



Our Mission:

Sharing Christ's Love
with Our Community

***God, grant us the wisdom
to know your plan for us
and the strength to carry
it out. Amen.***

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FROM THE PASTOR

Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor

Iona Pilgrimage

Dear fellow pilgrims!

Judi and I are on a train from Glasgow Central Rail station to London's Euston station. This is the end of our Iona pilgrimage experience. The trip included a train, two ferries, and a bus to get from Glasgow to the Island of Iona in the western Hebrides of Scotland. A pilgrimage is not only about the physical process of moving from one place to another, but it is also about the spiritual journey that you are taking. It has been an incredible journey in both respects.

Iona has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries. St. Columba arrived from Ireland in 563 and started a monastery and intentional community. After his death in 597, the Christian community continued to grow and expand. It is from this tiny island that Christianity spread throughout Scotland, northern England, and eventually crossed the English Channel and took the Christian faith and experience to places that the church had not yet been reached.

Part of our experience was living in community on Iona. We shared a house with three other West Virginians, and the other house had nine people from North Carolina, Virginia, and upper New York. We had breakfast in our own house and shared a common meal in the larger house. We took turns cooking (and cleaning up) and had conversation, laughter, and spiritual discussions during dinner. The evenings were wonderful and uplifting gatherings which concluded by walking to the Abbey for a 9 p.m. service of Evening Prayer. After worship, Judi and I walked back to our house on a dirt road that took us through people's farms. Walkers are asked to close the gates, so the animals don't escape.



After breakfast, we walked the same path back to the Abbey for Morning Prayer. On Sunday, we had worship and Holy Communion at the Island. In between the formal activities, we had time for walking (one day 30,000 steps – rarely had less than 20,000), a turbulent boat ride to Staffa (ask about it), conversations, reading, reflecting, and praying.

Two of my takeaways (there were more) that I want to share with you: adaptability and pilgrimage. On Iona, we had to adapt. One of our housemates came down with COVID so we were back into the COVID protocols of masking, isolating, and constant cleaning (thankfully she was better before the journey home). The second was the weather. I eventually gave up on my weather app. Everyday had clouds, sun, rain, wind, and rainbows. The high was 60. You just went ahead and walked to the other house, the store, lunch, and the Abbey as well as hiking across the island to beaches and the top of hills.

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and social emotional learning as well. They are true professionals that take on this challenge not for the benefits or the glory, but for the children so that they can assist them to become the secure, trusting, loving, and confident people they are capable of being, giving them a solid starting point to become the best that they can each be, at whatever they choose in life.

As always we appreciate all the support you provide and are grateful for each of you and your continued prayers and support of the program.

Have fun, and make a difference. ❤

Grief Support Group

If you are grieving a loss, please join us for comfort, rest, and prayer as we learn about the grief process and how we can better cope with it. **Next meeting date: September 9th at the church in Room 111 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** On Saturday, **September 16th**, Fairview UMC in Cross Lanes will kick off their new grief support program with a luncheon featuring guest speaker Rev. Janet Harman. The luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. and is free of charge. Everyone is welcome to attend the lunch. Our group plans to attend the luncheon together - if you'd like to go with us and need a ride, call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659.

UMW: Meeting & Fall Festival

The United Methodist Women meet on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is September 5, 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.

From the Church Record

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Billy Gene Deel, who passed away on August 4, 2023. Rev. Deel served as pastor of Forrest Burdette from 1979-1986. Sympathy may be sent to his wife Harriet at Brookdale Charleston Gardens, 800 Association Drive, Charleston WV 25311.

Congratulations to Matthew Duespohl and Allison Kuklar who were united in marriage on August 24, 2023, in Trenton, GA. The couple has moved to the Pittsburgh area where Matthew is studying to become a physicians assistant at Carlow University. Proud parents are Dale & Debbie Duespohl.

A Note of Thanks

Carol Rowsey would like to thank the congregation for the phone calls, visits, cards, and food that were provided during and after her hospital stay a few months ago. She and her family really appreciated the care you showed to them.



Worship for September

We look forward to seeing you in September! Please read the scripture to prepare for worship, and invite someone to join you as we continue to walk with Christ.

Sept. 3	Romans 12:9-21	Living Together
Sept. 10	Matthew 7:7-11 Matthew 16:13-19	Our Vision Becoming a Reality
Sept. 17	Guest Preacher: Jayné Kirk, FBMUMC Minister of Children & Families	
Sept. 24	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 130 Luke 4:14-21	The Voice of Wesley

Haiti Medical Mission Supply Drive

How can you help? Please pray for the medical team members and for the Haitian people.

The most urgent "supply" needed for this trip is "Over the Counter" medication. **Generic meds are fine for all categories listed; however, **NO EXPIRED MEDS**.

