

**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



Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Although this is first time we have lived in Hurricane, it feels as if we have come home. Part of it is geographic; we grew up in Huntington. I have had many occasions to be in Huntington since I started at Forrest Burdette. Through visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and funerals, I have driven by where we used to live and taken pictures of our old houses (and sent them to my sister in Arlington, TX, and my brother in NYC); visited my parents and grandparents' graves; eaten in downtown Huntington and at Frostop Drive-In (where I worked in high school); and shopped at the Huntington Mall. As I travelled around Huntington, I was flooded with many memories from childhood and my teen years. It felt good! We also lived in Charleston from 1987-1992, and Judi has had an office in the United Methodist Conference Center since January 2002. Judi has a sister who lives in Charleston. Since we have been in and out of Charleston throughout the years, it doesn't have the same nostalgic pull as our renewed acquaintance with Huntington. However, I have walked by our old parsonage in Charleston which is one block from CAMC Memorial. I fondly recall that Rachel was born in Memorial and Connor in Women and Children's Hospital. It feels like home, too.

Since moving to Teays Valley and Hurricane and becoming a part of Forrest Burdette we have felt like we are home. Coming home feels good! I have met with the mayor, city manager, assistant city manager, and police chief, and they all expressed their appreciation for Forrest Burdette and welcomed me to our new town. I have joined the Putnam County Rotary Club and worked at the City Festival. We have enjoyed going to high school events such as the MSAC Cross Country championship and experienced a Friday night football game with new friends and cheered on the dance team, band, cheerleaders, and football team. Last night Judi and I dressed up and joined many of you for Trunk-or-Treat. We feel like we are home!

A special part of being home is Forrest Burdette and being part of the family of God that finds its spiritual center through the ministries and worship of Forrest Burdette. As we move into the holidays our worship theme is based on "**Coming Home**". The first three weeks in November we will celebrate **Coming Home: To God, To our Past, and for Thanksgiving**. The first week is All Saints Sunday where will remember those members from our spiritual home who have gone to their eternal home. In the second, I will portray Bishop Francis Asbury, the first Methodist bishop. The third will be our Thanksgiving celebration. The last Sunday of the month will be the beginning of Advent. Our theme will transition to "**Coming Home for Christmas**". I encourage you to be a part of our emphasis on **Coming Home** by returning to church if you have not yet been back since the pandemic started. We continue to take precautions to make the experience as safe as possible. We will also continue to offer our worship online for those who are away, unable to attend, or need to stay home for health reasons.

Welcome home! Joe





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

Saturday, November 13 is our next Fall Service Saturday. We meet at the church at 9:30 a.m., and head up to South Charleston to work with our friends at Heart & Hand Thrift Store from 10-12 noon before stopping for a bite to eat on our way home. All are welcome.

Go ahead and mark your calendars for an event happening next month as well. Our annual Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange is happening on Sunday, December 12, from 6:30-8:00! Please keep your gift at/under \$15 to make it fair for everyone.

Music Ministry News



The choir is singing through the Advent/Christmas Season! It will be a joy to hear voices singing in the sanctuary to celebrate the coming of our Savior. Come and rehearse with us at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 18 and Dec. 2, 9, & 16. Handbells will begin weekly practices on Nov. 7, 5:00 p.m. Join us!

Resignation & Position Opening

We celebrate, appreciate, and thank Stephanie Mills for her ministry as our Treasurer/Business Manager upon her request to transition out of that position. We want to thank her for her service and rejoice in her continued ministry with the youth. She will serve as treasurer until her replacement has been hired and trained. If you know of someone who would be interested in this part time position, please contact Annette Cartwright or Pastor Joe.

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

COM is still going strong. We are seeing so much need for childcare services in the community. There are half as many children on our waiting list as we have enrolled, and that is a hardship for many families. The dedication and caring shown by those who are here for the children has been amazing and so very much appreciated. The support the church gives us is wonderful, and we could not serve the children and families we do without it. Please continue to keep all of our families, children, and staff in your prayers, along with the community parents and children as they are still navigating some challenging times.



Jayné Kirk, Director Children & Family Ministries



I want to say a big "Thank you!" to all the people who came out on a dark and stormy night to bless our community for Trunk-or-Treat! The rain didn't stop the smiles on the faces of the kids who came and the gratitude of their families. Thank you for shining your light and your creativity, and pray that planted seeds will grow through the light we shared.

