

**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 Friends,

October is here. It is a time for autumn colors and everything pumpkin spice. It is a season of sports, music, and leaves changing from green to gold, red, orange, and brown. The WV mountains look their best as they put on the vibrant colors of autumn. Even the non-farmers think of harvest and the bounty of God's blessing.

This season is also a time for us to continue to celebrate and experience God's blessing through the beatitudes at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. When we look at the Beatitudes, we notice that some of the blessings describe our circumstances while others relate to our spiritual condition, and finally still others to our outlook on life. I think it is important that we know those blessings are available to us now because it is Jesus who spoke these blessings and it is in his name and authority, they are effective immediately.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes in **Cost of Discipleship** that the disciples "are all members of the Church which is called of God... and that all are called to be what in the reality of God they are already. The disciples are called blessed because they have obeyed the call of Jesus, and the people as a whole because they are heirs of the promise" (p. 119). The Beatitudes are a blessing because of Christ, and we are made recipients of the promised blessing through his grace.

By memorizing, praying, and reflecting on the Beatitudes we can experience the blessings of Christ in the midst of the challenges and experiences of life. I invite you to make the Beatitudes a part of your devotional life throughout October. In addition, I hope you join us in worship as we celebrate the Beatitudes. If you are ill or out of town, please participate through Facebook or YouTube. I look forward to praying and worshiping together. This Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will focus on the Beatitude of mercy. Please reflect on the mercy you have received and the mercy that you have given.

Grace and peace,  
Joe

**Beatitudes — Matthew 5:3-12**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



## David Westfall Minister of Youth & Young Adults

### Youth

- Sunday, Oct. 2, 2:00 - 5:00pm - Church Picnic at the Grant Farm - **Church Picnic has been rescheduled for Oct. 30th**
- Friday, Oct. 7 - HHS Homecoming Football Game
- Saturday, Oct. 8 - HXC Conference Meet at Cabell Midland
- Sunday, Oct. 23, 1:00 - 8:00pm - Uth Fall Fest with St. Mark's UMC Youth (lunch, corn maze, and bonfire/dinner at the Brown's house)
- Thursday, Oct. 27, 7:00am - 5:00pm - WVU College Trip (Must RSVP with David)
- Saturday, Oct. 29 - HXC State Meet at Cabell Midland
- Sunday, Oct. 30, 6:30 - 8:00pm - Halloween/Costume Party

### Weekly Events:

- SNL: Sunday Night Live, 6:30 - 8:00pm (Oct. 9 & Oct. 16)
- United: Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:30 - 7:30pm (October 5, 12, 19, & 26)

### Upcoming Events:

- Fall Workshop at Spring Heights: November 18 - 20 - more info to come SOON
- Winter Retreat: January 13 - 16 - more info to come SOON
- Ski Trip: February/March - more info to follow
- YOUTH 2023: July 24 - 29 - more info to come SOON

### Parents

**Parent & Youth Event Meeting:** David will be hosting a meeting to discuss the year's upcoming events. Specifically, we will be discussing the details of YOUTH 2023 (our big trip of the year), and we will also discuss the details of Fall Workshop, Winter Retreat, and the Ski Trip. In order to attend YOUTH 2023, a parent and the youth must be in attendance at this meeting. The meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 16**, at 6:30pm. (This will be during the time slot of SNL that week). There will be pizza, snacks, and drinks. RSVP with David to let him know who will be in attendance.

### Young Adults

#### Bi-Weekly Small Groups

- Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm (October 4 & October 18): Game Night & Devo
- Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00pm (October 11 & October 25): Virtual Bible Study

If you want to be a part of either of these small groups, please contact David.

