


Our Mission:

- Minister to people where they are;
- Equip disciples on the journey;
- Glorify God in all things

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

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VISIONS

The newsletter of
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church



Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

June has traditionally been the month for United Methodists in WV to gather at West Virginia Wesleyan College for Annual Conference. This year it is Thursday, June 8 through Sunday, June 11. Forrest Burdette will have several people participating: Joe Kenaston and Sam Sentelle will be the clergy and lay members from our church; and, in addition Judi Kenaston (Conference Secretary) and David Westfall (young adult lay member from the Nine Rivers District) will serve as lay equalization members; and Ellis Conley and all our former pastors will be present.

Annual Conference is marked by moving worship celebrations, learning opportunities, and fellowship. The Business sessions will include a proposed change to the health insurance policy (this will affect four staff members at FBMUMC), election of a reserve lay person to General Conference, and approving the conference's plans of evangelism, mission, and ministry.

At Annual Conference we will observe several milestones. First, at the Memorial service we will remember the pastors and spouses who have died this past year; this includes Rev. Sam Starling who served FBMUMC from 1974-76. In addition, we will also ordain new clergy who will serve Christ through The United Methodist Church. For us as a family and FBMUMC as our church home, the Annual Conference will recognize Judi's 21 years of full-time leadership and service as the Conference Secretary. She is leaving that position since she has been chosen and hired to be the Chief Connectional Ministry Officer of the Connectional Table for the world-wide United Methodist Church. She started that position on January 3.

On Sunday of Annual Conference, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball will re-appoint me for my third year as senior pastor of FBMUMC. I am thrilled to continue in ministry with you and look forward to a new conference year! In addition, the bishop will be assigning Robbie Parsons to be the Certified Lay Minister who will continue to lead Fairview UMC in the new conference year.

I invite you to pray for Annual Conference, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, and all the persons from Forrest Burdette who will be participating in the conference session.

(To quote a former pastor) "The Journey Continues ..."

Joe

Thank You for Serving at the Cupboard



May was Forrest Burdette's month to volunteer at the Christian Community Cupboard. Thank you to all those who worked a shift (or many!). We did a great job! It was a busy month. Total families served: 238; new clients served: 15; seniors served: 147; adults served: 390; children served: 145; total of all individuals: 682. In May, the Cupboard served the highest number of families since January 2020. Thank you for being a part of this ministry. —Steve Cook

David Westfall Minister of Youth & Young Adults

Summer Programming: Uth

There is no weekly bible study during the summer. However, we will continue to meet each week at various times for various activities. David will send out Remind101's at the beginning of each week to remind everyone of what is upcoming. To stay up to date about summer events and activities with the Uth, join our Remind101 by texting "@fbmuth" to the phone number 81010. You can also email/text David if you need help joining the group (youth@forrestburdette.com or 304-541-3913).

June Sunday School Schedule: Uth

In Sunday School, we are working through the Book of Acts this summer. We meet in the upstairs Uth Room (225A).

- Sunday, June 4: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL — Uth is on the RCAT trip. Feel free to join an adult class or help with the children's Sunday School classes if you are at church.
- Sunday, June 11: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. — David will be out of town for Annual Conference. Sunday School will be led by Samuel Clark, college student studying theology at Cedarville.
- Sunday, June 18: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday, June 25: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Vacation Bible School, June 25 - 30: We need your help!

If you are high school age or above, you can earn community service hours by assisting with VBS this summer. Do you love working with kids and serving the kingdom through fun, interactive experiences? Contact Jayné, David, or the Church Office to sign up to help. Dates are June 25 - June 29. Email/text David at youth@forrestburdette.com or 304-541-3913.

YOUNG ADULTS:

Interested in joining a Young Adult Small Group?

If you are a young adult and are looking to join a bible study or fellowship group with other young adults in the church, then email/text David. This summer, we would love to get a small group started for young adults at Forrest Burdette (youth@forrestburdette.com, 304-541-3913).

Summer Job Opportunity for anyone 18+: Spring Heights UMC Summer Camp / Day Spring Mobile Camp

The WVUMC Conference Camp - Spring Heights - needs help staffing camp counselors for the summer. If you are 18 or older, and you are interested in a summer job working with kids, let David know ASAP. For the Day Spring Mobile Camp, work dates are the entire summer (all expenses paid + \$3,000 stipend). For the Summer Camp at Spring Heights Camp and Retreat Center, work dates are the month of July (all expenses paid + \$1500). For more information, contact David.

