

**Our Mission:**

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

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Holy Week is an amazing time for us to experience the fullness of what God has done in Jesus Christ. This newsletter details the activities of April and Holy Week in particular. I encourage you to participate in all the events that are scheduled.

It is in Holy Week we get to see who Jesus is, why he became human, and see him accomplish his purpose.

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rides into Jerusalem and the crowd shouts, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord” (Lk. 19:38). Pilate asks Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” (Lk. 23:3). On the cross, the authorities put the sign, “this is Jesus, the King of the Jews” (Mt. 27:27). During Holy Week we see the crowd announce him as king, hear Pilate question if he is the king, and notice the sign mocking the dying Jesus. Jesus was a king but not one who was to liberate Israel from Roman rule. Jesus is our king, but we often live as if he is a marginal figure in our lives.

Holy Week helps us realize that God does indeed “love the world [so much] that he gave his only Son” (John 3:16). Jesus became human to embody God’s love. Jesus comes to earth as God’s gift for the world. Jesus’ reason for becoming human is summed up in an early Christian hymn that is quoted by Paul in his letter to the Philippians:

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:5-8).



Holy Week enables us to receive God’s gift of love whose purpose was to embody God’s sacrificial love. We experience that love in the breaking of bread in the Upper Room, the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal, denial, and falling away of his disciples (and if we are honest, by us too), arrest, trial, beatings, nailing, and dying on the cross.

Holy Week culminates in Easter when life triumphs over death and Jesus is resurrected. We go to the garden with Mary Magdalene and discover the stone has been rolled away. We don’t understand the mystery of the resurrection, but we can experience the joy of new, abundant, and eternal life. We can lift our voices with the Philippian congregation and sing:

“Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name

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that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

This Holy Week, let us lift our voices praising God for the experience of encountering Christ, the gift of love, who has opened the gates of life.

Grace and peace,
Joe

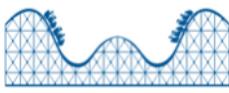
Jeremy Daniels, Associate Pastor Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries



Join us Saturday, April 9th, for Pastor Jeremy's final **Service Saturday** trip to Heart & Hand Thrift Store in South Charleston. We meet at the church at 9:30, work from 10:00-12:00, and grab lunch on the way back to the church. This month it falls on the same day as the Spring Fling at the church, and the youth will then help serve the church by helping clean up and assist the UMW and others back at the church.

Middle and High School youth are invited to join in a fun night of board games and movies on our **4th Sunday** (4/24), 6:00-8:00 p.m. Meet at Drip's Café on Main, and bring money for food and drink (there are "specials" we can order).

The Votes are in! This years rollercoaster trip is headed back to... **Cedar Point for Memorial Day Weekend**. We will head up Friday, May 27th, spend all day Saturday, May 28th at the park, before heading down to Utica, Ohio to crash for the night with our friend Pastor Jason and his youth. We will wake up Sunday, May 29th to worship with and serve alongside Utica UMC youth at the Velvet Ice Cream Festival. We will come back stuffed full of ice cream Sunday evening! Prices and sign ups will be out later this month. Stay tuned.



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

We have had a great start to this year! The children have been engaged and are learning many skills along with songs and stories about Jesus and his love. We are excited to use Resurrection Eggs and some great books as tools to teach the children about Easter.

The children are enjoying their new riding track and toys on the Early Ed playground, as we anxiously await



the arrival and installation of our new playground on the School Age side. We hope to be able to add more to the playgrounds this spring to provide the children with an updated space while we can be outside enjoying the spring and summer weather.



We have hired some fantastic workers who are connecting so well with the children, and we are still looking for a few more, especially for summer.

Thank you for all you do to support us. As always, we appreciate your continued prayers for our center, our staff, our children, and families. We pray that we can glorify God in all that we do with and for the children and families that we serve. We are thankful for having a wonderful space as we provide for them.

♥ Have fun, and make a difference. ♥

Jayné Kirk, Director Children & Family Ministries



The children have been working so hard on their Spring Musical. Come and join us the evening of Palm Sunday, **April 10, at 6:30 as we present "A Not So Terrible Parable."**

The children will sing, dance, and act out a retelling of The Good Samaritan in a fun and dramatic, mysterious whodunit adventure. I am so proud of all of them and their hard work. We would love if you would come and support them. The play will also be livestreamed if you can't attend.

It's the Children and Family Ministries' busiest time of the year... *Vacation Bible School is coming soon!* We need all hands on deck to prepare for our **Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God!**



Kids will learn what it means when we ask God to give us our daily bread with a lot of food-focused stories from Manna and Quail to Jesus Cooking the Catch of the Day.

Before we begin, we need people who have **gifts for décor and preparation**. We will turn the church into a park fit for a Food Truck Party. And the station leaders need help prepping all the supplies for the week. We will need station leaders for: **Games, Crafts, Mission, Snack, and Stories**. We hope to have the family dinners again this year, so if you have a **gift for hospitality**, we need you on our Dinner Team. We need kid loving **Crew Leaders** to guide our age-graded groups as they visit each station. You can also help by leading music, helping with media and photography, registering kids, and providing information to new families. If you want to be involved with VBS there is a place for you!

