

THE LINK

APRIL - JUNE

THE NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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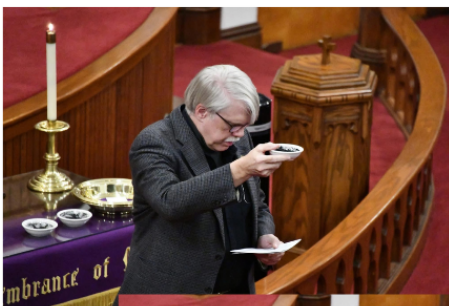
MARCH RECAP



CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

THANKS YOU ALL WHO CAME OUT TO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS. GATHERED IN GODWIN FELLOWSHIP HALL, MEMBERS ENJOYED DELICIOUS CAKE SURROUNDED BY DECORATIONS OF THE FOUR SEASONS WHILE THE KIDS OF FUMC ENJOYED CRAFTS AND GAMES.

ASH WEDNESDAY



ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE CREATED US OUT OF THE DUST OF THE EARTH. GRANT THAT THESE ASHES MAY BE TO US A SIGN OF OUR MORTALITY AND PENITENCE, SO THAT WE MAY REMEMBER THAT ONLY BY YOUR GRACIOUS GIFT ARE WE GIVEN EVERLASTING LIFE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.



“REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST, AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN. REPENT, AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL.”



ONE OF THE MANY BLESSINGS THAT WE HAVE HERE AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS OUR WONDERFUL AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM. THE ABILITY TO BROADEN THE MINISTRY TO ONLINE WORSHIP AND ASSIST WITH CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS TRULY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU TEAM!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN, SPEAK WITH ONE OF THE TEAM MEMBERS, DANNY GREEN OR PHIL LOFTIS OR PASTOR STEVE.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



SPRING IS HERE AND WITH IT COMES MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO COME TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP.

WE WILL CONTINUE MONTHLY MEETINGS THROUGH JUNE, THEN TAKE OFF DURING JULY AND AUGUST. ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THESE MEETINGS.

WE THANK NAN SUMMERS AND LYNNE PETROSKY FOR PROVIDING OUR PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. NAN IS A MEMBER OF THE VFW AUXILIARY AND HAS FAMILY WHO SERVED IN A FOREIGN WAR. SHE HELPS FULFILL THE MOTTO, "TO HONOR THE FALLEN BY HELPING THE LIVING". HER DAD AUTHORED A BOOK ABOUT UPSHUR COUNTY VETERANS. LYNNE HELPED US REMEMBER OUR HARD-WORKING FOREMOTHERS WITH A DISCUSSION OF HOW USEFUL APRONS WERE TO EARLY WOMEN TOILING IN THEIR HOMES AND GARDENS. THE APRONS ALSO PROTECTED THE FEW DRESSES THEY HAD.

WE WERE ABLE TO DONATE \$1000 TO SOUTHERN WV FLOOD RELIEF WHERE THE NEED IS STILL ONGOING.

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| Wednesday, April 2 | 2:00PM - GFH | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeanie Wiest will give the program "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome". Lois-Susannah Circle is the hostess. |
| Saturday, May 3 | 11:00AM - GFH | <ul style="list-style-type: none">UWF Greenbrier Wesleyan District Spring Meeting. Registration 10:30AM – 11:00AM.Unit is responsible for Coffee, Muffins & Bread for light breakfast, Salads for Lunch following the meeting. |
| Wednesday, June 4 | 12:00PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covered Dish Picnic for Ladies and a GuestHome of Sherrie Walsh 786 Stoney Run RoadWe'll carpool starting from the church for those interested |



ABOVE: LYNNE SHARES A HISTORY OF APRONS AND PICTURES OF HER GRANDMOTHERS.



LEFT: NAN AND FRIEND TELL ABOUT BUDDY POPPIES.

FINALS WEEK

WVWC

MAY 2 -6

HOW MANY OF YOU REMEMBER FINALS WEEK? TIRED, WORRIED, AND MOST OF ALL HUNGRY!

WE CAN HELP OUR WVWC STUDENTS BY BRINGING PREPACKAGED SNACKS, INDIVIDUAL DRINK MIXES, AND SOMETHING SWEET TO PLACE ON CAMPUS FOR PICKUP. CALL THEM BOBCAT BUNDLES. OUR GOAL IS 100 PER DAY FOR FIVE DAYS. DROP OFF YOUR DONATION IN LINGER HALL BY APRIL 27TH.

