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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



FROM THE PASTOR

Ed Grant, Senior Pastor

It has truly been a blessing to return to in-person worship over these past few weeks. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been coming. We will continue to do all we can to keep each other safe and hope to soon expand our in-person ministries including Sunday School. You should be hearing an announcement about Sunday School in the next few weeks.

On April 14, I will offer Bible study for five weeks along with the return of our children's ministry. Additionally, Chris Clark will be starting his class on April 14. The Bible study I will be teaching will be offered Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The children's program and Chris Clark's class will also meet at 6:30 p.m.

Our plan is to phase in our in-person ministries as safely as we can. As more and more people are ready to return, we will be returning to our regular schedule of morning services. Just keep watching for announcements, and we will do our best to keep you informed.

It's been a long year, but I ask you to keep praying for guidance and wisdom in reaching the goal of being fully reopened. Together we will overcome all the hardships, and one day we will all rejoice as we are able to be fully engaged in ministry again.

God bless! Ed

Spring Heights Offering Family Camps and Traveling Camps!

Spring Heights Camp and Retreat Center is pleased to be able to offer great options for experiencing camp this summer. We can't wait to see you! At our camp property, we will be hosting Family Camp for either a traditional camp experience or a retreat. DaySpring, our mobile camp, is traveling this summer! We will be offering DaySpring to all young people 6-18 years old at local churches in each West Virginia Conference district. We hope to see you some time, somewhere this summer!

Please know we are diligently following the CDC and the American Camping Association guidelines to provide safe and fun programs this summer. These guidelines are outlined in our promotional materials, which will be available by mid-April. If you would like to receive summer brochures, please email amy@springheights.org to be added to the mailing list!

We are in the process of updating our Spring Heights website and will share additional details soon.



This year, our **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** services will be online only. Even though we won't be in-person, we will continue our journey to the cross together. The services will premier at 7:00 p.m., April 1 & 2, on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

Easter Sunday worship services will be held in person on April 4, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The 10:00 service will be streamed on our Facebook page as well and later on YouTube.

Where flowers bloom, so does HOPE.

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

Our monthly **Service Saturday** is Saturday, April 10th! We meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and ride together to the Heart & Hand thrift store where we work from 10:00 a.m.—noon, with a lunch stop on the way home. This is a great time serving together, and it's available for YOUTH of ALL AGES ;)

We are hoping to relaunch our **FBUth: Student Ministries** weekly meetings this month as well. Our hope is to be active by Wednesday, April 14th and Sunday, April 18th with 2 different types of events:

Wednesday Nights: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for a night to Serve, Pray, and Play! Our Uth Lead Student Service Team will be back in action serving the Children's Ministries and also learning how to serve in our Media Team with on site training. There will be a time of prayer in the Uth Rooms upstairs and free time in the gym to hang out and play. All middle school and high schoolers welcome!



Sunday Nights: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Join us for our traditional Uth Night with teaching, games, small groups, and of course open gym time afterwards. We will START in the sanctuary and dive into small group discussions up in the Uth Rooms. All middle school and high schoolers welcome!

Stay tuned for upcoming **Confirmation Class** information. Letters have been sent to those who are eligible for this membership class opportunity, and once we know how big the class will be, we can continue planning our curriculum and agenda to help make this another safe and fruitful experience in your teen's walk with Christ.

Jayné Kirk, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Happy April! Wednesday evening: for 5 weeks only, April 14 to May 12, we will be having Wednesday evening kids' classes. I would love for you to join us as we get back to growing in faith together, face to face. If you would like to help (teens welcome), please let me know. I can't wait to see your faces again!



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be here before you know it, and we will need your help making it super special! **Save the date: June 20-24, 6-8 p.m.; and June 21-25 for the Children's Outreach Ministries' (COM) daytime program.**



This year we are Knights of the North Castle, and we are on a quest for some special armor. We will learn how God gives us courage.

