



## 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**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Home is an important part of life. Home can be an apartment in Evanston, IL, a semi-detached in Manchester, England, or a house in Charleston, Vienna, Lewisburg, Beckley, or Hurricane. Obviously, I have just listed the places where Judi and I lived. However, a home is more than a place. It is where we feel “at home.” In other words, we feel like we belong, where we can relax and be ourselves, where we are accepted, where we are challenged, and, most importantly, where we are loved.

Everywhere Judi and I have been has felt like home! Hurricane and Forrest Burdette have been our home for four years. The church, parsonage committee, and trustees have made the parsonage a wonderful place. Our parsonage at 110 Mulberry Drive has hosted family gatherings, church open houses, youth picnics, staff Christmas lunches, and friends. The parsonage has been our home when we have been recovering from illnesses and Judi's carpal tunnel surgery. We have mourned Judi's parents' deaths during our four years. It has been the place where our two grandchildren have visited Nana and Greenda. We have decorated the house with furniture, pictures, paintings, and mementos to help us know that we belong here.

I was appointed to Forrest Burdette Memorial UMC by Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball in 2021. When we arrived in late June of 2021, we discovered what my Grandma Mary experienced growing up in parsonages in Missouri in the early part of the last century, that when you are a parsonage family you discover that when you arrive, you have hundreds of people who want to be your friend. Grandma Mary's words were never truer than when we arrived at Forrest Burdette. We immediately felt we had found our community of faith and our spiritual home. We were welcomed by the staff and all the people of the church. We have been loved by you, and we have loved you, too. Like all families and homes, our four years had a few challenges. When we arrived, we were still dealing with COVID, we have had a lot of beloved saints go to their heavenly home, and we have had members of our family move or go to other churches. Through it all, the church has remained God's family committed to loving God, loving people, and sharing Christ's love with our community. Judi and I have felt and been at home, here with you!

It is now time for us to move as I have felt called by God to transition into retirement. I will always be engaged in some form of ministry but no longer as the pastor of a church. God is leading me in the next step of the journey into new opportunities for experiencing and sharing God's grace and love with my family, new neighbors, and community. We have also bought our first home. At Christmas, Diane gave us candle that had a sticker that said, “look at you two being adults and buying your first house!” Since we closed the house on the Friday before *(continued)*



Thanksgiving, we have been doing a few things to help the house become our home. We leave our home here on June 18th, and moving in begins on June 19th. I know that it will quickly become our home. We want you to feel free to stop by, stay for a visit, or just hang out with us in our new home in Winston-Salem. I am including a couple of pictures so when you get to our house, you will know that you are home!

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Love,  
Joe and Judi

*Joe & Judi, "never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you. Continue to be true to your calling. May God's love and power be with you always."*

## Luke Spurgeon Minister of Youth & Young Adults

Hey FB Family! I'm excited to see what God has in store for us during this busy month of June! The youth had a great time throughout May, enjoying fun activities and celebrating our graduating seniors. Reminder: Graduation Sunday is June 8th. I can't wait to celebrate with the church. I've been trying to capture all the moments, but there have been too many to count—it's been a joyful season!

In May, we took a fun trip to Billy Bob's, and we're planning another exciting outing at the end of June—so stay tuned to see what's next! Our weekly youth group gatherings will resume in August.

One big event coming up is our annual rollercoaster trip! We'll be heading to Carowinds in North Carolina on June 16–17. We'll stay overnight at a local church on Monday and spend Tuesday at the park. We are still looking for youth and adult participants—especially adult women to serve as chaperones. If you're interested or would like more information, please reach out to me.

Lately, the youth have also been diving into the topic of daily prayer during our Wednesday night meetings and Sunday School. We've been asking important questions like: What is prayer? How can we make it a regular part of our lives? How do we pray? It's been a meaningful and thought-provoking journey.

I'm truly excited about what lies ahead this summer and can't wait to share more with the church about our youth adventures. (Below: Youth at Billy Bob's Wonderland, 5/28)



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

Hello, everyone. To begin I want to thank you for acknowledging COM during worship a few weeks ago. I also want to apologize for not being more ready to speak about our program. It was obvious that my morning had not really gone as planned with my little guests along for the day. I am never sad to have the grandchildren, but it's been quite a few years since I had to get anyone other than myself ready. I appreciate the grace you showed me. A big thank you, also, to the ladies for the yummy cookies. They were amazing!

We are getting ready to start our summer program next week. There are lots of trips and some fun things planned here for the summer. While we always want the children to be learning and growing, we also want them to have a fun summer. We are looking forward to having a great time with all the children.

Please continue to keep our children and their families, along with our staff, in your prayers. Pray that this summer is productive, safe, engaging, and filled with fun, learning, and developing a bigger understanding of God's love for us all.