IF HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT
JANE WHITE AT 304-472-8058

First UMC, Buckhannon Dates 2025

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| April 9 | Wednesday | N.O.W. Meeting – 7PM | GFH |
| April 12 | Saturday | Easter Egg Hunt – 11:00AM | Parsonage |
| April 13 | Sunday | Palm Sunday | SANC |
| April 17 | Thursday | Maundy – 7PM Service | SANC |
| April 18 | Friday | Tenebrae, Good Friday – 7PM Service | SANC |
| April 20 | Sunday | Easter | |
| April 27 | Sunday | Micah Meal honoring Graduating Seniors | GFH |
| May 3 | Saturday | United Women in Faith Greenbrier-Wesleyan District Spring Gathering – 11:00AM | GFH |
| May 4 | Sunday | VBS planning meeting for Education Team after church | Library |
| May 14 | Wednesday | Church Council Meeting – 7PM | GFH |
| May 16-17 | Fri – Sat | Strawberry Pancakes During Strawberry Festival | GFH |
| June 1 | Sunday | Dessert Auction for Outreach -Noon | GFH |
| June 8-11 | Sun – Wed | Vacation Bible School, Camp Chaos | GFH |
| June 12-14 | Thurs – Sat | Annual Conference | GFH |

WEEKLY EVENTS :

MONDAY: IRISH MUSIC PRACTICE - 6:30PM - FLEMMING

TUESDAY: GRIEF WORKSHOP - 10:00AM - #21

PASTOR STEVE STUDY GROUP - 6:15PM - LIBRARY & ZOOM

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: NA - 7:00PM - #23

THURSDAY: RENEE STUDY GROUP - 7:00PM - ZOOM

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 TAMMY CRITES
PAT HOOVER
2 JEFF MCDOWELL
6 CHRISTA LIPSCOMB
8 RICKI GREEN
11 MARY L SHAMBLIN
13 HADLEY SPENCER
19 MARJIE RICHTER
JANE MARTIN
20 CAROLYN CROZIER
22 IAN CROZIER
23 ALICE POLING
25 FRANKLIN CASTO
28 KRISTI WILKERSON
29 LILY SPENCER

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 MIRANDA HAYSLETTE
5 CORBIN SKIDMORE
6 JANE GODWIN
7 DONNA CARPENTER
11 MORGAN GIFFORD
12 RODNEY GODWIN
13 BILL SHANNON
14 CALVIN MCCUTCHEON
16 CHERI GREEN
17 ZACHARY REGER
19 TORI GIFFORD
21 CHARLES HELMICK
23 ISAAC CASTO

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 CRAIG WALLACE
3 MATT LEVENTRY
4 SANDRA MCCUTCHEON
6 JANE CORATHERS
LUCY PHILLIPS
WINNIE PHILLIPS
10 KAITLYN GIFFORD
FRED SHANNON
16 ANTHONY GUM
18 LEWIS SIMMONS
KELLEY TIERNEY
20 KIRALYM CONOVER
23 BARBARA GODWIN
24 BRITTANY CONOVER
25 KENT CARPENTER
29 JUNIOR MCGEE
30 MASON LANTZ
CLAYTON LANTZ

MICAH MEAL

APRIL 27TH, 2025

FUMC Family, come celebrate our high school graduates in Godwin Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal promptly following Sunday service.

Menu includes:
Open-Faced Turkey Sandwiches
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Salad and Cake

Happy
Graduation
**BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

SPONSORED BY OUTREACH TEAM

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS PROJECT GRADUATION

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

11:00 AM

PARSONAGE



**SUNDAY
APRIL 13TH
PARADE OF PALMS
CELEBRATION**

JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF JESUS' TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM AS FUMC KIDDOS GRACE THE SCANTUARY WITH A PARADE OF PALMS



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY
7PM SERVICE
THURSDAY, APRIL
17TH**

A SIMPLE SERVICE OF PRAYER, MUSIC, SCRIPTURE, AND HOLY COMMUNION.
COME AS YOU ARE TO REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE LOVED AS YOU ARE.



THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE FOLLOWS 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 OR CELEBRATION, BUT RATHER A TIME OF MOURNING AND SOLEMNITY.

FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVNING PEOPLE ARE INVITED, IF THEY WISH, TO REMAIN IN SILENT REFLECTION AND MEDITATION. THE SERVICE ENDS AS PEOPLE LEAVE IN RESPECTFUL SILENCE AND KEEP SILENT UNTIL THEY LEAVE THE BUILDING.

First United Methodist Church celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Children are always WELCOME at First Church. Children's Church happens each Sunday after Wiggletime. with Children having communion during Children's Church on the first Sunday of each month.