### Monthly Meetup

- Sunday, Oct. 16, 3:00 - 5:00pm: Meet Up at Mi Pueblito or Bubbarinos for appetizers and hanging out. RSVP with David

### Reboot Youth Initiative: Whole Church Participation

- Sunday, October 16, directly after church. David will be hosting a Town Hall meeting to discuss the depths of the Reboot Youth Initiative - there will be light snacks provided. This will be a time to discuss youth ministry in the context of the whole church. There will be time for people to contribute to



the conversation with their own ideas and thoughts. **Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend.**



## Jayné Kirk Minister of Children & Families

It's October, and practice for the Christmas musical is already underway. But it's not too late to join us. Children from Kindergarten to 5th grade are welcome to come sing, dance, and have a lot of Christmas fun as we prepare to share the story of Jesus' birth in "A Christmas Yarn." This story is all ugly sweaters and Christmas sales records until the power goes out and things start to feel a little like "A Christmas Carol" but with more yarn and Jesus. Mark your calendars for December 4th! You won't want to miss "A Christmas Yarn."

Need a little family fun? Join us for a **Family Movie Night on Friday, October 21**, 6:00 p.m. "Coco" will be showing in the Family Life Center. Join us!

Do you have a desire to help kids and want to be an important part of Forrest Burdette's weekly ministries? We have a place for you:

- We need help with the nursery, Wednesday evening and Sunday mornings. The nursery needs more workers for Sundays from 9:15-11:30 to cover Sunday School and Worship.
- Children's Church or Wednesday evening JAM (Jesus and me) needs both leaders and helpers. If you want to teach or just want to be of help, we have the perfect way you can use your talents and minister to the children.

Talk to Jayné about how you can join the Children and Family Ministries team and find where God is calling you to serve.

## Cathy Daley, Director Children's Outreach Ministries



Hello All & Happy Fall! We finally feel like we are making some progress. The playground is mostly installed, with shipment of extra parts needed to complete it scheduled for this coming week. So say a little prayer that that part of our revamping can be completed in the next couple of weeks! The fence has been installed around the School Age, and Early Ed Playgrounds, and I hope you love the look of it as much as we do. The plan is that next week the Infant Toddler Playground will be relocated to the side of the building off of the Infant Room! And all of the posts should be stained in the next few weeks! Relocating the Infant Toddler Playground will be a huge help to the staff working with the youngest children and will make it much safer for them to be out on their own playground. We are very thankful to be able to have this happen. Our plan is to add more new playground equipment on the Early Ed side of the Playground, some picnic tables, and an area that could be used as an outdoor classroom. We truly appreciate all of the support and prayers that are afforded to us and could not do what we do for the children without you. **If there is anyone with a CDL and a tractor trailer, we will soon be needing someone to pick up a load of mulch for us. Please call us at 304-562-9170 if you would be able to assist.**

Have fun, and make a difference.

## Staff & Pastor Appreciation Reception

The Staff Parish Relations Committee invites all to a Staff and Pastor Appreciation reception in the Fellowship Hall after the church service on **October 30th**. Please stop in to see the staff and pastor in person where you can provide messages of support, deliver cards and/or tokens of appreciation. If you can't be present on October 30th but would like to extend a message or make a gift, please contact SPRC Chair Adam Holley at 304-937-3722 or 304-541-736.

## Wednesday Night Live!

You're always welcome to join a class, and we have classes for all ages, starting at 6:30 p.m. The sign up sheet for each Wednesday's fellowship dinner can be found at the Connection Center, or call the church office by Tuesday morning to RSVP. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., is catered by Shonet's, and is free for all. Donations are accepted if you are able and would like to give. Please RSVP so that we order enough food!

Volunteers are always needed to set up for the meal and to clean up before classes begin at 6:30. Please find the sign up sheet at the Connection Center to volunteer.



## 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 111. **Next meeting dates: October 1st, 15th, and 29th.** Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 or Robbie Parsons at (304) 542-0981.