One way you can start helping now is to **begin praying for this ministry** and ask God to show you who to invite to participate in our largest family outreach of the year. I can't wait to share these fantastic opportunities of ministry with you!

VBS: June 26-30, 2022. Join us!





Spring Festival, April 9

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring the Spring Crafts & Easter Eggs Festival on **Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.** Crafters and vendors with a wide variety of merchandise, jewelry, wood items, hand-crafted bags, unique fabric gifts, and much more will be on sale. Handmade chocolate-dipped Easter eggs have been constructed by at least two generations of ladies of Forrest Burdette beginning in 1969. Vanilla, coconut, cherry nut, maple nut, and peanut butter dipped in milk chocolate will be available. There will also be baked goods and candies, hot dogs, barbeques, and drinks for sale. **If you would like to donate baked goods for the Country Store, please bring them to the church on Friday, April 8. Donations are always appreciated.**

Annual Easter Egg Factory, 2022

The congregation of Forrest Burdette is invited to join in the fellowship of Easter Egg construction. **Beginning Monday, April 4, and running through Thursday, April 7**, volunteers will work with our United Methodist Women in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Training will be provided for workers. *We need YOU as you are available!* Workers may bring a dish to share for the noon and/or evening meals, Monday through Wednesday. Volunteers are also needed for clean up each evening at 6:00. Please pray for the volunteers and the mission outreach of this project. For more information, call Karen Lilly, 304-562-9241.



Opportunity for Giving During Lent

Our usual supplier informed the church that Easter Lilies are not available for large quantity purchase this year. As a result, we are not able to offer lilies for sale. If anyone would like to make a special donation in honor/memory of a loved one, we ask that you designate your special offering toward the Building/Roof Fund this year. The names of the contributors will be listed in the Easter bulletin with your designated honorarium/memorial. Please make your donations by Sunday, April 10.

Bring a Friend Sunday is Palm Sunday

Everyone is encouraged to invite someone to church with them on Palm Sunday, April 10th. It is a great Sunday to extend an invitation. People know that Easter is coming, and many are wondering what it is all about or whether something is missing from their lives. Please start making a list of family, friends, neighbors, co-

workers, and classmates who don't go to church. Start praying for them, and begin looking for opportunities to invite them to join you in coming to church.

An invitation postcard, listing our Holy Week events, is available at the church and in recent bulletins.

Visitor Gift Bags

Members of the Church Council are working together to assemble gift bags for our visitors during Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. The bags will be available to our guests in the Narthex and will include, among other things, a helpful brochure about the ministries at Forrest Burdette. The intention is to continue offering this resource to visitors beyond Easter. When you bring a first-time visitor with you, make sure they receive our gift bag!

Walk the Prayer Labyrinth During Holy Week



FBMUMC has a new labyrinth for folks to walk during Holy Week. Christians have walked a prayer path experience for centuries. It is a tried and true spiritual exercise. The labyrinth will be available in the Fellowship Hall Monday and Tuesday (4/11-12), 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m., and Wednesday-Thursday-Friday (4/13-15), 8:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Suggestions for how to use your prayer time will be available at the Labyrinth.

Maundy Thursday

"On this night Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17) and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:13-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)." -UMBOW p.351

Join us on Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. for worship and Holy Communion at Forrest Burdette.

Good Friday

"A Service of Tenebrae, or 'Darkness,' is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ." -UMBOW p.354

Join us on Friday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. for a Tenebrae Service at Forrest Burdette.



The Flowering Cross

Please bring flowers or cut flowers to church with you on Easter Sunday, and place them on the chicken wire covered cross that will be outside near the bell tower. Together, we will create something beautiful!

"The flowering of the cross is another powerful way to acknowledge Easter. People gather in worship to place a flower or foliage on the old and barren wooden cross, which signifies the death of Jesus. It is then brought to life with color and beauty as a living symbol of resurrection."

Holy Week Schedule

April 10: Palm Sunday and Bring a Friend Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Children's Musical: "A Not So Terrible Parable"



Labyrinth Hours:

Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 8:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

April 14: Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

April 15: Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

April 17: Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Teays Valley Ministerial Assoc. Sunrise Service at Valley Park, with Pastor Joe preaching
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship at Forrest Burdette!

"Questions Jesus Asked"

Come join us during Sunday Evening Chapel at 6:00 p.m. weekly. We have started a new series called, "Questions Jesus Asked." You will surely be blessed by the fellowship, singing, prayer, and message.

Connection Center Volunteer Receptionists

We have several openings for volunteers at the Connection Center desk, either morning or afternoon shift, Monday through Friday. Volunteers will answer the phone, greet and direct visitors, and help with special projects. Some days are busier than others, so volunteers are encouraged to bring their own projects for slower times. Contact Karen in the church office if interested (304-562-5903, office@forrestburdette.com).



Wednesdays Through April

Our Wednesday programming continues through April 27. Some adult classes may choose to meet longer and will decide the length of the class with their teachers.

