



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH OUR COMMUNITY

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VISIONS

The newsletter of
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church



FROM THE PASTOR

Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This September, we discerned God's vision for Forrest Burdette for our future ministry. On Sunday, September 10th, the congregation adopted the new Vision for the church. The church received 112 responses of which 110 indicated that they believed that the Vision Report reflected the call of God for the future of Forrest Burdette. Two response cards did not indicate that they supported that view. Fourteen cards had comments &/or suggestions on them that will be shared with the Vision Team.

I am excited that the overwhelming majority (98.2%) supported the vision for Forrest Burdette. Our new mission statement is ***"Sharing Christ's Love with Our Community."*** I understand that our community starts where we live and extends well beyond the valley, and, in fact, our mission has a worldwide reach.

Our church is committed to these four areas of focus for making our new mission a reality:

1. ***Establishing New Connections in the Community***
2. ***Generating Connections within the Church***
3. ***Deepening Individual Connections with Christ***
4. ***Connecting Our Faith to Everyday Life***

As we now move forward into the implementation phase of our vision, we want to ensure that we are promoting a culture of empowerment or "permission giving ethos," designed to encourage creativity in thinking and actions among all of us. We need to ask ourselves, does the proposed ministry, mission, or action fulfill our church's stated mission? Does it fall under one of the four areas of focus? If yes, then speak to me or one of the staff or our Lay Leader, Annette, and we'll pray with you and seek to find others to help in the ministry.

This is our Call to Action! Please prayerfully consider where God is guiding you to be at this point.

What has been placed on your heart or in your thoughts? Are you being called to step out of your comfort zone? We have all been given different gifts and talents to be used for the glory of God. Whether you are called to be "in front of" or "behind the scenes of" a particular outreach or ministry, know that God will equip you and continue to walk alongside you on this journey. Saying YES to God's call will help you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. As a congregation moving through these four areas of focus, we will grow and mature collectively, ultimately bringing glory to God.

It is exciting to be a part of a church that is committed to ***"sharing Christ's love with our community!"***

Grace and peace, Joe

Annual Church Conference



Forrest Burdette's Annual Church Conference will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Purpose: elect officers, set the pastor's salary, receive apportionments, with Conference Superintendent Joe Hill. Pizza and salad will be served. All church members are invited to attend.

David Westfall Minister of Youth & Young Adults



Uth News/Updates:

FBLaunch Tutoring Center/Coffee Shop:

It's finally here — *the official grand opening celebration of the FB Launch Tutoring Center!* On **Sunday, October 8th at 9:30 AM**, we will host a ribbon cutting ceremony with a grant check presentation in the Fellowship Hall. Then, the Uth will serve Fall-themed coffee, drinks, and snacks until worship starts at 10:30 AM. Join us to celebrate the grand opening of this new ministry in the life of Forrest Burdette. Bring your Sunday School class to grab a quick drink before finishing up your lesson, or stick around to chat with us about other things we are excited about this Fall.

October After-School Tutoring/Homework Help Sessions:

- Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 3:45 - 6:00 PM each week
- Tuesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 PM, David will lead ACT Tutoring Sessions

10/3 OPEN	10/10 OPEN	10/17 OPEN	10/24 OPEN
10/4 OPEN	10/11 OPEN	10/18 OPEN	10/25 OPEN

Uth Visit to the Parsonage!

Sunday, October 1 from 5 - 7 PM

Every fall, the youth get invited by Pastor Joe Kenaston and Judi Kenaston to their home for the evening. We will enjoy an evening of fellowship and food. Parents are welcome to attend also! RSVP with David by texting 304-541-3913 so Pastor Joe and Judi have an idea of how much food to prepare.

Reboot Meetings:

Last year, we were part of the WV Cohort of REBOOT Participants. Hosted by Southern Methodist University's

Perkin's School of Theology and their Institute for Youth Ministry, the REBOOT program is a 12-step program that takes our team through an intergenerational focused project. We have completed 6 steps and will be moving into the second half of the program this year. If you are interested in joining this initiative, email David at youth@forrestburdette.com or text him at 304-541-3913.

