



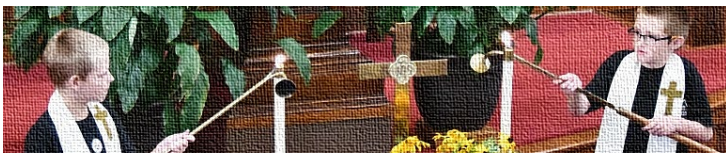
THE NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BUCKHANNON WV

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NEW CHILDREN'S CHURCH CLASS ADDED

There will be a toddler time class added in August for Children's Church located in the nursery with SarahJean McGee for toddler-preschool children. Christa Lipscomb also remains in the nursery to assist parents of infants through preschoolers. Littles Class down the hall will be for K-2nd grades, Big Kids class upstairs for 3rd & up. Communion Class with Sherrie and Brittany remains the first Sunday of the month, Music Sunday with Nate and Carolyn the 3rd Sunday of the month.



**WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN
HOTDOGS, CHIPS, AND
ICE CREAM SUNDAES!**



**WE WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY
THE SAGO RIVER STRING BAND!
Let's call it**

"Bluegrass Pickin' with Friends"

**Sunday, August 25, 4 pm – 6 pm
In the greenspace beside the Playground
Bring a chair and visit a spell!**





VOLUNTEERS

• GREETERS	• ACOLYTES	• USHERS
<p>Aug. 18- Kim Walls Aug. 25- Nate/Lorilynn Linger Sept. 1- Hannah/Gracie Boyles Sept. 8- Sam/Patty McComas Sept. 22-John Mathias Sept. 29-TBA</p>	<p>Aug. 19- Brayden & Brantley Aug. 25-Sylvia & Nora Rae</p>	<p>TBA</p>

FALL 2024 CALENDAR		
Tues. Aug. 20	Parish Council	6:00 pm - GFH
Wed. Aug. 21	District Meeting	9:00 am – Library
	Outreach Team	5:00 pm – Library
	Nurture Team	6:00pm – Library
	Witness Team	7:15 pm - Library
Sat. Aug. 25	Hot Dogs & Ice Cream	4 :00 pm – by Playground
Wed. Sept. 4	UW in Faith	2:00 pm - GFH
Sat. Sept. 7	Private Event	10:00 am - GFH
Tues. Sept. 10	Rotary Board	12 N - GFH
Sun. Sept. 15	Micah Meal	12 N - GFH
Sat. Sept. 21	Garden Club District Meeting	8:00 am - GFH
Sun. Sept. 29	S'Mores & Jazz	4:00 pm – Parking Lot
Mon. Sept. 30	Basement Sale Setup	8:00 am - GFH
Tues. Oct. 1	Basement Sale	8:00 am - GFH

ZOOM STUDY WITH RENEE

We will begin our Zoom Bible study sessions again this fall! These are designed for both men and women, so don't be shy, Gentlemen! We'd love to have you with us!

Meeting days will be on Tuesdays beginning at 7:00 p.m. and we will meet for 60-90 minutes. We will always finish by 8:30, but sometimes sooner. I am still reviewing studies, but it will likely be about finding peace in this noisy world. Our start date will be Tuesday, September 10.

Let me know via email or text at 304-322-1177 if you are interested in joining me on this journey. I'd like to start fresh, so even if you have been with our group in the past, email or text me to show your interest. I don't want to send unwanted emails to those who aren't interested any longer!

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom!



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.



The Parish House appreciates your gifts. There is a collection box in Linger Hall for your items or you can take them directly to the Parish House. Monetary donations are always appreciated! Needed: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Oats, Personal Hygiene Items, and Cleaning Supplies (without bleach), Jiffy Pie Crust Mixes and Canned Cranberries for Thanksgiving, & Canned Veggies

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 2ND, IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.



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



NURTURE TEAM NEWS

The Nurture Team has been working to provide a variety of activities that offer everyone a place to belong. Our intention is to preserve favorite activities and eliminate those that do not necessarily stimulate interest or align with our missions.

It's back to school time in August for many of our members both young and old. We start off August 11 with a prayer walk at Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School, praying not just for that school but all schools, children, educators and personnel in the community. We pray with intention believing that God will provide a meaningful and successful experience that will change lives.

