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Newsletter of First United Methodist Church

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REMINDERS

- There will be no choir practice for the month of July. Choir practice will resume Sunday, August 3rd at 9:30AM.
- Grief Share Workshop has concluded and will be off for the months of July and August. New session will begin in September.
- Communion Sunday will July 13th

Big thank you to our choir director Eva Atha for an amazing job every week with wonderful and joyous selections that come to life with the First Church choir and musicians.

Thank you Eva and Choir!



First Church receives a lot of love and attention inside and out, all thanks to the team of Tom Bacorn and Tena Shannon.

Thank you to all those who helped with Annual Conference Salad Luncheon, to our Lay Delegate Lorilyn Linger, and all those who represented First Church at WV Annual Conference 2025.

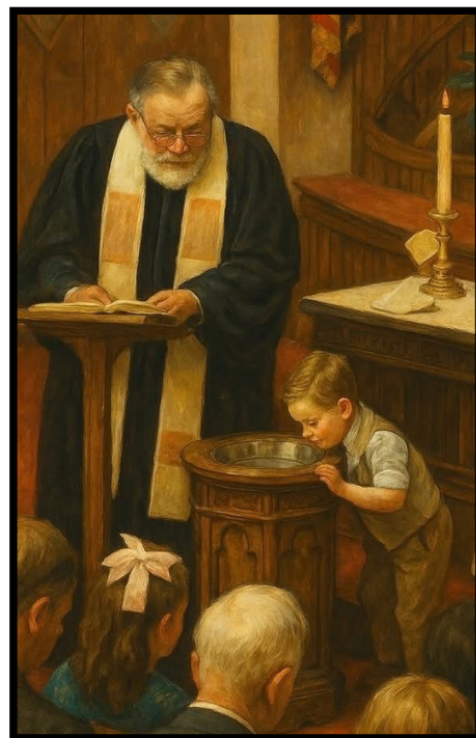


Camp Chaos VBS was a success as we follow the path of Jesus. The kids enjoyed four days of snacks, crafts, lessons, and games. Four days of snacks filled with Graham Crackers Tents, Fruit Roll-up Sleeping Bags, Messy Bear Pudding Mud Baths, Cup Towers, Water Bucket & Camping Gear Relay Races, Sand Art, Necklaces, and Bible lessons and Songs! Huge thank you to all of the volunteers for making Camp Chaos a wonderful time for the First Church kids. Everyone had a blast.



Pictured above: Photo of the Phillips Family and Pastor Steve during Crosby's Baptism

Tom Nolan wrote to Pastor Steve after the Baptism of young Crosby Phillips: Love the pic of you and the little boy looking into the font. It reminds me of the story of the little girl asking her grandpa where God lives. He tells her to look down in the well. "That's where God lives," he says, "he says. The little girl looks and sees her own reflection. "Grandpa," she says. "I don't see anything but me." "That's right," says the grandfather. "And that is where God lives."



Above Image: Norman Rockwell rendering over Phillips Baptism with Pastor Steve and Crosby.

Opportunities to Stay In Touch

First UMC, Buckhannon, Livestream Worship
on Facebook @ 10:45AM
www.facebook.com/firstumcbuckhannon

Subscribe to First UMC Youtube
(FirstChurchUMBuckhannon)

Sermon by Phone:
(Scripture and Sermon Only)
1-304-250-4556

For Sermon on the Wed:
www.firstchurchum.com
Look for the "Sermon" tab on the home page

ShareFaith App: Go to Google Play or the
App Store

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United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



Meetings will resume September 3rd at
2:00PM in Godwin Fellowship Hall

Johnna Smith, Missionary to Southeast
Asia, will be in attendance to give a
presentation.

Here are ways you can support flood relief in West Virginia

Pray

This is always our first resource. Please be in prayer for all who have been affected, for the families of those who have lost loved ones or who are searching for loved ones, and for those responding to the disaster.

Act

At Annual Conference, Bishop Wallace-Padgett challenged the conference to donate enough cleaning kits, aka flood buckets, by the end of July to double our stockpile which, at that time, numbered approximately 950 buckets. This disaster has added urgency to that need. We are able to meet the immediate need but will be unable to respond to any additional needs until our inventory of cleaning kits is replenished. Please consider having your church or group gather the needed supplies and assemble as many flood buckets as possible by the middle of July (the sooner the better). This is extremely important - PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - include the exact items in the exact sizes listed on this inventory and nothing else. Each bucket must include all of the items listed without substitution. THIS IS ESSENTIAL.