We need open hearts and kind tongues for teaching and guiding kids in stations like: stories, crafts, missions, and games. And we need sharp eyes and open ears leading the age graded groups, or "crews", around to their stations. This year we will have a take home snack, so we need a team with ready hands and hungry hearts

that prepare everything before our knights in training head home. If you're very organized and have a great smile, maybe the registration table is calling your name. If being front and center isn't your thing, we need behind the scenes help with media and photography. We will also need help decorating and prepping the stations, so I'm calling to all the willing hearts and helping hands. And if you have a heart full of the love of Jesus, tell a family or two about VBS, and encourage them to join us.

If you have a readiness to serve, we have a place for you. Thank you for prayerfully joining our team as we reach out to the families in the community. Please find a VBS volunteer form inserted in this newsletter.



GROW AT HOME — April 2021 Blueprints Series

WEEK 1: This week, kids learn that **Jesus rose up from the dead.**

THE BIBLE: Mark 16:1-8; Acts 10:34-43

THE BIG IDEA: Jesus overcame death.

WEEK 2: This week, kids learn that hope was rising up as **Jesus appeared to his disciples.**

THE BIBLE: John 20:19-31; 1 John 1:1-4

THE BIG IDEA: Jesus connects us to each other.

WEEK 3: This week, kids learn that Jesus helps his friends rise up when they're feeling down in the story of the **miraculous catch of fish.**

THE BIBLE: John 21:1-17; Psalm 4:1-3

THE BIG IDEA: Jesus gives encouragement.

WEEK 4: This week, kids learn that **Jesus rises up to heaven** but promises to always be with us.

THE BIBLE: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:3-11; Acts 4:5-12

THE BIG IDEA: We are stronger with Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Romans 10:9 (NIV)

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

From the Church Record

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Dawn Richardson-White, who passed away on March 12, 2021, and to the family of Mark Saunders, who passed away on March 29, 2021. Elizabeth "Jean" Ellis has moved and is now a resident of Heritage Center, 101 13th Street, Huntington, WV 25701. She would love to receive mail!

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

Greetings from COM! We are quickly filling up our summer slots and getting ready to begin with fall 2021 enrollment. Please remind anyone you know who may want in to be in touch with us as spaces are going quickly.

Have you noticed the nice pretty mulch on the playground? We are so thankful that this year we were able to have it spread without asking for assistance; however, if you know of anyone needing an Eagle Scout project or an "I'd like to stay busy and have something to do project", we can hook you up! Just give us a call, and we will be happy to throw some ideas out there that could greatly benefit our children and our program.

Thanks once again for your continued support and the amazing spaces we occupy. We could not be who we are, and serve the families that we do, without you.

College Care Team

The FBMUMC College Care team is looking for those who can help us prepare care cards to send out to our college aged students and members. We will be writing and preparing greetings to send out on **Wednesday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m.** We also need gift cards to send in the greeting cards. We appreciate anyone able to help in person or financially. Our college-aged member list is currently about 30 individuals. If you know of someone we may be missing, please update our list with their address and contact information. You can reach Jennifer Sette at 304-549-9435 for more information.

Cub Scout Pack In Need of Treasurer

Forrest Burdette's Cub Scout Pack 236 is looking for an adult who would serve as volunteer treasurer. This position involves a monthly committee meeting and your presence during some Monday evening Pack meetings. If you would like to meet a group of great people and give a bit of your time, please contact Cubmaster Shante Ellis, 678-478-2583.



Christian Community Cupboard

Sign up in the Narthex today to serve the Cupboard in May! Just a reminder that Forrest Burdette serves at the Cupboard every Tuesday and Friday in May (dates: 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, & 28). Volunteers are asked to serve from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This is a good service activity for youth who are not in-person at school this semester. Adults and youth are welcome!



Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated luggage and bags for the foster children at Burlington United Methodist Family Services in Beckley. Jane Saunders delivered the donations and said that the organization was very thankful.

Operation Christmas Child

There's a team of women and men working on items for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, and they've already accomplished so much this year!



Embroidery kits for 150 girls are ready to be assembled in April. The items will be stored in medicine containers. We need large, empty, washed Rx containers. We also need mini scissors and embroidery needles to go with the kits. Thank you for donating items which may be deposited in the OCC box in the office foyer.

For Egg Factory Workers...