Adult medications (No Liquids):

- Antacid tablets, chewable: Tums, Pepcid
- Antihistamines: Claritin, Zyrtec, Benadryl
- Decongestants/Cough/Cold medicines
- Eye drops (liquid ok)
- Lotions/Creams: Anti-itch, Anti-fungal, Burn

Children/Infant medications (No Gummies):

- Pain/Fever meds: Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen
- Cough syrup
- Saline drops
- Infant liquid meds are permitted.

To allow enough time for sorting and packing, all Medications are needed at church **no later than Sunday, Sept. 10**. Thank you! Call Annette Cartwright with questions: 304-541-9722.

Add a Little Pumpkin Spice with a Painting Class!



Julie Conley will offer a painting class in Fellowship Hall featuring pumpkins, berries, and flowers on Tuesday, September 19, 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, September 20, 1-3 p.m. No experience necessary! Julie will supply all materials and take you step by step through the painting. Everyone welcome. Children under 10 will need a parent present. Cost \$20, with proceeds going to the building fund. To sign up, call or text Julie Conley at 304-614-3980.

Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for August (as of 8/28/23):

August Contributions Received.....\$59,389

Monthly Receipts Needed\$67,538

Have you remembered the church in your will?



Wednesday Night Groups
Starting September 6, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

**** For all classes, new members are welcome! ****

Chris Clark – “Add to Your Faith: How to be a Healthy Christian” (*Bring your Bible; no additional study book to purchase*) This class will be based on 2 Peter 1:5 and following. We will examine the qualities which make for an effective Christian life.

Debby Cunningham – In the Footsteps of the Savior by Max Lucado (*\$15 book*) *“In the Footsteps of the Savior* is an invitation to come alongside Max as he shares meaningful, insights on the people and places that shaped Jesus’s life. In this special compilation, Max weaves together in-depth teaching from his bestsellers with poignant reflections on his time in the Holy Land, guiding you through three distinct aspects of Jesus’ life: the arrival of the Savior, Jesus’s ministry, and the crossroads and the cross... As you see the places Jesus walked from a new perspective, you’ll also deepen your connection with the King of the universe who became the Savior on the cross.”

Ron Delph – Life Lessons from Revelation: Final Curtain Call by Max Lucado (*\$8 book*) “The apostle John was privileged to preview the end of the world in a dream. While in exile on the island of Patmos, he experienced an amazing vision that gave him a glimpse of heaven. He saw the final battle between good and evil. He saw God’s justice. He witnessed the assured victory for believers in Christ as all hell broke loose and all heaven came forth. He saw Jesus, born in a manger, now triumphant over Satan. John’s description stretches our imagination, fuels our anticipation, and comforts us as we await the final curtain call.”

Jane Gillispie— “Discover the Bible for Yourself: Isaiah, Part 1 (chapters 1-39)” (*The workbook costs \$31.50, and this class is limited to 12 participants*) Jane will use the Precept teaching model which shows you how to study the Bible in a way that impacts how you encounter, observe, and integrate the scripture into your life. It is an inductive Bible study that allows the richness of the scripture to become personal.

Joe Kenaston – Being Formed by God (\$14 book)

The group will focus on spiritual growth and being formed by God. The group will share their journey of faith of as we seek to live out a continual awareness of God’s presence during the chaos of life. Prayer, reflection, and conversation will be the format of the weekly experience. The group will begin with the book What We Need Is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality by L. Roger Owens.

September Menu:

9/6—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, brownies
9/13—Spaghetti with meatballs, salad, rolls, strawberry shortcake

Wednesday Evenings for Children & Youth

S.O.N. (Student Outreach Night) —

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

While parents attend our Wednesday night small groups/bible studies, students grades K-12 are invited to join us in the gym for games and activities. We will end the evening with a brief devotion and prayer.



Midweek Daytime Group

Joe Kenaston – “The Teaching Gospel: The Gospel of Matthew”

Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.—noon

(Bring your Bible; no additional study book to purchase)

The class will be reading, learning, and discussing the Gospel of Matthew. This gospel has some of Jesus’ most powerful teachings, including the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount.

Additional Information

Dates and Time: Classes will begin meeting on September 6 and will conclude on December 6. Classes will not meet during the week of Thanksgiving (11/22). Programs start at 6:30 p.m. and run one hour in most cases.

Registration: Register for classes at the Connection Center in the Narthex, through the church office, or just show up! If your class requires a book, you will find it at the Connection Center upon its arrival. You may pay for books in the office or with your teacher when classes begin. If the price of your book is prohibitive, *please let us know*.

Dinner: This semester, our fellowship dinners will be prepared in-house by Misty and Marissa, our COM kitchen staff! Meals begin at 5:30 p.m. There is not a charge for our dinners, but donations are accepted (the cost the church pays for each meal is still being calculated). We ask that you sign up at the Connection Center or call the church office by Monday at noon to RSVP. **Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up each Wednesday.** A sign up sheet for volunteers will also be at the Connection Center desk.

