



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



Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this letter on Ash Wednesday. As I walked into the sanctuary this morning, the paraments have been changed to purple, a crown of thorns is on the altar, a cross is draped in purple, and the ashes are awaiting to be placed on worshipers' foreheads in the shape of the cross. Ash Wednesday starts our journey to Jerusalem, the Upper Room, the trial at Caiaphas' house, Pilate's interrogation, Herod's examination, the condemnation, scourge, crucifixion, and burial.

Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of the season of Lent. As we reflect on Jesus' life, passion, death, and resurrection, we are asked to examine our own life. The church has many opportunities to enable us to see our daily routines, thoughts, feelings, expectations, words, and actions in the light of God. When I look at my life, it moves me to fall on my knees and ask for forgiveness, mercy, grace, resolve, strength, and direction as I seek to live as a disciple of Christ.

In this copy of the Visions, you will see numerous opportunities to examine your life and grow as a disciple: a sermon series, "I Am & We Are"; an online Bible study based on the "I Am" statements in John's Gospel; purple bows to display at your home; a children's musical, "A Not So Terrible Parable"; Easter Eggs; Bring a Friend Sunday; Palm Sunday; Holy Week and the opportunity to prayer walk a Labyrinth; Maundy Thursday; a Good Friday Tenebrae Service; Sunrise Service on Easter at Valley Park; a Flowering Cross at the entrance to the church; and, our Easter celebration. All these activities are designed to help us grow as disciples, witness to the love of God, and share in mission. I encourage you to make participating in the Lenten activities a part of your life.

In addition, I hope you will devote time in personal prayer and reflection. If you don't spend much time in prayer, commit to daily spending 10 minutes in reading one of the Gospels and prayer. If you already spend time in prayer, increase your devotion time during Lent. In addition, is there something you are needing to quit doing to allow your focus on God to be more intentional? Is there an activity, ministry, or mission that you can add to your life that will help you share God's mercy and love?

I look forward to sharing this season of Lent with you. I pray that the cross you received on your forehead on Ash Wednesday will be matched by the cross of God's love on your heart and life.

Grace and peace,
Joe



Wanted: Nursery Workers



As people are coming back to church and we welcome new visitors, we need to strengthen our ministry of hospitality. Our need is for people to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings during Sunday School and the worship service. If you are interested in either a paid nursery position or to volunteer your time please contact Jayné Kirk.

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

Join us for **Service Saturday** on March 12th @ the church @ 9:30 a.m. We will travel to Heart & Hand Thrift Store in South Charleston, followed up by lunch on our way home. Bring \$ for food!

4th Sunday's at Drip's Cafe on Main - March 27th from 6-8 p.m., join us for fun and food over on Main Street. \$5 combos and drink menu available!



Jayné Kirk, Director Children & Family Ministries

The kids are hard at work on their Spring Musical! It's such a blessing to see everyone together singing and having fun again. I had missed it even more than I knew.

Mark your calendars for **April 10, 6:30 p.m.**, because you will NOT want to miss our performance of "A Not So Terrible Parable," a retelling of The Good Samaritan in a whodunnit mystery style.

I am looking for a set builder and furniture to borrow.

To be built: a lightweight, free-standing door that can open and close, without falling over; and a lightweight, portable black "screen" for our flashback scenes.



To borrow: for the furniture, we have wingback chairs at the church, but they are a bit large for our small set area. If anyone has smaller accent items like chairs, a lounge, or a loveseat that look like they would be in a formal sitting room, we would use them lovingly.

Vacation Bible School preparations are underway! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 26** as the start date for the week of our annual community family outreach. So, you know what that means. I need your help! We need people who are good with: food, crafts, games, stories, music, decorating, registration, and hanging out with and loving kids. If you want to help with upcoming preparations or the week's activities, contact me, and we can find the perfect place for you to serve.

