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VISIONS

The newsletter of
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church



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WITH
OUR COMMUNITY

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Leaving the loads that rob us of life.

The community-wide sale is coming in August and as the new guy, I hear it's a time when plenty of people let go of a lot of cargo they've let collect for too long. Doesn't it feel good to finally rid yourself of stuff you thought you needed, but it really occupied valuable space in your day to day?

Perhaps it's high time we shed the weight of other lesser seen items of the heart and mind that not only sap our spiritual resolve but also stop us from experiencing the fullness of life the Lord desires for all of us. This month, I pray you'll join us in worship for what may be the most profitable "summer sale" you've ever been a part of! You've journeyed too long with junk that needed to be tossed a long time ago. In preparation for this upcoming sermon series, there's an open spot in the pew next to ours...and you don't even need to sign up! Just slide into the sanctuary and I'll see you at Forrest Burdette's "Big Summer Sale." Bring a buddy! You'll be better for it!

See You Sunday.
Pastor Jake

Preaching Schedule:

Week 1, August 3rd: "Now" Luke 4: 1-13
Week 2, August 10th: "Later" John 4: 31-42
Week 3, August 17th: "In Between" Mark 4: 35-41
Week 4, August 24th: "Brake Check" Luke 12: 13-15

Luke Spurgeon Minister of Youth & Young Adults



Hey, Youth parents! Thank you for your continuing support of our youth ministries. I am so proud of the help you guys have provided the church this summer, especially all the youth and parents who helped with VBS in July. It was a lot of fun and not as stressful as I thought it was going to be. That's all because of our church family stepping up and being available for ministry.

Please make the following dates a priority for your youth.

We will be having a **youth parent meeting** including Pastor Jake, August 17 at 6:30 p.m. Please be there so we can decide what we want to do this fall and discuss this year's trips.

We will be also involved with the citywide yard sale on August 9. I have three bags full of clothes that I will be getting rid of. The youth will have 2 to 3 spots for things to be sold. All the money raised will go to our youth program. **If you would like to help/bring things to be sold, let me know.**

The youth will be having a **back to school night** here at the church in August with pizza and games. I will be bringing an ice bath for anyone who is brave enough to do it. Pastor Jake has already said he would try it! Look for the date soon.



The church will be having a night at the **Dirty Birds baseball game on August 16**. I would love to have all the youth go. We'll make it a fun time to connect with Pastor Jake's son Brody.

Please don't forget about **fall workshop** which will be held at Camp Cowen, November 14-16, for 6th-12th graders. The theme is "Rooted in Christ." I would love to take a whole bus full this year and use it as a time to grow with our conference and together.

Looking ahead: I am in contact with the West Virginia Wesleyan College campus chaplain, Jonathan Acord, and we are working on making a one day trip up to see campus along with working with their Christian ministries to do a mission project. I will be asking one or two parents to go on that trip.

Last but NOT least, our prayers are with all our college students who are heading to school soon. *Have a great year!*

School Supply Drive!

It's back to school which means our local students and teachers need our support. Look for a donation box in the Connection Center. We want to collect general supplies such as:

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| • Pencils | • Markers – 10 count |
| • Pencil top erasers | • Colored pencils – 12 count |
| • Pencil box or pouch | • Dry erase markers – black |
| • Wide-ruled paper or 1-subject notebook | • Highlighters |
| • Wide-ruled composition notebook | • Black pens |
| • Pocket folders | • Red pens |
| • Glue sticks | • Ear buds |
| • Scissors | • Wipes |
| • Crayons – 24 count max | • Tissues |
| | • Hand sanitizer |
| | • Ziploc bags |



Once school starts these supplies will be delivered to our local schools. Please bring supplies **by August 24th**.

Forrest Burdette **ALL-CHURCH NIGHT** at a Dirty Birds Baseball Game in Charleston

Saturday, August 16, 6:35 p.m., vs. High Point Rockers from High Point, NC, with Megablast Fireworks following the 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 contact the church office **by August 10**.



Children & Family Ministries Spreading the Good News!

Families! Here's a look at what we're covering in Children's Church this month, so you can continue growing at home during the week.