♥ Have fun, and make a difference. ♥

## 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.

**TAKE  
THE  
LEAD**

### Take the Lead: A series on the Judges

6/1: Everyone can be a leader. Judges 4. *Deborah*

6/8: God gives me courage to lead. Judges 7. *Gideon*

6/15: God helps me learn from my mistakes. Judges 16:4-30.

*Samson*

6/22: God gives me leaders I can follow. Ruth 1:1-8. *Ruth*

\*\*6/29: TBD



June 5, 2025 • 6-8 p.m.  
Free for young kids and their families! Popsicles and refreshments provided. Bring a friend!



## June Worship

We gather for worship Sunday mornings at 10:30. Pastor Joe Kenaston's final Sunday with us is June 15. On June 22, Pastor Ellis Conley will lead us in worship, and on June 29, J.D. Philyaw will lead the service. Please read the scripture to prepare for worship, and invite someone to join you as we continue to walk with Christ.

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title
June 1	Matt. 28:16-20	Sharing Christ
June 8	Acts 2:1-11	Empowered
June 15	Isaiah 6:1-8	Always Called
June 22	Mark 4:35-41	When Storms Come
June 29	Colossians 3:12	Dressed to Be a Blessing

## From the Church Record

Jane & Don Collins are proud to announce the births of grandchildren Elliot Earl Childers, 11/2/24, to daughter Katherine Held Childers & Eric Childers and Wyatt William Held, 2/6/25, to son William & Ashley Held.

Andrew Dean & Julie Grant were united in Christian marriage on May 3, 2025, in Townsend, TN. Andrew is the son of Shannon & Sara Dean.

Christian sympathy is extended to Pam Matson and family upon the death of her husband Steve Matson on May 14, 2025, and to Kristin Lilly and family upon the death of her father Jerry Lilly on May 20, 2025.

## Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for April 2025:

April 2025 Contributions Received .....\$41,444

Monthly Receipts Needed .....\$64,023

Mortgage Balance:

April 2025 Payments on Mortgage\* .....\$12,838

Funds Received, April 2025 .....\$17,005

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

## A Note of Thanks

Thank you from the Christian Community Cupboard to all who staffed the Cupboard in May and to those who made donations to the Cupboard. Please remember that, while May is Forrest Burdette's designated month, our ministry to the Cupboard is year-round. Food and monetary donations are always welcome. —Steve Cook

## MEN'S CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

The 2025 season is in full swing!

Join the team, or catch a game at Valley Park!

June 3, 8:00 p.m.      June 23, 6:00 p.m.

June 9, 8:00 p.m.      June 30, 8:00 p.m.

June 17, 8:00 p.m.

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



## Kenaston Retirement

Please sign up for Pastor Joe's retirement dinner by June 9. The dinner will be held on Sunday, June 15, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall and will be a celebration of retirement and a recognition of Pastor Joe's 41 years of full-time ministry. RSVP by signing up at the Connection Center or by contacting the church office (office@forrestburdette.com, 304-562-5903).

If you are unable to attend this event but would like to leave a card for the Kenastons, look for a basket at the Connection Center where you may leave your card.

## 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.

6/1/25	Nehemiah 1-3	6/16/25	Job 22-24
6/2/25	Nehemiah 4-6	6/17/25	Job 25-28
6/3/25	Neh. 7-8, Psalms 94-95	6/18/25	Job 29-31
6/4/25	Neh. 9-10, Psalm 96	6/19/25	Job 32-34
6/5/25	Nehemiah 11-13	6/20/25	Job 35-37, Psalm 99
6/6/25	Esther 1-3, Psalm 97	6/21/25	Job 38-41
6/7/25	Esther 4-6	6/22/25	Job 42, Psalms 100-101
6/8/25	Esther 7-10	6/23/25	Ecclesiastes 1-3
6/9/25	Job 1-3	6/24/25	Ecclesiastes 4-6
6/10/25	Job 4-6	6/25/25	Ecclesiastes 7-9
6/11/25	Job 7-9	6/26/25	Ecclesiastes 10-12
6/12/25	Job 10-12	6/27/25	Song of Songs 1-3, Ps. 102
6/13/25	Job 13-15, Psalm 98	6/28/25	Song of Songs 4-6
6/14/25	Job 16-18	6/29/25	Song of Songs 7-8, Ps. 103
6/15/25	Job 19-21	6/30/25	Isaiah 1-3

## Lids Needed for VBS

Please save 4 1/2 inch lids for Vacation Bible School, such as the type that come on yogurt, cottage cheese, or chip dip containers. Bring them to the office marked "VBS." Thanks!

**Register to volunteer and/or attend VBS** by scanning this QR code and clicking on "Menu," or contact the church office!



