

**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,

November is a month that has early nights and frosty mornings. My favorite part of the month is Thanksgiving. Yes, I do love the day, but the whole month takes on a special spirit of being thankful.

I am thankful for many things including:

- My family
- The church
- Our cabin on the Greenbrier
- Our dog, Maizie
- The people at Forrest Burdette who love God, love their neighbor, and love each other

The list of things for which I am thankful could fill up the entire newsletter! However, I want to know for what you are thankful, and I want you to share those prayers of thanks with God. Please adopt the following weekly schedule for your prayers of Thanksgiving throughout the month:

Monday – Thank God for God's grace, love, and mercy

Tuesday – Thank God for your family (including extended family) and friends

Wednesday – Thank God for Jesus Christ and his life, death, and resurrection

Thursday – Thank God for Forrest Burdette and its ministries

Friday – Thank God for the presence of the Holy Spirit which offers comfort and guidance

Saturday – Thank God for our community, state, and nation

Sunday – Thank God for the chance to join others in worshiping at church

I believe that if each of us prays this cycle of giving thanks throughout the month of November that it will change our perception of life, and we will notice God's presence in all parts of our lives. As you go through this cycle of praying thanks for one aspect of your life after another, consider sharing your thanks with the people that pop up in your prayers and send them a note or text.

I am thankful for each one of you!
Joe

On November 17, we are hosting this year's
TVMA Community Thanksgiving Service.
Please join us at 7:00 p.m. to welcome and
worship with our local church friends!

TEAYS VALLEY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
INVITES EVERYONE TO THE ANNUAL

Community
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**FORREST BURDETTE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**THURS. NOV 17
7:00 PM**

SPECIAL MUSIC:
HURRICANE CIVIC CHORUS

SPEAKER :
PASTOR SONNY WILLIAMS

LOVE OFFERING AND DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR
WOMAN'S CHOICE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

David Westfall Minister of Youth & Young Adults



To stay up to date with Youth Activities, follow our social media accounts and join our Remind101 Text Group.

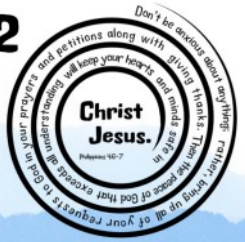
- Instagram/Facebook: @fb_uth
- Remind101: Text @fbmuth to 81010

Youth

Special Events

- UMC Fall Workshop
 - Friday, November 18 – Sunday, November 20
 - For more information or to register, contact David at youth@forrestburdette.com

Fall Workshop '22 This is our prayer!



- November 29th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Virtual Bible Study
 - November 8th from 8:00 – 9:00 pm
 - November 22nd from 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Jayné Kirk Minister of Children & Families



The kids are hard at work for our Christmas Musical “A Christmas Yarn.” If any child would want to come and join the chorus and sing with us, we’d be glad to get you up to speed.



The musical will be on **Sunday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome to come and enjoy this amazing performance. Hopefully, we’ll be able to livestream it as well.

The play follows the owner and workers of the Unique Gifts from Luxurious Yarns factory, famous for their ugly Christmas sweaters. When disaster strikes and 3 visitors show up, it starts to feel like a bad Christmas Carol parody. But in the end, they discover the true meaning of Christmas... and there’s nothing ugly about it.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Family Movie Night! I would like to let everyone know that these are free events and that everyone is welcome to join for a time of fellowship, fun, and family friendly films. You don’t have to be (or have) a kid to be a part of our Christian family. We’d love to see you at our next Family Movie Night.

Cathy Daley, Director Children’s Outreach Ministries



Hi everyone. We are moving right along in the year! I can’t believe it is November already. COM had a busy October with the completion of the Infant Toddler Playground, thanks to Tanner and his Eagle Scout Project.

We had inflatables in the gym when the school agers were out of school one day and had our own first Trunk or Treat! Thanks so much to the people who came and decorated their cars and gave out candy, as well as to the people who came and Trunk or Treated :)

Coming up in November, we will be having Parent Teacher Conferences, as well as hosting a Family Thanksgiving Dinner for our children and their parents.

Please keep our staff, our families, and especially our children in your prayers as we continue to strive to provide the best possible care for them. Thank you for all you do to support our mission.

♥Have fun, and make a difference.♥

Young Adults

To stay up to date with Young Adult activities, join our Remind101. Text @fbyoung to 81010.

