at the parsonage, primed and painted the dormers' woodwork
- Painted soffit and fascia on upper level of parsonage and repaired the guttering on the parsonage
- Scraped, primed, and painted the wood framework of the stained glass windows on Latham Side of the Church
- Installed a new roofing cap to repair and seal the deteriorating external roof in the top of the steeple.



Again, Thank You for your support and patience as we all work together to maintain the church facility.

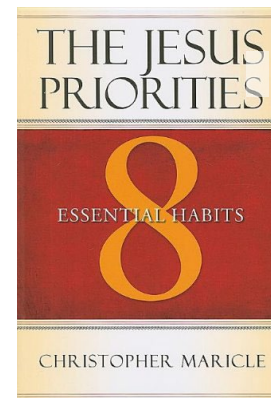
STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



“You Are Never Alone” Book Study via ZOOM and led by Renee Warner. Tuesday, 7pm – 8:15pm. If you would like to join the Online Study, email Renee: refwarner@gmail.com.

“The challenge you face becomes a canvas upon which Christ can demonstrate His finest work.”

Tuesday Study Group Resumes in September. The group meets via ZOOM on Tuesday, 6:15pm-7pm. The Gospels yield 8 priorities of Jesus and serve as an example for followers today: **healing, love, prayer, confidence in the treasures in heaven, oneness with God, spreading the word, innocence, and humility.**



Watch for the beginning date, and if you would care to join the study, books are available, and the ZOOM link will be emailed to you. The study is led by Pastor Steve. Please email him if you are interested: stevowvu@gmail.com.

OCTOBER IS Undie” Month!



Please bring a package or two of new underwear to church during the month and “drop your drawers in Linger Hall!” Boxers, briefs, undies, t-shirts, long johns & janes, socks, diapers, and training pants are needed (larger sizes for adults and all sizes for children’s items). **UNDIE SUNDAY BENEFITS UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE!**

The **Chancel Choir** is beginning to prepare for the Advent Season. Rehearsal for “Lessons and Carols” (scheduled for Sunday, December 18) begins late September or early October. Watch for rehearsal times in the Sunday Announcements. If you love to sing or have any questions about singing with the Chancel Choir or would like to join the celebration for the Advent season, email Val Huffman: vhuffmanpc@yahoo.com.



Children/Youth Sunday is October 23, 10:40 AM, Main Sanctuary

Celebrate the kids in your life and help fill the sanctuary with balloons!

Proceeds will go to Children/Youth Ministries.

A donation of \$5 buys you a balloon. Your name and the name of those you honor will be printed in a register for Children/Youth Sabbath. Remember big kids, little kids, grand-kids, adult kids, favorite kids, groups of kids!



Your Name: _____

Child/Youth Name: _____

For the Glory of God: _____

Amount: \$ _____



Return this info & check or cash to church office or place in offering plate. Please respond by October 14.

HALLOWEEN CORNER AT LATHAM AND S. FLORIDA



Join us in greeting the neighborhood at the corner of Latham and S. Florida St.

We'll need some folks to give the "Treaters" a lollipop. Come and pitch in for the evening or as long as you can. "Trick or Treating" will be from 6 pm to 7:30 PM. What a great way to say "Hello" from the First Church family.



HEY YOUTH!

Fall Workshop 2022

November 18-20, Cedar Lakes

Cost: \$125

Scholarships available for any First Church youth who wants to attend.

HEY LITTLE PEOPLE!

"SPIRIT SATURDAY" begins Saturday, Oct. 29.

Similar to this Summer's "One Day VBS," this day for the First Church Little People will begin at 10am and will include a bible stories, games, music, fun, and crafts. Each Spirit Saturday will conclude with Lunch around Noon. A Spirit Saturday will be scheduled for one Saturday a month.

World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2nd, focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One half of the proceeds from the special offering is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the UMC General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



We have a new name, logo, and website, but we are still women who support each other and have a mission of service to others. Monthly unit and circle meetings will resume in September. Unit meetings open to all ladies are usually on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in Godwin Fellowship Hall. Individual circles have been meeting on the third Wednesday. You are welcome at all meetings. If you have questions or suggestions, feel free to call, email, or text President Barbara Loftis at 304 439-5108 or barbaraloftis9@gmail.com.

