

**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**

One of the greatest blessings of my life has been the opportunity to serve you at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church. I count it an honor, in part, because of the wonderful ways all of you have been such a blessing to me and my family. I also count it an honor because I've seen God at work in so many lives. When I think of how many of you are serving God every day, my heart is filled with joy.

When I came to Forrest Burdette I was truly humbled that God would entrust your care to me. I would have never imagined that in a short few months after my arrival everything would so dramatically change. It seemed that the momentum of moving forward suddenly came to a halt. But, not really. God simply opened new doors for ministry, and we entered into the age of live streaming very quickly, and you joined in.

My time here has been short, and my biggest regret is in not getting to know all of you as I would have liked. Covid certainly made it difficult at best. But, a new day is coming, and God has big plans for our church. Those plans include all of you. So, as you are able, get reengaged in the worship and activities of the church. Come back to the place where you are loved and surrounded by friends who pray for you and encourage you. You will be so thankful you did.

Now, the time has come for me to soon depart, but I cannot do so without thanking all of you from the bottom of my heart for your love and care for Brenda and myself. You have all made our time here so special. God has so richly blessed us, in spite of such a time as we have gone through. But, if I can leave you with any thought, any advice, or any word that might be fitting, I would have to say: Always love God and your neighbor, and you will always be blessed.

Thank you for being a part of my life.

God Bless! Ed

The Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to join us as we celebrate with a

Retirement Reception for

The Rev. Dr. Ed Grant

Sunday, June 20, 2021 • 11:30 a.m.

(in the Family Life Center, immediately following the morning worship service)

Please join us as we thank Ed for his faithful service to our congregation these past 2 years and honor him for over 40 years of service in ministry. Let us lovingly support and encourage both he and Brenda as they enter this newest chapter of their life.

Please note: Love offerings and monetary gifts should be addressed directly to Ed Grant. For anyone not able to attend in person, words of encouragement, thanks, and retirement wishes can be made online at www.forrestburdette.com. Open the "Prayers" link on the menu, and choose "Retirement Message". Or, mail greetings to the church: 2848 Putnam Ave., Hurricane 25526.

Jayné Kirk, Director Children & Family Ministries



HEAR YE! HEAR YE, ONE AND ALL!
A KNIGHTLY ADVENTURE IS UPON US
WITH A QUEST FROM THE KING!

Near the end of this month, we'll be in the middle of Vacation Bible School! VBS will run from June 20-25, with an evening and a morning session. Sunday-Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. are open to the community. Our morning session, Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m. is a closed session for children enrolled in the COM Summer Programs. **Registration for children and volunteers is open!** Parents, please list the grade your child just finished. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fbvbs2021>

There are a lot of people already planning and preparing for our largest Family Ministries event of the year. And I must say I'm so glad we're busy this year. But there is always room to join in. We would love to have your help with: games, stories, take-home snacks, mission, crafts, kid crews, decorating, registration, photography... and more!

We are looking for items to be donated or borrowed. We need large pieces of cardboard, TP tubes, and cotton batting or stuffing (for snow). We would like to borrow your undecorated Christmas trees. Our adventure takes place at a castle in a wintry forest, and evergreens are a must. **We will make decorations on Saturday, June 12 at 9 a.m., and we will decorate the church Saturday, June 19 from approximately 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

We will learn, laugh, and love God as we all become Knights of North Castle and take up the Quest for the King's Armor. Along the way we will learn that our strength comes from the Lord, and He always equips us for whatever comes our way.

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

Youth & Young Adults! Let's hang out this summer. Stay tuned to our REMIND texting services for more information on happenings, outings, & other fun events!

Remind Young Adults: <https://www.remind.com/join/fbya>

Remind FBUTH: <https://www.remind.com/join/fbmuth>

Rumor has it we might get to go ride some rollercoasters in July!!



Congratulations to Our 2021 High School and College Graduates!

Hurricane High School

Jonathan Howat, son of Chris & Amy Howat, will attend the U.S. Naval Academy

Clay Jackson, son of JR & Michelle Jackson, will attend Marshall University to study computer science.

JR Newman, son of Gary & Jill Newman, will attend Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC.

Poca High School

Justin Williams, son of Justin & Whitney Williams, will attend the University of Pittsburg, Greensburg, and play soccer.

Winfield High School

KrisAnna Parsons, daughter of Carrie & Robbie Parsons, will attend Marshall University.



Marshall University

Carly Miller, daughter of Carrie & Robbie Parsons, BS Nursing

Claire Miller, daughter of Carrie & Robbie Parsons, BS Nursing

PUTNAM COUNTY UMC DAY CAMP!

JULY 6-9TH
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
FOR K-5:
8-12:30 FOR PRE-K



Winfield United Methodist Church
Making disciples
Changing the world



Located @ St. John UMC
4536 Teays Valley Rd
Scott Depot, WV

6 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FBMUMC DAY IS 7/7

We have an AWESOME opportunity to team up with St. John & Winfield UMC to help our friends at Spring Heights bring their Mobile Day Camp to the Putnam County Area!

What we need is 6 volunteers to help on Forrest Burdette's Day - July 7th, from 8:00-3:30! **If you can't help on 7/7 but CAN help on any of the other available dates, by all means SIGN UP and help!**

Visit <https://volunteersignup.org/88LX8> to sign up!

To register your pre-K through 5th grader for this camp: <https://springheights.org/summer-2021-dayspring-camps/>

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

Hello, all! I cannot believe we are in the home stretch of this crazy school year! We will begin our Summer Safari and Little Learning Zoo programs on June 7. Everyone is ready for summer fun! We have a very limited number of spaces open in the program, so if there is anyone you know needing care either this summer or next school year, please send them our way, quickly.