"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 13-17, 2025**

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

## June Birthdays:

- 1 *No birthdays on record today*
- 2 Brie Crouse, Kierstin Ellis-Marino, Nancy Hardin, Adam Martin
- 3 Barbi Davis
- 4 Jeremy Grant
- 5 Tony Anders, Mike Brown, Riley Daugherty
- 6 Katie Cutlip, Kelly Gibson, Mark James, Liz Quigley, Jamie Wendel
- 7 Krista Antis, Lainey Faulkner, 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, Bailey Fearing
- 13 *No birthdays on record today*
- 14 Norman McClure, George Smith
- 15 Morgan Anderson, Karen Atkins, John Call, Marvin Thompson
- 16 Allison Herman, Robbie 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, Adelina Stewart
- 27 Justin Altizer, Shay Ellis, Rodney Kimble, Joey Nelon, Bill Warden
- 28 Brian Cortellesi, Lilly Faulkner, John Mason, Sarah McCallister, Paul McClanahan, Billy Smith
- 29 *No birthdays on record today*
- 30 Beth Court, Steven Dorsey, Zach Edgell, Renee Vickers

## June Anniversaries:

- |                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Scott & Cheryl Riedel     | 20 John & Debby Cunningham  |
| 2 Michael & Lisa Kidd       | 21 Ed & Brenda Grant        |
| 7 Mike & Annette Cartwright | 23 Jim & Lorrie Zappitelli  |
| 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 |
| 15 Jerry & Diane Wolfe      | 27 Davey & Lauren Freeman   |
| 16 Brian & Kimberly Slappe  | 27 Dave & Debbie Tincher    |
| 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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### Address Service Requested

Date mailed: 6/5/2025



*You are encouraged to start  
(or continue) wearing your  
nametag on Sundays when  
our new pastor and his*

*family begin worshiping with us on July 6. Please contact  
the church office with a request to purchase a nametag,  
\$5 each, and the order will be placed.*



## **Class of 2025—High School Graduates**

**Christian Marshall Barnhouse**, son of Mike & Donna Barnhouse, has successfully completed the homeschool requirements for graduation from Northwest Academy. During his education, Christian has participated in soccer, archery and boxing. He has tackled many difficult pieces of music on the piano and most enjoys singing, whether in choir or with a quartet. Christian has enjoyed being in the youth group and helping with VBS. Throughout his senior year, he has worked at COM in the afterschool program. Christian plans to continue his education with a degree in Massage Therapy.

**Campbell Bartkowski**, son of Caitlin Campbell, graduated from Hurricane High School. Campbell will attend West Virginia University to major in Occupational Therapy and will continue his hockey career while playing for the Mountaineers.

**Joshua Gooden**, son of Aaron & Shannon Gooden, graduated with honors from Hurricane High School, where he was a member of the golf team, DECA, the Red Hot/Heat Wave show band, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Computer Club, and Political Club. Josh will attend Princeton University and study Physics or Mathematics.

**Cooper Holland**, son of Pat & Heather Holland, graduated with honors from Hurricane High School, where he was a member of the golf team, Red Hot Show Choir, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Link Crew. Cooper will attend West Virginia University in the fall to study Immunology and Medical Microbiology

**James Larch** is a 2025 graduate of Tamarack Academy Homeschool and Putnam Career and Technical Center. He is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and a recipient of the Governor's Workforce Credential. James has participated on the Putnam County Junior Rifle Team and HEAT Archery Team for many years. He has also represented Forrest Burdette Memorial UMC on Team Effort Mission Trips, Fall Workshop, and has worked directly with the CCYM (Conference Council on Youth Ministries). James will be pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice from Bridge Valley Community and Technical College, followed by plans to join law enforcement and attend the West Virginia State Police Academy.

**Addley Marinacci**, daughter of J.B. & Jennifer Marinacci, graduated with honors from Hurricane High School, where she was on the Dance Team and in National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Link Crew, Book Club, and the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy. Addley will attend the University of Kentucky and study Accounting and Finance.

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## Post High School Graduates

**Hannah Clatworthy**, granddaughter of Chuck & Glo McCane, received her Master's Degree in Health Sciences, Physician Assistant Studies, from West Virginia University.

**Matthew Duespohl**, son of Debbie Duespohl and Dale Duespohl, graduated with a Master of Science, Physician Assistant Degree from Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA, on May 10, 2025.

**Nicholas Kegley**, son of Marilyn Kegley, has received his PhD in Biomedical Chemistry from the University of Georgia.

**Madelynn Clark**, granddaughter of Linda Clark, graduated in December from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. Madelynn plans to attend law school.

### *A Blessing for Graduates*

*As your classes and grading are now complete,  
may you strive toward excellence in all you do.  
As the speeches conclude,  
may your voices rise up  
to pronounce justice and peace in the world.  
As the fanfares cease,  
may you sing of joy, even in the dark and lonely places.  
As the applause quiets,  
may you celebrate and lift up those around you.  
As you graduate,  
may your achievements grow  
and cause growth in your communities.  
And may we all know of the overwhelming blessings  
of the One who created all things.*

*—United Methodist Discipleship Ministries*