On Wednesday, September 7, Executive Committee will meet at 1:15 pm in the library. Everyone else should come to Godwin Fellowship Hall by 2 pm for our program and short business meeting. Lois Circle will provide refreshments.

Conference President Sue Dostal will join us by Zoom about 2:15 and discuss the change from United Methodist Women to United Women in Faith.

All women are invited to Church Women United State Assembly on September 29, noon, at Seventh Day Adventist Church on Brushy Fork Road.

Our Fall 2022 basement sale is October 4. Gently used and new items may be brought in beginning September 6 during church office hours. We will need helpers during September to begin sorting and pricing and October 3, 4, and 5. (We will not have a unit meeting in October.) Contact Jane Crutchfield or Barb Loftis to volunteer or arrange a special drop off time if needed. Proceeds go towards our support of local non-profit organizations.

October 10 is a potential mission opportunity day for helping the Clothes Closet clean and get organized for fall. More details will be made av

We look forward to getting back together in person! Below are some dates to save.

- October 21-22, WV United Women of Faith Annual Meeting, FUMC of South Charleston
- November 5, District Day Apart hosted by us here at FUMC
- December 10, GFH, Crafts and More

PARISH HOUSE CONFERENCE LUNCHEONS A SUCCESS

The annual Conference Salad Luncheon at the Parish House on Friday, June 10th was a great success due the donations of excellent salads, fruits and monetary donations provided by The First Church families and other churches in our district. Lunch was served on Friday and Saturday to approximately 300 Methodist conferees, who were very complimentary about the foods. The Parish House received approximately \$3400.00 in donations from people attending the luncheon and the purchase of Strawberry Jam. We would like to thank Lynne Petrosky, Jane Crutchfield, and Nancy Hefner for all their help and support.

UMW 12-HOUR
WOMEN IN FAITH 12 HOUR
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GODWIN FELLOWSHIP HALL
52 S. FLORIDA ST.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4
8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
UM WOMEN
M WOMEN IN FAITH

Grab bags
7:00 pm

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 ● Adult Sunday School 9:30am ● Worship 10:40am	5 Labor Day ● OFFICE CLOSED 	6 ● Study Group with Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	7 ● Earlybirds - Library 9:00am ● UMW EXEC - GFH 1:15pm ● UMW - GFH 2:00pm ● Cub Scouts - Scout Room 6:00pm	8	9	10
11 ● Adult Sunday School 9:30am	12	13 ● Study Group with Steve-GFH & Zoom 6:15pm ● Study Group with Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	14 ● Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	15	16	17
18 ● CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY ● Adult Sunday School 9:30am ● Confirmation & Reception 10:45am ● S'mores - District Back Yard 4:00pm	19 	20 ● Study Group with Steve-GFH & Zoom 6:15pm ● Study Group with Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	21 ● Earlybirds - Library 9:00am ● Cub Scouts - Scout Room 6:00pm	22	23	24
25 ● Adult Sunday School 9:30am ● Micah Meal - GFH 12:00pm	26	27 ● Study Group with Steve-GFH & Zoom 6:15pm ● Study Group with Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	28 ● Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	29	30	

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● Library ● Off Site ● Sanctuary ● Youth Event

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2 ● Undie Month ● Adult Sunday School 9:30am	3 ● Basement Sale Setup - GFH 8:00am 	4 ● Basement Sale - GFH 8:00am ● Study Group with Steve-GFH & Zoom 6:15pm ● Study Group with Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	5 ● Basement Sale Cleanup - GFH 8:00am ● Earlybirds - Library 9:00am ● Cub Scouts - Scout Room 6:00pm	6	7	8
9 ● Undie Month ● Adult Sunday School 9:30am	10 Columbus Day	11 ● Study Group with Steve-GFH & Zoom 6:15pm ● Study Group with Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	12 ● Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	13	14 ● Crosslines Spaghetti Dinner - GFH 5:00pm	15
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23 ● CHILDREN'S SABBATH ● Undie Month ● Adult Sunday School 9:30am	24	25 ● Study Group with Steve-GFH & Zoom 6:15pm ● Study Group with Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	26 ● Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	27	28	29 ● Spirit Saturday - GFH 10:00am - 12:00pm
30 ● Lollipop Corner - Fla & Latham ● Undie Month ● Adult Sunday School 9:30am	31					

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