Just a note to let you know that our annual UMW chocolate egg project and Spring Festival of crafts and books has been missed by the community. We received many phone calls during the month of March, inquiring about the festival and mainly those delicious eggs!

MEN'S CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The 2021 season begins this month!



Want to play?

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

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

April 13, 8:00 p.m.	June 15, 6:00 p.m.
April 19, 6:00 p.m.	June 22, 8:00 p.m.
April 27, 8:00 p.m.	June 29, 6:00 p.m.
May 4, 8:00 p.m.	July 5, 6:00 p.m.
May 10, 8:00 p.m.	July 13, 6:00 p.m.
May 18, 6:00 p.m.	July 20, 8:00 p.m.
May 24, 6:00 p.m.	July 27, 8:00 p.m.
June 3, 6:00 p.m.	August 3, 6:00 p.m.
June 7, 6:00 p.m.	Tourney: 8/9-10, 16-17

April Birthdays:

- 1 Kristen Corley
- 2 Judy Cleveland, Alex Dean, Paul Landin, Michael Myers, Jay Proud, Tom Turner
- 3 Ryan Anders, Virginia Clark, Missi Fisher, Clay Jackson, Jacqui Meeks, Doug Pitzer, Allison Weiss
- 4 Patsy Elliot, Charlie Johnson
- 5 Amy Crook, Ella Grant, Cooper Holland
- 6 Mark Akers, Michael Fruth, Carl Proffitt
- 7 Ann Hinshaw, Mckenzie Myers, Amy Nitzel, David Shanklin
- 8 Jennifer Weiss Blower, Chris Brown, Morgan Brown, Karen Campbell, Karlee Edwards, Gail Samson, Kristin Smith, Trent Surface, Clarence Woodworth
- 9 Alan Clegg, Ryan Clegg, Rusty Ellis, Tyler Kirk, Austin Miller, Shelby Nitardy, Nathan Wendel
- 10 Donna Landin, Harold Walker
- 11 Brad Hall, Aidan Martinez, Priscilla Simmons, Barbara Wyatt
- 12 Jean Ellis, Joe Ann Gyke, Bailey Hill, Joseph Rogowski
- 13 Andy Burns, Alisha Dierdorff, Josh Westfall
- 14 Adalyn Hill, Carol Rowsey
- 15 Reid Painter, Jeremy Rogers, Joanne Svine
- 16 Debbie Bias, Leigh Anne Cutlip, Mia Ferguson, Lauren Freeman
- 17 Jane Sentelle, Sarah Westfall
- 18 Danielle Johnson, Karen Ray
- 19 Abby Baker, Debby Cunningham, Chad Halstead

- 20 J.T. Holdren, Cole Newman
- 21 Bob Blankenship, Jada Good, Andrew Hankins, Derek Krall, Todd Lilly, Claude Nelon, Will Painter
- 22 Sarah Clark, Bruce Hunt, Mary Lane, T.J. McFadden
- 23 Jean Kirk, Zeke Perry, Lee Simmons
- 24 Trey Smith
- 25 Harold Payne, Judith L. Smith
- 26 Sherman Burlingame, Melissa Catlin, Spencer Davis, Oliver Johnson, Joe Kirk, Steve Neumeyer, Bree Ogle, Jennifer Stover
- 27 Barry Armstrong, Blake Brown, Chad Johnson, Jon McCoy
- 28 Deloris Arthur, Jonathan Edwards, Diana Harkins
- 29 Jeannie Adams, Priscilla Deskins, Emma Ferguson, Taylor Hazelett, Emma Holley, Grace Holley, Brian McCann, Sam Robson, Linda Swan
- 30 Kaylan Johnson, Tammy Nelson



April Anniversaries:

3 Roland & Missi Fisher	12 Bob & Pat Litton
6 Bill & Diana Allen	22 Dale & Debbie Duespohl
9 Jr. & Vicki Barnhouse	27 Michael & Morgan Sword
10 Ed & Betsy Byus	28 Jeff & Natalie Elkins

** Birthdays and anniversaries are generated from our church database. Please call the office if you are not listed (304-562-5903).

Have you remembered the church in your will?



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He is not here;
he has
Risen!
Luke 24:6