We'd love to see you on Sunday mornings for Sunday School (9:15) and Children's Church (10:30) and Wednesday evenings for FB Kids JAM (6:30).

During this month of thankfulness, I want to express my appreciation and thanks for all the volunteers that keep our Children's Ministries running. I couldn't do it without you!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: I Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)
Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

THE TEAYS VALLEY MINISTERIAL
ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO THE
PUTNAM COUNTY

*Thanksgiving
Community Service*

HONORING OUR
FIRST RESPONDERS
Special Speaker- Cameron Temple
Teays Valley Community Church

November 18, 7:00 P.M.
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Please bring a snack to place in baskets for
First Responders

Holiday Worship Series:

Coming Home and Coming Home for Christmas

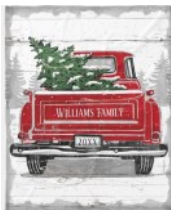
Join us for our worship series centered around "Coming Home"! The first three weeks in November celebrate All Saints, our past, and Thanksgiving. The second series is "Coming Home for Christmas", and we get to meet the entire family: Zechariah & Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, the Angels, the baby born on Christmas, the shepherds, Anna & Simeon, and the Magi. Please join us for worship and invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, or classmate to Come Home, too!

Date	Scripture	Title
11/7	John 14:1-6 Rev. 7:9-17	<i>Coming Home to God</i>
11/14	Psalm 121 Luke 4:16-21	<i>Coming Home to Our Past</i> (Joe will portray Bishop Asbury)
11/21	Ezra 3:10-13 Luke 17:11-19	<i>Coming Home for Thanksgiving</i>
11/28	Luke 1:5-25	<i>Coming Home for Christmas:</i> <i>A Family Gathering</i>
12/5	Luke 1:26-38	<i>Coming Home for Christmas:</i> <i>The Favored One is Picked</i>
12/12	Matthew 1:18-25	<i>Coming Home for Christmas:</i> <i>The Forgotten Relative</i>
12/19	Lk. 1:10-13, 26-28; Mt. 1:20-21; & Lk. 2:9-12	<i>Coming Home for Christmas:</i> <i>Helping Clarence Get His Wings</i>
12/24 7, 11pm	Luke 2:1-20	<i>Coming Home for Christmas:</i> <i>Being Born on Christmas</i>
12/26	Luke 2:8-20	<i>Coming Home for Christmas:</i> <i>Expecting Company</i>
1/2	Luke 2:22-38	<i>Coming Home for Christmas:</i> <i>Going to Church</i>
1/9	Matthew 2:1-12	<i>Coming Home for Christmas:</i> <i>Bringing Gifts</i>



Angel Tree

Look for the Angel Tree in the Narthex starting Sunday, November 14, along with instructions on what gifts to purchase for the children we are responsible for this year. If you are unable to pick out an Angel in person, please contact Karen White at the church office (304-562-5903) to request one be mailed to you. Or, if you prefer not to shop for an Angel, you can adopt one and the Angel Tree Coordinators would be happy to shop for you! Remember to mark your giving to the "Angel Tree". **All gifts (unwrapped) are due back at the church by December 12.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or text either JoAnn Kennedy (304-561-7100) or Lisa Fawcett (304-539-2860). The Mission Outreach Team thanks you for your continued support of this program!



Would you like to paint a Christmas truck? Come out on Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., or Monday, Nov. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. to paint a red truck with a Christmas tree in the back. You can personalize your truck as you wish. There is a pattern for the truck, so it will be easy to do. All supplies are provided, and no talent is required! Instructor Julie Conley will walk you through each step. Cost \$20, with proceeds to the building fund. Call Julie to reserve your place, 304-614-3980, or email juliaconley1021@gmail.com.



Fall Festival Coming Right Up!

Plan now to attend the Fall Festival with arts, crafts, vendors, books, hot dogs, barbeques, and lots of goodies as well as the Country Store items!

Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is the 51st year of the arts and crafts event which began with crafts made by women of the church. Over the years, there have been changes and additions to make the Festival bigger and better! Come and shop and fellowship with others!

Volunteers are needed to set up the book sale on Friday (3 p.m.) and to assist in the kitchen on Saturday.

Decorating the Church & Sanctuary for "Coming Home for Christmas"

We will be decorating the church and sanctuary immediately following the Sunday morning worship service on **November 21st**. We need as many helpers as possible to get the church ready for Advent and Christmas. A light lunch will be provided for the decorating elves. We need people to carry boxes, assemble trees, string lights, trim the trees, climb ladders, and decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and church so we are ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent which is November 28th.



