

March 2021



**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



**Ed Grant, Senior Pastor**

I am very excited to invite you to return to Forrest Burdette Memorial UMC for in-person worship, starting this Sunday (March 7), at 10:30 a.m. We will continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing at this time, but at least we will be together again. Of course, we will continue to live stream the service each week for those who cannot attend for any reason.

It is our hope and prayer that over the next several weeks we can do even more, including reopening our Sunday School, resume Bible studies, and as numbers increase, go back to our regular schedule of services and a host of other things. None of this is going to happen overnight, but our hope is to gradually phase in as much as we can while maintaining the safety of everyone who attends.

It's going to take time, but it's time to start rebuilding the church. It's time for everyone to come home and be with family and friends who love and care for one another. The people of Forrest Burdette are truly special people. From the first day I walked in the door, I felt love and I saw faith being witnessed to in so many ways. I for one have missed seeing you and getting to know you as I would have liked. I fully understand that some of you will not yet be ready to return for a host of reasons. Be assured you remain in our prayers. But, if you are ready to rejoin us, I truly look forward to seeing you.



*God bless! Ed*

## Easter Sunday Worship Services — April 4, 2021 8:30 a.m. ♦ 10:00 a.m. ♦ 11:30 a.m.

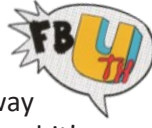
We are requesting that anyone planning to attend our in-person worship services on **Easter Sunday, April 4**, please make a reservation with the church. There are three services being offered that day to give everyone options and to promote safety: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. The services will be identical. To reserve your spots, please contact the church office, or click the online reservation link in the weekly E-Connection.

We hope you will come home and join us this Easter!



## Jeremy Daniels, Associate Pastor Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Our monthly **Service Saturday** is March 13! We will meet at the church to ride together at 9:30 a.m. and head to Heart & Hand Thrift Store in So. Charleston, where we will work from 10:00 a.m.—noon, with a lunch stop on the way home. This is a great time serving together, and it's available for YOUTH of ALL AGES ;)



RESCHEDULED: Join us on Sunday, March 14, from 6—8 p.m., for a night of giving back. We will be packing Backpack Buddy Bags as well as having food and fun. Social distancing and mask guidelines still apply.



## Cathy Daley, Director Children's Outreach Ministries (COM)

Hello, everyone. Thanks so much for all you do for us here at COM. We are very appreciative of the space we occupy and the consideration we are given. We could not do what we do for the children in our care if it was not for your generosity and support.



We are now enrolling our 4-year-old public Pre-K program for next fall. If you know of any 4-year-olds going into Pre-K in Putnam County who are not yet signed up for a school, please have them go to the Putnam County Schools website and list us as their first choice for a Pre-K program. We would love to have them join us.



Thanks again for providing a space for us to serve God's children and their families.

## Jayné Kirk, Director of Children & Family Ministries

I am so excited to see people in church this month! Hopefully, we will be able to get back to small groups soon. Please be patient as we focus on the safety of our families. And please remember to wear your masks and social distance as we gather in worship.



Calling Kids, Youth, and Families! I have a couple different **video projects**, and I need your help. We are making a video for Holy Week and another video for Operation Christmas Child. If you want to be creative and make fun videos let me know. It won't be quite like the Christmas play, meaning it's LESS complicated. Let me know if your children or family want to help.

**Vacation Bible School: It's happening.** Mark your calendars for the week of **June 20-26**. We might make it a shorter experience, but nothing can stop us from sharing God's love. We will need your help as we make some adjustments to the Children and Family Ministries' largest outreach event of the year. If you have questions or are willing to help, please let me know so you can join us on a quest for the King's Armor as Knights of the North Castle.



"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power." Ephesians 6:10

### GROW AT HOME — March 2021 Blueprints Series

**WEEK 1:** This week, kids learn about how **Jesus cleared the temple** and talked about God's plan for people.

**THE BIBLE:** John 2:13-22; Psalm 19:7-11

**THE BIG IDEA:** God's plans are perfect.

**WEEK 2:** This week, kids learn that God sent Jesus because **God loved the world so much**.

**THE BIBLE:** John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:4-10

**THE BIG IDEA:** Love is the foundation of God's plans.

**WEEK 3:** This week, kids learn that **Jesus brought glory to God** by obeying God.

**THE BIBLE:** John 12:20-33; Hebrews 5:7-9

**THE BIG IDEA:** Jesus said yes to God's plans.

**WEEK 4:** This week, kids learn about **Jesus entering Jerusalem** on a donkey.

**THE BIBLE:** Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:19-29

**THE BIG IDEA:** I am included in God's plans.

### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Scouts BSA Troop 236, chartered by Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, announces the **Eagle Scout Court of Honor** for

*Aiden Joseph Bernard*

Son of Joseph & Amber Bernard

Sunday, March 7th, 2:00PM  
Winfield Baptist Church  
(12902 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia)

Masks are required.  
A reception will follow the ceremony.



## From the Church Record

Congratulations to Michael & Jana (Herman) Linsenmeyer on the birth of Magnolia "Maggie" Jane, February 26, 2021. Maggie was 7 lbs., 5 oz., and 19.5". Also, congratulations to Jimmy & Candi Conaway on the birth of Cooper James, February 27, 2021. Cooper was 8 lbs., 21".



## Notes & Thanks

Thank you for all of the expressions of sympathy to us during Jack's illness and death. The cards, food, and kind words were so comforting. God bless each of you.

