

HOLIDAY 2023

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The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon WV

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Children/Youth Nativity Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 17 during Sunday Worship

Dec. 2 - Nativity Rehearsal/Spirit Sat. 10a - N

Dec. 16 - Nativity Rehearsal (Time TBD)



CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, Dec. 10, Godwin Fellowship Hall

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

Arrive at 5 pm, Meal at 5:30 pm

Meat, bread, and drinks will be provided.



Neighborhood Caroling following Meal



A Service of Lessons and Carols

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

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

Choir rehearsal is each Sunday morning, 9:30 AM in the
Main Sanctuary.

LESSONS & CAROLS EXTRA CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Sun, Dec 3 at 4:00

Sat, Dec 9 at 4:00

BLUE CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7 PM

MAIN SANCTUARY

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



DECEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

Sat., Dec. 2	10 AM	Spirit Saturday
Sun., Dec. 3	9:30 AM	Choir Practice GFH
	10:40 AM	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT <i>Communion</i>
Sun., Dec. 10	12:40 AM	Lessons & Carols – Sanc
	5:00 PM	Church Family Dinner with Neighborhood Caroling after
Tues., Dec. 12	12 N	Parish Lunch - GFH
	12 N	Rotary Board – Lib
	6:00 PM	Parish Charge Conf. – GFH
Thurs., Dec. 14	7:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service
Fri., Dec. 15	ALL DAY	Cookies, Crafts & More Setup – GFH
Sat., Dec. 16	9:00 AM	Cookies, Crafts & More-GFH
	10:00 AM	Nativity Rehearsal – Sanc.
Sun., Dec. 17	10:40 AM	Nativity Celebration with Children & Youth – Sanc
Sun., Dec. 24	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Betty Weimer

Deidra Casto

14 Cheryl Reger

Alex Edwards

15 Lynn Linger

25 Emilia Whitehair

26 Diana Simmons

27 Jamie O'Brien

DECEMBER GREETERS



Welcome!

December 3

Andy or Brooke Scott

December 10

Dewayne Lowther

December 17

Gary or Nan Summers

December 24

John or Sherrie Walsh

December 31

Jerry Wilfong

**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.”



CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

DECEMBER 22 THRU JANUARY 2

*They staff of FUMC wishes
you a blessed and joyous
holiday!*





UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Rise Straight Hanifan, Executive Director of Buckhannon Community Theater, spoke to UW Faith at our November unit meeting. BCT was started 52 years ago by Jim Knorr. Though COVID halted things, participation and enthusiasm for live productions has come back. The Wizard of Oz this fall was very successful. The next BCT production is A Christmas Story, December 2,3,8,9, and 10. The recently renovated Colonial Arts Center, a city of Buckhannon entity, is the home base for BCT. Anne Wilson is the director of the CAC.

December 6, 12 noon, will be our next unit meeting. Grace Circle will be the hostess group for a covered dish including members and guests. The unit will provide meat, bread, and tableware. Our only business will be passing the budget for 2024.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
COOKIES, CRAFTS & MORE
Saturday,
December 16th
9 AM – 12 N
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
52 S. FLORIDA ST
GODWIN
FELLOWSHIP HALL
Cookies & Candy
\$8 lb.
Come one, Come all!

The Cookies and More sale date is December 16, from 9 to noon. Please consider doing some craft for sale now while there is time. In early December watch for signups to provide cookies and help.

On January 3, members of the Habitat for Humanity work crew will present our program.

Proceeds from our projects help many nonprofit organizations including Habitat, Parish House, and recently the women's program of The 180 Center. We also support the FUMC Pastor's Discretionary Fund and Education Program. Thanks to the bequest from Helen Hall years ago, in October we were able to send \$2,000 to UMCOR for Maui relief. We also decided to honor Ellen Nickell with a \$1,000 donation to the Roush-Nickell Scholarship Fund at West Virginia Wesleyan College.



You are invited to help to adorn our sanctuary with live poinsettias for the Christmas season. This year we are offering red or white plants. You may order a poinsettia in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or simply to the glory of God. The cost will be \$25 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 7.

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.





2024 TEAMS

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Steven Meadows, Pastor Lay Leader, Karen Cartwright

Chairperson: Alison Whitehair

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Tammy Crites	Mark Lynch Phil Loftis Brooke Scott	Alison Whitehair Woody Martin

FINANCE COMMITTEE

*** member without vote

Pastor, Steven Meadows
Financial Secretary, Janet Chandler***
Lay Leader, Karen Cartwright
Church Council Chair, Lorilyn Linger

Staff-Parish Relations, chosen by SPRC
Trustees Representative, chosen by Trustees
Church Treasurer, Jane Crutchfield
Chairperson: Lewis Simmons

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Scott Wilson	Lewis Simmons Gary Summers Janis Allen	Sandra McDowell Jamie O'Brien

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson: TBA Secretary: Patty McComas (non-voting) Maintenance: Tom Bacorn (non-voting)

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Naomi Lynch Lori Hagi Danny Green	Karen Cartwright Janis Allen Jeff McDowell	Keri Phillips John Mathias Isaac Casto

LAY LEADERSHIP (NOMINATIONS) COMMITTEE

Karen Cartwright, Lay Leader Steven Meadows, Pastor

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Patty McComas	Andy Scott	Brooke Scott

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Chairperson: Lorilyn Linger

Pastor: Steve Meadows

Recording Secretary: Janis Allen

Lay Leader: Karen Cartwright

Chair/Staff Parish: Alison Whitehair

Chair/Finance: Lewis Simmons

Board of Trustees Representative: TBA

Treasurer: Jane Crutchfield

Financial Secretary: Janet Chandler

Ministry Assistant: Renee Warner

Brittany Conover

United Methodist Women: Barbara Loftis

Chairperson of Nurture: Cheryl Reger

Chairperson of Outreach: Tena Shannon

Chairperson of Witness: Alison Whitehair

Lay Member/Annual Conference: Lorilyn Linger

At Large:

2024: Charles Washington, Brooke Scott

2025: Sarah Carr, Marvin Carr

2026: Phil Petrosky, Greenbrier Almond

