



**NOV. – DEC.  
2022 LINK**

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**THE NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BUCKHANNON, WV**



**"Prepare the way of the Lord."**

Come and join the preparation and decorating for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Sunday, Nov. 20th, 4PM, Main Sanctuary

Sunday, November 27 is the First Sunday of Advent.  
Sunday, December 4 is Communion Sunday. There will not be Children's Church on December 4 but First Church welcomes West Virginia Brass as they accompany First Church Sunday Worship.



**Children/Youth Nativity Celebration**  
Sunday, Dec. 11 during Sunday Worship  
Watch for upcoming rehearsal announcements.

**CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

*Sunday, Dec. 11, Godwin Fellowship Hall*

**Gather at 5 PM, Meal begins at 5:30 PM**

**IN KEEPING WITH SAFETY PROTOCOL,  
THE MEAL IS PROVIDED: HAM, BREAD,  
VEGETABLES, DRINKS.**

*You are invited to bring a dessert if you wish.*

*Come and share the fellowship of your  
Church Family.*



**A Service of Lessons and Carols**

**Presented by the Chancel Choir and Congregation  
Of First United Methodist Church.**

Sunday Morning Worship, Dec. 18, 10:40 AM

Choir rehearsal is each Sunday morning, 9:30 AM in the Main Sanctuary. It's not too late to join the celebration of the coming Christ child.

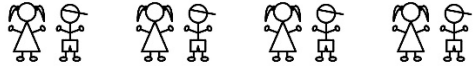
**Christmas Eve Communion  
& Candlelight Worship...7:00 PM**

**"And like the light of a single candle, the love  
Jesus has shown, the Everlasting Light, is the  
greatest Love."**





## HEY LITTLE PEOPLE!



Spirit Saturday was a lot of fun on Saturday, October 29! We were small in number, but mighty in energy! We learned about Jonah and his experience with the big fish through storytelling, craft making, and game playing. I hope you'll join us in December for our next Spirit Saturday, this time on December 10. We will meet from 10 am to noon, with Advent activities to get us ready for Christmas. If any youth (high school age), college students, or adults would like to volunteer to help that day, parents could take an hour or two to start (or finish!) some Christmas Shopping! Contact Renee at 304-322-1177 or [refwarner@gmail.com](mailto:refwarner@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out that day!

**BLUE CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7 PM**  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**MAIN SANCTUARY**



A gentle service of quiet music, prayer, scripture, and candle lighting for those who are grieving or struggling with the Christmas season.

## THANK YOU...

Thank you for making it possible for me to attend Sunday services every week even though we now live 150 miles away in Winchester, VA. It is great to see folks I know in the choir and sometimes in the congregation.

Marje Richter  
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**Thank you for the cards, calls, food, messages, prayers, and generous gift. You lifted our spirits and reminded us once again just how very blessed we are to have all of you as our Church family. Grace and peace,**

**Pastor Steve and Martha**

## FOR YOUR INFO



### Holiday Hours

**The Church offices will be closed for Holiday Break beginning Thursday, December 22 through January 2. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.**



**Christmas Day and New Year's Day come on Sundays this holiday season. Yes, we will have Sunday worship on both holidays.**



The Sacrament of Communion for January will be on Sunday, January 8.


**Mark your calendar now for 2023 Planning Retreat.** We will gather on Saturday, January 28 to plan for the new year. We will start at 9:30 AM for coffee/tea and goodies, and then begin our work at 10 AM. Lunch will be provided. After lunch, we will resume our work and close the day at 2:30 PM. The retreat includes Ministry and Administrative teams, and any others who want to join the event.

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are Able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**DEBBIE MCDANIEL**



## November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Parish House Appreciation Dinner - GFH	2 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	3	4	5 UMW Day Apart - Sanc & GFH
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends Adult Sunday School 9:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am	7	8 Election Day	9 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am Cub Scouts - Scout Room 6:00pm	10	11 Veterans Day 	12
13 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am Micah Meal - GFH 12:00pm	14	15	16 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	17	18	19
20 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am Advent Decorating - Sanc 4:00pm	21	22 Study Group with Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	23 OFFICE CLOSED Earlybirds - Library 9:00am Cub Scouts - Scout Room 6:00pm	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 	26
27 First Sunday of Advent Adult Sunday School 9:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am 4pm - Advent decorating	28	29 Parish House Meeting - GFH 6:00pm	30 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am			

Legend:

Board Room  
Library

Fleming Lounge  
Off Site

General  
Sanctuary

Godwin Fellowship Hall  
Youth Event

### WE CARE TEAM



We have people in our church who occasionally require assistance with various needs. These might include trips to doctor appointments, medication or grocery pick-ups, and emergency or one-time tasks. Please prayerfully consider assisting with this vital ministry of our church.

If you are willing to be included on a call list to assist with such needs, please call and leave a message with Nancy Hefner (304-472-8887) or Barbara Loftis (304-472-1975) or send an e-mail to Cheryl Reger ([careger54@gmail.com](mailto:careger54@gmail.com)) or Lynne Petrosky ([lynnepetrosky@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnepetrosky@yahoo.com)).