Thanksgiving Day Dinner: Nov. 25

We will be having the Thanksgiving Day Dinner again this year! Turkey, ham, and mashed potatoes will be provided. If possible, bring a covered dish of your specialty to share. We will gather and eat at 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. This year, we ask that you sign up at the Connection Center or call the church to give us an estimated number to prepare for.



—Jill Gilbert

Operation Christmas Child

National Collection Week: November 15-22

On November 21, we will dedicate the shoeboxes from our congregation and deliver them onto the next step of their journey. Thank you for all who contributed any part of sending 300 shoebox gifts! May the Lord bless you and encourage you to know the difference you're making in the lives of children.

Families that are preparing a box of their own, remember the shipping and *The Greatest Journey* discipleship course has already been paid. The child receiving your gift would love a photo and note from you. If you want to see where the box is going, scan the QR code, and in several months you'll receive an email letting you know its destination. Questions: call Beth 304-542-0601. Pray for the global church to shine brightly in the darkness serving God and bringing the good news of the gospel.

November Birthdays:

- 1 Matt Anderson, Sarah Clegg, Vicki Jarvis, Carrel Prince, Torie Meadows Tillis
- 2 Jane Barney, Melissa Oxley, Charlie Veit, Brooke Wilson
- 3 Mike Jarvis, Beth Turley
- 4 Joe Gilmore, Ruth Anna Johnson, Scott Proffitt
- 5 Chris Casazza, Shawn Daly, Evelyn Martin, Mary Ann McClure
- 6 Beverly Jarrett, Megan Johnson
- 7 Chloe Anderson
- 8 Ted Clark, Diane Dorsey, Lessie Lawson, Jackson Lilly, Ava Slappe, Debbie Tinch
- 9 Traci Brown, Deloris Rooper, Luke Sergeant
- 10 Martha Carlstrom, Jeanie Jarvis, Maggie O'Dell, Brian Slappe
- 11 Zachary Daniels, Maria Folio, Sharon Smith
- 12 Jenna Johnson, Lois Kinneer, Joe Miller, Tristen Nesmith, Ashley Stalnaker, Sarah Stark
- 13 Ginger Dunlap, Sandra Johnson, Kierstin Marsh
- 14 Jennifer Bonham, Lorn Limanen, Kris Pyles
- 15 *No birthdays on record*
- 16 Libby Bird, Michael Brown, Sharon Jones, Debbie Milton, Patsy Neumeyer, Gary Robson
- 17 Mary Fugate, Vic Mays
- 18 Penny Bailey, Clarence Bess, Dave Blevins, Cody Dunlap, Mary Marcum, Emme Newhouse
- 19 Scott Bradley, Sarah Cartwright

- 20 *No birthdays on record*
- 21 L.D. Foster, Cassie Holdren, Terri Stanley, Natalie Sweeney
- 22 Joseph Cunningham, Jeremy Kauffman, Martin Valent, Jude Virag
- 23 Meghan Oxley
- 24 Bill Allen, Tammy Baker, Ruth Blankenship, Scarlett Bradley, John Patterson
- 25 Albert Anderson
- 26 Mike Brown, Doris Donovan, Kathie Faulknier, Addison Phillips
- 27 Kim Davis, Jacob Lilly, Angie Nesmith, Tracey Patterson, Benjamin Russell
- 28 Jack Wilson
- 29 Andy Bennett, Timmy Burlingame, Danielle Ray
- 30 Jamie Levy

November Anniversaries:

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| 1 Bob & Ruth Blankenship | 21 Jon & Claire McCoy |
| 3 Larry & Beth Embrey | 22 Dan & JoAnn Kennedy |
| 3 Butch & Debbie McCoy | 23 Clarence & Cindy Woodworth |
| 5 Bobby & Meredith Greene | 25 Tim & Joy Mitchell |
| 6 Jim & Linda Vealey | 26 Ron & Karen Delph |
| 9 Nathan & Sadie Daly | 26 Jonathan & Bailey Hill |
| 12 Jeff & Rita Given | 26 Norman & Mary Ann McClure |
| 13 Dustin & Megan Fisher | |
| 16 Keith & Pamela Smith | |
| 18 Shannon & Sara Dean | |



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



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PipeSounds Presents

Rodney Barbour

Back by popular demand with

A Holiday Concert

on the Harrah Symphonic Organ

Sunday, November 28, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Free to the Community

