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SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH OUR COMMUNITY

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VISIONS

The newsletter of
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church



Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor

School's Out!

These are words that thrill the hearts of children, teens, teachers, bus drivers, coaches, support staff, and administrators. It was in August of 2023 that this school year started. If you are 5 that is nearly 20% of your life. If you are older, it may be a smaller percentage, but still nine months of your life.

I loved school. I enjoyed being with friends, laughing, playing, and learning. As I look back on my school years, I recall a lot of joy-filled moments and, if I am realistic, times that were challenging and sometimes heartbreaking. However, I loved learning and stayed in school from kindergarten through college and theological seminary. I also went back to get my Doctor of Ministry degree. In addition to those formal experiences that led to diplomas, I have spent many years doing continuing formation, workshops, seminars, conferences, and two long-term intensive programs like the two-year offerings from the Upper Room called Companions in Ministry and the Academy for Spiritual Formation.

I am convinced that learning does not stop with a certificate, diploma, or getting a job. Our learning is lifelong! This summer gives us an opportunity to expand our learning to include new subjects and approaches to growing intellectually, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. We can take a hike on Meeks Mountain Trail, go to Valley Park and ride the waves, learn a new sport, or do something completely different from what the school year looks like.

I believe the church is a place of vital growth and learning. Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Uth, service projects, going to camp, and worship are all places where we grow in our experience and understanding of God. I am excited for the opportunities at Forrest Burdette for growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities in the newsletter and expand your knowledge and love of God!



Grace and peace,
Pastor Joe

West Virginia Annual Conference Meets at WV Wesleyan College, June 6-9: Annual Conference is where we celebrate those who are being licensed or ordained, those clergy transitioning into retirement, and remembering in a Memorial Service the clergy and their spouses who have died since last year. In addition, we will celebrate the clergy being appointed to serve in ministry for the next conference year. On Sunday, June 9, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball will appoint Pastor Joe Kenaston to be Forrest Burdette's pastor for a fourth year beginning July 1st. The Annual Conference session will also support laity as they grow in their leadership and service, celebrate the mission and ministry that goes on around the WV Conference, elect new conference leadership on committees, councils, teams, and task forces, and set a budget for 2025 (the proposed budget is a \$2 million dollar reduction in the current conference budget). Annual Conference will also celebrate Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball's twelve years of ministry in the WV Conference. Forrest Burdette people who will be present at the Annual Conference are Joe and Judi Kenaston, Ellis and Julie Conley, David Westfall, and Luke Spurgeon. We're sad that Brad Fittro, who was scheduled to attend as the lay member from Forrest Burdette, is unfortunately not attending because he is recovering from surgery and has mobility issues.

Luke Spurgeon Minister of Youth & Young Adults



Get ready to break a sweat and unleash your inner athlete! Join us for Gym and Sport Night on **Wednesday, June 12th, starting at 6pm**. All Youth (6th through 12th grade) are invited to play kickball and enjoy our time of fellowship together in the Gym at Forrest Burdette. We also invite our rising 6th graders to join in the fun.

Are you ready for an adrenaline-packed adventure? We're thrilled to announce an upcoming roller coaster-a-thon scheduled for **July 25th and 26th**, and we want YOU to be a part of the excitement. See Luke Spurgeon to sign up.

We will be going as a group to Spring Heights from **June 23rd to June 28th**. Don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime! **Registration for Spring Heights Camp is due by June 16th**. Forrest Burdette will cover 50% of the camp fee for students. You can register online on the Spring Heights website. If you have any questions, please contact the Minister of Youth and Young Adults Luke Spurgeon (youth@forrestburdette.com or 304-228-4904).

Youth & Families: To keep up to date on all things youth ministry related, join our REMIND service by texting @FBMUTH to the number 81010 on your cellphone, or go to remind.com/join/fbmuth

Jayné Kirk Minister of Children & Families



VBS is right around the corner! Here's what's happening:

- ♦ **Make decorations:** Saturday, June 8, from 9 AM-12 PM!
- ♦ **Decorate the church:** Saturday, June 15, from 9 AM-12 PM+
- ♦ **Evening VBS:** June 16-20 (Sun.-Thurs.), from 6-8 PM
- ♦ **COM VBS:** June 17-21, from 9-11 AM

We still need your help! If you want to volunteer scan the code below! Pre-register with the code for children and students age 3 to leaving 5th grade. Students who have completed 6th grade or higher are welcome to sign up to volunteer!



Contact Jayné Kirk for more information:
jayne@forrestburdette.com or 304-562-5903

June Children's Church:

WEEK 1: This week, kids will hear about Gideon and his trust in God. BIG IDEA: God helps me grow stronger. BIBLE: Judges 6-7

WEEK 2: This week, kids will hear about Ruth and Naomi and the way they supported each other. BIG IDEA: God helps me belong. BIBLE: Ruth 1

WEEK 3: This week, kids will hear about God answering Hannah's prayers through the birth of Samuel. BIG IDEA: God answers my prayers. BIBLE: 1 Samuel 1

WEEK 4: This week, kids will hear how God called Samuel to be a prophet and messenger. BIG IDEA: God tells me what is true. BIBLE: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

WEEK 5: This week, kids will hear how Samuel anointed Saul to become king. BIG IDEA: God can use anything I give. BIBLE: 1 Samuel 9-10:1



Congratulations!