Promise: A series on God's promises

- 8/3:** God promised to fix what was broken. Genesis 1:26-30, 3:1-15. *Creation and the Fall*
- 8/10:** God promised us mercy. Genesis 8:15-22, 9:8-17. *God's covenant with Noah*
- 8/17:** God's promises are for now and for later. Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6. *God's covenant with Abram*
- 8/24:** God's promises might take time. Genesis 37:1-28. *Joseph's dreams*
- 8/31:** God keeps promises. Genesis 40:1-41:40. *Joseph is put in charge*



Butterfly Hugs: The VBS and COM kids participated in "Butterfly Hugs" with 91.5 Walk FM, a Christian radio station. We made pictures of butterflies, added encouraging words, and we'll send them to the station. They will distribute to hospitals and nursing homes.

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

Hi, everyone. It's a very busy time here at COM. Summer is winding down, and we are gearing up for the school year.

We are doing what we can to beat the heat some this summer, unfortunately staying inside a bit more, but still having fun and enjoying our time.

If anyone has a couch, and/or a couple of living room type chairs they are getting rid of, we would love to have them for our school age space in the basement. **We are also needing a few people** to remove and dispose of the couch we inherited from the youth that is down there now.



Once again, thanks so much for the support you give us. We couldn't do what we do without it.

Please keep our children and their families as well as our staff in your prayers as everyone gets ready for a new school year.

♥ **Have fun, and make a difference.** ♥

Read the Bible Together this Year

We are reading through the Bible with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett. *The Grand Sweep*, developed by Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas, is guiding us from Genesis to Revelation.

8/1/25	Jer. 31-33, Psalm 113	8/17/25	Ezekiel 23-25
8/2/25	Jeremiah 34-36	8/18/25	Ezekiel 26-28
8/3/25	Jeremiah 37-39	8/19/25	Ezekiel 29-32
8/4/25	Jeremiah 40-43	8/20/25	Ezekiel 33-34, Ps. 117
8/5/25	Jer. 44-45, Psalm 114	8/21/25	Ezekiel 35-37
8/6/25	Jeremiah 46-49	8/22/25	Ezkl. 38-39, Ps. 118-119:24
8/7/25	Jeremiah 50-52	8/23/25	Ezekiel 40-42
8/8/25	Lam. 1-2, Psalm 115	8/24/25	Ezekiel 43-45
8/9/25	Lamentations 3-5	8/25/25	Ezekiel 46-48
8/10/25	Ezekiel 1-3	8/26/25	Daniel 1-3, Ps. 119:25-48
8/11/25	Ezekiel 4-6	8/27/25	Daniel 4-6
8/12/25	Ezekiel 7-10	8/28/25	Daniel 7-9
8/13/25	Ezekiel 11-13	8/29/25	Daniel 10-12, Ps. 119:49-72
8/14/25	Ezekiel 14-16	8/30/25	Hosea 1-3
8/15/25	Ezekiel 17-19, Ps. 116	8/31/25	Hosea 4-6
8/16/25	Ezekiel 20-22		

BackPack Buddies

Our BackPack Buddies ministry provides weekend meals and snacks for 100+ local school children, and with the school year approaching, we will soon be packing bags weekly. If you are interested in packing bags, please see the sign-up sheet at the Connection Center. Also, we welcome monetary donations as well as food donations. A cart for food donations is located at the Connection Center. A few ideas for individual sized donations are: oatmeal, Nutri-Grain bars, Pop Tarts, ramen noodles, Beanie Weenies, cans of chicken noodle or tomato soup, mac & cheese pouches, snack sized mandarin oranges or peaches, fruit snacks, and Rice Krispie treats.



Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for June 2025:

June 2025 Contributions Received\$45,996
Monthly Receipts Needed\$64,023

Mortgage Balance:

June 2025 Payments on Mortgage*\$12,838
Funds Received, June 2025.....\$11,429

Kitchen Towels for UMW Meals..... *an abundance—thank you!*

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

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Citywide Yard Sale: August 9

The United Methodist Women are once again offering \$10 parking spots for the annual Citywide Yard Sale on **Saturday, August 9**. Sign up at the Connection Center or contact the church office to reserve the number of spots you might need. Remember: which spot(s) you end up with depends on who comes to set up first. The sale officially runs from 9:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m. Fees will be collected the morning of the sale. Sellers are responsible for tables, chairs, and canopies. Food and drink will be for sale in the Fellowship Hall by the UMW. Volunteers are welcome in the kitchen; contact Ruth Blankenship (304-542-8281).