## Upcoming Painting Class

Would you like to paint some funky, fall leaves? Julie Conley will hold painting classes Sunday, October 9, 3:30-5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, October 11, 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You'll learn to paint and create interesting textures with stencils. All supplies are included, no talent required. Cost \$20, with proceeds to the building fund. Call Julie at 304-614-3980 to sign up, or look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



## JOY Fellowship

*(JOY stands for "Just Older Youth" and refers to our older population, those near or past retirement who are available to enjoy a weekday lunch together each month.)*

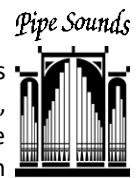
Mark your calendars for a Covered Dish Lunch! JOY Fellowship will begin meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m., beginning on **October 20th**. Bring your favorite dish, and be thinking about speakers you would like to hear and even day trips to various places and maybe even an over night trip! The JOY begins, and we look forward to sharing lunch with our church family.

## SPRC Staffing Announcement

The Staff Parish Relations Committee announces a staff change, concerning our Media Tech Coordinator position. Many thanks go to John Martin who has been serving in this capacity during 2022, the first person in this new position. John has decided to step down and move to "volunteer" status, while his successor is one of the volunteers he trained! Zach Edgell has been a volunteer with our Sunday morning media for several months and has now been hired as our Media Tech Coordinator. Zach has a BS in Science & Technology Multidisciplinary Studies from California University of PA. He has a long connection to Forrest Burdette through his grandfather Gary Edgell, and we're happy to have him with us.

## PipeSounds Presents...

The 2022-2023 PipeSounds Concert Series begins at Forrest Burdette on **Sunday, October 23**, 3:00 p.m., with guest artist Faythe Freese performing "Light Classical" on the Harrah Symphonic Organ.



Dr. Freese, a Professor Emeritus of Organ at the School of Music, University of Alabama, is in demand as a recitalist throughout Europe and the United States. She was a recipient of the Regatz Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana University in 2017. She is the only American woman to have recorded on l'Orgue de la l'Église de la Sainte-Trinité, Paris, and she has received critical acclaim by *Diapason*, the American Organist and Tracker magazine, for her fifth compact disc recorded at Germany's Magdeburg Cathedral.

Admission is \$15, at the door; students are free.

## UMW Fall Festival

Applications are available for crafters and vendors for the annual Fall Festival on **Saturday, November 5**, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Crafters and vendors interested in an application should call the church office, 304-562-5903. The fee is \$20 for a booth space.

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. Come and shop and fellowship with others! Volunteers are needed to donate baked goods by Friday and to assist in the kitchen on Saturday. Please see Ruth Blankenship (304-542-8281) or Karen Lilly (304-562-9241) to help.

## New District Name

The West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church has restructured into seven districts. Our district, which was called Midland South, joined with the Western District. On September 25, 2022, during our first joint District Conference (hosted by Forrest Burdette), a new name was selected: Nine Rivers District.





David Westfall, our Minister of Youth & Young Adults, recently spent two days at Spring Heights where he participated in an introductory session for the Reboot program, a one-year collaboration with the WV Conference and the SMU Perkins School of Theology. A limited number of churches from across our Conference will work together in this program to learn how to implement an innovative, specialized, congregation-wide approach to youth ministry. Read on to learn more about how this process works.

"Reboot is a program of SMU Perkins School of Theology. We help people discover a new approach to youth ministry—one that involves the whole church and that integrates work with youth into the life of the congregation. If your church is ready to be innovative, we can help you customize a plan that maximizes the particular gifts and mission of your people.

"We have a lot to offer your church—including mentors to work alongside you, classes and retreats to train your leaders, plus other excellent resources to get you started. (We can provide so much because we've received generous support from the Lilly Endowment.)

"You, in turn, will help other congregations that come along after you by sharing with them what you have discovered. Here's a look at the process.

#### **Phase 1**

This is the time for big dreams and wild ideas.

Here's the first action step your church can take: assemble a Reboot Leadership Team. It needs to be a team, not a solo Pied Piper. And the team needs to be integral to church leadership, not a siloed youth ministry committee. Here's the good news: the people on your team don't need any prior youth ministry experience.

They just need to represent the whole church — young people, clergy, parents, and other adults.