As the year unfolds, we will celebrate with a cookout at the church on August 25 from 4 to 6 pm. The Sago River String Band will entertain us as we share hot dogs, chips and ice cream. Come enjoy the fellowship and feel free to invite, pick up, and bring new people with you.

September 29 will be Christian Education Sunday when we plan to recognize our teachers and listen as the children make a joyful noise.



There are tentative plans for an evening of jazz and s'mores.

World Communion Sunday will be on October 6. It is a day to celebrate the oneness of Christians around the world in Christ, and to share God's love with others. Following this special service, we will have a "Crockpot" Cook-off.

Winding up October will be Children and Youth Sabbath on the 27th. This is always a special time of celebration that restores our hope for the future.

Add these dates to your calendar so you don't miss these times of fellowship with your church family, and again, feel free to invite, pick up, and bring new people with you.

MICAH MEAL

Join us on Sunday, September 15th after worship for our monthly **Micah Meal**. The menu includes baked steak sandwiches, mashed potatoes, and salad.

Please feel free to bring a dessert.

Proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.



Children's church made frogs 🐸 reminding all of us to Fully Rely on God and our youth enjoyed a painting 🎨 session and a lesson on gratitude.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith will resume regular monthly meetings beginning September 4. We have all programs lined up for September 2024 through June 2025. This was a joint effort between member suggestions and Nancy Hefner, Vice President, contacting and lining up everything. New program/membership booklets are ready for distribution with all our updated information. We appreciate Janet Chandler for printing them. All ladies are invited to join us anytime. We look forward to an awesome year of service and fellowship!

Here are dates to save:

- Sept. 4, 2024: Executive Committee, 1:00 pm, Library, Unit Meeting, 2 pm, GFH
- Sept. 28, 2024: Fall District Meeting, 9am-noon, St Luke's UMC, Craigsville
- Oct. 1, 2024: Fall Basement Sale, 8am-8pm, GFH
- Oct. 25-26, 2024: WV Conference UWF 50th Annual Meeting, Memorial UMC, Summersville
- Nov. 6, 2024: Executive Committee, 1:00 pm, Library, Unit Meeting, 2 pm, in GFH
- Dec. 4, 2024: Unit Meeting, Christmas Covered Dish, noon, ladies only
- Dec. 14, 2024: Cookies, Crafts, and More, 9am-Noon

See you September 4!

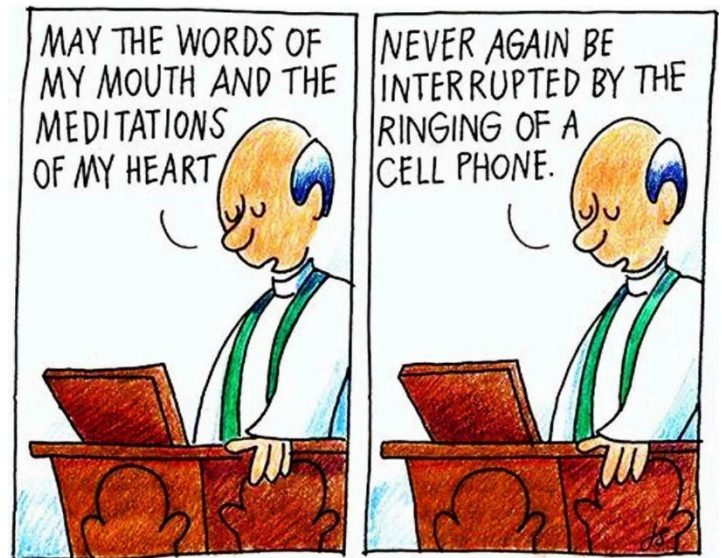
United Women of Faith
12-hr BASEMENT SALE
October 1, 8AM – 8PM



Bring your clean used clothing, household items, knick-knacks, toys, etc., to the Choir Practice Room, off Godwin Fellowship Hall, starting **Monday, September 16th**. Doors will be open during regular office hours.

If you need to bring your items at a different time, contact Jane Crutchfield or Barb Loftis.

COMING SOON!
BIBLE STUDY WITH
PASTOR STEVE RESUMES!
WATCH FOR FURTHER UPDATES!



SAVE THE DATE!

September 29	S'Mores & Jazz	4:00 pm
October 6	Chili Cookoff	12 N
October 20	Micah Meal	12 N
October 25	Spaghetti Dinner	5:00 pm
October 27	Children's Sabbath	

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