First Reboot Meeting of the year: Wednesday, October 18 from 7:30 - 8:00 PM. This will be immediately following the Wednesday night classes, so please join us!

Uth Weekly Events in October:

Uth Group: Sunday Mornings

- 10/1 from 9:15 - 10:15 AM
- 10/8 from 9:00 - 10:15 AM (Uth will be hosting the Grand Opening for the FB Launch Tutoring Center in the Fellowship Hall)
- 10/15, 10/22, and 10/29 from 9:15 - 10:15 AM

We will be meeting in the FBLaunch Tutoring Center/Coffee Shop located at the back of the hallway in the main lobby/Narthex. Invite a friend, and come enjoy cereal, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, fun, and a bible study. Series: Chuck Knows Church, The Committee

S.O.N. Student Outreach Night: Wednesday Nights

Meet us in the church gym for some games/activities before we head upstairs to the youth lounge for devo, snacks, and prayer. Series: FOCUS

- 10/4, 10/11, and 10/18 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- 10/25 **UTH HALLOWEEN PARTY** from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Uth Community Service Opportunities in October:

10/7 - Heart + Hand/Operation Christmas Child Help - Meet at the church at 10:00 AM. We will have lunch together. Parents can pick students back up at 1:00 PM. Any adult volunteers are welcome to join us! Contact David to RSVP: youth@forrestburdette.com or text 304-541-3913.

10/28 - Flick or Treat! 5:30 - 8:00 PM Come help us set up, pass out candy, and serve guests at our annual Flick or Treat event. Students who assist will earn 3.5 hours of community service. The Uth will work together to host a "Trunk or Treat" style booth in the gym, and all are encouraged to dress in a costume.

Fright Farm/Haunted Corn Maze: If you are interested in joining us for a spontaneous trip to the Fright Farm or the Haunted Corn Maze, then contact David. As a group, we will vote on a day that we want to plan this in October. Email youth@forrestburdette.com or text 304-541-3913.

Jayné Kirk Minister of Children & Families



Thank you for all the school supplies we collected in August and September. We delivered items to four elementary schools as well as the middle school and high school. All the schools were so very appreciative of the donations and shocked at the generosity of our church. Thank you for pouring blessings onto the children of our community.

Flick-Or-Treat

Flick or Treat! Sunday, October 29 at 5:30. It's a Halloween Extravaganza! We will have a family dinner, indoor trick or treat booths, and a fun movie! Hence, the flick. ;) All are welcome to come and join in the fun, AND we'll need your help getting everything ready!

- ◆ **Donations:** Candy and treats to hand out at the booths.
- ◆ **Volunteers:** Sign up to decorate a table much like Trunk or Treat, but inside the gym. We would also love to have your help serving dinner and greeting families.
- ◆ **Attend!** Wear your costumes, kids bring a candy bucket, and everyone bring a comfy seat for the movie if you don't want to sit on the dining chairs.

It's a time for fun and fellowship across the generations, and we hope to see you there.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, October 27, 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. @ FBMUMC
Call 1-800-733-2767, or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "hurricane" to schedule an appointment. The need for donations is great. Would you like to volunteer at this event, or do you have questions? Contact Jo Bess (304-545-0096).





Oct. 1	Proverbs 9:1-18	Words for Wise Living: Feasting at the Banquet of Wisdom
Oct. 8	Prov. 5:23; 12:1; 27:17; 28:18	Words for Wise Living: Exercising Discipline
Oct. 15	Prov. 31 & Eph. 5:25-33	Words for Wise Living: (Family) Harmony in the Home
Oct. 22	Prov. 15:5; 22:6; 23:3-15	Words for Wise Living: (Family) Being Good Parents
Oct. 29	Prov. 16:31; 17:6; 20:20; 23:12, 22; 28:24	Words for Wise Living: (Family) Honoring Your Parents
Nov. 5 — All Saints Sunday	Prov. 22:1 1 Cor. 15:1-11	Words for Wise Living: A Good Name
Nov. 12	Prov. 19:11; 17:27-28; 20:23	Words for Wise Living: Slow to Anger
Nov. 19 — Thanksgiving	Bishop Mande Muyombo — our guest preacher	

Worship for Fall 2023

This Sunday, we start a series based on Proverbs. The series is entitled, "**Words for Wise Living**." Within the series we will have a three-week section on family relationships. The series will help us live as God invites us to the banquet of wisdom. The worship experiences will be marked by joyous music, moving prayers, challenging scriptures, and sermons that cause us to rethink and, perhaps, change the way we live.

