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The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

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Children's Church Mission Project



Help us fill the box!
Please bring non-perishable items for the Parish House to the box in Linger Hall to support the Children's Church September mission goal. Thank You!



"Bluegrass Pickin' with Friends"

Sage River String Band

Sunday, September 24, 4 pm – 6 pm

In the greenspace beside the Playground

Bring a chair and visit a spell!

There will be a firepit to make S'mores.

**Bring a chair and visit a spell with Old Friends
and make New Friends!**



**WALK TO FIGHT
HUNGER**

MARK PETROSKY

MEMORIAL HUNGER WALK

(Parish House) September 30

Registration: 8:30 AM Walk: 9 AM

\$5 donation/non-perishable food

If you're unable to walk, donations are welcome.

Send your donations to: Upshur Parish House, 68

College Ave., Buckhannon, WV 26201

WEAR ORANGE!



OCTOBER-NOVEMBER -GREETER SCHEDULE



Larry Carter, Lead Greeter

October 1	Lynne Petrosky
October 8	Kim Walls
October 15	Nate or Lorilynn Linger
October 22	Ron or Sue Pugh
October 29	Hannah or Gracie Boyles
November 5	Sam or Patty McComas
November 12	Melody Swearengin
November 19	John Mathias
November 26	Janis Allen

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 24	4:00pm	Blue Grass Pickin' - Parking Lot
Sept. 27	6:00pm	Board of Trustees - Library
	7:00pm	Church Council-GFH
Sept. 30	8:30am	Mark Petrosky Hunger Walk-PH
Oct. 1	12n	Acolyte Training
Oct. 2	8:00am	Basement Sale Setup
Oct. 3	8:00am	Basement Sale
Oct. 7	10:00am	Spirit Saturday-GFH
Oct. 9		Offices Closed- Columbus Day
Oct. 10	12n	Rotary Board - GFH
Oct. 17	11:30am	Retired Pastors Luncheon - GFH
Oct. 20	5:00pm	Spaghetti Dinner - GFH
Oct. 24	6:30pm	Parish Council-GFH
Oct. 29	10:40am	Children & Youth Sabbath
Oct. 31	6:00pm	Trick or Treat - FUMC
Nov. 2	12n	Parish Lunch - GFH
Nov. 8	7:30pm	Charge Conf - GFH
Nov. 12	12n	Micah Meal Tater Bar - GFH
Nov. 14	12n	Retired Teachers Lunch-GFH
	12n	Rotary Board - Library
November 22 - 26		OFFICES CLOSED
Nov. 26	4:00pm	Advent Decorating - Sanctuary

ONGOING

Sunday	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:40am	Worship
Tuesday	6:15pm	Study Group/Steve-Zoom
Wednesday	9:00am	Earlybirds-Library
Thursday	7:00pm	Study Group/Renee-Zoom



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

OCTOBER 1 IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY...



Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday - United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Sponsored by FUMC Micah Outreach Team

October 20th

**First United Methodist Church
52 S. Florida Street
Godwin Fellowship Hall
5 to 7 pm**

**\$10 Adults \$5 Children Age 10 & Under
Children 2 and Under Eat Free
Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert,
Lemonade, Coffee & Water**

Gluten Free Available

**All proceeds benefit Crosslines
at the Parish House**

UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

*Now Collecting Thanksgiving Donations:
Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Stuffing, Jiffy
Pie Crust Mix, Gravy Mix Packet, Evaporated Milk,
Instant Mashed Potatoes*

CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS:

Tomato Sauce, Instant Oats, Canned Fruit, Canned
Soup, Canned Veggies, Canned Pasta, Jelly, Dry
Beans, Rice, Tampons/Pads, Laundry Powder,
Dish Soap

**Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19,
GW Conference Superintendent,
Rev. Rick Swearengin preaching**



United Women in Faith

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH BASEMENT



**Set-up on Mon., Oct. 2nd
Selling on Tues., Oct. 3rd**

It's magic! The United Women of Faith can turn your unwanted STUFF into MONEY to support missions! Bring your clean used clothing, household items, knick-knacks, toys, etc., to the CHOIR ROOM any time after September 12th.