First Church is currently collecting items for Flood Recovery Buckets. There is an item list located in Linger Hall and the church office. Last day of collection is July 13th. All items can be dropped off in Linger Hall. The buckets will be filled with the donated items by our church kiddos during Children's Church.

JULY 27TH NOON	
DESSERT & MORE AUCTION	
Bring your favorite dessert, food, or craft to be auctioned off by our favorite auctioneer Jane Crutchfield!	
CONTACT TENA IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BRINGING SOMETHING. TEXT OF CALL 304-276-1866 FOR MORE INFORMATION	BENEFITS C.O.M.E. (Celebration Of Mission Event)

**Steve's Study Group
meets every Tuesday
at 6:15pm by Zoom**



**Renee's Study Group
meets every Thursday
at 7:00pm by Zoom**

UPCOMING EVENTS

REV. BARRY MOLL MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE



JULY 28, 2025 — 1PM

Bel Meadow Golf Course-
144 Bel Meadow Dr, Mount Clare, WV

Join us in honoring the life and work of the late Rev. Barry Moll.
All proceeds benefit the Upshur Parish House.

Registration Fees (for a Foursome):

BEFORE JULY 01
\$300

AFTER JULY 01
\$340

*FEES INCLUDE: GOLF FEES, CART, AND MEAL

Scan Here to Register:



OR GO TO [HTTPS://GIVEBUTTER.COM/CN2N7V](https://givebutter.com/cn2n7v)

The picnic is **open to anyone** and is a **freewill donation**. All proceeds benefit the Upshur Parish House.

Picnic Catered By:



Clothes Closet Special Sale

@ WV Wesleyan Aux Gym



Come find great deals
on all **NEW** items!

July 18: 9am-5pm

July 19: 9am-5pm

July 20: 1pm-5pm

WV's Largest
YARD SALE

AUG 1ST & 2ND
8AM - 4PM

Upshur & Lewis Counties
- along with new member -
Webster County

BACK To SCHOOL

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

- Backpacks (15-17" or larger)
- Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Pocket Folders
- Glue Sticks
- Index Cards
- Safety Scissors
- Pink Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Deodorant (Full Sized)

Please drop off or mail donations to 68 College Ave. Buckhannon, WV by **July 25**

Mark your Calendar
AUGUST 4TH
NOON

RETIRE MINISTER'S
PICNIC



GODWIN FELLOWSHIP HALL
First United Methodist Church



July Birthdays

1 - Patience Brock
Shea Phillips
Renee Warner
3 - Sandy McDowell
5 - Victoria Adams
SaraJean McGee
6 - Todd Whitehair
8 - Jeff St.Clair
9 - Sesn Crites
12 - Diane Tuggle
14 - Gary McGrew
16 - Nicklaus Boring
17 - Jo Criss
20 - Jake Reger
21 - Janis Allen
22 - Steve Tierney
26 - Harold T. Elmore
27 - Melissa McCauley
29 - Barbara Loftis
30 - Ava Grace Wallace
Anita Lawson
31 - Dale Shannon

August Birthdays

5 - Troy Casto
9 - Nancy Hefner
11 - Carolyn Mallory
Charles Washington
12 - Sebastian Reger
13 - G. Paul Richter
Shelli Lantz
Ella Whitehair
16 - Greg Kennedy
17 - Margaret Walls
18 - Sandra Presar
Dan Martin
Nan Summers
21 - Janis Allen
22 - Sylvia C. Elmore
Martha Meadows
23 - Curtis Wilkerson
25 - Ben Crutchfield
29 - David Rowan
Danny Green
31 - John Walsh
Andrew Scott

September Birthdays

11 - Marvin Carr
Marty Kelley
13 - Gary Summers
15 - Tena Shannon
16 - Tina Horstman
17 - Phil Loftis
Margaret Miller
18 - Jane White
21 - Phil Petrosky
24 - Jeannie Wiest
25 - Bekah Wilkerson
Rob Rupp
Joyce Hoover
26 - Kathy St. Clair



End of Summer Celebration

September 14th

Stay Tuned for more information!!!



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August 6 - N.O.W. meeting

September 10 - Church Council
Meeting

STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastor: Steve Meadows-stevowvu@gmail.com

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Director of Music: Eva Atha

Ministry Assistant: Renee Warner

Ministry Assistant: Brittany Conover

Custodian: Tena Shannon