Our theme this year is Cokesbury's **Food Truck Party: On a roll with God!** Our Bible verse is Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread." All the stories feature food:

1. God Provides Manna and Quail (Exodus 16)
2. Elijah, the Widow, and the Endless Oil (1 Kings 17:8-16)
3. Daniel and Friends Eating the Good Stuff (Daniel 1)
4. Jesus Feeds the 5,000 Plus (John 6:1-13)
5. Jesus Cooks the Catch of the Day (John 21:1-17)

Come join us for the party!

New Media Tech Coordinator

The SPRC is pleased to announce that John Martin is our new Media Tech Coordinator. John and his wife Evelyn are members of Forrest Burdette. On some Sundays, you will also find John playing guitar in the praise band! Please welcome John to the staff and to his new position.

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

This has been such a great week! The sun has been shining, temperatures are warming up, and the children have been able to play outside a lot! They have installed our bike track on the Early Ed Playground and our classroom cameras. We have a new date for installation of the School Age Playground, and that is Monday the 7th! We pray there are not more shipping delays to push us back more. We are excited!



We have started registering the children for the summer and fall of 2022 semesters. Our current families have until Friday, March 4th to let us know if they plan to continue in the program. Any church family not in our program and needing care for this summer or for the fall of '22 should get in touch with us March 7th or 8th to check availability and reserve a spot if available. Any remaining openings will then open to the public March 9th, and we will begin to call the people on our waiting list. Being full is a blessing, but it's also hard to have to turn away people needing care. We wish we had the space and the staffing to be able to serve every family that needs us.

Please keep our children, families, and staff in prayer as we continue to strive to provide the best care we can for every child in our program. **♥Have fun, and make a difference.♥**

Order Your 2022 Easter Eggs NOW

The Forrest Burdette United Methodist Women are taking orders for decorated Easter Eggs, available in vanilla, coconut, cherry nut, maple nut, and the most favorite of all, peanut butter, dipped in milk chocolate. Each egg is hand decorated. Cost \$5.00 each. The eggs will be available for pick-up on **Saturday, April 9th**, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette. Also on that day, crafts, baked goodies, hot dogs, and barbeques will be on sale for the **Spring Festival**. To place an egg order, call the church, 304-562-5903, or email your order to office@forrestburdette.com with the subject Easter Eggs, by March 31st. Please indicate which filling(s) you would like. (Individual order forms and order forms for a larger group, as well as applications to be a vendor at the Spring Festival, are available through the church office.)

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.



Sermon Series Continues into Lent

During Sunday Morning worship in March and into April, we will continue to hear God's Word through Jesus' "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. You are invited to read the scripture prior to worship.

March 6	I Am & We Are: The Bread of Life	John 6:25-40
March 13	I Am & We Are: The Good Shepherd	John 10:7-18
March 20	I Am & We Are: The Light	John 8:12-20
March 27	I Am & We Are: The Vine	John 15:1-11
April 3	I Am & We Are: The Resurrection & the Life	John 11:17-27

Online Bible Study for Lent: I Am & We Are

This Lent, Pastor Joe is leading an online Bible study, centered around the "I Am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Participants are able to explore, discuss, and pray through the scripture that will be used in the upcoming Sunday worship. The study is entirely online, using Zoom each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. It's not too late to sign up. Contact the church office and provide your email so you may receive the electronic invitation to participate.

Sign Up for Daily Lenten Devotionals

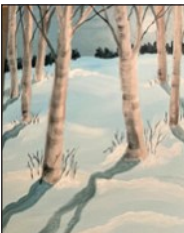
Laity from throughout the WV Conference have once again provided thoughtful and meaningful devotionals to walk alongside us through the Lenten season, including two members from Forrest Burdette: Robbie Parsons and Judi Kenaston. To sign up to receive these daily Lenten devotionals in your email, go to <https://www.wvumc.org/conference-email-subscription/>

Did you pick up your purple bow?

Thank you to all the volunteers who coordinated and made our Lenten bows this year! Please pick up a bow while you are at the church. Households are encouraged to display a bow on an outside door, light, or mailbox in recognition of the season of Lent and as an expression of your faith in Christ. Take one to a friend or neighbor as well!

