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Newsletter of First United Methodist Church

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First Church is truly blessed by the work and presence of the FUMC kids and Children's Church!



Above: Children's Church made door hangers listing the books of the Old and New Testament.

Top Right: Through generous donation by church members, Children's Church was able to assemble Flood Relief Buckets in the wake of flooding in WV.

Bottom Right: Wiggle Time is a valuable opportunity for lesson and prayer.



MARK PETROSKY HUNGER WALK



Thank you to all who joined the Mark Petrosky Memorial Hunger Walk!

133 participants.

1,725 Food items Donated.

\$9,225 Donated to the pantry.

Your support ensures the Parish House pantry is stocked and ready to served our community.

Greetings Church Family,

Our church has undergone some very needed major repairs within the last few weeks, and we Trustees want to share them with you.

1. There was a large leak in the roof on the backside of the church building (above the AC units) which has contributed to interior flaky plaster. Because of the height involved, a sixty-foot lift had to be rented for the week's job.
 2. Two rotted eaves (one in the same vicinity of the above leak and another over the back porch of the parsonage) were repaired with new wood and paint, using the lift.
 3. Some gutter spouting was also replaced.
 4. Still using the lift, an inspection of an old repair on a section of roof over the double doors to the sanctuary from Florida Street was completed and deemed in good shape. You may remember the replastering of the stairwells last year after the leak was repaired.
 5. Another older repair was also inspected on the tower roof and declared as fixed.
- The contractor was Keith Sinclair, along with our maintenance man, Tom Bacorn, overseeing the job daily and helping out as needed.
Keith had done work on the Baptist Church a few weeks ago.

All known leaks are repaired with one small one remaining close to the skylight in Linger Hall. This one can be taken care of from inside access above the sanctuary. New electrical wiring for the choir loft will be tackled later this Fall.

Tom also replaced the bulbs over the side aisles in the sanctuary with LED ones, which makes those areas much brighter.

The difference in elevation between the concrete and asphalt walkways in the front of the Education Building was repaired by Tom and now provides a smooth surface from the handicapped parking lot to the EB door. Thank you, Tom, for working to keep our church property safe and doing the necessary repairs.

Another person who certainly deserves 'a pat on the back' is Tena Shannon, our church housekeeper. She is the one who keeps the huge interiors SO neat and clean - a BIG job. Thank you, Tena! When you see Tom or Tena, tell them what they mean to our church. We are blessed with these two dedicated employees who work so well together.

The Board asks that any tape or adhesive not be used for signs, etc. on the red doors on Florida Street. They add to the curb appeal.

Finally, I want to introduce the Board of Trustees: Keri Phillips (pro-tem Secretary), Deb Harrison, Karen Cartwright, Danny Green, John Mathias, Jeff McDowell, Isaac Casto, Jeff Irwin (voting members) and Tena Shannon, Tom Bacorn, Pastor Steve Meadows (non-voting).

As is evident, our one hundred fifteen-year-old church (cornerstone ceremony June 23, 1910, dedication May 28, 1911) upkeep demands much money. We are always grateful to those of you who help meet some expenses.

Karen Cartwright
Chairperson

Birthdays

October

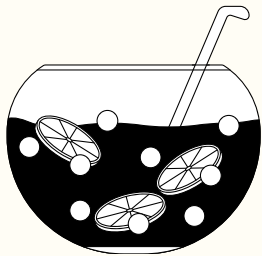
1 - Elizabeth Spencer
7 - Felicia Johnston
10 - Jane
Crutchfield
Graham Godwin
11 - Allayah
Skidmore
22 - Katherine
Huffman
25 - Ryan Conover
27 - Dan Hagi
30 - Evelyn Linger

November

2 - Patty McComas
Karen Cartwright
Melody Swearengin
4 - Chuck Loudin
10 - Grant Wilkerson
11 - Linda Wellings
15 - Lori Hagi
17 - Ava Lantz
Gary Frush
23 - Mary Ellen Biller
26 - Mary Welliver
28 - Randy Clark
29 - Crosby Phillips

December

1 - Deidra Casto
14 - Cheryl Reger
Alex Edwards
23 - Larry Carter
25 - Emilia Whitehair
26 - Diana Simmons
27 - Jamie O'Brien



Hello Church Family. We are in need of Punch Servers. Punch is served on the first Sunday every month in Linger Hall following service. For more information please see Lynne Petrosky.

CHILDREN/ YOUTH SABBATH

October 26th

10:45am

Sanctuary

FUMC Schedules

Monday

- Irish Music Practice @ 6pm - GFH

Tuesday

- Grief Share Workshop @ 10am - #21
- Rotary Board Meeting - 2nd Tuesday - @Noon - GFH
- Steve Study Group @6:15pm - Zoom

Wednesday

- NA Meeting @7pm - #23

Thursday

- Renee Study Group @7pm - Zoom
*Resumes October 16th

Friday

- NA Meeting @7pm - #23

Sunday

- Adult Sunday School @9:30am - #23
- Choir Rehearsal @9:30 - GFH
- Worship @10:45am - Sanctuary

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Oct. 4th	Tentative Devotional Virtual
Oct. 8th	N.O.W. Meeting @7pm - GFH
Oct. 15th	United Women in Faith Unit Meeting @2pm - GFH
Oct. 19th	Micah Meal Spaghetti Lunch @Noon - GFH
Oct. 21st	Louis Susannah Circle Meeting @10am - Library
Oct. 26th	Children and Youth Educational Sunday
Nov. 2nd	All Saints Sunday Young Adult Lunch & Study Group w/ Renee @ Noon - #21 & #24
Nov. 3rd	Charge Conference @7pm - In Person & Zoom
Nov. 5th	World Communion Day
Nov. 18th	Louis Susannah Circle Meeting @10am - Library
Nov. 19th	SPRC Meeting @7pm - Library
Nov. 27th	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 30th	First Sunday of Advent

Pastor
Appreciation
Day
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 12TH



Spaghetti **OCT. 19TH**
Micah Meal **NOON**
GFH

SPAGHETTI W/ MEAT SUACE
SALAD AND BREAD

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE
DESSERT TO SHARE

Proceeds will benefit
Clean Water in Southern District

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WVU Medicine
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL &
Rotary Club of Buckhannon Upshur
Rotary  **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

FALL 
BLOOD SCREENING

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

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

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL: Oct. 4, 11, & 18 | Nov. 1
COMMUNITY CARE OF ROCK CAVE: Nov. 8

  **Community Care**
BASIC BLOOD PROFILE TESTS - \$35

Additional Testing Available (only with Basic Blood Profile):
TSH (Thyroid) - \$5 • Colon Cancer Screen - \$5 • Hemoglobin A1C - \$15
PSA (Prostate Cancer-Men only) - \$20 • Hepatitis C Antibody - \$20

FAST FOR 12 HOURS BEFORE TEST

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31, 2025
6:00PM - 7:30PM



Opportunities to Stay in Touch

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

Subscribe to First UMC YouTube
(FirstChurchUMCBuckhannon)

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

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

ShareFaith App:
Go to Google Play or the App Store
Download the app. Look for and select First
United Methodist Church

Check out MyBuchannon.com for an
updated list of events in Upshur
County for the months of October -
December.

Staff Directory

Pastor: Steve Meadows

Administrative Assistant: Ryan Conover

Director of Music: Eva Atha

Ministry Assistant: Renee Warner

Ministry Assistant: Brittany Conover

Custodian: Tena Shannon