High School Graduates

Sarah Clark, daughter of Chris & Ashley Clark, graduated from her family's Homeschool and will be studying Pre Law at Cedarville University in the fall.

Declan Corley, son of Max & Kristen Corley, graduated from Hurricane High School. He will be attending WVU and WVU Honors College, majoring in Finance and Biology.

Will Corley, son of Max & Kristen Corley, graduated from Hurricane High School. He will be attending WVU and WVU Honors College, majoring in Biology.

Charlotte Daniels, daughter of (our former Associate Pastor) Jeremy & Erin Daniels, graduated from Williamstown High School and will attend WVU Parkersburg to study Agribusiness.

Brody Franklin, son of Keyria Franklin, graduated from Hurricane High School and Putnam Career & Technical Center with a Diesel Mechanic specialty. Through his PCTC program, he is now employed by Moses Ford.

Ella Peterson, daughter of Mark & Megan Peterson, graduated from Hurricane High School. She will be attending Marshall University in the fall as a member of the MU Honors College and will major in Pre-Med Biology.

Hannah Spiker, daughter of Alisa Spiker, graduated from Hurricane High School and Putnam Career & Technical Center as a Registered Dental Assistant. She will be attending WVU in the fall to pursue a career in nursing.

Post High School Graduates

Christopher Clark, son of Chris & Ashley Clark, graduated from Marshall University with a Master's Degree in Biomedical Research. He will be attending WVU School of Medicine in the fall.

Virginia Clark, daughter of Chris & Ashley Clark, graduated from Cedarville University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and will be pursuing a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering at WVU in the fall.

Andrew Dean, son of Shannon & Sara Dean, graduated in December '23 from the Tickle College of Engineering at the University of Tennessee with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Emma Holley, daughter of Adam & Stacey Holley, earned her BA in Professional Writing at Taylor University. She is currently freelance writing for magazines and pursuing a career in the Christian children's media industry.

LTC Aaron Lane, son of Maurice and Billie DeLung, will complete his training in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston, TX on June 22. He previously completed training in general surgery from William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, TX. He will be assigned to Ft Liberty, NC. His father will be there in spirit to celebrate his accomplishment.

Dalton Young, grandson of Becky & Ed Brogan, graduated from Emory College at WVU with a Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies, specializing in Data Analysis.



Worship During June

In June, we will continue our sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit, but we will also welcome other topics with familiar supply preachers. Read the scripture to prepare for worship, and invite someone to join you as we continue to walk with Christ on Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

6/2/24	Galatians 5:22-23 Isaiah 55:10-13	A Fruitful Life: Joy
6/9/24	Matthew 25:14-30	Unused Gifts (J.D. Philyaw)
6/16/24	Galatians 5:22-23 John 14:25-29	A Fruitful Life: Peace
6/23/24	VBS Sunday Acts 8:26-40	Good News Sparks Joy (Jayné Kirk)
6/30/24	Galatians 5:22-23 Jonah 1:1-3	A Fruitful Life: Patience

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



Hello, everyone. It's summer!

We are so happy to have newly waxed floors!

We had an amazing Pre-K Graduation on May 28, that children and parents all enjoyed.

We are looking forward to a fantastic VBS week at "Camp Firelight." The church always does such an awesome job for us, as well as the community.

We are looking forward to a fun filled, play filled summer with the education snuck in so the kiddos don't even realize they are learning while they play in water, dirt, sand, and sunshine!

We are very thankful that we are able to utilize the space to serve families, teach children about Jesus, and allow them to have a fun first educational experience.

We couldn't do any of it without you.

Please continue to pray for staff, families, and children involved in the program.

♥ Have fun, and make a difference. ♥



Summer Choir Rehearsals

If you want to burst into song like the mountains & hills in Isaiah 55, please note these summer choir rehearsal dates — June 6, June 27, and August 1. The choir will resume weekly practices starting on August 29.

The United Methodist Women will not hold their monthly meeting in June and July.

Notes of Thanks

Gary & Sandy Vargo would like to extend their sincere thanks to the church for all the prayers they received during Gary's recent surgery. Gary is recovering, and they hope to be back soon.



On behalf of the Class of 2024 at Hurricane High School, the faculty, and the administration, I would like to thank you for your hospitality in hosting our baccalaureate service. Our thanks go out to the praise team for the inspiring music and your staff for their assistance. Finally, please thank the United Methodist Women for the impressive reception that followed the service. We appreciate your support of the students in our community and your recognition of their accomplishments.

