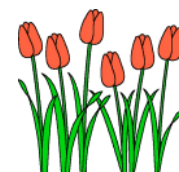




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The newsletter of
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church



Our Mission:

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

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Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I reflect over the past month, I am thankful to be a part of such a dynamic church. In April, we moved from Lent and Holy Week to the season after Easter. I loved our Lent and Holy Week. There were so many activities, events, celebrations, and worship experiences that it was a joy to be a part of all of them. I would like to thank the staff for their expertise, passion, and hard work. Jeremy and Jayné were creative and committed to creating the opportunities for spiritual growth for children, youth, and adults. There were special events for the children, including a wonderful Palm Sunday evening musical, *"A Not So Terrible Parable."* Jeremy and the team of youth leaders helped the youth grow in their faith and celebrate the resurrection. Karen went beyond all reasonable expectations and kept the office, the multiple emails, newsletters, special brochures, invitations, bookmarks, and bulletins moving forward. Katie Spencer kept the building looking great and was willing to help in any way. John Martin did a great job learning his new role and working with all the tech stuff each service demands. Ellen Bowie is a vital member of the staff and keeps all the finances and special giving on track. Mike Barnhouse and David Shanklin put together an amazing range of musical expressions and celebrations. The choir, bell choir, orchestra, special music (vocal and instrumental), and the Praise Team were outstanding. The music at FBMUMC is inspiring!

A big part of creating the Lenten and Holy Week worship experiences was done behind the scenes by Lisa Fawcett, Mary Ann McClure, Tim Landin, and Mike Richardson. The sanctuary, Connection Center, and the flowering cross showed the beauty of their handiwork. The setup of gift bags, a welcome table, and refreshments helped extend the celebration into the Connection Center on Palm Sunday and Easter.

The return of the Easter Egg factory and Spring Fling were a vital part of this year's celebration. I enjoyed my role as a taste tester and the cheerleader during the week! In addition to the return of a favorite tradition, we added an online Lenten Bible study, weekly Facebook devotions, Labyrinth for prayer and meditation walks, Bring a Friend Sunday, and the flowering Cross.

Looking ahead to May, I am inspired to see that the momentum of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter keep moving us forward. We have a lot of opportunities for worship, learning, serving, and reaching out. After the first Sunday of the month, the worship celebrations will be based on passages from Acts. We will continue to have Sunday School and youth fellowship. We are responsible for staffing the Community Cupboard in May. We also need to continue to follow up with the people we invited to be a part of Bring a Friend Sunday and encourage them to continue to join us. In addition, we have family members, friends, neighbors, classmates, and co-workers that we need to continue to pray for and invite them to church. Pastor Jeremy and I will host a new member class in May for people to join the church on Pentecost, June 5th.

Grace and peace,
Joe

Celebration of Jeremy Daniels & Family

June 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

SPRC is inviting all to an evening celebrating Jeremy's seven years of ministry with Forrest Burdette Memorial. We plan to have a covered dish dinner on Friday, June 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. to honor Jeremy, Erin, Michael, Charlotte, and Zach. In addition to a delicious meal, we will have a lot of fun ways to say thank you to Jeremy for his ministry here. Please put the date on your calendar, and make this a night that Jeremy and his family will never forget! Jeremy's last Sunday in worship with us is Pentecost, June 5th.

Rev. Charles S. and Alma Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Calling all High School seniors (and their families). It is time to apply for the Rev. Charles and Alma Thompson Scholarship. The scholarship is for post-secondary education. Please contact the church office ASAP to receive an application form. The deadline is coming soon, so do not delay.

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

As we wind things up for the spring semester and get ready for a busy summer ahead, just a few reminders of some fun activities we have planned for the youth. (Depending on the mail) we've just had our World Famous John Marra Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, May 1st!** We want to thank John and the Stewards of Fellowship Sunday School class for their hard work, support, and prayers for our annual youth mission trips over the years. It was great to have the return of this famous event!

Wednesday May 4th, we'll be hosting our annual **"Welcome 5th Graders" Pizza Party** from 6:30-8' sh. We always like to welcome our upcoming 6th Graders once the spring semester is over so they can get aquatinted with the Youth Group and get to know us and what we do. So come on out and have some fun. Even if you haven't been in a while, this is always a good time to get back together, have some pizza, play some games, and get to know one another.

Sign Ups have just ended for our Annual Memorial Day Weekend **Roller-Coaster-A-Thon trip**. This year we are heading up to Cedar Point for a fun day of rides, before staying, worshiping, and serving alongside Pastor Jeremy's friend Pastor Jason Snyder from Utica UMC for their town's Velvet Ice Cream Festival in Utica, OH on Sunday. See Pastor Jeremy to see if there are any possible open spots available! We leave Friday, May 27th and return home the evening of Sunday, May 29th.