March Painting Classes

If you're not too tired of winter, would you like to paint a snowy scene? Join us for a painting class in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 13, from 3-5 p.m. or on Monday night, March 14, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$20, with proceeds going to the building fund. No talent necessary; instructor Julie Conley will guide you through each step. Call or text Julie to sign up, (304) 614-3980, or sign up at the Connection Center desk.



Grief Support Group

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, or if you have been through grief and can share your experience to benefit others, please join us in Forrest Burdette's Grief Support Group.

All are welcome to come, share, and help one another. 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 p.m. in Room 207/213. **Next meeting dates: March 5th and 19th.** 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: March 3rd and 31st from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Drop-in with Robbie Parsons: March 15th from 10:00-12:00 p.m. Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 or Robbie Parsons at (304) 542-0981.

From the Church Record

Grandparents' News: Congratulations to Patricia Enochs on the Valentine's Day birth of grandson Judson Hawk Adkins; and to Steve & Rosemary Cook on the Feb. 22 birth of grandson Landon Turner Giles. Both babies and families are doing well!

Christian sympathy is extended to Krista Antis and family on the death of her son Davis Patrick Antis on Feb. 22, and to Davis' Grandparents Dave & Debbie Tincher.

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.



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"

FBMUMC has a new *labyrinth* for folks to walk during Holy Week, in the Fellowship Hall.

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

March Birthdays:

- 1 Jeff Fenerty, Dory Philyaw
- 2 Pam Matson
- 3 Addley Marinacci, Leah Veit
- 4 Jim Cunningham
- 5 Jennifer Billups, John Clark, Darren Fearing, Terry Hanning, Alicia Hinshaw McWatters, Ally Hinshaw Holmes, Braylan Hutchison, Bob Roberts, Greenlee Williams
- 6 Tene Barcroft, Josh Imhoff, Tim Landin, Glo McCane, Toni Soto
- 7 Candy Call, Jeff Harbour, Jennifer Marinacci
- 8 Joe Bailey, Carrie Parsons, Mark Peterson, Jan Ramey, Sheila Treadway
- 9 Faye Brinkman, Alan Carlstrom, Jill Gilbert, Sam Holdren, Cameron Kimble, Cathy McClanahan
- 10 Terry Floyd, Jim Kahre, Scott Ramey, Tim Stanley
- 11 Brittany Cochran, Shannon Dean, Bryan Larch
- 12 Linda Anders, Lisa Vance, Doug Ward
- 13 Marvin Lively, Dakota Rice
- 14 Sierra Fisher, Tristan Rice, Sandee Simms, Lori Sublett
- 15 Reece James, Lily Haught, Olivia Haught
- 16 Caleb Bowers, Jason Haught, Lindsay Jones
- 17 Emily Hall, Sandra Turley

- 18 Christopher Clark, Caroline Harris, Ezra Scott
- 19 *No birthdays on record today*
- 20 Warren Faulknier, Brad Patterson
- 21 Sue Bennett, Dustin Fisher, Skip Nitardy, Justin Williams
- 22 Liam Anderson, Kimberly Slappe, Morgan Sword
- 23 Karla Atkins, Judy Clendenin, Alex Cremeans, Terri Stull
- 24 Jan Browne, Miranda Kimble, Susan McCracken, Penny Nelon
- 25 Trevor Cunningham, Willa Elkins, Jeff Given, John Marra, Cathy Ray, Shannon Warden
- 26 Chris Howat
- 27 Emily Cartwright, Shawn Sette
- 28 Natalie Elkins, Dean Huffman, Ed Smith
- 29 Ellis Conley, Sam Sentelle
- 30 Bob Brinkman, Jessica Jarvis, Elizabeth Lawhon



March Anniversaries:

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| 2 Sherman & Pat Burlingame | 21 Mitchell & Laura Fitzgerald |
| 8 Maurice & Billie DeLung | 27 Tom & Linda Hankins |
| 13 Mike & Donna Barnhouse | 31 Randy & Sandra Mayhew |
| 17 Shawn & Jennifer Sette | 31 Scott & Sarah Warner |

** 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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10:30 a.m.
Sunday Chapel Worship:
6:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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