McDowell County Mission Trip, June 16 - 18: CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to a lack of registration numbers from students across the conference, this summer's McDowell County Mission/Immersion trip that was originally scheduled for June 16 - 18 has been cancelled. The team is rescheduling this trip for the Fall, and they are opening it to all age groups, as it is an intergenerational effort.



Jayné Kirk Minister of Children & Families



School is out, and VBS is less than a month away!

We need all hands on deck to help with decorations, stations & crews, and all the behind-the-scenes things that make everything work!

But before anything else happens, we need your help to spread the word! Let your neighbors, friends, and family know that VBS starts June 25, 6-8 p.m., and that we have free family dinners at 5:15 to help make the evening that much easier.

We also want your prayers for all the kids, families, and VBS servants who are touched by this mission event. Yes, remember, VBS is a mission event. It's an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with our community and the perfect chance to invite people to church even if they cannot attend VBS. Make it your mission this summer to tell more people about Jesus and invite them to join you at church.

If you want to [sign up to help](#), please talk to Jayné or scan this QR code to sign up online. We need more leaders for the morning session (COM 9-11 a.m.). You can [register participants](#) at the same link. Children aged 3 through 5th grade (completed) are eligible to participate. We will have nursery for children under 3. Youth are eligible to volunteer and can get community service hours.



Decorations will be made Saturday, June 17, and we will decorate the church Saturday, June 24. For any other questions contact Jayné (jayne@forrestburdette.com, 304-562-5903).

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

There are many ways you can support our OCC ministry. Join our Facebook group by searching "FBUMC Operation Christmas Child" (or we're listed on the church's Facebook page under the "about" tab). We share sales for shoebox items, testimonies from shoebox recipients, and information about our upcoming events. We've also created an Amazon wishlist for our most needed items! Please prayerfully consider purchasing an item for our shoeboxes. Instructions for the Amazon Wishlist are as follows:

1. Scan this QR code to go directly to the list.
2. You may need to sign in to Amazon! If you're already signed in, you should see the list.
3. To see the most needed items, sort the list. Click on the grey drop down menu at the top right of the list. Select "Priority (high to low)". This ranks the items from the most needed to the least. For the month of June, we are focusing on toys such as stuffed animals, dolls, and matchbox cars. Hygiene items, flashlights, and clothes are also a high priority.
4. Choose an item to purchase, and either click "add to cart" or click on the item to see product info. and add it to the cart.
5. When you're finished, go to your cart. The item should say it is for the Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church Wishlist. Click "check out."
6. Make sure the church's shipping information is selected, then check out. Items purchased will then be delivered directly to the Forrest Burdette UMC office.



Worship for June

June 4	Matthew 28:16-20	The Great Commission
June 11	Matthew 6:19-24	The Economy of God J.D. Philyaw
June 18	Genesis 18:1-15	Laughter & Faith
June 25	Luke 10:29-37	Vision: Sharing Christ's Love with Our Community

July 2 – PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION: *No Sunday School and Special Worship Time*

On Sunday, July 2, at 10 a.m., FBMUMC will host a patriotic celebration for our church, neighborhood, and community. We will worship outside in the grass and parking area behind the Scout Building and the Community Cupboard. The worship will begin at 10 a.m., and we will have stirring music, prayer, and readings that reflect on the ideals of America. When the worship concludes we will continue with a cookout. We have a team putting together the hot dogs and sides; **the church is asked to bring plain potato chips, cookies, and brownies.** We will also have Kona Ice at the cookout.

Tasks needed for the celebration: help with advertising by delivering fliers in the area, help with set up, host church folks and our guests, and invite your friends!

Invitation to Become a Member of Forrest Burdette UMC



If you would like to be a part of the Forrest Burdette family, we would love to share the mission and passion of the church as well as the blessings of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. You are invited to an **orientation class on Sunday, June 18**, during the Sunday School hour (9:15 a.m.). This session will meet in Pastor Joe's office. You will learn about Forrest Burdette and what it means to be a member of this church. We will receive new members on June 25. If your membership is in another church, we can transfer your membership, or if you are not a member of another church, you may join via Profession of Faith. Please contact Pastor Joe or the church office for more information or to sign up.