You may have noticed that on the playground the school age children have started some gardening, and the early ed students will be following suit in the next week or so. We can't wait for them to cook with some of the vegetables they grow!

We had a nice mention on Facebook this last week, from Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards, when he found some of the painted rocks our 4-year-old class had placed around the area. The rocks had messages such as "you are loved" and "I love you" on them. When you have children who enjoy doing for others, you feel you are truly doing some things right.

We are so thankful that things are returning a bit more to normal and that the church is opening back up! That also means we can have our devotion time in the sanctuary once again. We believe it is important that the children are comfortable in the sanctuary as this may be the only time some of them are exposed to church. We pray it is something they will remember as being safe, happy, and engaging as they grow and that they will continue in their journey of faith, from their start here.

None of this would be possible without the church allowing us the use of the space and praying for us. Thank you so much for both, and please keep the prayers coming. We will take all we can get.



Help Us Welcome the Kenastons

A reception to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Joe Kenaston and the re-appointment of Rev. Jeremy Daniels will be held on **Sunday, June 27, at 11:30 a.m.**, immediately following the morning worship service. Please join us as we congratulate Jeremy and welcome Joe & Judi to our Forrest Burdette family, supporting them as they begin their ministry journey with us.

From the Church Record

Christian sympathy is extended to Jennifer Hart and family upon the death of her husband Reg Hart on May 11; and to Jim & Linda Swan and family upon the death of their daughter Cathy Eveson on May 24. Cathy's obituary can be found online at cavin-cook.com. On Sunday, May 23, Becca Wilson and her daughter Emily Wilson received the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Preventicare Resumes June 7th!



Our light exercise class for seniors will resume on Monday, June 7, in the fellowship hall from 10-11 a.m. This class meets each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning and is a great way to keep moving and make friends! Contact Nancy Austin with questions (304-543-8374).

MEN'S CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The 2021 season is in full swing!

Want to play?

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

Want to cheer on the team? Catch a game at Valley Park!

June 3, 6:00 p.m.	July 5, 6:00 p.m.
June 7, 6:00 p.m.	July 13, 6:00 p.m.
June 15, 6:00 p.m.	July 20, 8:00 p.m.
June 22, 8:00 p.m.	July 27, 8:00 p.m.
June 29, 6:00 p.m.	August 3, 6:00 p.m.
June 7, 6:00 p.m.	Tourney: 8/9-10, 16-17

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Building Loan Updated Information

Beg Loan Balance			
\$ 1,846,380.89			
	Payments	Principle	Interest
2019	315,764.64	230,564.57	85,200.07
2020	181,605.96	101,669.41	79,867.90
21-Jan	12,137.65	5,566.66	6,570.99
21-Feb	15,000.00	9,685.30	5,214.70
21-Mar	12,137.65	8,275.42	3,862.23
21-Apr	12,137.65	5,062.32	7,075.33
21-May	12,137.65	6,295.13	5,842.52
	\$ 560,921.20	\$ 367,118.81	\$ 193,633.74
			\$ 1,479,262.08
			Ending Loan Balance

June Birthdays:

- 1 No birthdays today
- 2 Brie Crouse, Kiersten Ellis-Marino, Nancy Hardin, Hannah Johnson, Adam Martin
- 3 Barbi Davis, Connie Smith
- 4 Jeremy Grant, Iris Kirk
- 5 Tony Anders, Mike Brown, Riley Daugherty, Dustin Gore
- 6 Joretta Comer, Katie Cutlip, Kelly Gibson, Mark James, Tessa Meadows, Liz Quigley, Harlee Rice, Jamie Wendel
- 7 Krista Antis, Erin Daniels, Lainey Faulknier, Ty Foster, Scott Lilly
- 8 Ryan Fisher, Shane Johnson, Alexis Ward
- 9 Aspen Hobbs, Jane Saunders, Keith Sayre
- 10 Lynne Fruth
- 11 Aimee Carr, Colton Davis, Mike Folio, Billy Grass, Sr., Greta Huggins, Max Perry
- 12 Debbie Ayers, Jr. Barnhouse, Larry Courtright, Bailey Fearing
- 13 Barry Brookshire
- 14 Norman McClure, George Smith
- 15 Karen Atkins, Ken Drummond, 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, Deborah Kahre, Cora King, Jeanne Sweeney, Linda Vealey, Isaac Wendel
- 20 Bryson Grant, Bob Litton, Mike Perry
- 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 today
- 26 George Beckett, Greg Cleveland, Ed Davis, Stephanie Mills, Rose-Ann Prince, Sierra Rose
- 27 Shay Ellis, Rodney Kimble, Joey Nelson, Bill Warden
- 28 Lilly Faulknier, Joe Grady, 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 |
| 1 Scott & Cheryl Riedel | 21 Ed & Brenda Grant |
| 6 Mike & Shirley Hill | 23 Jim & Lorrie Zappitelli |
| 7 Mike & Annette Cartwright | 24 Paul & Kara Rose |
| 7 Joe & Jean Kirk | 24 Justin & Whitney Williams |
| 10 Bill & Leigh Anne Cutlip | 25 Joe & Valerie McMillion |
| 11 Mark & Donna Landin | 26 Pat & Heather Holland |
| 14 Bob & Doris Roberts | 27 Dave & Debbie Tincher |
| 15 Jerry & Diane Wolfe | 28 Jack & Betty Wilson |
| 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).



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THE WEEK OF
JUNE 20-25!
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QUEST FROM
THE KING!
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