

**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 in Christ,

One of the joys of the Christian faith and discipleship is the privilege of being a part of a community of faith that supports, challenges, and encourages us to grow in our relationship with Christ. We find that we are taught how to pray, understand Scripture, and praise God. Our church helps us hear the call of Christ and find our ministry. It is through being a part of a church that we are introduced to the forgiveness, mercy, and love of God. The church may not be perfect, but it is the incubator where we live in grace and offer grace to others. The congregation helps us find comfort in times of pain and grief, peace when we are troubled and anxious, and hope when it seems as if all is lost or threatening to overwhelm us.

The community of faith is not only the laboratory where we mix together the blessings of God to help us grow as a faithful disciple, but it is also where we help others discover the joy of salvation. A part of our experience in the church is to help us and others become better disciples and Christians. A significant portion of our life in the church is to be engaged in the ministry of Christ. As Christians, we commit to be disciples of Jesus, seek to do his will, and attempt to share his love. Being committed to worship, sacraments, prayer, study, hospitality, mercy, ministry, and mission are significant aspects of our faith. We seek to order our life, family, vocation, and financial health around the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

A challenge for many of us is in financial generosity and health. This is not unique to the 21st Century or a time of inflation. I encourage us to prayerfully read Paul's words to the Corinthians and hear him addressing each of us:

*We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)*

Paul challenges the Corinthians to be as generous and joyful as the Macedonians who are challenged by poverty, but their faith overflows in abundance of giving. The financial challenges that we face as a congregation are spiritual and present an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and discipleship. I encourage you "to give yourself first to the Lord" and take the next step of faith and grow in your giving to God through Forrest Burdette so that you may "excel also in this generous undertaking."

Grace and peace,  
Joe

February 2023





Tell us who you're rooting for in

## SUPER BOWL LVII

by bringing in cans of soup for the Christian Community Cupboard and BackPack Buddies during the week or on the Sundays leading up to the big game (February 12)! Each can is one vote for the team whose sign you select at the front of the Sanctuary, either the Kansas City Chiefs or the Philadelphia Eagles. Let's go for the goal of supporting our community!



## David Westfall Minister of Youth & Young Adults

### Uth: Wednesday Night Bible Study

- 2/1, 2/8, and 2/15, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- 2/22, NO UTH DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - Come join us for the Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

### Sunday School

- 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, and 2/26, from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

### Confirmation Class

If you are interested in joining the Confirmation Class, we are beginning our first class on Sunday, February 5th. This will be a time to dive into what it means to live out our Christian faith and to better understand the United Methodist Church. Contact David if you are interested in joining: [youth@forrestburdette.com](mailto:youth@forrestburdette.com)

### YOUTH 2023 Registrations

David registered our first group of participants for the YOUTH 2023 conference—WHOO!!! There is still space to attend the conference if you would like to join. It will be a great time of education, fellowship, and community service while we have fun in Daytona Beach! Don't miss out on this opportunity that only happens once every four years. Contact David to get registered.

### REBOOT Youth Ministry Meeting - All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Our next REBOOT meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1st, from 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. This will happen directly after Wednesday night groups end, so please stick around to join the conversation. We are all in this together, and everyone is encouraged to join and be part of the conversation. We will be discussing the big problems with our current youth ministry model in an attempt to name our biggest priority over the coming months.

### Silent Movie, Friday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m.

PipeSounds is presenting a Silent Movie - Dracula! It is FREE for students to attend, so let's get a big group of students to sit together for the film! \$15 for adult tickets.

### God's GIFTS - Youth Drama & Music Team

- Sunday, 2/12, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 2/26, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



This will be a new student ministry led by Traci Brown and David Westfall that will encourage students to use their God-given talents to give back to the church through entertainment and fun!

We will learn skits to perform at Sunday Morning Worship, Church Plays/Productions, and we even hope to put together a Student Choir/Praise Team.

If you are in 5th grade and above, you are welcome to join! We will meet in the Sanctuary.

### Church-Wide Open Gym Activities!

We are excited to launch some initiatives to begin utilizing our gym! These are open activities that ANYONE is welcome to join. Bring friends, and we will have a great time. They will be non-competitive and mostly just for fellowship, fun, and physical activity. We will pray together each week, and we will share in a short devo before playing.