Sound and Media Systems Update

Our new sound and media systems are beginning to show their potential! Admittedly, it has a learning curve and we had some kinks to work out. Many thanks to the dedicated people learning the new operating systems. It is like using a manual typewriter and then having to adjust to a fully loaded and powerful computer that can do more than you can imagine. Our folks have put in lots of time learning the new systems. The sound is vastly better in the sanctuary and online now, with many more options. The filming and broadcasting are a tremendous boost compared to the old system. This past Sunday we were able for the first time to put slides on one screen and project a live feed of Children's Moments and other parts of the service on the other screen. It is exciting to see and hear what the new possibilities are with our new tech systems. Thank you for your support and your patience as we grow.

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 dates: June 3rd and 17th, at the church in Room 111 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 or Robbie Parsons at (304) 542-0981.

From the Church Record

Congratulations to Davey & Lauren Freeman on the May 12th birth of Olivia Catherine, 8 lbs. 5 oz., 19.5". Proud grandparents are Debbie & Dale Milton.

On May 21, Stephanie Dorsey, Luke Halstead, Caroline Harris, Leila Holland, Ian Ogle, and Rosalie Spiker were confirmed and received as members of Forrest Burdette. Stephanie Dorsey also received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Lessie Lawson who passed away on May 29, 2023.

Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for May 2023:

May Contributions Received.....	\$72,943
Monthly Receipts Needed	\$67,538

BackPack Buddies: Summer Break

Thank you to all volunteers and donors! Your generosity provided meals and snacks for 122 students on weekends and breaks. Hope to see your names in the new school year, and we will continue accepting donations throughout the summer. Again, thank you!

—Rita Given

Vision Team Update

Thank you for participating in the conversations in our areas of focus. The discussions were stimulating and a great help in pointing our way forward! The FBMUMC Vision Team first met in March of 2022. We have been sharing our breakthrough prayer each week since last summer. This summer we will be rolling out the component parts of the Vision for prayer, conversation, celebration, and exploring the biblical foundation. We will be focusing on Our New Mission Statement, Establishing New Connections in the Community, Generating Connections within the Church, Deepening Individual Connections with Christ, Connecting Faith to Everyday Life, and New Life for Forrest Burdette. On Sundays June 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30, and August 6 we will examine the God-led call on Forrest Burdette. We kick off the Vision exploration on June 25 with our new mission statement, "Sharing Christ's Love with Our Community," and a worship celebration based on the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). On five Sundays, beginning July 9, we will have after-church discussions reflecting on that morning's worship and sermon and its connection to our Vision. We will have handouts each week that describe that part of the Vision. At the first of September, everyone will receive a completed copy of the proposed Vision for Forrest Burdette. On Sunday, September 17, all will have an opportunity to affirm and adopt the Vision. God is leading the church to embrace the future with faith!



High School Graduates:

All members of Forrest Burdette's Class of 2023 are graduates of Hurricane High School

Alex Dorsey, son of Steven & Diane Dorsey

Zane Franklin, son of Keyria Franklin

Audrey Hall, daughter of Brad & Crista Hall

Christopher Hall, son of Brad & Crista Hall

Jackson Harris, son of Julie Harris & Shane Harris

Lily Haught, daughter of Jason & Katina Haught

Olivia Haught, daughter of Jason & Katina Haught

Logan Jackson, son of J.R. & Michelle Jackson

Andrew Marinacci, son of J.B. & Jennifer Marinacci

Meghan Oxley, daughter of Nick & Melissa Oxley

Sam Warner, son of Scott & Sarah Warner

Post High School Graduates:

Lauren Duespohl: Graduated from the University of Kentucky; Degrees: BA in Mathematical Economics, BA in Economics, BA in Management. Lauren will be working as a Healthcare Actuarial Analyst for Mercer in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kirstyn Bess Erwin: Graduated from Marshall University School of Nursing; Degree: Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice. Kirstyn is working with Marietta Memorial Health System as a CRNA.

Katherine Held Childers: Graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington; Degree: Nurse Practitioner. Katherine is working in adult acute care.

Lindsay Jones: Graduated from West Virginia University School of Medicine; Degree: Doctor of Medicine. Lindsay will be doing her Pediatric Residency at the WVU Children's Hospital in Morgantown, WV.

Asher Larch: Graduated from Charleston School of Beauty Culture; Program: Barber. Asher is preparing to take his board licensure exams to be a Board Licensed Barber.

Alyssa Marinacci: Graduated from Marshall University; Degree: BA in Elementary Education. Alyssa will be employed as an elementary school teacher.



Last but not least, former Forrest Burdette pastor **Rev. Jeremy Daniels** graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary on May 20, 2023, earning his Master of Divinity degree!

