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December 2024

THE NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BUCKHANON, WV

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December 2024 Calendar

Wed., Dec. 4 th	2pm	UW of Faith – GFH
Tues., Dec. 10 th	12pm	Rotary Board - GFH
Wed., Dec. 11 th	7pm	Charge Conf. - Zoom
Fri., Dec. 13 th	8am	Cookie, Crafts, & More Setup - GFH
Sat., Dec. 14 th	8am	Cookie, Crafts, & More – GFH
Sun., Dec. 15 th	10:45am	Lessons and Carols – SANC
Thurs., Dec. 19 th	7pm	Blue Christmas – SANC
Sun., Dec. 22 nd	10:45am	Nativity Celebration - SANC
Tues., Dec. 24 th	7pm	Christmas Eve Service - SANC
Tues., Dec. 31 st	New Year's Eve	

Ongoing Events:

Monday - Bluegrass Practice – 6:30pm – FLEM
Tuesday – Greif Workshop – 10:00am – BR (No Workshop on 12/24 or 12/31)
Wednesday – NA – 7:00pm - #23
Thursday – Renee Study Group – 7:00pm Zoom
Friday – NA – 7:00pm - #23
Sunday – Adult Sunday School – 9:30am
Choir Practice – 9:30am
Worship – 10:40am - Sanctuary



Number One Auto Sales is pleased to announce their first annual Jam the Van event in partnership with Buckhannon Salvation Army.

With your help, Number One Auto Sales wants fill a cargo van with wonderful donations.

You're invited to donated to bring what you can no matter how little or hopw much in the form of New toys, coats, gloves, scarves, socks, boot & shoes, etc.

This event with take place from October 15, 2024 through December 14, 2024

Your donations and support will make all the difference in the lives of children in our area!

Acolyte Schedule

December:

12/1 - Evie and Kiralym
12/8 - Lily and Hadley
12/15 - Brayden and Brantley
12/22 - Sylvia and Nora Rae
12/29 - Scotlynn and Kiralym

Greeters List

December:

12/1 - Fred Shannon
12/8 - Jane White
12/15 - Nancy Hefner
12/22 - Karen Cutwright
12/29 - Tammy Crites

Usher List

December:

12/1 - Scott Wilson, Jeff Irwin, Nate Linger, Gary Frush
12/8 - Larry Carter, Ryan, Brittany, and Kiralym Conover
12/15 - Larry Carter, Bate Linger, Ricki Green, Gary Frush
12/22 - Scott Wilson, Jeff McDowell, Jeff Irwin, Kim Walls
12/29 - Scott Wilson, Andy Scott, Dale Simmons, Ricki Green

United
Methodist
Church
2024
Charge
Conference.
Godwin
Fellowship Hall
December 11th
7:00pm
By Zoom



DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

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

Big Thank You to Tom Bacon for an amazing job refreshing the South Florida Street doors. Great Work!

Before



After



To all of our kids, thank you for your active participation in the life of our church.



WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS!

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| Lorilyn | Ryan |
| Nathan | Brittany |
| Carolyn | Martha |
| Sherrie | Lynne |
| Elizabeth | SarahJean |
| Patty | Brooke |
| | Christa |



JESUS SAID " I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"



UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Church Nativity & Advent 2024

DECEMBER 15 Nativity Practice After Church Noon - 1:30pm
Church Family Dinner 5Pm

DECEMBER 21 SPIRIT SATURDAY! Final Nativity Practice 10am - Noon, Lunch After

DECEMBER 22 Nativity & Kids Songs During Worship! Please arrive by 10:15am

DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve Service Merry Christmas



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH PURPOSE

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

WHAT WE DO

We serve, advocate, and strive to make a difference. We support nearly 90 national mission institutions which are community centers, schools, and residential care centers in the US. Internationally we help local women leaders and economic development programs. Every 4 years a specific focus is identified for advocacy. This is in addition to our ongoing work for gender and racial justice and for oppressed and dispossessed communities.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2024-2025