Keep our youth in your prayers as we prepare for our **Summer Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN** with TeamEffort Mission Trips. We depart Sunday, June 19th and return Saturday, June 25th.

Read about our upcoming Blood Drive on the address label portion of this newsletter.



Jayné Kirk, Director Children & Family Ministries



I just want to take a moment and gush about the Spring Musical. I'm so appreciative of all the people who came to the show and heaped praises on the kids' performance. I am so proud of all the kids. They worked hard from January to April, sang and danced, and learned their lines with great enthusiasm. It was a great year, and I'm so blessed to have had this group of children to relaunch our music program. And a big thanks to all the parents and volunteers who helped make everything come together. I'm so blessed to have people who support me and my often crazy-sounding ideas to turn our stage into a setting for the kids to shine. I can't wait to see what the future holds! But I know it will be great.

In case you haven't heard, **Vacation Bible School is coming, June 26-30!** This year we're having a "Food Truck Party: On A Roll with God!" Kids will learn how God provides for His people through food centered stories throughout the Bible. So, grab an orange sign-up sheet, or talk to me about how you can help make this a year to remember.



We want to bring our family dinner back to VBS, so **we will need a Dinner/Snack crew**. We need helping hands and willing hearts to help with Crafts and lead and help with Stories, Games, and Missions, as well as crew leaders for all the kids heading around to the stations. There's always a lot of prep work, so we also need decorators and people to help prep crafts and activities for the stations. We need photographers, registration desk workers, and friendly faces to greet people as they visit. If you want to help, there's a place for you.

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

Greetings from COM. We are moving right along here. Time is flying by, and it's almost summer again!



We have had some awesome interviewees over the last couple weeks. Thank you so much for prayers as we strive to find the right people to facilitate the Christian, social, and academic growth of the children in the program.

We are still waiting for the playground company to receive all the necessary licenses to work in the city, but hopefully our playground is getting closer and closer to installation.

We look forward to lots of fun, as we plan to provide the children with a variety of experiences and have an amazing summer! Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we serve our parents and children.

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

We Care Ministry

The next meeting of our We Care ministry teams is Monday, May 2, at 12:00 p.m. Please join us in Room 111 if you are interested in visiting our homebound members and those in nursing facilities. Speak to a pastor for more information.

Invitation to Become a Member of Forrest Burdette Memorial 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 two classes/orientation on Sundays May 15th and 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Each session will last an hour. You will learn about Forrest Burdette and what it means to be a member of this church. We will receive new members on Pentecost, June 5th. 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 either Pastors Joe or Jeremy or the church office for more information or to sign up.

Worship in May

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| May 1 | Breakfast on the Beach | John 21:1-19 |
| May 8 | Gift of Life | Acts 9:36-43 |
| May 15 | All Are Welcome | Acts 11:1-18 |
| May 22 | Conversion of Lydia | Acts 16:9-15 |
| May 29 | Songs in Prison | Acts 16:16-34 |

May is Forrest Burdette's Month at the Cupboard

Look for the sign up board at the Connection Center to volunteer at the Christian Community Cupboard during May. There are still many slots available. Forrest Burdette is responsible for staffing the Cupboard every Tuesday and Friday in May. This adds up to 9 days, so many hands are needed! Please consider being a part of this ministry to our community. See Marvin Thompson or Steve Cook with questions.



PipeSounds Presents...

Back by popular demand, organist Rodney L. Barbour will present a program of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs on the Harrah Symphonic Organ at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 15th, at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church. In addition to organ pieces, there will be singing of favorite and familiar hymns!

Admission is \$10.00 for adults. There is no charge for students and children.

A graduate of Marshall University, Barbour holds a degree in organ performance from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He has 55 years of experience as an organist, pianist, choir director, and instrumental conductor.

For more information, contact the church office at 304-562-5903 or the church web site at www.forrestburdette.com.

Grief Support Schedule for May

Grief Support Group: If you are grieving the death of a loved one, or have been through grief and want to support others, please join us in Forrest Burdette's Grief Support Group. We are using *Beyond the Broken Heart* by Julie Yarbrough to guide our discussion; books are available to pick up at the Connection Center desk. Registration is not required; simply come to the meeting. We meet on Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 in

Room 111. **Next meeting dates: May 7th and 21st.** Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 or Robbie Parsons at (304) 542-0981.

Grief Support Drop-In Hours: No drop-in hours will be scheduled for May.

Mother's Day Dinner: May 3rd

The UMW's annual Mother's Day Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Tickets are on sale in the Narthex and church office. Adults, \$10. Children 6-12, \$5. Children 5 and under, free. This dinner is catered by Shonet's, with a choice of baked steak or chicken & dumplings (and all that pie!). Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. All women are invited because together we are mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends!