Wednesday, September 6, was our first meeting of the fall. Sharla Smith, Director of Women's Programs at the Ruth House and Esther House, began our meeting. She explained more about the 180 Center, the main body that oversees the 2 women's residences and men's residences as well. They are recovery programs from addiction. We plan to support the women's programs financially, and with some needed supplies throughout the year. After our business meeting, we had a memorial service for Ellen Nickell. Ladies were able to share a special memory of Ellen.

October 3 is the Fall 2023 Basement Sale. Set up day is October 2, from 8 am - ? Pack up is set for October 4. Items may be left in the former choir rehearsal room off Godwin Fellowship Hall during church office hours beginning Wednesday, September 13. All gently used items are welcome. If you need a special drop off

time, contact Jane Crutchfield or Barb Loftis.

There will be no unit meeting in October since we have the basement sale.

Unit monthly meetings for the fall/winter will be on the first Wednesday of the month. We also have 2 circles that meet most months, usually during the 3rd week.

All women are welcome to attend meetings and events. The new motto of UW Faith states, "We believe love in action can change the world." Give us an opportunity to share our love and support with you, plus reach out to others in mission and show them we care.

United Women in Faith 2023 Social Action Priority: Climate Justice

This is a friendly reminder to do what you can to help look after Planet Earth.

- Reduce use of plastics, single use containers, and all Styrofoam products.
- Take reusable bags along when you shop, and if you forget, ask for paper bags.
- If you often drink water away from home, carry along a reusable container.
- Consider shopping at thrift stores that sell gently used items.
- This can save you money, plus eliminates many items from going into our landfills.
- Many items can be repurposed as they are or upcycled.
- Do several errands during the same trip to limit gasoline burned.
- Change your thermostat by a few degrees to save energy. Check into alternate energy sources.



FUMC has a drop off spot for plastic bags in the 1st floor hallway between buildings. In the back of Linger Hall there's a box for egg cartons, plus a container for bulletins and other "office type" paper. The main kitchen has bins for cans, plastic water bottles, and milk jugs.



*Women remember Ellen Nickell
by sharing memories*



*Sharla Smith explains the women's recovery
program at the Ruth and Esther Houses*



ACOLYTE TRAINING



Following Sunday Worship on October 1, there will be a brief Acolyte Training in the Sanctuary. If you or your child or youth wants to participate in the training, please contact Brittany:

recreationaltherapistctrs14@gmail.com.

Attention Kids thru 5th grade!
Spirit Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 AM – Noon

Fun, Food, and getting ready for
Children/Youth Sabbath

Trick or Treat at FUMC



The Witness Ministry Team gives lollipops to Kids on Halloween to say "Hello" and to extend a welcoming hand to the Neighborhood. We will be sharing Lollipops beginning 6 PM - 7:30 PM either at the Corner of S. Florida and Latham, or from the Parsonage Front Porch. We'll be looking forward to seeing the "Treaters" and having a safe evening.

Lend your voice to make a Joyful Noise!
Choir Rehearsal, Sunday, 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.



Children and Youth Sabbath

Sunday, October 29



Children and Youth participate in the Sunday Worship as First Church celebrates our Little People and Youth.

If you would like to celebrate the special children (any age) in your life, you may donate to the Upshur Parish House in the name of child/youth with a donation that supports the Children's Church Parish House food drive. A register of donations and your special Kid's name will be included in the bulletin that Sunday. The amount of your donation will NOT be published. Any gift of any size helps!

Also, we are asking folks to bring Non-perishable food items to the Chancel area to decorate the area near the Communion Table with as much non-perishables as possible for the Worship Service. What a great way to celebrate the special kids in our life!