After the series on "Wise Living" we have the joy of hosting Bishop Mande Muyombo during our morning worship. He is the Bishop of the UMC in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Bishop Mande is a leader of the UMC on the continent of Africa and one of the leaders of the world-wide church. He is fluent in several languages and is extremely well spoken in English. This will be one of the worship highlights of the entire year!

Grief Support Group

If you are grieving a loss, please join us for comfort, rest, and prayer as we learn about grief and how we can better cope with it. **Next meeting dates: October 7th and 21st at the church in Room 111 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659.

JOY Fellowship (55+) Field Trip

Our JOY ("Just Older Youth") Fellowship group is going to Heritage Farm (Huntington) on **Thursday, October 19**. Meet at the church in time to ride the van, leaving at 9:30 a.m. The group will eat lunch at the Bob Evans by the Huntington Mall on the way home. A sign up sheet is at the Connection Center.

Did you know that you are a boss?

If you look at the back of the Sunday bulletin, you will see the People of Forrest Burdette listed as the Ministers for the church. Below that you will see 10 names and titles for the employees of Forrest Burdette. Every employee appreciates positive feedback, a pat on the back, a thank you for a job well done. **October is Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month.** The Staff Parish Relations Committee will have a basket in the Narthex during the month of October to encourage church members to drop off cards, notes, and tokens of appreciation for the hardworking staff at Forrest Burdette. Be a minister to the staff at Forrest Burdette and let them know they are appreciated.

Fall Festival: November 4th!

The United Methodist Women meet on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is October 3, 7:00 p.m., in the Parlor/Rm 110. *All Forrest Burdette women are welcome.*

Applications are available for crafters and vendors for the annual Fall Festival on **Saturday, November 4**, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Crafters and vendors interested in an application should call or email the church office, 304-562-5903, office@forrestburdette.com. The fee is \$20 per space.

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

We are still full, hiring new staff, and enjoying each and every one of the children.

We have begun a "caught being kind" campaign and are taking photos of the children when we "catch" them being especially kind. Those photos are then hung up in the hallway by our "Hero" poster.

We have added some new picnic tables to the younger side of the playground and are loving this little bit cooler weather to take advantage of being outside as much as possible.

The children are beginning to acclimate to their new classrooms and are making friends with the few additional children we have had room for. New babies are arriving into the world, and while we pray for all of our parents, we say a little extra prayer for those welcoming a new baby to the family.

As always we thank you for the continued support the church offers. By allowing us to use the spaces we do, you are directly impacting families in the community, as they are able to go to their individual places of employment with the peace of mind that their child is being cared for in a quality program, a program that not only serves the educational and social emotional needs of their children, but begins to guide them on their own relationship with God too. It is truly a blessing for each of us to be a part of that, and we are grateful for this opportunity we have been given.

♥ Have fun, and make a difference. ♥



A Note of Thanks

Pastor Joe would like to thank all those involved with his Surprise Birthday Reception following worship on Sunday, September 24. He was surprised, and he felt very loved and appreciated!

