

**Our Mission:**

- Minister to people where they are;
- Equip disciples on the journey;
- Glorify God in all things

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# VISIONS

THE NEWSLETTER OF FORREST BURDETTE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



What an exciting year 2016 has been at Forrest Burdette!

The excitement is something about which we all can cheer. After a ceremonial Ground Breaking in May, construction finally began in July on the \$3.4 million addition of the middle-school size gymnasium, 13 new classrooms, new secure entrance for COM, an elevator, and needed kitchen renovations. Each day I see additional steel and block work. I appreciate Foreman Thomas Copley and the work crew who have been faithful to work in the cold weather.

You have also been faithful. To date, over \$525,000 of the \$1,025,000 pledges has been received. Those who made initial pledges contributed regularly, and some persons who did not make pledges in the fall, 2015, have begun to make contributions. Over 44% of the total construction cost has been received. Money in hand has enabled us to forestall accessing the bank construction loan and paying interest.

I greatly appreciate your patience with the short term limited parking problem. The green vested parking lot greeters before the 11 a.m. service have been a big help. I am grateful to those who have found alternative parking places near the church, thus freeing up spaces in the parking lot for those who arrive later. This will just be a challenge for a while. I am grateful for the construction workers who keep the alley open as much as possible on the weekends.

Like you, I look forward to the completion in the fall. God is in our midst doing great things through you. You can be proud of what your church is accomplishing and the future generations that will be blessed because of your financial commitment and sacrifice for the Kingdom here in Hurricane. That is the promise, and we are seeing the steel and block fruit! You have been “blessed to be a blessing”.

Grace & freedom,

*Ellis*

**January Worship**

**Sundays: 8:30 A.M. Traditional & 11:00 A.M. Blended**

**January 1**, Epiphany Sunday/Covenant Sunday/Communion  
*One combined service at 10:00 a.m.; no Sunday School*  
Titus 2:11-14 “Thank You Notes”

**January 8**, Baptism of the Lord, Service of Baptismal Renewal  
Matthew 3:13-17 “Reunion of the Rescued”

**January 15**, Human Relations Day  
John 1:29-42 “Come and See”

**January 22**, I Corinthians 1:10-18 “The Run-Flat Church”

**January 29**, Micah 6:1-8 “From Great to Good”



## FORREST BURDETTE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### 2017 BUDGET SUMMARY

**\$721,016** (rounded percentages equal only 99%)

**Mission Giving and Outreach** **\$151,746** **21%**

Connectional giving is giving to the West Virginia Annual Conference to support United Methodist Ministries on a world worldwide basis, including the Midland South District, CDOM, WV Conference, Ministerial Educations Fund, Africa University, and the Black College Fund, 6 conference mission projects, 5 campus pastors, West Virginia Wesleyan, and local ministries such as the Community Cupboard. (This figure does not include any of the general giving that our congregations makes through special offerings and designed gifts throughout the year.)

**Paid Church Staff** **\$312,570** **43%**

Salaries for the Pastor, Associate Pastor, Administrative Assistant, Youth Director, Children's Director, Treasurer/Business Manager, Choir Director, Accompanist, Daytime Custodian, and Nursery Workers.

**Church Office Administration** **\$23,100** **3%**

Church office expenses include office equipment maintenance, office supplies and paper, postage for the monthly newsletter and other mailings, office internet expenses, offering envelopes, and all the incidentals included in running an efficient church office.

**Local Church Ministry** **\$63,300** **9%**

Local Church Ministries include evangelism, membership care, Wednesday dinners, adult ministries, Sunday School curriculum, youth ministries, college and career ministries, children's ministries, music ministries, worship, marketing, special events, and delegates to Annual Conference.

**Local Church Operating and Maintenance** **\$145,300** **20%**

This section of the budget covers church and parsonage utilities, general maintenance for the church and parsonage, insurance, city fire fees as well as maintenance for the piano, fire alarm, heating/air conditioning maintenance, snow removal, evening custodial contract, and van replacement.

**Capital Expenditures** **\$25,000** **3%**

Church and parsonage capital expenditures beyond normal general maintenance.