—Linda Gibson and Family

## Quilting has Resumed

Ruth Byrd Circle and the Young At Heart Quilters are now meeting in Byrd Hall every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. to work on their ongoing projects. If you like to sew and are able to safely share some time and your talents, you are welcome! Questions? Contact Karen Lilly at 304-562-9241.



## Assistance with Signing Up for the COVID 19 Vaccination

If anyone is having difficulty or needs assistance registering on the COVID 19 Registration site, please call the church office to let us know. One of our members, Megan Peterson, has volunteered to help you register. Just let us know and we will pass your contact information on to Megan. Thank you, Megan, for your willingness to serve in this important way!

## Little Free Library

Just a reminder that Forrest Burdette's Little Free Library, located in the grassy area by the COM covered drive, is available to you and to the community! Here are the ways you can help our library:

- Donate "gently" used books. Books for any age are appropriate
- Make a financial offering; earmark it "Little Free Library"
- Buy books directly from Scholastic online for delivery to the church (use our Class Code: W3W69)
- *Take a book; return a book!*



## Sound System Overhaul

As many of you know, we've relied heavily on technology here at the church in order to stay connected. Over the past several months, during this pandemic, it has become even harder to provide the best possible worship



experience due to the state of our current sound system. Prior to the pandemic we were in discussions with a company to replace our outdated sound system. Typical systems are good for about 10 years or so. The sound system we currently have has outlived and outperformed the normal expectations. We know that our goal as a church is to do the best with what God has called us to do, and we hope to make the church aware of our current needs.

We as a staff are confident that if the church as a whole is made aware of our needs, those needs will be met. The overall sound quality for those in person, for those who need hearing assistance devices while in person, as well as for our new internet audience, is a benefit we would be capable of providing with a new sound system. With your prayers and financial support we hope to move forward by getting an updated quote with today's supply cost (the last quote we received is now over a year old). Please keep this need in your prayers, and contact Pastor Ed or myself to discuss ways in which you can help.

—Pastor Jeremy

## Operation Christmas Child

Progress on the OCC Packing Party is well underway. Packets have been sent out, with instructions and supplies to complete at home: necklaces, dresses, and cards. Call Beth for your packet, 304-542-0601. Join us in Byrd Hall at noon, Thursdays, to cut fabric and prepare more dress packets. Experience the joy of being part of God's work. It all begins with you.



### 4 Ways to Observe Lent

*It's not too late to start a new practice*

**Give It Up:** Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships. Maybe cut out screen usage for several hours a day. Take a day of true rest: let go of toil for 24 hours.

**Plug In:** Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God. Read a book of the Bible or a devotional on a daily basis.

**Serve:** Start a new routine of service. Volunteer regularly as an academic mentor, step up to volunteer in a local church, or visit a nursing home where such visits are allowed.

**Share It:** Make it a communal event where it is safe to do so. Share your Lent practices with others via a small group and/or by attending worship.

# LENT

## March Birthdays:

- 1 Patricia Dille, Jeff Fenerty, Dory Philyaw
- 2 Pam Matson
- 3 Addley Marinacci, Leah Veit
- 4 Bridget Bradley, Jim Cunningham
- 5 Jennifer Billups, John Clark, Darren Fearing, Terry Hanning, Ally Hinshaw Holmes, Alicia Hinshaw McWatters, Braylan Hutchison, Bob Roberts, Greenlee Williams
- 6 Tene Barcroft, Josh Imhoff, Tim Landin, Toni Soto
- 7 Candy Call, Jeff Harbour, Jennifer Marinacci
- 8 Joe Bailey, Carrie Parsons, Mark Peterson, Jan Ramey, Sheila Treadway
- 9 Faye Brinkman, Alan Carlstrom, Jill Gilbert, Sam Holdren, Cameron Kimble, Cathy McClanahan
- 10 Terry Floyd, Scott Ramey, Tim Stanley
- 11 Brittany Cochran, Shannon Dean, Bryan Larch
- 12 Linda Anders, Jim Swan, Lisa Vance, Doug Ward
- 13 Marvin Lively, Dakota Rice
- 14 Sierra Fisher, Tristan Rice, Sandee Simms, Lori Sublett
- 15 Lily Haught, Olivia Haught, Reece James
- 16 Caleb Bowers, Jason Haught, Lindsay Jones
- 17 Emily Hall, Sandra Turley
- 18 Christopher Clark, Caroline Harris, Ezra Scott
- 19 *No birthdays today*
- 20 Warren Faulkner, Brad Patterson

- 21 Sue Bennett, Dustin Fisher, Skip Nitardy, Justin Williams
- 22 Liam Anderson, Phyllis Payne, Kimberly Slappe, Morgan Sword
- 23 Karla Atkins, Judy Clendenin, Alex Cremeans, Terri Stull
- 24 Jan Browne, Miranda Kimble, Susan McCracken, Penny Nelon
- 25 Trevor Cunningham, Willa Elkins, Jeff Given, John Marra, Cathy Ray, Shannon Warden
- 26 Chris Howat
- 27 Emily Cartwright, Shawn Sette
- 28 Natalie Elkins, Dean Huffman, Ed Smith
- 29 Ellis Conley, Sam Sentelle
- 30 Bob Brinkman, Jessica Jarvis, Elizabeth Lawhon
- 31 *No birthdays today*



## March Anniversaries:

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| 2 Sherman & Pat Burlingame | 21 Mitchell & Laura Fitzgerald |
| 8 Maurice & Billie DeLung  | 27 Tom & Linda Hankins         |
| 13 Mike & Donna Barnhouse  | 31 Randy & Sandra Mayhew       |
| 17 Shawn & Jennifer Sette  | 31 Scott & Sarah Warner        |

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

**Have you remembered the church in your will?**



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