Please return to church office or put in offering plate!

Your Name: _____

Your Child/Youth's name: _____

Amount: _____

Please make your check out to First UMC and in memo write: Children's Sabbath.

"Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service"

Chapel Hill UMC, November 19, 7pm
sponsored by the Upshur Cooperative Parish



Rev. Jonathan Acord, Director of Religious and
Spiritual Life at WWWC, Preacher



A Special Thanksgiving Offering will be received to
support the Upshur Parish House.



FUMC BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

FUMC Trustees are “getting things done” as the saying goes. The largest completed job was taking the old plaster down and replastering the Florida Street entrance to the sanctuary. The walls and stairwells look like new!

The double doors at the same entrance are due for new paint and red has been approved for that. It will be done soon.

The base coat has been applied to the parking lot fence which was built last year. A coat of stain is next – hopefully soon.

The tool shed is scheduled for a new roof.

Panhandle Cleaning and Restoration gave the parsonage basement a deep cleaning and treatment for mold.

With all of the rain, heat and Tom’s (custodian) illness (COVID), the lawns and trimming demanded attention but he has everything under control now along with all the daily tasks. When you see him, say thanks!

The rusted railing to the right of the Education Building glass doors has been replaced and an additional rail will be added at the ramp leading from the sidewalk.

New exterior lighting above elevator door, overlooking sidewalk to parking lot and new lights above parking lot were installed.

The next Trustee meeting will be Sept. 26.

Karen Cartwright, co-chairperson



BEFORE



AFTER

LOOKING AHEAD

***First UMC Charge Conference,
Nov. 8, 7:30 PM**

***November Micah Meal**
Sunday, Nov. 12 following Sunday Worship
“Potato Bar” Donations will support
Holiday Food Baskets at the Upshur Parish
House

***Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26**
Celebrate Christ the King Worship with
West Virginia Brass

***Advent Decorating**
Sunday, Nov. 26, 4 PM

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

December

- 3 First Sunday in Advent (Communion)
- 10 Lessons and Carols Sunday Worship
- 10 Church Family Christmas Dinner,
arrive at 5 pm, Meal at 5:30 pm
Meat, bread, and drinks provided.
Neighborhood Caroling following
meal.
- 14 Blue Christmas
- 17 Nativity Celebration with Children and
Youth
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
Service



HEALTH NEWS

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL TO HOLD DRIVE-THROUGH FLU CLINIC ON OCT. 18th

For Immediate Release

September 19, 2023

BUCKHANNON, W.Va. —St. Joseph's Hospital will hold a drive-through flu clinic on October 18th, giving the community an easy way to receive the vaccine from the comfort of their own cars. The clinic will run from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Drive up to the hospital and follow the directional signage to register and receive your vaccination.

Two vaccines are offered this year. The quadrivalent vaccine guards against four strains of flu rather than the usual three and is available to those over the age of seven. These four-in-one vaccines will protect against two common Type A strains called H1N1 and H3N2, and the two distinct strains of Type B.

The FLUAD quadrivalent vaccine is available for those over the age of 65. This vaccine contains four times the amount of antigen as the standard vaccine and may be of benefit for older adults.

There are no out-of-pocket expenses for those with a valid Medicare card. Cost for all others is \$30 for the regular quadrivalent vaccine and \$90 for the high dose FLUAD vaccine. For those with Medicare, please be prepared to show your card when registering for the vaccine. For those paying for the vaccine, cash or check will be accepted.

People should begin getting vaccinated soon after the flu vaccine becomes available in order to ensure that as many people as possible are protected before flu season begins. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against influenza virus infection.

The vaccination is extremely important for young children, people 65 and older, pregnant women, people with existing medical conditions, and people who are in contact with those at greatest risk. Vaccinations will be available at the clinic for anyone over the age of 7; for vaccinations for children under the age of 7, parents should contact their family physician.

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