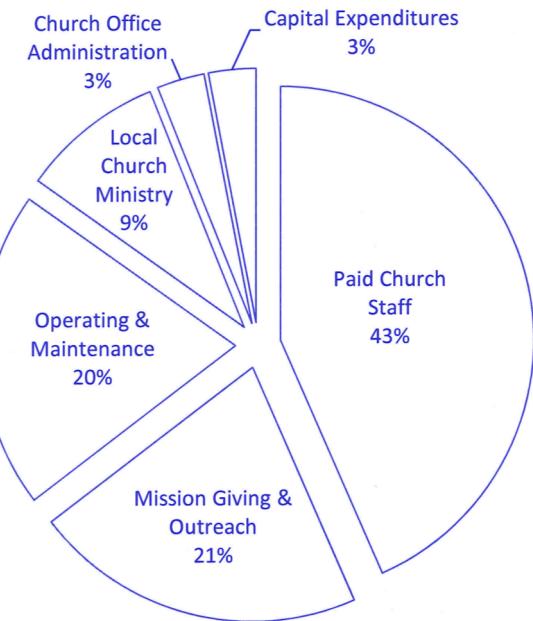
*Thank you for your financial support of the church in 2016.*

*We were able to meet all our financial obligations in full.*

*You are a generous congregation that meets the financial challenges of  
our general budget and the building campaign!*

*Rest assured that your tithes and offerings will be put to good use  
as we continue to be "blessed to be a blessing".*

*Copies of the new 2017 budget are available in the church office.*



## JEREMY DANIELS ASSOCIATE PASTOR, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

January kicks off a New Year; a New Year also kicks off a New Schedule for FBUTH! Sundays are High School Nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesdays are Middle School Night from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We're having a College Student Lunch on Thursday, January 5, @ noon at Fat Patty's in Teays Valley. Please join us!

Our Winter Retreat deadline has passed, but we do have a limited amount of spots left that will be given on a first come, first served basis by January 4. There is a \$70.00 fee due ASAP which covers ticket, transportation, and hotel accommodations. We will meet at the church Friday, January 20th, and leave @ 1:00 p.m., and return late Sunday, January 22nd. We will be headed to Pigeon Forge, TN, for the Resurrection Youth 2017 Conference. <http://resurrectionyouth.com/> for more information.

## TRACI DUNMIRE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
2 Corinthians 5:17*



Greetings to the Church Family of Forrest Burdette! COM wishes you a new year filled with many blessings! COM will be closed January 2nd. On January 3rd, COM will be ringing in the new year with a celebration during devotion. Students and staff will be making bracelets and learning some new songs in celebration of the coming year. All COM programs will be open January 13th & 16th. We look forward to another month of fun and learning!

## JAYNÉ KIRK DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

*Happy New Year!*

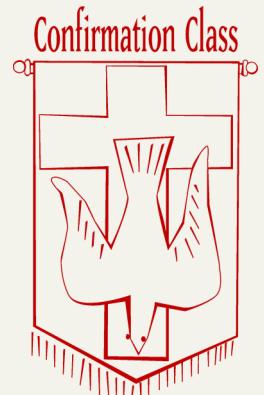
Wednesday evening COOL Club is back! It's a great time to join us as we start to work on new projects and new lessons. We have classes for Preschool, Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We would love to see your smiling faces; and invite your friends and neighbors to join us!



Vacation Bible School preparations are beginning soon! Please, contact Jayné if you are interested in helping; June 25-30.

### YOUTH MEMBERSHIP/ CONFIRMATION CLASS 6TH GRADE & UP

LED BY  
DR. ELLIS CONLEY  
AND  
JEREMY DANIELS



BEGINS FEBRUARY 5, 2017

CALL JEREMY TO REGISTER.  
(304) 389-7559

## CHURCH LEADERS MEETING

Sunday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Expected to attend include: Church Council, Finance, Staff-Parish, Trustees, Mission Outreach, Nominations & Lay Leadership, COM Board, Building Committee

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

2017 offering envelopes were mailed to those who did not pick them up at the church. If you did not receive offering envelopes and would like a set to aid in your systematic giving, please contact the church office.



## PIPE SOUNDS PRESENTS

The next Pipe Sounds program will feature the silent movie "Hot Water" starring Harold Lloyd on Friday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. We are excited to welcome back R. Jelani Eddington as our guest organist for this event. Adults \$10; students & children free. *Save the date!*



**Wednesday Night Groups**  
**Beginning January 4, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

**Chris Clark – Back to Basics IV: The End of the Story** Part 4 of the 4-part Back to Basics series which covers the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. In

this final class we will cover Eschatology, or the last things, which the Bible proclaims in both the Old and New Testaments will take place culminating with the second coming of Jesus Christ and the events surrounding this.

**Ellis & Julie Conley – The Wesleyan Way: A Faith that Matters** by Bishop Scott J. Jones (\$10) This 8-week study responds to the most pressing issues of life and faith, drawing on scripture and Christian tradition while featuring authentic stories from individuals on journeys of faith.