The goal of this phase is to get your congregation thinking, discussing, and praying about youth ministry. Where have you been? Where do you want to be headed? This phase takes about 6 to 8 months, during which the Leadership Team should meet at least 6 times."

There are two more phases; this is where we are in the process at Forrest Burdette. On **Sunday, October 16**, directly after morning worship, David will be hosting a **Town Hall meeting** to discuss the depths of the Reboot Youth Initiative. There will be light snacks provided. This will be a time to discuss youth ministry in the context of the whole church. There will be time for people to contribute to the conversation with their own ideas and thoughts. **Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend. You are a part of our youth ministry.**

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#### **Pumpkin Carving and Hot Dog Roast**

**RESCHEDULED FOR Sunday, October 30, 2022 • 2:00 p.m.**

Please join us for an annual Grant tradition!

Gather at 2:00 p.m. to carve pumpkins (rain or shine!). Eat around 3:00 p.m., followed by a hayride and plenty of time to socialize. S'mores before leaving!

#### **Please bring:**

**Lawn chairs, a pumpkin to carve, your favorite pumpkin carving tools  
See sign up sheet at the Connection Center for food/drinks**

Directions to the farm: From Teays Valley, go to Route 35 North and get off at the Buffalo/Eleanor exit. Follow the old Route 35 (now 817) toward Point Pleasant about 9 miles. You will see Harmony Baptist Church on the left (large tan church). Turn right onto Southside Lane right before you get to the church and follow the lane toward the river. Take the second left to the white house. We gather at the barn behind the house. Address is 2104 Southside Lane, Southside, WV for GPS.

Look forward to seeing you!



## From the Church Record

Morgan Margaret Cox received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 11, 2022. Morgan's parents, Matthew & Lauren Cox, were received as new members that day as well.

Christian sympathy is extended to Ruel Elliott and family upon the death of his wife Patsy Elliott on September 15 and to the family of Molly Pauley upon her death on September 21.

## Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for August 2022:

August offerings received .....\$52,087.99

Offering needed each month .....\$66,998.33

*We did it! Thank you for your generous donations toward a new sound & broadcast system. We met our goal of \$72,000 and are now eager for the new system parts to be delivered and installed.*

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, October 28, 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. @ FBMUMC**

(please note the earlier timeframe)

Call 1-800-733-2767, or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter "hurricane.com" to schedule an appointment. The need for donations is great. Would you like to volunteer at this event, or do you have questions? Contact Lisa Fawcett (304-539-2860).

**THE TIME TO  
GIVE BLOOD  
IS NOW**

## Haiti update

Thank you to everyone for the tremendous support in preparation for my medical mission trip to Haiti. As many of you are aware, our trip was cancelled at the last minute due to the increase in civil unrest, protests, and roadblocks in the northern area of the country where we were heading. While our team was devastated to not be able to go at this time, we are truly grateful to our Haitian partners for keeping watch on the situation and making us aware of the serious turn of events there. On a positive note--most of the medications that we were taking with us were sent ahead of our team and made it safely to the clinic in Fort Liberte' where the Haitian medical team will be able to distribute as needed to the people. Additionally, there is a food distribution plan in the works with the project fund money that was collected, and hundreds of families will benefit from that effort. I cannot thank you enough for your prayers, words of encouragement, and donations of medications, supplies & finances. Please know that it is all being used for the Haitian people in one way or another. I am so thankful and blessed to be part of such a generous and supportive congregation who is so willing to be an impact in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

*Blessings, Annette Cartwright*

## See a Bigger Picture of Operation Christmas Child by Working at a Processing Center



We're taking a trip to Boone, NC, December 1–3, to process OCC boxes to be sent to their designated country. Work positions are available for ages 14 and up. Interested? Call Beth (304-542-0601).