*Have you remembered the church
in your will?*



October Birthdays:

- 1 Jill Newman, Doris Sampson
- 2 Evelyn Gregory, Stephen James, Kevin Marra, Harold Quigley
- 3 Amy Golden, Nick Oxley, Casen Proffitt, Nate Vance
- 4 Jill Coulter, Meredith Thompson, Heather Wyatt
- 5 *No birthdays on record today*
- 6 Julie Harris, Hannah Spiker
- 7 Harper Hutchison, Ian Ogle, Sherry Smith, Jerry Wolfe
- 8 Tyler Halstead, Kim Neville
- 9 Mark Davis, Ruel Elliott, Claudia Fizer, Katelyn Sette
- 10 Benjamin Oxley
- 11 Campbell Bartkowski, Rick Estep, Tori Nesmith
- 12 Brian Faulknier
- 13 Matthew Brown, Garrett Dilley
- 14 Richard Lane, J.D. Philyaw, Mike Richardson, Aaron Vickers
- 15 Andrew Dean, Kathy James, Alyssa Marinacci
- 16 Jane Collins, Meredith Greene, Olivia Keen, Debbie Romine, Cindy Woodworth
- 17 Meg Barker, Ginny Cunningham, Jack Sturgeon
- 18 JoAnn Kennedy, Joe McMillion, Cheryl Riedel, Jan Rowsey, Amber Vickers, Courtney Young
- 19 *No birthdays on record today*
- 20 Sidney Peal, Billie Jo Rowsey, Barbara Simmons

- 21 Geary Burns, Julie Conley, Leah Gore, Joy Mitchell, Becca Wilson
- 22 Crista Hall, Ashlee Johnson, Sydnie Johnson
- 23 Carley Bryan, Davey Freeman, Jamie Herman-Bellomy, Tori James, Sandy Vargo
- 24 Bruce Colella, Jeff Haynes, Cindy Soto
- 25 Sheri Anderson
- 26 Cathy Ellison, Rylee Harrison
- 27 Scott Krall
- 28 Brad Fittro
- 29 *No birthdays on record today*
- 30 Lisa Fawcett
- 31 Abigail Howat, Jennifer Johnson



October Anniversaries:

3 Danny & Sandee Simms	22 Jeff & Billie Jo Rowsey
11 Jim & Debbie Kahre	23 John & Evelyn Martin
14 Matt & Jeanie Jarvis	27 Stu Gore & Robin Yearout
15 Brian & Heather Cortellesi	29 Terry & Sandy Hanning
21 Brad & Ginger Sergent	29 John & Shannon Lawman

** 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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10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Sunday, October 8, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Please join us for an annual Grant tradition. . .

Pumpkin Carving and Hot Dog Roast

Gather at 2:00 p.m. to carve pumpkins.

If needing a ride, meet at church at 1:00; the van will leave at 1:15!

Eat around 3:00 p.m.

Followed by a hayride and plenty of time to socialize.

S'mores before leaving!

Please bring:

- **Lawn chairs**
- **A pumpkin to carve**
- **Your favorite pumpkin carving tools**
- **Please see sign up sheet at church for food/drinks**



Directions to the farm:

From Teays Valley, go to Route 35 North and get off at the Buffalo/Eleanor exit. Follow the old Route 35 (now 817) toward Point Pleasant about 9 miles. You will see Harmony Baptist Church on the left (large tan church). Turn right onto Southside Lane right before you get to the church and follow the lane toward the river. Take the second left to the white house. We gather at the barn behind the house.

Address is 2104 Southside Lane, Southside, WV for GPS.

Look forward to seeing you!

Ed, Brenda, Jeremy, Danielle, Ella, and Bryson



Online Church Directory



Paper copies of our new church directory will be available soon, but the online version of the directory is available now and is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store or Google Play on your phone, search for *Instant Church Directory*, and download the FREE app to begin. You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office (304-562-5903).

Hearing Assistance in Worship

Our new sound system has the capability to help those with hearing impairment. Please stop in the Sound Room on a Sunday to learn how to tune into our hearing assistance.

Undie Sunday: October 22

The donations you make on Undie Sunday have a huge impact all year long! Please bring a package or two of NEW boxers, briefs, undies, t-shirts, long johns & janes, socks, and/or training pants to church on Sunday, October 22, to be donated to a UMC-WV mission project.

PipeSounds Presents...

...the opening concert of the 2023-2024 Organ Concert Series!



**Johan
Botes**
presenting
**'An Organ
Extravaganza'**
on the
Harrah Symphonic Organ

Sunday, October 22, 2023 • 3:00 p.m.

Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church

ADMISSION: \$15; Students are free • Join us!