Wednesday, April 6: No morning Bible study with Pastor Joe due to the Easter Egg Factory; no fellowship dinner due to the Easter Egg Factory

Wednesdays, April 13, 20, & 27: All classes and the fellowship dinner will be held as usual, the 27th being the final evening of the semester for the dinner, FBKids, FBUth, and some adult classes. Wednesday Night Live will resume in the fall.

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. Registration is not required; simply come to the meeting. We meet on Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 in Room 207/213. **Next meeting dates: April 2nd and 16th.** Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 or Robbie Parsons at (304) 542-0981.



Grief Support Drop-In Hours

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, it can be helpful to talk to someone about all that you are feeling and thinking. If you feel like talking, we are here to listen, encourage, and support you with scripture and prayer. Appointments are not necessary, just come by the Parlor during grief support hours. *Drop-in with Stacey Holley: Thursday, April 14th* from 1:00-3:00pm. *Drop-in with Robbie Parsons: Thursday, April 21st* from 1:00-3:00. Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 or Robbie Parsons at (304) 542-0981.



Summer Camp

Spring Heights is the camping and outdoor facility of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, located just north of Spencer. The summer 2022 camp schedule (ages 8-18) and registration form are available online at www.springheights.org. Forrest Burdette will pay 1/2 of camp fees. Spring Heights is also looking for its summer staff. Apply online!

Special Announcement About Rev. Jeremy Daniels

In worship on Sunday, March 13, Rev. Jeremy Daniels announced that it is Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball's intention to appoint him as the pastor of Sand Hill and Wayside United Methodist Churches. Sand Hill is in Boaz, and Wayside is in Vienna. The two churches are in the greater Parkersburg area and are about 10 minutes apart. In addition, Rev. Erin Daniels is being appointed to Crossroads UMC in Waverly. The appointments are effective July 1. We are sad to see Jeremy go, but we celebrate his seven years of ministry with us and will send him with our gratitude, love, and prayers. In a small world experience of the UM connectional way, our Senior Pastor, Joe was the pastor of Wayside for thirteen years, and the Kenastons' daughter, Diane, was the pastor of Crossroads for three years.

SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) will be planning a celebration of Jeremy's ministry later in the spring and early summer. The celebration will be a time to give God thanks for Jeremy, Erin, Michael, Charlotte, and Zach.

The SPRC has worked on a job description to fill Jeremy's ministry with the youth and young adults. Please pray for God's guidance to the right person to be a part of the ministry of Forrest Burdette.

John Marra's Famous Spaghetti Dinner

This year's Stewards of Fellowship Spaghetti Dinner will be held **Sunday, May 1, starting at 11:30 a.m.** Featured again will be John Marra's famous Italian flare of family handed-down spaghetti sauce, meatball, and salad dressing recipes. Along with the main meal, come enjoy fresh, delicious Italian garlic bread from a Clarksburg Italian bakery and a traditional Italian dessert of spumoni ice cream. Meals are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, and no immediate family pays more than \$30 total. Tickets are for sale on Sundays in the Narthex. All proceeds go to supporting Uth mission trips.

Men's Church League Softball

It's almost time for Men's Church League Softball! Anyone 16 and older, interested in playing on Forrest Burdette's team, please contact Coach J.B. Marinacci at 304-767-1172. The season begins in April. Games are played at Valley Park.



Save the Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

PipeSounds presents Rodney Barbour on the Harrah Symphonic Organ, playing "Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs"

Shoebox Ministry Makes a Difference

Viktoria received a shoebox gift as a child growing up in Ukraine. One of her favorite items inside was a pink stuffed bear!

She says, "I couldn't believe that all these things were given to me. They were new and now mine!"

April is the best time to purchase stuffed animals for shoeboxes. We need 100 for 2-4 age boys. The donation

box marked "Operation Christmas Child" is located in the office, and a shopping list of needed items is at the Connection Center. Monetary donations made during the spring and summer will be used to purchase bulk items for shoeboxes at clearance prices. Checks made to the church may be earmarked "OCC". We are blessed to be a blessing to 400 children who will receive gifts in a shoebox from our church this year.

Happy Anniversary to the Christian Community Cupboard

On March 29, 2022, the Christian Community Cupboard in Hurricane celebrated 40 years of constant service to Putnam County residents. A staff of volunteers from 16 local churches and wonderful community partners such as Facing Hunger Foodbank, Hurricane Walmart, Scott Depot Kroger, and the Hurricane Little Caesars make this Cupboard a great success! The Cupboard is located at 2843 Virginia Ave, Hurricane (attached to the Forrest Burdette Church parking lot). They are open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Stop by during these times or call 304-562-9373 for information. (adapted from Mayor Edwards' post on Facebook)



May is Forrest Burdette's Month at the Cupboard

Look for the sign up board at the Connection Center in mid-April to volunteer at the Christian Community Cupboard in May. 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.



April Birthdays:

- 1 Kristen Corley, Brooklyn McCoy
- 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 Elliott, 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 Sovine
- 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 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).



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