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Newsletter



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Special Thank You to the church family who helped out with the Spaghetti Dinner and who donated items, and to our WVWC volunteers. Your kindness, generosity, time, and effort made for a wonderful event.

Thank you



Surviving the Holidays

A non-denominational community event.
No need to register.

This 2-hour seminar and free luncheon provides coping strategies and emotional support dealing with grief during the Lenten and Easter Season.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

10:00am - 12:00 Noon

Godwin Fellowship Hall

First United Methodist Church
52 S. Florida Street, Buckhannon, WV 26201

Micah Meal Potato and Taco Salad Bar

Bring your favorite dessert to share.

Proceeds will benefit Tyrand Ministries.

March 15th @ 12:00pm

Immediately following Sunday Worship.

Upcoming Micah Meals for 2026

April 19th - Project Graduation - Spaghetti and Salad

May 15-16th - Strawberry Pancakes

June 7th - Dessert Auction

July 26th - Backpack Program - Chicken Baked Beans & Macaroni Salad

Strawberry Pancakes



Stop on by for some delicious pancakes during the Strawberry Festival.

May 15th - 16th 7:30am - 12:30pm

\$10 Adults / \$6 Children (Kids under age 3 eat Free)

First United Methodist Church, 52 S. Florida Street

Dates To Remember:

May 10th - Mother's Day

May 25th - Memorial Day

May 24th - Pentecost Sunday

May 31st - Trinity Sunday

Strawberry Festival - May 9-17th

Children's Church

March 2026

Verse of the Month: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind." Luke 10:27

Mar. 1 - Communion Sunday, Lord's Prayer Pg. 323; Big Kids In Church

Mar. 8 - Jesus teaches on a mountain. Pg. 318 w/Lorilyn/Martha

Mar. 15 - Music Sunday, A hole in the roof Pg. 328 w/Carolyn/Sherrie

Mar. 22 - Jesus calms the storm. Pg. 334 w/Lynne/Brooke

Mar. 29 - Psalm Sunday, The Last Supper Pg. 442; BIG KIDS IN CHURCH

Acolytes

Mar. 1 - Evie and Emelia

Mar. 8 - Scotlynn and Indie

Mar. 15 - Corbin and Kiralym

Mar. 22 - Brayden and Brantley

Mar. 29 - Sylvia and Franklin

April 5 - Lucy and Winnie

April 12 - Scotlynn and Indie

April 19 - Corbin and Emelia

April 26 - Brayden and Brantley

Thank you to all of our teachers! Your dedication, patience, and creativity make for joyous and engaging lessons for all the kids.

April 2026

Verse of the Month: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

April 5 - 4/2 Maundy Thursday, 4/3 Good Friday, Communion Sunday/EASTER Jesus is Risen! Pg. 453 BIG KIDS IN CHURCH

April 12 - Pharaoh's Dreams Pg. 78 w/Martha/Lorilyn

April 19 - Music Sunday, Joseph saves his family. Pg. 86 w/Carolyn / Sherrie

April 26 - A baby in a basket. Pg. 92 w/Lynne/Brooke



Easter HUNT

Saturday, March 28th

Godwin Fellowship Hall

10-11:30am

Bring a Basket!



Holy Week



Palm Sunday - March 29th

Celebrate the coming of the Messiah into Jerusalem with the Parade of Palms presented by the children and youth of First Church in the Sanctuary.



Maundy Thursday - April 2nd

A SIMPLE SERVICE OF PRAYER, MUSIC, SCRIPTURE, AND HOLY COMMUNION. COME AS YOU ARE TO REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE LOVED AS YOU ARE. 7pm Service - Sanctuary.



Good Friday Tenebrae - April 3rd

A Service of Shadows. 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.

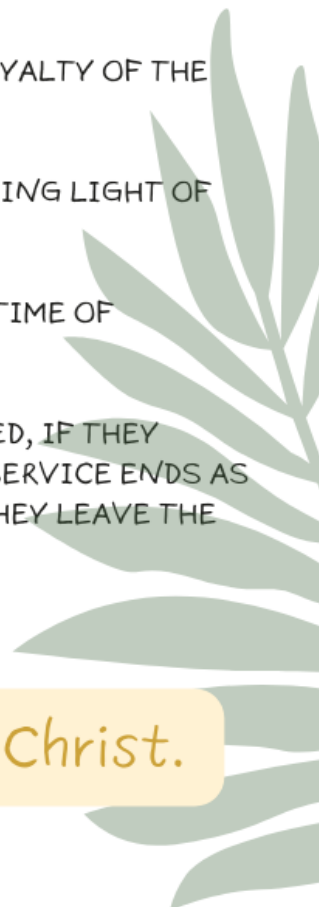
THIS IS NOT A TIME OF APPLAUSE OR CELEBRATION, BUT RATHER A TIME OF MOURNING AND SOLEMNITY.

FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE 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 SILENT UNTIL THEY LEAVE THE BUILDING.



Easter Sunday - April 5th

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



United Women In Faith

United Women in Faith met Wednesday, March 4, 2pm, in Godwin Fellowship Hall. Heather Schneider, from Appalachian Mutual Aid Collective, presented our program. Grace Circle was the hostess. Thankfully the weather cooperated as we missed getting together in January and February.

December was our busiest month this past year with Cookies, Crafts, and More just before Christmas. We raised about \$1,350, mostly from the sale of cookies, candy, and baked goods.

With additional money from member pledges and our fund in the West Virginia United Methodist Foundation, we were able to cover our budget of about \$10,000. That budget helps nonprofit organizations including Upshur Parish House, C.O.M.E., Habitat for Humanity, Centers Against Violence, Burlington UW Family Services, and Literacy Volunteers. We also donated \$1000 to help with flood relief in southern West Virginia last March, and \$1000 to Upshur Parish House for food when SNAP benefits were paused.

Our unit will meet on the first Wednesday of each month in Godwin Fellowship Hall at 2pm through May. Lois- Susannah Circle meets the third Tuesday of each month, 10 am, in the First United Methodist Church library. Grace Circle meets on the third Wednesday of the month for lunch at a local restaurant.

All are welcome to join us.

Unit Meetings

- **March 4**, Program: Heather Schneider, Appalachian Mutual Aid Collective, Hostess: Grace Circle
- **April 1**, Program: Deborah Brockleman, Stockert Youth and Community Center, Hostess: Grace Circle
- **May 6**, Program: Brett Belt, Upshur County Senior Center Hostess: Lois-Susannah Circle
- **June 3**, Noon, Covered dish picnic for members and guests, place is TBD



If you would like to receive by email, Circle of Prayer, the prayer concerns of the First Church family or the FUMC Email List for notices, please send your name and email address to stevowvu@gmail.com

This Week @ FUMC

Mondays

6:30pm – Irish Music Practice.....GFH

Tuesdays

10:00am – Grief Share Workshop.....#21

Wednesdays

7:00pm – NA.....#23

Thursdays

7:00pm – Renee Study Group.....Zoom

Fridays

7:00pm – NA.....#23

Sundays

9:30am – Choir Practice.....GFH

10:40am – Worship.....SANC

Opportunities to Stay in Touch

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

Subscribe to First UMC YouTube
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1-304-250-4556

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Fill out that attendance pad.

**Attendance Pads are
located at the end of each pew.**



Staff Directory

Pastor: Steve Meadows

Administrative Assistant: Ryan Conover

Director of Music: Eva Atha

Ministry Assistant: Renee Warner

Ministry Assistant: Brittany Conover

Organist: Dan Martin

Custodian: Tena Shannon

Maintenance: Tom Bacorn