Cancellation Policy: All Wednesday evening programs will be canceled when Putnam Co. Schools are closed for the day due to inclement weather or issue an early release due to inclement weather. Evening events will continue as scheduled if there is a two-hour weather delay. Wednesday morning Bible Study will be cancelled if there is a two-hour weather delay or school is cancelled for weather.



9/20—Tacos with toppings, chips & salsa, chocolate cake

9/27—Baked steak, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, banana pudding

Bluegrass at Forrest Burdette ➔

The community is invited to attend a concert by singer, songwriter, and storyteller Daryl Mosley on Sunday, **September 24**, at 6:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church.

Daryl's concert is an intimate opportunity to hear his songs of life and faith as well as the entertaining stories of the people and events that inspired them. The concert is free to the public, but a love offering will be taken.

JOY Fellowship (55+) Resumes

You are invited to JOY (Just Older Youth) Fellowship on Thursday, **September 21**, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. JOY Fellowship meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, September through May. Now that the summer is ending, we're excited to meet again! We will share a covered dish meal with each other and then hear a guest presentation. Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

A Book for YOU!

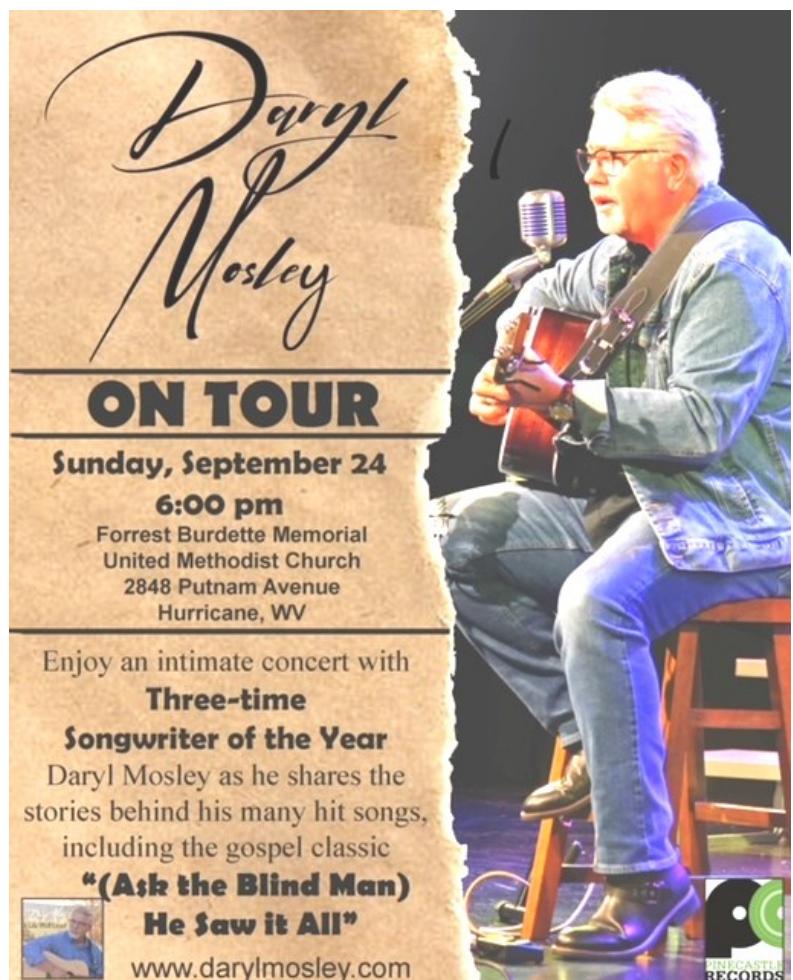
As part of our Operation Christmas Child initiative, two of our members collaborated on a children's book, which will be included in the shoebox gifts for ages 2-4 this year. Emma Holley (author) and Sarah Clark (illustrator) spent several months working on the book, entitled "A Book for YOU!" The book is now in the final stages of printing. It includes a special message to the children from Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church. We praise the Lord for the inspiration and initiative of our young ladies for this important ministry.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book for yourself, copies will be available after church on **Sunday, Oct. 15th**. Cost per copy is \$10 - all profits from book sales go directly to the Operation Christmas Child program here at Forrest Burdette. Let's support our own as they take their first steps to fulfill the career God has directed! **To pre-order books, please sign up at the Connection Desk or call Jackie 304-552-8796.**

Operation Christmas Child Notes

Highest Priority Need for shoeboxes:  flashlights, tennis balls, and activity books for boys ages 10-14. Shop for these items and more by scanning this QR code for our Amazon wish list.