Weekly Events

- YA Small Groups – Tuesday Nights – Contact David to attend.
- Game Night
 - November 1st from 7:00 – 9:00 pm (continued)

Annual UMW Fall Festival

Plan now to attend the Fall Festival with arts, crafts, vendors, hot dogs, barbeques, and lots of goodies as well as the Country Store items! **Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** This is the 52nd year of the arts and crafts event which began with crafts made by women of the church. Over the years, there have been changes and additions to make the Festival bigger and better! We have 60 vendors this year. Come and shop and fellowship with others!

Volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen on Saturday. **Baked goods** are needed for the Festival as well. Homemade baked goods are always popular. Please bring your donations to the church kitchen **Friday, November 4**, marked clearly for the Fall Festival. Thank you so much!



Sunday Worship Series

Join us for worship in November, December, and early January as we celebrate "A Season of Hope." In the first three weeks of November we will celebrate All Saints, Praise of God, and Thanksgiving. Beginning on November 27, our Advent and Christmas series entitled "A Season of Hope" will lead us to the gift of hope that was born in Bethlehem and can be born in our hearts today. The sermons and worship will rely on the prophet Isaiah for celebrations.

11/6: All Saints Sunday	Exodus 13:17-22 Heb. 12:1-2	Becoming a Face in An Old Photograph
11/13	Isaiah 12; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	From Praise to Empowered
11/20	Deut.26:1-11 Col. 3:12-17	Giving Thanks
11/27	Isaiah 2:1-5	A Season of Hope: Turning to God
12/4	Isaiah 11:1-10	A Season of Hope: A Little Child
12/11	Isaiah 7:10-16	A Season of Hope: Promise of Emmanuel
12/18	Isaiah 35:1-10	A Season of Hope: The Cantata – "Hope!"
12/24 7 & 11pm	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2	A Season of Hope: A Son Is Given
12/25	Isaiah 52:7-10 John 1:1-14	A Season of Hope: (CASUAL service with lots of Carols) The Telling of a Christmas Story
1/1/23	Isaiah 63:7-9 Jeremiah 31:31-34	A Season of Hope: Saying Yes to God
1/8	Isaiah 60:1-6 Mt. 2:1-12	A Season of Hope: God's Epiphany

Staff/Pastor Appreciation

Each Sunday through November 20th the Staff Parish Relations Committee will have baskets to collect cards and notes of appreciation from the congregation for our staff members and pastor before and after the morning service. Get an early start on Thanksgiving, and give some thanks to our staff and pastor for all that they do for Forrest Burdette.

From the Church Record

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Elizabeth "Jean" Ellis, who died on October 9, 2022.

Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for September 2022:

September offerings received\$37,802.81
Offering needed each month\$66,998.33
Undie Sunday.....330 pairs of underwear, 15 T's & bras,
29 pairs of socks (for Heart & Hand Ministries)



Shoebox prep has been ongoing throughout the year, and we're nearing the finish line to pack 400 gift-filled shoeboxes. On Sunday, November 13, immediately after the worship service, we want

EVERYONE to come and pack at least one shoebox. There's something sacred about touching the items that will soon touch the heart of a child. A letter from the church will be included in the boxes, but a handwritten card or note with your name will personalize the box. Will you pre-write a note to send with the box? This is very meaningful to the children. There are cards in the Sunday School rooms, or you can bring your own.

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. Registration is not required; simply come to the meeting. We meet on Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 in Room 213. **Next meeting date: November 12.** Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley, 304-532-8659, or Robbie Parsons, 304-542-0981.

Decorating the Church & Sanctuary for "A Season of Hope"

We will be decorating the church and sanctuary immediately following the Sunday morning worship service on **November 20**. We need as many helpers as possible to get the church ready for Advent and Christmas. Note that a **light lunch will be provided** for the decorating elves. We need people to carry boxes, assemble trees, string lights, trim the trees, climb ladders, and decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and church so we are ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27.