Laity

(\ 'lay-uh-tee\ noun):

the people of a religious faith not part of its clergy

Fall Laity Retreat: August 22-23

You are invited to the Fall Laity Retreat through the West Virginia Conference: August 22-23, 2025, at Pipestem Resort. Enjoy great fellowship with a time of learning and spiritual growth with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett as she teaches and leads the weekend. This event is a joint event of both the WV and Holston Conferences. Registration is only \$10 per person. Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be provided. The registration form and hotel reservation suggestions are available at wvumc-reg.brtapp.com/FallLaityRetreat2025.



Girl Scout Troop 38317 would like to thank the congregation for their support of the "Valentine" fundraiser that helped 4 scouts be able to attend GirlFest camp in Fayetteville, WV, June 22-26. The troop participated in rafting, biking, zip lining, and other water sports.

Many new skills were learned, and the girls were able to connect with other scouts from all over the US! Thank you for your prayers during their trip!



August Birthdays:

- 1 Shanon Fearing, Kim Virag, Jenny Wilson, Camie Zappitelli, Sofie Zappitelli
- 2 Beth Embrey, Lisa Kidd
- 3 Marilyn Kegley
- 4 John Cunningham, Mark Landin, Sarah Lipinski, Brad Moore, Andrea Rogowski, Makenzie Vance
- 5 Mike Barnhouse, Brody Franklin, Evan McMillion, Billy Smith, Karen Turner
- 6 Jimmy Conaway, Ali Fenerty, Dan Kennedy, Kinley Ogle
- 7 Steve Blower, Andrew Johnson, J.B. Marinacci, Meagen Young
- 8 Robbie Armstrong, Ed Grant, Don Smith
- 9 *No birthdays on record today*
- 10 Katie Jo Andrews, Christian Barnhouse, Andrew Pannell, Randall Tidd
- 11 Chantil Foster, Taylor Rogers
- 12 Bill Romine, Cindy Stickler
- 13 Missy Collins
- 14 Lori Bailey, Kylie Billups, Audrey Hall, Christopher Hall, Debbie Haynes, Mary Casey O'Dell
- 15 Sylvie Bartkowski, John Jay Walker, Jim Zappitelli
- 16 Leah Altizer, Hayley Lawman, Reese Ramey, Rylee Ramey
- 17 Woody McFadden
- 18 Emily Anders, Bob Ayers, Ed Byus, Jack Coulter, Sarah Court, Mary Catherine Harris, Ella Peterson, Tish Wallace, Kathy Wandling
- 19 James Herman, Dave Tincer
- 20 *No birthdays on record today*

- 21 Linda Gibson, Brady Lawman
- 22 Linda Cargill, Debbie Gibson
- 23 Luke Browne, John Vance
- 24 Khloe Estep, Brenda Grant, Diane Howell
- 25 Vicki Barnhouse, Chris Booker, Ben Hughes
- 26 Mary Jo Harris, Brenda McBrayer, Larry Wagner
- 27 John Simmons, Jamie Smith
- 28 Tammy Brown, Amy Howat, Elaine Lee, David Meeks, Shelley Porter, Jill Turner, Diane Wolfe
- 29 Donna Barnhouse, Shanley Crouse, Gail Edwards, Lillian Grose, Rex Menear
- 30 David Atkins, Eli Cummings, Matthew Duespohl, Emily Stinespring, Tyler Thompson
- 31 Christian Stark



August Anniversaries:

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| 3 Mike & Vicki Jarvis | 14 Bob & Debbie Ayers |
| 3 Rodney & Jennifer Kimble | 15 Steve & Greta Huggins |
| 5 Steve & Rosemary Cook | 19 Brian & Sephra Faulknier |
| 6 Michael & Patricia Enochs | 20 Michael & Michele Myers |
| 6 Harold & Joann Walker | 21 Brett & Kathie Faulknier |
| 8 Rick & Tish Wallace | 21 John & Priscilla Simmons |
| 9 Stephen & Marsha Jones | 22 Jason & Katina Haught |
| 9 Coy & Joan Mullins | 23 Joe & Judi Kenaston |
| 11 Marvin & Gale Thompson | 26 Ted & Audella Clark |
| 12 Kevin & Tammy Lawhon | 30 Brad & Brittany Cochran |

** 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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Scout says, "THANK YOU to all the children and youth and adults who hung out with me during Vacation Bible School! Remember that God is with us on the journey."