

SUMMER 2023 LINK

The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

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WIGGLETIME DURING BEACH SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH FUN! FUN! FUN!



CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, June 19, 2023, in observance of Juneteenth, remembering the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865 when more than 250,000 enslaved persons in Texas were free by executive decree. This came more than 2 years after President Lincoln declared all enslaved persons free.

In **Observance of the Fourth of July**, the church offices will be closed Monday, July 3 through Thursday, July 6. The office will reopen Monday, July 10.

Remember: No Children's Church on the First Sunday of each month...Children are invited to share the sacrament of Communion with their family and Church family.

June 19-22,
Snack Supper:
5:30 PM
Fun: 6 – 7:30 PM
(until 7 PM for
Little People)
Ages:
KIDS thru
rising 5th Graders



HEY KIDS!

**"SPLASH" Vacation Bible School begins
Monday, June 19 through June 22.**



Snack Supper: 5:30 PM

Music, Stories, Crafts, Fun: 6 PM

Dismissal: 7:20 PM



Volunteers are needed! Email

**stevowvu@gmail.com, or
theprgal@yahoo.com.**



Kids, Families, share "SPLASH" with your family and friends! Every Kid is WELCOME!



"SPLASH" will splash around with bible stories that have "water" in the story.



Also, for our little people, an abbreviated evening will dismiss at 7 PM if not before.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 2023				1 Study Group/Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	2	3
				8 WVUM Conference Local Pastors' Lunch - GFH Study Group/Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	9	10
4 Trinity Sunday Choir Practice 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am	5	6	7 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am			
11 WVUM Conf Choir Practice 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am	12	13 Rotary Board - GFH 12:00pm	14 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am NOW - GFH 6:00pm - 7:00pm	15 Study Group/Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	16	17
18 Father's Day Choir Practice 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am	19 Juneteenth VBS - GFH 5:30p OFFICES CLOSED	20	21 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am	22 Study Group/Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	23	24
25 Choir Practice 9:30am Worship - Sanc 10:40am	26	27	28 Earlybirds - Library 9:00am Trustees - Lib 6:00pm	29 Study Group/Renee - Zoom 7:00pm	30	



SUMMER BLOOD SCREENINGS



BUCKHANNON, WV- St. Joseph's Hospital and the Rotary Club of Buckhannon-Upshur will hold blood screenings by appointment on Saturdays at the hospital. The dates are June 10 and June 24 and July 15 and July 29. 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/>. Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your appointment time. You will be seen at your scheduled time, no walk-ins will be allowed.

UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE NEEDS FOR JUNE



Kid -friendly foods, Spaghettios, Chef Boyardee Ravioli, etc.

Leave your gift in Linger Hall or on the Parish House Porch.

Sponsored by the Micah Outreach Team



*Martin Luther King Jr. Chorus
Performing at FUMC
On May 21, 2023*



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Hello FUMC Family! We are slowly but surely recovering from the days, or rather months, of Covid. During this time the Trustees have been silently working, mostly by email when needed, to maintain the beauty of our church both inside and out. The brick exterior walls have all been repointed in an effort to prevent any further damage to interior plaster of our hundred year old plus main building. Roof repairs, which seem to be an ongoing task, have been completed. Future plans are in the works to replaster damaged walls.

There were several upcoming needed projects discussed at the last meeting (May 24) which will be tackled soon hopefully. As each is completed, details will be in the Trustees' Report in the Link. Also at this meeting officers were elected: Jeff McDowell and Karen Cartwright as co-chairpersons, Janet Chandler non-voting treasurer, Patty McComas non-voting secretary, Tom Bacorn non-voting Custodian. Pastor Steve (non-voting) is a permanent member of the Board. Voting Board members include Danny Green, Isaac Casto, Keri Phillips, Naomi Lynch, Lori Hagi and Janis Allen. The next meeting will be the last of July.

The Board of Trustees wish to express their sincere THANKS to the church family and friends who faithfully continue to financially support our endeavors. As we all know, things are certainly not cheap in today's world, especially building supplies and labor. The Board members are all very conscious of how the monies are spent and are grateful to you for your trust.