**The Nursery is open every Sunday for the Little Ones.
Christa Lipscomb is the Nursery Attendant.**



NURSERY AND BABY ROOM

Located Off Linger Hall
in the Chapel Room



WVU Medicine / ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

Rotary Club of Buckhannon-Upshur

SPRING BLOOD SCREENING

By Appointment **ONLY** (No Walk-ins)

APRIL 12 & 26 | MAY 3 & 10

TO SCHEDULE:

<https://RotaryBloodScreening.as.me/>

BASIC BLOOD PROFILE TESTS - \$35

Additional Testing Available:

- TSH (Thyroid) - \$5
- Colon Cancer Screen - \$5
- Hemoglobin A1C (Diabetes) - \$15
- PSA (Prostate Cancer-Men only) - \$20
- Hepatitis C Antibody - \$20

*Additional Tests Only Available With Basic Blood Profile

IT'S EASY...ALL YOU DO:

- **FAST** for 12 Hours Before Test
- Cash or Personal Check Accepted
- Test Results Viewable in MyWVUChart or Mailed to Home

Location: St. Joseph's Hospital, One Amalia Drive, Buckhannon, WV
You will be seen at your scheduled appointment time.
Please do not arrive more than five minutes prior.



| 2025 First UMC Laity Leadership | |
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| Church Council | |
| Church Council Chairperson | Lorilyn Linger |
| Church Council Recording Secretary | TBA |
| Lay Leader | Carolyn Brown |
| Staff Parish Committee Chairperson | Alison Whitehair |
| Finance Committee Chairperson | Lewis Simmons |
| Board of Trustees Representative | To be selected by Trustees |
| Treasurer | Jane Crutchfield |
| Financial Secretary | Ryan Conover |
| Ministry Assistant | Renee Warner |
| Ministry Assistant | Brittany Conover |
| United Women in Faith President | Barb Loftis |
| Nurture Ministry Team Chairperson | Cheryl Reger |
| Outreach Ministry Team Chairperson | Tena Shannon |
| Witness Ministry Team Chairperson | Alison Whitehair |
| Lay Member-Annual Conference | Lorilyn Linger |
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| Church Council Members at Large | |
| 2025 | Marvin Carr |
| 2026 | Phil Petrosky, Greenbrier Almond |
| 2027 | Charles Washington, Brooke Scott |

| Finance Committee | |
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| Chairperson | Lewis Simmons |
| Pastor | Steve Meadows |
| Lay Leader | Carolyn Brown |
| Finance Secretary | Ryan Conover |
| Church Treasurer | Jane Crutchfield |
| Church Council Chairperson | Lorilyn Linger |
| Staff Parish Relations Committee | To Be Selected by SPRC |
| Board of Trustees Representative | To Be Selected by Trustees |
| Finance Committee Members | |
| 2025 | Lewis Simmons, Gary Summers |
| 2026 | Sandra McDowell, Jamie O'Brien |
| 2027 | Scott Wilson |

THE MISSION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

The mission of First United Methodist Church is to grow disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of Buckhannon, the surrounding areas, and the world.

- Worshiping and praising God together
- Growing together in Christian faith
- Leading others to Jesus Christ
- Loving and serving others in Jesus' name

STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastor: Steve Meadows-stevowvu@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Ryan Conover

Director of Music: Eva Atha

Ministry Assistant: Renee Warner

Ministry Assistant: Brittany Conover

Custodian: Tena Shannon

| Board of Trustees | |
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| Recording Secretary (non-voting) | Patty McComas |
| 2025 | Karen Cartwright, Jeff McDowell |
| 2026 | Keri Phillips, John Mathias, Isaac Casto |
| 2027 | Jeff Irwin, Danny Green, Debra Harrison |

| Lay Leadership (Nominating) Committee | |
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| Chairperson | Rev. Steve Meadows |
| Lay Leader | Carolyn Brown |
| 2025 | Patty McComas |
| 2026 | Andy Scott |
| 2027 | Brooke Scott |

| Staff Parish Relations Committee | |
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| Lay Leader | Carolyn Brown |
| Pastor | Steve Meadows |
| 2025 | Mark Lynch, Phil Lofris, Brooke Scott |
| 2026 | Alison Whitehair (Chair), Woody Martin |
| 2027 | Tammy Crites |

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The Vision of First United Methodist Church:

Our vision is to lift up Jesus Christ in Buckhannon so that;

- Every person throughout Buckhannon and the surrounding areas, and the world will know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Each believer's gifts will be discovered, developed, and deployed.
- We will continue to be a faithful, vital, Spirit-called, Spirit-filled, and Spirit-led church.