**Debby Cunningham – The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul** by Adam Hamilton (\$13) This is the story of the Apostle Paul, whose writings have shaped the lives of one-third of the world's population, a man second only to Jesus in his influence on Christian faith, and whose witness defines what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

**Ron Delph – Using Your Spiritual Gifts: Equipped to Serve, Engaged in Serving** by Eddie Rasnake (see Ron for book price) *Using Your Spiritual Gifts* is a probing study that will challenge readers to examine their spiritual health. The foundation of the study is built on the promise that all Christians are to be fruitful and productive in their walk with God. Part of being fruitful comes by knowing how to bear fruit—the fruit of the Spirit.

**Don Gatewood/The Chapel – Is This the End?** by Dr. David Jeremiah The purpose of this book study is to step back from the trees and take a look at the forest, to swap our daily micro view that we get from the media and take a macroview of what is happening in the world.



**Uth Middle School** will meet Wednesdays downstairs from 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Uth High School** will meet Sundays downstairs from 6:30-8:00 p.m. *Games, Food, Fellowship and Jesus Christ.*

**Children** – Wednesday COOL Kids is a time of fun, music, and growing! Jump into “Living Inside Out” where kids learn how the Bible can help them every day. Three classes make learning easy for little ones: Preschool (age 2+); K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade; and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. In Kids Choir,

children learn songs and praise God through music. Come join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.! Nursery for under 2's is provided.



**Ellis Conley – Midweek Daytime Bible Study**

Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m., begins Jan. 4 Genesis (study guide available, \$13)

**Kyle Goode – Circle of Friends**

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., begins January 12

What Women Fear: Walking in Faith that Transforms by Angie Smith (\$11) Whether it's a constant “What if?” type of worry, being afraid of abandonment or betrayal, fear of trusting God's plan, or many others encountered in the rhythm of our daily lives, Angie walks you through stories of others who have simultaneously loved God and struggled with faith.... Discover how to redeem this struggle as only God can.



**Dates and Time** – We will kick off our Wednesday evening programs on January 4th and will conclude on April 26th (except for Wednesday, March 1st, Ash Wednesday). Dinner will begin each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m., and programs will start at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m.

**Registration** – You may register for classes at the Connection Center in the Narthex, through the church office, 304-562-5903, or just show up!

**Dinner** – Dinner is served from 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. Reservations may be made the week before, on the preceding Sunday, or up to noon Monday through the church office. Adults \$6, Children (under 12) \$5; no family pays more than \$20.

**Cancellation Policy** – All Wednesday evening programs will be canceled when Putnam Co. Schools are closed for the day due to inclement weather or issue an early release due to inclement weather. Evening events will continue as scheduled if there is a two-hour weather delay. Wednesday morning Bible Study will be cancelled if there is a two-hour weather delay or school is cancelled for weather.



*Have you remembered your church  
 in your will?*

## HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Human Relations Day, the Sunday (Jan. 15, 2017) before the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs. Your Jan. 15th bulletin will contain a special envelope for this offering.

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Cupboard stocks are low for several popular items. We have an immediate need for the following:

- Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruits (Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail)
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Stove Top Stuffing Mix
- Cake Mix and Frosting
- Crackers
- Pancake Mix and Pancake Syrup
- Oatmeal

Thanks for spreading the word!

## CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Heart & Hand Putnam County received Christmas applications for 304 children in 147 families this year. Our heartfelt thanks to Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church members for sponsoring so many of these families and children! On Christmas morning the families will experience the joy in the eyes of the children and give thanks for the love and support of their family's sponsor.



*Vicki Ballengee*

*CDOM Executive Director*

## BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Through 12/26/16

Total Construction Bid	\$3,380,735
Building Fund Receipts to Date	\$542,521
Building Costs Paid to Date	\$679,674
Building Funds on Hand	\$819,795

## CHURCH RECORD

Welcome Emerson Ruth Gibson, born to Justin & Kelly Gibson. Maternal grandparents are Bob & Ruth Blankenship. Recently baptized was Sophia Kay Richmond, daughter of Michael & Rebecca Richmond. New members Jeffrey & Natalie Elkins were received. Christian sympathy is extended to the families of Marshall Lee Cremeans, Darrell Lee Allen, and Anita Louise Jordan. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Choir director and friend Dr. Larry Stickler passed away on Dec. 23. Although too short, we are thankful for our time with Larry. Our prayers are with his wife Cindy.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sundays

- 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (*resumes Jan. 22*)
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. High School Uth (*starting Jan. 8*)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship in the Chapel (*resumes Jan. 8*)
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group (*resumes Jan. 8*)

### Mondays

- 9:30 a.m. Preventicare
- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Men's Group
- 6:30 p.m. Emmaus Women's Reunion
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 236
- 6:30 p.m. Fourth week: Putnam Piece Makers
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 236
- 8:00 p.m. AA

### Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m. Third week: Ruth Byrd Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Second & Fourth weeks: Y.A.H. Quilters
- 6:30 p.m. Hooks & Needles
- 6:30 p.m. First & Third weeks: Girl Scout Troop 8317
- 7:00 p.m. First week: United Methodist Women
- 7:00 p.m. Second & Fourth weeks: Civic Chorus

### Wednesdays

- 9:30 a.m. Preventicare
- 10:45 a.m. Midweek Morning Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. First week: We Care
- 12:00 p.m. Second week: Wesley Circle
- 5:15 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Small Groups
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School Uth
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band Practice

### Thursdays

- 10:00 a.m. Circle of Friends (*resumes Jan. 12*)
- 12:00 p.m. Third week: JOY Fellowship Covered Dish Lunch
- 6:00 p.m. ACDS
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Fridays

- 9:30 a.m. Preventicare
- 7:00-9:30 p.m. Third week: Uth Gaming Ministry

### Saturdays

- 7:30 a.m. Emmaus Prayer Group
- 10:00 a.m. Third week: Salvation Army Soup Kitchen

### Upcoming Special Events

- Jan. 1—Combined Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., no classes
- Jan. 5—Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 8—Church Leaders Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 20-22—Resurrection Youth 2017 Conference
- Jan. 22—Reaching New People, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 24—Christian Community Cupboard Board, 4:00 p.m.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

1 Natalie Neville  
 2 Chris Clark, Kathryn Courtright, Carol Duncan, Michael Kinneer, Butch McCoy, Mark Stutler, Elizabeth Whitten  
 3 Don Gatewood, Beth Krall, Ashley McCann, Isaac Vance  
 5 Jackie Alexander, Billie DeLung, Cathy Keeler  
 6 Keith Midkiff  
 7 Seth Bowers, Brittany Bowie, Anna Caldwell, Gene Lewis, Tom Plumley  
 8 Terri Brookshire, Curtis Ferguson  
 9 Leigh Anna Bennett, Shannon Lawman, Hilda Mynes  
 10 Lois Brewer, Bob Sauvageot  
 11 Sara Davis, Joshua Johnson, Brent Nelson, Mary Smith, Jennifer York  
 12 Megan Fisher, Cindy Hinshaw, Logan Jackson, Sam Keeling, Jennifer Romeo, Doug Ward, Lauren Ward  
 13 Josh Campbell, Julie Cremeans, Nelda Hogan, Drew Johnson, Josh Shaffer  
 14 Tiffany Bryan, Frances Meredith  
 15 Hannah Courtney, Jozee Johnson, Brad Sergent, Alisa Spiker  
 16 Susan Caldwell, Mikki Larch  
 17 Angie Hill, Katelyn Huggins, Jim Sovine, Brenda Warner  
 18 Adam Harshbarger, Ben Totten  
 19 Madison Bucher, Harris Coulter, Coy Mullins  
 20 Madeline Brumfield, Idale Buskirk, Riley Coulter, Taylor Haney, Wayne Rooper  
 21 Thomas Jones, Tammy Lawhon, Margaret Logan

22 Katy Limanen  
 23 Catherine Clark, Laura Harrison, Joann Walker  
 24 Bruce Duncan, Kevin Mullins, Olivia Newhouse, Gerry Simmons  
 25 Arlene Hale, Dean Martin, Lola Vance  
 26 John Bowie, Mandy Crawford, Don Jacobs, Scott Riedel, Dan Russell, Andy Wendel  
 27 David McBrayer, John Neville, Laura Stewart, Hunter Vance  
 28 Casey Smith  
 29 Jim Vealey  
 30 Gene Quentrill  
 31 Angie Banning, Maxine Birt, Roby Jividen, Katlin Swisher

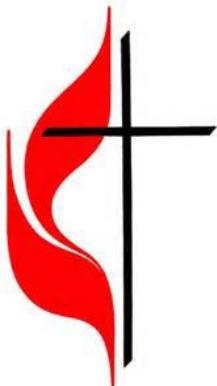
**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**

3 Reg & Jennifer Hart	27 Tim & Becky Landin
18 Mike & Suzy Richardson	29 Ray & Jean Herman
20 Jack & Geneva McGinnis	29 Bill & Kristina Painter
23 Larry & Kathryn Courtright	31 Carl & Penny Bailey

\*\* Birthdays and anniversaries are generated from our church database. Please call the office if you are not listed (304-562-5903).

**VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS**

**Monday:** a.m. Rosemary Cook; p.m. Priscilla Simmons  
**Tuesday:** a.m. Priscilla Simmons; p.m. Open  
**Wednesday:** a.m. Karen Lilly; p.m. Open  
**Thursday:** a.m. Hilda Mynes; p.m. Open  
**Friday:** a.m. Donna Varian



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