## Challenge To Pack a Box With Your Family

Shoeboxes are available to take and pack with your family. Instructions are inside the box. Pack basic hygiene items (no liquids, toothpaste or candy), school supplies, and fun toys. Try to include one "Wow!" item. Be sure to include a personal note and a photo of your family, as the child and family receiving your box treasure this. Begin and end your packing experience with prayer. The "Follow Your Box" option is a wonderful option, as it's nice to know where your gift was sent. Shipping is \$10 and an additional \$6 if you want to send *The Greatest Journey* program. Enjoy this beautiful blessing! All boxes should be returned by Nov 20.

### **DO NOT pack these items in a SHOEBOX**

- Liquids of any kind
- Squishy/glitter balls with water
- "Splat balls"
- Liquid paint sets
- Breakables
- Toothpaste
- Candy
- Food of any kind
- Seeds
- Matches
- Weapons
- War Related Toys
- Camouflage Clothing (looks like military); Blue or Pink or other colors can go
- Scary Plastic Action Figures or Animals



## **HELP FEED THE TEAM!**

Thank you to Traci Brown for coordinating this year's spaghetti dinner for the Hurricane High School football team on **Thursday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.** Are you free to help in the kitchen that afternoon/evening? It takes many hands to feed 80 players and coaches! Please contact Karen in the church office if you are willing to help (304-932-6103).



***Have you remembered the church  
in your will?***

## October Birthdays:

- 1 Jill Newman, Doris Sampson
- 2 Evelyn Gregory, Stephen Jones, Kevin Marra, Joni Prince, Harold Quigley
- 3 Amy Golden, Nick Oxley, Casen Proffitt, Nate Vance
- 4 Jill Coulter, Meredith Thompson, Heather Wyatt
- 5 Chris St. Clair
- 6 Julie Harris, Hannah Spiker
- 7 Harper Hutchison, Ian Ogle, Sherry Smith, Jerry Wolfe
- 8 Tyler Halstead, Kim Neville
- 9 Mark Davis, Ruel Elliott, Claudia Fizer, Katelyn Sette
- 10 Benjamin Oxley
- 11 Vince Addair, Campbell Bartkowski, Rick Estep, Tori Nesmith
- 12 Brian Faulkner
- 13 Matthew Brown, Garrett Dilley
- 14 Richard Lane, J.D. Philyaw, Mike Richardson, Aaron Vickers
- 15 Andrew Dean, Kathy James, Alyssa Marinacci
- 16 Jane Held Collins, Meredith Greene, Olivia Keen, Debbie Romine, Cindy Woodworth
- 17 Meg Barker, Ginny Cunningham, Jack Sturgeon
- 18 JoAnn Kennedy, Joe McMillion, Cheryl Riedel, Jan Rowsey, Amber Vickers, Courtney Young
- 19 Rachel Hill

- 20 Sidney Peal, Billie Jo Rowsey
- 21 Geary Burns, Julie Conley, Leah Gore, Joy Mitchell, Leslie Shaffer St. Clair, Becca Wilson
- 22 Maggie Bradley, Crista Hall, Ashlee Johnson, Sydnie Johnson
- 23 Carley Bryan, Davey Freeman, Jamie Herman-Bellomy, Tori James, Sandy Vargo
- 24 Jeff Haynes, Cindy Soto, Dalton Young
- 25 Sheri Anderson, Maria Surface
- 26 Cathy Ellison, Rylee Harrison
- 27 Scott Krall
- 28 Brad Fitro, Bob Samson
- 29 No birthdays on record today
- 30 Eli Addair, Lisa Fawcett
- 31 Abigail Howat, Jennifer Johnson



## October Anniversaries:

- 3 Danny & Sandee Simms
- 11 Jim & Debbie Kahre
- 13 Clarence & Jo Bess
- 14 Matt & Jeanie Jarvis
- 21 Brad & Ginger Sergent
- 22 Jeff & Billie Jo Rowsey
- 23 John & Evelyn Martin
- 27 Stu Gore & Robin Yearout
- 29 John & Shannon Lawman

\*\* 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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10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Chapel Worship:  
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