

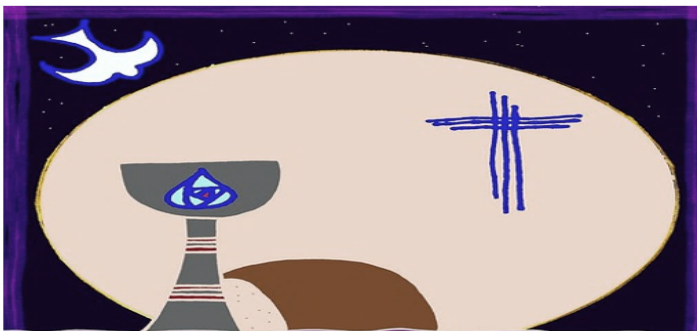


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THE NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BUCKHANNON WV

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
MARCH 28, 7PM IN THE SANCTUARY

A simple service of prayer,
music, scripture,
and Holy Communion.
Come as you are to remember
that you are loved as you are.

CALLING ALL KIDS!



Join us for Spirit Saturday on March 23, 10 AM.

Bring your Easter Baskets!

We're having an EGG HUNT!

Fun, Food, Fellowship and plenty of

"hopping around".



Tenebrae/Good Friday Service of Shadows

MARCH 29, 7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the 8th century. The service with the Chancel Choir and Congregational responses commemorates the final hours of the Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross.

As candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus.

The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

This is not a time of applause and celebration, but rather a time of mourning and solemnity.

Following the conclusion of the evening people are invited, if they wish, to remain in silent reflection and meditation. The service ends as people leave in respectful silence and keep silence until they leave the building.



MARCH 2024 CALENDAR

Sun., Mar. 3	10:40 AM	Communion
Wed., Mar. 6	6:30PM	Nurture - Lib
Thurs., Mar., 7	1:00 PM	UW in Faith Exec.-Lib
	2:00 PM	UW in Faith Unit - GFH
Sun., Mar. 10		Daylight Savings Time
	2:00PM	Cub Scout Service - GFH
Tues., Mar. 12	12N	Rotary Board - GFH
Wed., Mar. 13	5PM	Outreach – Lib
	6PM	Witness - Lib
Thurs., Mar. 14	10:00AM	Prayer Shawl
Sun., Mar. 17	12N	Micah Meal
Sat., Mar. 23	10AM	Spirit Saturday & Egg Hunt
Sun., Mar. 24	ALL DAY	Palm Sunday
Thurs., Mar. 28	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri., Mar. 29	7:00PM	Good Friday Service
Sun., Mar. 31	ALL DAY	Easter Sunday

ONGOING

Sunday 9:30am Choir Practice

10:40am Worship

Wednesday 9:00am Earlybirds-Library

Thursday 7:00pm Study Group/Renee-Zoom



BIRTHDAYS

10 Madora Wildman	Mar. 3	Jeff/Sandy McDowell
12 Keri Phillips		
14 David Petrosky	Mar. 10	Steve/Kelly Tierney
Janet Chandler		
16 Woody Martin	Mar. 17	David/Beverly Reger
20 Pat Kennedy		
21 Ellie McCauley	Mar. 24	Joyce Ann Law
24 Robynn Shannon		
26 Sherrie Walsh	Mar. 31	Sue Boring

GREETER SCHEDULE



MICAH MEAL

Join us on Sunday, March 17th after worship for our monthly **Micah Meal**. We will have a “TATER AND SALAD” BAR.

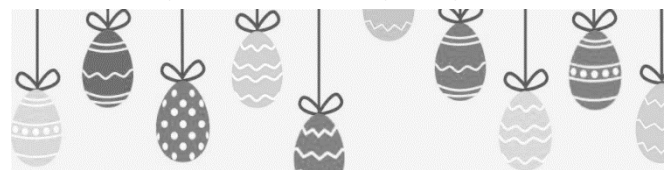
Please feel free to bring a dessert.

Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation.

Project Graduation is a program offered by many high schools in the United States, in which organized, adult-supervised and alcohol-free activities are offered as part of a post-graduation party, as an alternative to student-run events involving alcoholic beverages or drugs. Events often last through the night and are held in hotels or community centers. Students are checked for illicit substances before entry and are carefully monitored.

PARISH HOUSE NEEDS

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Upshur Parish House

Holiday Meal Package

Items Needed: Canned Vegetables, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, & Brownie Mix

Donations can be accepted between 9am-1pm at 68 College Avenue in Buckhannon. Monetary donations can be earmarked specifically for Holiday Meal Packages, another specific program, or go towards greatest need.