"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."

Adult Volunteers Needed: Spring Heights Summer Camp and Retreat Center

Do you have a passion for working with students? Do you have a passion for summer camp? Do you have a week you can spare this summer to help out? Spring Heights - the official camp of the WVUMC Annual Conference - needs 8 to 10 volunteers each week they will be hosting camp. They will be hosting camp all through July. Please, contact David ASAP if you have any questions or are interested in helping out at Spring Heights as a volunteer (youth@forrestburdette.com, 304-541-3913).



Summer Camps for Children & Youth

**** Forrest Burdette will pay 1/2 of camp fees. ****

Asbury Woods is located in Salt Rock, WV. More information can be found on their Facebook page. Search "AsburyWoodsWV" or call the contact listed by each camp.

Level Up: It's Not Just a Game

Middle & High School Camp, July 5-9, 2023
Contact Schauna at 304-634-9684

Lego & Let God: Build Your Faith

Camp for Grades 3-5, July 10-15, 2023
Contact Alexa at 304-690-3790

"Camp Out" Day Camp

Camp for Ages 5-7
July 10-15, 2023; 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Contact Katrina at 304-416-0303

Spring Heights is located just north of Spencer, WV. More information regarding pricing and registration can be found on their website, springheights.org.

Classic Camp Day Camp

Camp for Ages 8-18 Camp for Ages 6-18
July 9-14 and July 16-21 July 9-14 and July 16-21

Mini Classic

Camp for Ages 8-12
July 26-28

Beginners

Camp for Ages 5-8
July 23-25



"Celebrating Christ @ the Campfire"

June Birthdays:

- 1 No birthdays on record today
- 2 Brie Crouse, Kiersten Ellis-Marino, Nancy Hardin, Hannah Johnson, Adam Martin
- 3 Barbi Davis
- 4 Jeremy Grant, Iris Kirk
- 5 Tony Anders, Mike Brown, Riley Daugherty, Dustin Gore
- 6 Katie Cutlip, Kelly Gibson, Mark James, Liz Quigley, Harlee Rice, 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, Larry Courtright, Bailey Fearing
- 13 No birthdays on record today
- 14 Norman McClure, George Smith
- 15 Karen Adkins, 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, Debbie Kahre, 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 Sergent

- 24 Bill Cutlip, Alyssa Hazler, KrisAnna Parsons
- 25 No birthdays on record today
- 26 George Beckett, Greg Cleveland, Ed Davis, Stephanie Mills, Rose-Ann Prince, Sierra Rose, Adelina Stewart
- 27 Shay Ellis, Rodney Kimble, Joey Nelon, Bill Warden
- 28 Brian Cortellesi, Lilly Faulkner, Joe Grady, John Mason, Sarah McCallister, Paul McClanahan, Billy Smith, Emily Wilson
- 29 Claire McCoy
- 30 Beth Court, Steven Dorsey, Renee Vickers

**June Anniversaries:**

- 1 Louis & Deb Blair
- 1 Scott & Cheryl Riedel
- 6 Mike & Shirley Hill
- 7 Mike & Annette Cartwright
- 10 Bill & Leigh Anne Cutlip
- 11 Bill & Somer Hollaway
- 11 Mark & Donna Landin
- 14 Bob & Doris Roberts
- 15 Jerry & Diane Wolfe
- 17 Olin & Katie Spencer
- 18 John & Meredith Vance
- 19 Steven & Diane Dorsey
- 19 Jim & Lisa Fawcett
- 20 John & Debby Cunningham
- 21 Ed & Brenda Grant
- 23 Jim & Lorrie Zappitelli
- 24 Paul & Kara Rose
- 24 Justin & Whitney Williams
- 25 Joe & Valerie McMillion
- 26 Pat & Heather Holland
- 26 Thomas & Andrea Rogowski
- 27 Davey & Lauren Freeman
- 27 Dave & Debbie Tincher
- 29 Larry & Linda Clark
- 29 Jackson & Chelsey Lilly
- 30 Alan & Karen Cummings
- 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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Sunday Morning Worship:
10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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MEN'S CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

The 2023 season is in full swing!

Catch a game at Valley Park, or join the team.

June 1, 6:00 p.m. June 20, 6:00 p.m.

June 6, 6:00 p.m. June 27, 6:00 p.m.

June 12, 8:00 p.m. July 3, 8:00 p.m.

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