Packing Party will be Saturday, October 21 at 10 a.m. In less than 8 weeks you will be packing 400 shoeboxes stuffed full of quality gifts of toys, handmade items, school supplies, hygiene supplies and your handwritten note and photo. We still have many needs to complete 400 gifts! Roughly, \$7600 is needed to fully fund the boxes. This includes \$4000 shipping donation, \$1100 for the remainder of The Greatest Journey programs, and approx. \$2500 to complete the contents to make 400 full boxes of quality items ready to be sent to far away places on earth where God has prepared a specific child to receive this box of joy. Please consider making a donation by marking OCC in the memo of your check. We are confident this



Daryl Mosley
ON TOUR
Sunday, September 24
6:00 pm
Forrest Burdette Memorial
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2848 Putnam Avenue
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Enjoy an intimate concert with
**Three-time
Songwriter of the Year**
Daryl Mosley as he shares the
stories behind his many hit songs,
including the gospel classic
**"(Ask the Blind Man)
He Saw it All"**
www.darylmosley.com

congregation will go above and beyond as in previous years. We give God the glory for the open hearts of children ready to receive the good news of Christ.

Who wants to go to Processing? If you haven't been to the Processing Center in North Carolina to process shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, you may want to make 2023 your

first year. Prepare to be amazed to see the next step of the journey of a shoebox! Processing Center opens Nov. 22—Dec. 16. Contact Beth 304-542-0601 no later than Sept 12 if you want to go with a group from church, Thurs., Nov. 30, working shifts Thurs. evening & Friday, and returning Saturday evening (Nov. 30—Dec. 2). This group will be requesting early registration. The public may register October 5. See Beth Sauvageot if interested in selecting a different date. Last year many of the groups cancelled their reservation before their scheduled shift. They're asking those who register to be committed to fulfilling their shift. The heart behind this is to make sure volunteer opportunities are not taken away from others who want to serve.

Check the Connection Center desk to sign up for upcoming workshops to remove packaging and fill fishing kits.

 **Save the Date for our Annual
Pumpkin Carving & Hot Dog Roast
at the Grants' Farm: October 8th!**

September Birthdays:

1 Sheri Brown, Reese Kauffman	21 Tom Cleveland, Teressa Johnson, Ben Wilson
2 Pam Blevins, April Crouse, Ruth Curry, Valerie McMillion, Ed Mullins, Thomas Rogowski	22 Margie Billups, Lauren Duespohl, Danny Harshbarger
3 Jo Bess, Larry Clegg	23 Carter Cox, Ryder Harrison, Myra Woodworth Hobbs, Jon Russell
4 Debbie Duespohl, Bobby Greene, Harold Stewart	24 Isaac Herndon, Joe Kenaston
5 Jennifer Hart, Steve Huggins, Jessica Ray, Jeremy Simms	25 Tammy Fenerty, Amy Garinger, Brenda Hanson, Michael Hinshaw, Trevor Johnson, Robert O'Dell
6 Wes Hager, Victoria Marsh, Paul Rose, Darlene Smith	26 Diana Allen, Sephra Faulkner, Aly Fearing, Debbie McCoy
7 David McCane, Bailey Young	27 Andy Johnson, Angela Lipinski
8 Styles Slappe	28 Sandy Hanning, Mandy Spurlock
9 Chris Bogan, Carol Midkiff, Mason Spurlock	29 Bob Alexander, Carly Cunningham, Holley Johnson
10 Angela Bradley, Karen Delph, Scott Moore, Emily Stewart, Sara Thomas, Maggie Tincher, Sam Warner, Kate Weiss	30 Timothy Bowie, Evan Davis, Larry Embrey, William Held, Pam Howell, Sheri Johnson, Paula Limanen, Sandra Mayhew, Devin Schamp
11 Ed Brogan, Drew Harless	
12 Vickie Harbour, Jimmy Kessler, Barbara Martin, Josh Patterson	
13 John Browne, Betsy Byus, Faye Meeks, Joe Wyatt	
14 Jax Anderson, Robbie Parsons	
15 Lezlee Haynie, Christopher Lipinski, Aaron Persinger, Jose Soto, Betty Wilson	
16 Betty Bailey, Kara Hughes, Carol Proffitt, Cindy Rouse	
17 Brittany Davis, Kevin Lawhon, Rosalie Spiker	
18 Sheila Andrews, Gary Beckett, Sarah Logan	
19 <i>No birthdays on record today</i>	
20 Harold Bennett, Linda Hankins, Jeff Rowsey, Mary Russell	

September Anniversaries:

2 Joe & Lori Bailey	17 Scott & Beth Krall
7 Keith & Ellen Bowie	20 Chris & Amy Howat
14 Don & Jane Collins	21 Barry & Judy Armstrong
14 David & Malinda Shanklin	29 Bryan & Mikki Larch



** 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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By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you ever can.**

-John Wesley