This Lenten and Easter season, we have an opportunity to give a “second mile financial gift,” which will go to the Upshur Parish House and CrossLines, to help enable vital ministries that extend the servant hand of Jesus Christ, reaching to others the joy of Easter.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

During the first week of February, 11 ladies from our unit made about 65 Valentine's Day cards. Most were made at the church during our unit meeting. UWF teamed up with the We Care Team of First United Methodist to send valentines to church members who have moved away, are home bound, or just need to know others remember them. Naomi Lynch graciously supplied most of the materials.



On **Thursday, March 7**, at 2 pm, Dave Poling and Phil Loftis will share information on the local **Habitat for Humanity**. Several church members are part of that ministry, which is supported by the church and United Women in Faith. **Everyone, males and females, are welcome to attend this presentation.**

Our bylaws were reviewed by the executive committee in February. A couple changes are needed since they state a person should not hold the same office for more than 4 consecutive years, and they have our previous name, United Methodist Women. The revised bylaws will be voted on at the March meeting.

United Women in Faith disbursed about \$9,000 during 2023. This was made possible with the support of the congregation, monetary pledges and volunteer hours from members and non-members, and leadership from our dedicated officers. We supported the pastor's discretionary fund, FUMC youth, and local service agencies. \$2,000 was sent to UMCOR for Maui relief, and \$1,000 donated to WVWC for the Rousch/Nickell Scholarship Fund. We hope we were able to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

Save the following dates:

- May 7, 2024 – Spring Basement Sale
- October 1, 2024 – Fall Basement Sale
- December 14, 2024 – Cookies, Crafts, and More



Altar Flowers

Please consider supplying flowers or a colorful potted plant to brighten our church altar on a Sunday morning. You can honor or remember a loved one, or just give them to glory of God. Once you choose a Sunday, sign up on the sheet found on the bulletin board in Linger Hall. Call Janet in the church office to let her know the date and information you'd like provided in the Sunday insert. If you order from Feola's Flowers, they can deliver on Saturday. However, flowers from anywhere, including your garden, are welcome.



Altar Flowers

Barbara Loftis

Altar Guild Chairperson

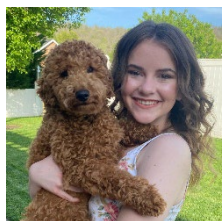


MEET OUR FUMC CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

Make your check payable to FUMC and write Choir Scholarship below.

We are blessed to have these students as they enrich our Chancel Choir.



Sarah Kearns

Sophomore Nursing Major

Member of Alpha Xi Delta, WE LEAD high tunnel, WVWC service scholar, Biology Work study, and S.N.O.W. (Student Nurses of Wesleyan).

Graduated Winfield HS and was a member of their Show Choir

From Teays Valley West Virginia



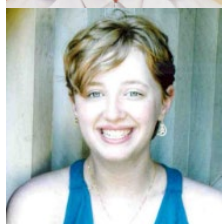
Isaac Ferguson

Nursing major – then grad school for pediatric CRNA

Theta Xi Fraternity

Works at the Childcare Development Center

Graduated Winfield HS and was a member of their Show Choir



Amelia Hughes

Freshman English Major from Bridgeport, West Virginia,

Will be Sally in the upcoming “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” production.

Member of the WVWC *Concert Chorale* and *Concentus Vocum*

WVU MEDICINE ST. JOSEPH’S HOSPITAL AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR ANNOUNCE SPRING BLOOD SCREENING DATES

BUCKHANNON, WV- St. Joseph’s Hospital and the Rotary Club of Buckhannon-Upshur will hold blood screenings on Saturdays in the spring. The dates are April 13, April 27, May 4 and May 11th. They will be held at St. Joseph’s Hospital beginning at 7 am. 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. Appointments are required. To register for an appointment, go online to <https://RotaryBloodScreening.as.me/>. If you do not have internet access or need assistance, the Upshur County Library located at 1150 Route 20 South in Buckhannon or the Mountain CAP Family Support Center at 30 East Main Street next to CJ Maggie’s Restaurant in Buckhannon can assist you in registering.

ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS NOW!

It’s time to think about flowers for Easter Sunday. We will once again order plants from Feola’s Flowers. To place your order, please fill out the form below and return to the church office by March 22. We ask that you pay for your flowers when ordered.

FLOWERS	NUMBER	IN MEMORY/ HONOR OF
Lily - \$25.00		
Tulip - \$37.50		

NAME: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____