A Note of Thanks

On behalf of the entire Betty Grant Family, we want to thank you for all of your prayers and expressions of sympathy, during the time of our mother's illness and her passing on to be with the Lord. Your support was a huge comfort to us.

Debbie, Ed, and Patty

Operation Christmas Child

This weekend in Charlotte, volunteers will join together from all over the U.S. to worship God and celebrate the work He is doing through Operation Christmas Child! Powerful testimonies will be shared by shoebox recipients.

Schiméa Nguessan: Nightly in their home in Côte d'Ivoire, Schiméa's mother said, "Even though we don't see a father in this house, we have a Father in heaven. He loves and cares for us." Schiméa asked if this Heavenly Father could also give gifts like he saw the other kids had. His mother encouraged him to pray and ask. After church one Sunday, Schiméa entered a big room that held red-and-green shoeboxes. He thought each box might be for two or three children to share, but to his delight, he got a whole shoebox gift all to himself! "I would feel the joy in that box," Schiméa said.

Izabella McMillon: Izabella McMillon grew up during the communistic regime in Romania when even attending a church could have resulted in death. After finding a hidden Bible in their home Izabella and her brother began secretly attending church weekly. When she was 13 years old, Izabella received a colorful shoebox gift. For her, the gift was life-changing, because it confirmed God's existence and unconditional love. She finally understood that this God that she was reading about in the Bible cared for her. Since that day, Izabella has come to the United States and introduced the shoebox project to churches, schools and her own children.

MEN'S CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

The 2022 season is in full swing!

Catch a game at Valley Park!

May 3, 8:00 p.m.

May 24, 6:00 p.m.

May 10, 6:00 p.m.

May 31, 6:00 p.m.

May 17, 6:00 p.m.

June & July dates to follow

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



May Birthdays:

- 1 Ashley Clark, Granvel Dille, Emily Vargo
- 2 Jason Billups, David Haney, Matthew Harshbarger, Rick Turner
- 3 *No birthdays on record today*
- 4 Karen Cummings, Charlotte Daniels, Carissa Lawhon, Jennifer Rogers, Vanisea Winfree
- 5 Brent Andrews, Martha Bennett, Samuel Booker, Marty Martinez, Caleb Totten
- 6 Linda Clark, Allen Kirk
- 7 Kara Rose, Whitney Williams
- 8 Brittney Arthur, Erica Pomeroy, Scott Warner
- 9 Lauren McCoy, Haley Oxley, Vicki Stover, Paige Winfree
- 10 Marilyn Phillips, Dolores Price
- 11 Dawn Barcroft, Lauren Lipinski, Tyler Ray
- 12 Kennedy Brainard, Callie McClanahan, Sabrina Ray, Beverly Turner
- 13 Marc Fizer, Angie Harkins, Casey Levy
- 14 Thelma Carter, Becky Landin
- 15 Amy King, Chris McCoy
- 16 Steve Golden
- 17 Don Collins, Keyria Franklin, Skip Johnson, Caleb Turner
- 18 Jesse Golden, Kristina Painter
- 19 Randy Mayhew, Joyce Sayre
- 20 Joshua Harshbarger
- 21 John Bennett, Jackson Harris, Hayden Jones, Philip Lane, Connor McClanahan, Linda Wagner

- 22 *No birthdays on record today*
- 23 Nancy Austin, Katherine Held, Kevin Phillips, Ben Veit
- 24 Leila Holland, Craig Houston, Katie Keen, Jerry Lilly, Nick Schamp
- 25 Megan Peterson
- 26 Zane Franklin, Terri Haney, Bryson Haught, Jack Newhouse, Dick Swisher
- 27 Patricia Enochs
- 28 Riley Elkins
- 29 Louis Blair, Jonah Fenerty, Noah Fenerty, Bob Gibson, Marsha Kauffman, Danny Simms, Olin Spencer
- 30 Mark Dunlap, Angie Nitardy
- 31 Larry Clendenin



May Anniversaries:

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| 7 Mark & Megan Peterson | 19 Toby & Alisa Spiker |
| 12 Jeremy & Danielle Grant | 20 Larry & Linda Wagner |
| 12 Chad & Lori Halstead | 21 Chris & Jane Bogan |
| 16 Mark & Carla Akers | 28 Ellis & Julie Conley |
| 16 Chris & Ashley Clark | 30 Steve Blower & Jennifer Weiss |

** 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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Sunday Morning Worship:
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Chapel Worship:
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Friday, May 20, 2022 — 2:00-7:00 p.m.
Forrest Burdette Fellowship Hall

Call 1-800-733-2767, or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "hurricanecom" to schedule an appointment. The need for blood donations is great. **If you have any questions**, please call our coordinator Lisa Fawcett (304-539-2860).