- Dec. 4, 2024: Unit Meeting, Christmas Covered Dish, 12:00pm, Ladies Only
- Dec. 14, 2024: Cookies, Crafts, and More, 9:00am – Noon
- Jan. 8, 2025: Executive Committee, 1:00pm, Library
Unit Meeting, 2:00pm, GFH
- Feb. 5, 2025: Executive Committee, 1:00pm, Library
Unit Meeting, 2:00pm, GFH
- Mar. 5, 2025: Executive Committee, 1:00pm, Library
Unit Meeting, 2:00pm, GFH
- April 2, 2025: Executive Committee, 1:00pm, Library
Unit Meeting, 2:00pm, GFH
- May 6, 2025: Spring Basement Sale, 8:00am – 8:00pm, GFH
- June 4, 2025: Unite Covered Dish Picnic, 12:00pm, Guests Invited, location TBD



United
Women
in Faith



UWF just had our November unit meeting on November 13. Naomi Lynch and a friend guided us in making elves for a shelf. They will be for sale at our Cookies, Crafts, and More sale December 14 from 9 am to Noon. We also voted to send \$2,000 to UMCOR for hurricane relief. Barb Loftis, acting treasurer, reported she paid the remainder due to Upshur Parish House of the \$3,000 we budget for their support. All budgeted items have now been paid except staff Christmas gifts and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. They will be paid in December. December will be busy for the group. Our covered dish lunch for ladies only will be December 4 at noon in Godwin Fellowship Hall. Check your email for more details. We'll discuss plans and help with Cookies, Crafts, and More. Sign up sheets will be available on our table in Linger Hall after Thanksgiving. Please plan to bake whatever you can. Other people in addition to members of the group are welcome to get involved in whatever way they wish. Our January unit meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month, January 8, at 2 pm., allowing us to recover from Christmas and New Year's. Autumn Crisp will give our program, "Religions of the Civil War Battlefields".

United Methodist Women in Faith

Christmas

COOKIES, CRAFTS & MORE

Cookies & Candy \$8/lb

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 14TH | 9AM-12N

52 South Florida Street
First United Methodist Church -
Godwin Fellowship Hall

Come One, Come All!

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Presented by the Chancel Choir and
Congregation of First United Methodist
Church

Dec. 15th at 10:45am

Sunday Morning Worship

CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

15 DECEMBER, 2024

ARRIVE AT 5:00PM
MEAL BEING S AT 5:30PM

CHURCH WILL PROVIDE MEAT,
VEGETABLES, POTATOES, DRINKS,
AND BREAD

BRING YOUR FAVORITE COVERED
DISH!

52 S. Florida Street, Buckhannon, WV

Blue Christmas

Candlelight Service
Thursday, December 19
7:00-8:00 PM
Main Sanctuary


A gentle service of quiet
music, prayer, scripture, and
candle lighting for those who
are grieving or struggling
with the Christmas season.





You are invited to help decorate our sanctuary with live poinsettias for our Christmas Eve service. This year we are offering red and white plants. You may order a poinsettia in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or simply to the Glory of God. The cost will be \$25 per plant. Please fill out the slip included in The Link newsletter. Put the slip in an envelope along with a check made out to FUMC and place it in the offering plate; or bring/send it to the church office no later than

December 11th.




You are invited to help to adorn our sanctuary with live poinsettias for the Christmas season. The cost will be \$25 per plant. Please fill out the form below, with a check made out to FUMC and place it in the offering plate or bring it or send it to the church office (52 S. Florida St.) no later than December 11th.

NAME OF DONOR-----| WOULD LIKE TO ORDER: Circle: RED
WHITE

___ PLANT(S) IN HONOR OF -----

___ PLANT(S) IN MEMORY OF: -----

___ PLANT(S) GIVEN FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.



Thank you for the cards, calls, food, messages, and prayers during Martha's recent surgery and recovery. Her most recent scan is Good News. You lifted our spirits and reminded us once again just how very blessed we are to have all of you as our Church family.

Grace and peace, Steve and Martha