Sincerely, Jim Wicker and the HHS Class of 2024

Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for April 2024:

April Contributions Received\$50,832
Monthly Receipts Needed\$69,895
Under Budget.....\$19,063

Mortgage Balance:

April 2024 Payments on Mortgage\$12,212.65
Funds Received, April 2024.....\$13,381.14
Over Budget\$1,243.49

The mortgage payments are not part of the Operating Budget. Contributions to the Building Fund pay the mortgage each month.

All-Church Forrest Burdette Night at a Dirty Birds Baseball Game in Charleston

Friday, July 5, 6:35 p.m., vs. Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, with Megablast Fireworks to follow game.

(The van will leave Forrest Burdette at 5:30 p.m., for those wanting a ride.)

Tickets are \$5 each—reserve yours by signing up at the Connection Center or through the church office **by 6/23.**



MEN'S CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

The 2024 season is in full swing!

Catch a game at Valley Park, or join the team.



June 4, 6:00 p.m. June 24, 8:00 p.m.
June 10, 8:00 p.m. July 2, 8:00 p.m.
June 18, 8:00 p.m. July 9, 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Coach J.B. Marinacci, 304-767-1172

Golfers!

Registration for the Bishop's Chalice Challenge is now open! If you register prior to John Wesley's birthday (June 28), the cost for a team of four people is \$300. Team registration

after June 28 is \$320 per team of four. Individuals can register for \$80. We ask that everyone register by July 8. You can learn more about the Bishop's Chalice Challenge and find a link to registration here: <https://www.umfwv.org/golf>.



June Birthdays:

- 1 *No birthdays on record today*
- 2 Brie Crouse, Kiersten Ellis-Marino, Nancy Hardin, Hannah Johnson, Adam Martin
- 3 Barbi Davis
- 4 Jeremy Grant, Iris Kirk
- 5 Tony Anders, Mike Brown, Riley Daugherty, Dustin Gore
- 6 Katie Cutlip, Kelly Gibson, Mark James, Liz Quigley, Jamie Wendel
- 7 Krista Antis, Lainey Faulknier, Ty Foster, Scott Lilly
- 8 Ryan Fisher, Shane Johnson, Alexis Ward
- 9 Aspen Hobbs, Chuck McCane, Jane Saunders, Keith Sayre
- 10 Lynne Fruth
- 11 Aimee Carr, Colton Davis, Mike Folio, Greta Huggins
- 12 Debbie Ayers, Jr. Barnhouse, Larry Courtright, Bailey Fearing
- 13 *No birthdays on record today*
- 14 Norman McClure, George Smith
- 15 Karen Adkins, John Call, Marvin Thompson
- 16 Allison Herman, Robbie Hill, Shirley Hill
- 17 Cheryl Foster, John McBrayer, Joan Mullins, Mikayla Myers, Donna Varian
- 18 Brian Gibson, Nathan West
- 19 Richie Armstrong, Jim Fawcett, Debbie Kahre, Michael Kidd, Cora King, Jeanne Sweeney, Linda Vealey, Isaac Wendel
- 20 Bryson Grant, Bob Litton
- 21 Becky Cunningham, Ann Gilmore

- 22 Logan Cutlip, Tim Mitchell, Maryann Nichols
- 23 Brian Andrews, Courtney Cremeans, Reed Houston, Carly Miller, Claire Miller, Ginger Sergeant
- 24 Bill Cutlip, Alyssa Hazler, KrisAnna Parsons
- 25 *No birthdays on record today*
- 26 George Beckett, Greg Cleveland, Ed Davis, Stephanie Mills, Adelina Stewart
- 27 Shay Ellis, Rodney Kimble, Joey Nelon, Bill Warden
- 28 Brian Cortellesi, Lilly Faulknier, John Mason, Sarah McCallister, Paul McClanahan, Billy Smith, Emily Wilson
- 29 Claire McCoy
- 30 Beth Court, Steven Dorsey, Renee Vickers



June Anniversaries:

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| 1 Louis & Deb Blair | 20 John & Debby Cunningham |
| 2 Michael & Lisa Kidd | 21 Ed & Brenda Grant |
| 6 Mike & Shirley Hill | 23 Jim & Lorrie Zappitelli |
| 7 Mike & Annette Cartwright | 24 Justin & Whitney Williams |
| 10 Bill & Leigh Anne Cutlip | 25 Joe & Valerie McMillion |
| 11 Bill & Somer Hollaway | 26 Pat & Heather Holland |
| 11 Mark & Donna Landin | 26 Thomas & Andrea Rogowski |
| 14 Bob & Doris Roberts | 27 Davey & Lauren Freeman |
| 15 Jerry & Diane Wolfe | 27 Dave & Debbie Tinch |
| 17 Olin & Katie Spencer | 29 Larry & Linda Clark |
| 18 John & Meredith Vance | 29 Jackson & Chelsey Lilly |
| 19 Steven & Diane Dorsey | 30 Alan & Karen Cummings |
| 19 Jim & Lisa Fawcett | 30 Craig & Andrea Houston |

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



Sunday Morning Worship:
10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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