Angel Tree



The Angel Tree will be in the narthex starting Sunday, November 20, along with instructions on what gifts to purchase for the children we are responsible for this year. If you are unable to pick out an Angel in person, contact Karen at the church office (304-562-5903) to request one be mailed to you. Or, if you prefer not to shop for an Angel, you can adopt one, and the Angel Tree Coordinators would be happy to shop for you! Remember to mark your giving to the "Angel Tree". **All gifts (unwrapped) are due back at the church by noon on December 18.** If you have any questions, call or text either JoAnn Kennedy (304-561-7100) or Lisa Fawcett (304-539-2860). The Mission Outreach Team thanks you for your continued support!

Thanksgiving Day Dinner: Nov. 25

We will be having the Thanksgiving Day Dinner again this year! Turkey, ham, and mashed potatoes will be provided. If possible, bring a covered dish of your specialty to share. We will gather and eat at 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. This year, we ask that you sign up at the Connection Center or call the church to give us an estimated number to prepare for. —Jill Gilbert

November Birthdays:

- 1 Matt Anderson, Sarah Clegg, Vicki Jarvis, Torie Tillis
- 2 Jane Barney, Melissa Oxley, Charlie Veit, Brooke Wilson
- 3 Mike Jarvis, Shirley McKown, Beth Turley
- 4 Joe Gilmore, Ruth Anna Johnson, Scott Proffitt
- 5 Chris Casazza, Shawn Daly, Evelyn Martin, Mary Ann McClure
- 6 Beverly Jarrett, Megan Johnson
- 7 Chloe Anderson
- 8 Ted Clark, Diane Dorsey, Lessie Lawson, Jackson Lilly, Ava Slappe, Debbie Tinch
- 9 Traci Brown, Deloris Rooper, Luke Sergeant
- 10 Martha Carlstrom, Jeanie Jarvis, Maggie O'Dell, Brian Slappe
- 11 Zach Daniels, Maria Folio, Sharon Smith
- 12 Jenna Johnson, Lois Kinneer, Joe Miller, Tristen Nesmith, Ashley Stalnaker, Sarah Stark
- 13 Ginger Dunlap, Sandra Johnson, Kierstin Marsh
- 14 Jennifer Bonham, Lorn Limanen, Kris Pyles
- 15 *No birthdays on record today*
- 16 Libby Bird, Michael Brown, Sharon Jones, Debbie Milton, Patsy Neumeyer, Gary Robson
- 17 Mary Fugate, Vic Mays
- 18 Penny Bailey, Clarence Bess, Dave Blevins, Cody Dunlap, Mary Marcum, Emme Newhouse
- 19 Scott Bradley, Sarah Cartwright
- 20 *No birthdays on record today*
- 21 L.D. Foster, Cassie Holdren, Terri Stanley, Natalie Sweeney

- 22 Joseph Cunningham, Jeremy Kauffman, Martin Valent, Jude Virag
- 23 Meghan Oxley
- 24 Bill Allen, Tammy Baker, Ruth Blankenship, Scarlett Bradley, John Patterson
- 25 Albert Anderson
- 26 Mike Brown, Doris Donovan, Kathie Faulkner, Addison Phillips
- 27 Kim Davis, Jacob Lilly, Angie Nesmith, Tracey Patterson, Benjamin Russell
- 28 Jack Wilson
- 29 Andy Bennett, Timmy Bulingame, Danielle Ray
- 30 Jamie Levy



November Anniversaries:

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| 1 Bob & Ruth Blankenship | 18 Shannon & Sara Dean |
| 3 Larry & Beth Embrey | 21 Jon & Claire McCoy |
| 3 Butch & Debbie McCoy | 22 Dan & JoAnn Kennedy |
| 5 Bobby & Meredith Greene | 23 Clarence & Cindy Woodworth |
| 6 Jim & Linda Vealey | 25 Tim & Joy Mitchell |
| 9 Nathan & Sadie Daly | 26 Ron & Karen Delph |
| 12 Jeff & Rita Given | 26 Jonathan & Bailey Hill |
| 13 Dustin & Megan Fisher | 26 Norman & Mary Ann McClure |
| 16 Keith & Pamela Smith | |

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

JOY Fellowship (55+) will hold its monthly covered dish lunch on Thursday, November 17, at 12:00 p.m. (*note the change in time*). Bring your favorite dish to share with your church family!



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

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PipeSounds presents
Rodney L. Barbour
playing a Holiday Concert
on the Harrah Symphonic Organ
Forrest Burdette Memorial UMC
Sunday, November 27, at 3:00 p.m.
Reception to follow • Admission is free