### FOR YOUR INFO

Doris Bright has moved from The Village at Orchard Ridge to a retirement community near Charlottesville, VA where she will be closer to her son Steven. Her new address is Commonwealth Senior Living 1550 Pantops Mountain Place, Charlottesville, VA 22911

### PARISH HOUSE NEEDS for the Month

#### NOVEMBER IS "FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS" MONTH





"FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS" MONTH and is the monthly collection for the Parish House & sponsored by the Micah Outreach Ministry Team.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** canned yams, corn, pork n beans, boxed stuffing, cake mix & frosting.

**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR GIFT IN LINGER HALL OR THE PARISH HOUSE PORCH.**  
**We accept monetary donations!**



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11 Church Family Dinner - GFH 8:00am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Children, Youth Nativity Celebration - Sanc 10:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am	12 	13	14 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	15 Blue Christmas - Sanc. 7:00pm 	16	17 UWofFAITH - Crafts & More - GFH 8:00am 
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## FUMC'S OWN HALLOWEEN CORNER

Isaac, Deidra, Sylvia,  
Franklin Casto

Ella & Emelia Whitehair

Bekah & Grant Wilkerson  
Elizabeth & Micah Brittan

Lucy, Winnie & Crosby Phillips





## NOVEMBER MICAH MEAL



The November Micah Meal will be held November 13<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship. We're continuing safety protocols by preparing the lunch and safely serving the food. Fried chicken and the fixins will on the menu. The Micah Meal donation recipient is Habitat for Humanity.

### What is Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.

### How does Habitat for Humanity's homeownership program work?

Families and individuals in need of decent, affordable housing apply for homeownership with their local Habitat for Humanity.

Each local Habitat's family selection committee selects homeowners based on three criteria:

- The applicant's level of need.
- Their willingness to partner with Habitat.
- Their ability to repay a mortgage through an affordable payment plan.

As part of their willingness to partner, Habitat's homebuyers invest hundreds of hours of their own labor, called sweat equity, working alongside volunteers and other Habitat homeowners.



2 Patty McComas  
Karen Cartwright  
4 Chuck Loudin  
10 Grant Wilkerson  
11 Linda Wellings  
15 Lori Hagi  
17 Ava Lantz  
Gary Frush  
22 John Wildman  
23 Mary Ellen Biller  
26 Mary Welliver  
28 Randy Clark  
29 Crosby Phillips



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

## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER GREETER SCHEDULE

Nov. 13	Bill Mallory
Nov. 20	Tena or Bill Shannon
Nov. 27	Marvin Carr
Dec. 4	Nick or Angela Boyles
Dec. 11	Andrew or Evan McDowell
Dec. 18	Gary or Paula McGrew
Dec. 25	Lynne Petrosky

## WVU Medicine HEALTH NEWS

St. Joseph's Hospital and the Rotary Club of Buckhannon-Upshur will hold blood screenings by appointment on Saturdays November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 testing for \$20. An additional test for the Hepatitis C antibody will be offered for \$20. To register for an appointment, go online to <https://RotaryBloodScreening.as.me/>. So as to ensure everyone's safety, please stay in your car until your appointment time.

**You are invited to help to adorn our sanctuary with live poinsettias for the Christmas season. 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 (52 S. Florida St.) no later than December 16.**

NAME OF DONOR-----I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER: Circle: RED WHITE

\_\_\_\_ PLANT(S) IN HONOR OF ----- PLANT(S) IN MEMORY OF: -----

\_\_\_\_ PLANT(S) GIVEN FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.



Betty Hager leads worship

It has been a busy fall for UW Faith. Our biggest project was the basement sale in October which netted \$1,783. Thanks to all the helpers who donated and worked to make it so successful. Proceeds help support local nonprofits we support such as Crosslines, Habitat for Humanity, Centers Against Violence, etc.

On Saturday, November 5, we hosted the Wesleyan District Day Apart Service. Past, present, and future officers and members joined in remembering those among us who died this past year. Lyda Lister and June Nonnenberg shared stories of participation in Women's Society of Christian Service and how they were called into leadership positions. President Jan Shanholtz and Spiritual Growth coordinator Betty Hager led the worship service. Our unit was praised by many attending for the delicious lunch provided and our hospitality. Thank you to all who helped with this last event for the Wesleyan District. Wesleyan District has been divided four ways with the new

church redistricting for the coming year.

The December 7 unit meeting will be a covered dish meal for all ladies at noon in Godwin Fellowship Hall. Meat will be provided. Grace Circle will be the hostess group.



Day Apart Memorial Service



Luncheon

December 17 from 8am-11am has been declared **Cookies, Crafts, and More** time! We need crafts, Christmas items, potential gifts, baked or canned goods like jam, plus lots of cookies for our traditional type of sale pre Covid. Be creative! There will be signup sheets on the table in Linger Hall. You may also notify your circle leader or contact Barbara Loftis at [barbaraloftis9@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraloftis9@gmail.com), call 304-472-1975, or call or text 304-439-5108.

**Please return any kitchen linens to the church that you have taken home. We are especially short on white tablecloths and fall color tablecloths such as brown. Thanks!**

**The Tuesday night study with Renee Warner is taking a break until the beginning of the new year. If you are interested in joining at that time, send her a quick email at [refwarner@gmail.com](mailto:refwarner@gmail.com).**

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

### COOKIES, CRAFTS & MORE



**Saturday,  
December 17<sup>th</sup>  
8 – 11 AM  
GODWIN  
FELLOWSHIP  
HALL**



**Come one, Come all!**