Blessings,
Karen Cartwright

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Craig Wallace | 1 Patience Brock |
| 3 Matt Leventry | Shea Phillips |
| 4 Sandy McCutcheon | Renee Warner |
| 6 Jane Corathers | 3 Sandy McDowell |
| Lucy Phillips | 5 Victoria Adams |
| Winnie Phillips | SarahJean McGee |
| Fred Shannon | 6 Todd Whitehair |
| 16 Anthony Gum | 8 Jeff St.Clair |
| 18 Lewis Simmons | 9 Sean Crites |
| Kelley Tierney | 12 Diane Tuggle |
| 23 Barbara Godwin | 14 Gary McGrew |
| 25 Kent Carpenter | 16 Nicklaus Boring |
| 29 Junior McGee | 17 Jo Criss |
| 30 Mason Lantz | 20 Jake Reger |
| Clayton Lantz | 22 Steve Tierney |
| | 26 Harold T. Elmore |
| | 27Melissa McCauley |
| | 29 Barbara Loftis |
| | Wilda Godwin |
| | 30 Ava Grace Wallace |
| | Anita Lawson |
| | 31 Dale Shannon |



JUNE & JULY GREETER SCHEDULE

Larry Carter, Lead Greeter

June 11	Mary Lynn Shamblin
June 18	Cheri Green
June 25	Scott Wilson
July 2	Jamie O'Brien
July 9	Gary Frush
July 16	TBA
July 23	Bill or Tena Shannon
July 30	Marvin Carr



ANOTHER AGGRESSIVE ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT
FRESH NEW CONGREGATION MEMBERS



WELCOME ABOARD!

The interim time passed, and First Church is glad to welcome Eva Atha as Choir Director. We are blessed to have Eva join the First Church journey with her leadership and beautiful voice.

Brittany Conover began on June 1 an interim position as an additional Ministry Assistant. Brittany brings organizational skills along with an inviting personality to assist various elements of the active life of the church and teaching ministry. Welcome, Brittany! First Church is blessed to have the Conovers sharing the journey.



It's fun in the sun time for FUMC children during Beach Sunday picnic!

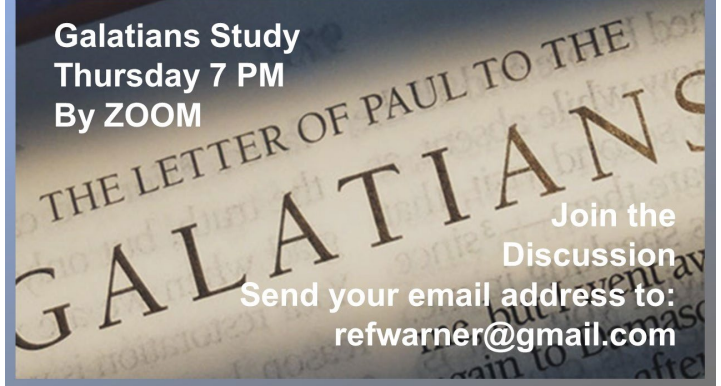
**WITNESS MINISTRY TEAM INVITES YOU...
to join in Welcoming First UMC Guests
with a Welcome Goodie!**

**Be a "baker" or a "taker" or a
"baker & taker,"**

**Call: 304-472-9494 or
email: stevowvu@gmail.com.**

The Board of Trustees has elected co-chairs of the Board. Welcome to Karen Cartwright and Jeff McDowell. Both are returning chairpersons and the First Church family is grateful for the stewardship of their gifts and graces.

**Galatians Study
Thursday 7 PM
By ZOOM**



JOIN THE BEREAVEMENT TEAM AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The loss of a loved one is a painful and challenging time for families. The church family can be a much-needed support with the ministry of presence and assistance. First Church is making a list of persons who are willing to assist in providing and/or serving food, a **Bereavement Team** to help with family meals after a memorial service, or a reception, or food taken to the Funeral home or the family's home. If you would like to make yourself available by being on the **Bereavement Team**, please call the church office: 304-472-9494, or email: fumc26201@gmail.com, or stevowvu@gmail.com. By serving on the Team, someone will call you to see if you're available to assist, depending upon what is needed. Thank you for your every consideration.

UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE NEEDS FOR JULY



July is "Backpack & School Supplies Month" at the Parish House.

Leave your gift in Linger Hall or on the Parish House Porch.

Sponsored by the Micah Outreach Team



Upcoming Administrative and Ministry Team Meetings

N-O-W Ministry Teams Meeting,

Wednesday, June 14, 6 PM

Godwin Fellowship Hall

This is a combined meeting of Nurture, Outreach, and Witness Ministry Teams.

If you need a ZOOM link to attend, please let Steve know. Otherwise, the NOW meeting will be in-person.

NO Outreach or Nurture Meetings in June.

Board of Trustees Meeting

June 28, 6 PM in Godwin Fellowship Hall

If you need a ZOOM link to attend, please let Steve know. Otherwise, the Trustees meeting will be in-person.

Nurture Ministry Team will meet July 19, 6 PM.

Receive FUMC
Announcements
and
Daily Prayer
Concerns
by Email



Receive the
Daily Prayer Concerns
and/or **FUMC Email List**
for Notices & Announcements

Please call: **304-472-9494**
or send your email address to:
stevowvu@gmail.com

YOUTH & CHILDREN COUNCIL BEING FORMED

The Nurture Ministry Team and Staff are assembling a “**Youth Council**” that will meet regularly to plan for Children and Youth Ministry. If you have a child or youth and would like to be a part of the Children and Youth programming at First UMC, please call the church office: 304-472-9494 or email Steve:

stevowvu@gmail.com. The very best we can do for our children and youth is to share with them Jesus Christ and the Christ-shaped life.

CASUAL SUNDAYS ARE HERE

**Begin Sundays with worship and
come dressed for
your day's activities.**

Stewardship Nugget



Since Covid changed the way we interact, we've been missing a piece of worship. Erring on the side of caution, we've not been passing the offering plates or having an offertory prayer. Beginning June 19, during worship, the Invitation to the Offering will be given, then two ushers, acolytes, or greeters will bring the offering plates to the Chancel when we have an offertory prayer. Then, the offering plates will be taken back to Linger Hall as the Congregation sings the Doxology. We still have people with Covid in our families and neighborhood, so we'll not pass the offering plates. Worshippers will have the opportunity to leave their gifts in Linger Hall before and after worship. Thank you for your patience.



Sermon by Phone



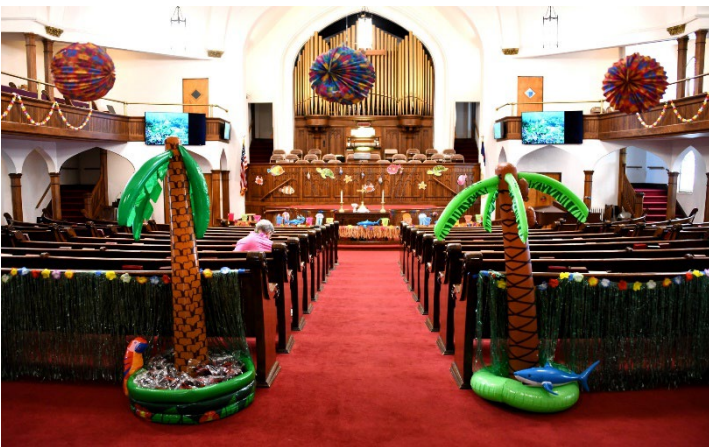
*Have a safe and happy
4th of July!*



Madrigal Singers performing on May 1



Cyril & Felicia enjoying Beach Sunday



Beach Sunday decorations are outstanding!



2023 West Virginia Annual Conference

The West Virginia Annual Conference 2023 Session will be held from Thursday, June 8-Sunday, June 11.

The theme for our session is **Proclaim Peace. Bring Good News!**

Our theme emerged out of a reading from Isaiah 52:7-12. In Isaiah the people of God had been through a traumatic event, and, coming out of it, wanted to know what came next. Isaiah gives the people a vision—they are to proclaim peace and bring good news.



Acolytes in morning worship service
Help create a family based intergenerational church

A great "Beach Thank You" to everyone who pitched in to make Beach Sunday a wonderful Sunday!