- Basketball - Sunday, February 12, from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Volleyball - Sunday, February 19, from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Kickball - Sunday, February 26, from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Pickleball will be coming SOON, so stay tuned!

## Jayné Kirk Minister of Children & Families



In February we want to encourage families to take part in our PipeSounds Silent Movie. Come out Friday, February 10 at 7:00 for a "Dracula" flick with all the audio provided by our guest organist, Jackson Borges. I know one 9-year-old who is excited to attend. All students have free admission; check out our PipeSounds article for more information!

This February, Pastor Joe has challenged our kids to have a song ready for Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll be practicing our "One Hit Sunday" song during Children's Church and Wednesday JAM at 6:30. Come join in the fun as we learn, sing, and play with our friends and get to know Jesus.

## Cathy Daley, Director Children's Outreach Ministries



Hello, everyone, We are still rolling right along here at COM. The children are growing everyday, it seems, both in mind and body. We are currently beginning the process of looking for a new early ed playground to replace the one that is 25+ years old, and to update that side of the playground. We will also be working to add mulch or other surface material to both playgrounds.

We had a very good board meeting last week, where we were able to meet the newest board members. The meeting had the largest attendance we have had since the beginning of COVID protocols, and it was so nice to have that part of our culture return.

As usual, we thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity with the areas of the church we are using. We couldn't do what we do without you all.

## The Way: Journey with us as we Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus during Lent at Forrest Burdette



### Ash Wednesday

Join us for our Ash Wednesday service, **February 22**, 7:00 p.m., with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. The sermon, "The Acceptable Sacrifice," will be based on Psalm 51:1-17; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; and 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10. Our regular Wednesday evening programming will not be held that evening, including the fellowship dinner. Instead, join us in worship at 7:00 p.m., to usher in the season of Lent.

### Purple Bow-Making

Help make bows for Lent following our morning worship service on **February 19**. Forrest Burdette households are encouraged to display these bows on outside doors, lights, or mailboxes during Lent, serving as a conversation starter and witness. Many hands make quick work; you may even make your own bow!

### Worship Series

Participate in worship each Sunday during Lent, at 10:30 a.m. in person or online, as we follow the footsteps of Jesus under the theme "The Way." Below you will find each week's scripture passages, which you may choose to read in advance to prepare your heart for worship.

2/26	Mt. 4:1-11	The Way: I'd Be Tempted
3/5	Mark 1:21-28 Mt. 4:12-17	The Way: Jesus, M.D.
3/12	Mark 1:14-15 Luke 17:21	The Way: Kingdom Life
3/19	Mark 4:35-41	The Way: Calming Our Stormy Soul
3/26	Luke 7:36-50	The Way: Known By the Company You Keep
4/2	Mt. 21:1-11	Palm Sunday; Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball joins us as guest preacher

### Short-term Sunday School Class

Starting on February 26, Pastor Joe will offer a short-term Sunday School class using Adam Hamilton's study, "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus." The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m., and will watch a DVD segment each week, followed by discussion.

### 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 p.m. **Next meeting dates: February 11th and 25th in Room 111.** Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 or Robbie Parsons at (304) 542-0981.



### 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 an orientation class on **Sunday, February 12**, during the Sunday School hour (9:15 a.m.). This session will meet in Pastor Joe's office. You will learn about Forrest Burdette and what it means to be a member of this church. We will receive new members on February 19. 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 Pastor Joe or the church office for more information or to sign up.

### From the Church Record

Congratulations are extended to Jimmy & Candi Conaway and big brother Cooper upon the birth of Georgia Mae Leigh on January 19, 2023.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Ken Drummond who passed away on January 29, 2023.

### Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for January 2023:

January Contributions Received ..... \$61,118

Monthly Receipts Needed ..... \$67,540

### PipeSounds Presents...

... *A Silent Movie Spectacular!* On **Friday, February 10**, at 7:00 p.m., the PipeSounds Organ Concert Series will present the silent movie "Nosferatu," a 1922 German adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel *Dracula*. Dr. Jackson Borges of Statesboro, GA, will be providing the film's drama with its "chills and thrills" on the Harrah Symphonic Organ. Tickets may be purchased at the door. \$15 per adult; students are free.

### You're Invited to the Operation Christmas Child Celebration & 2023 Kick-off Luncheon

February 12, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall,

immediately after the morning worship service

*Enjoy pizza and celebrate God's work!*



**JOY Fellowship (55+)** will hold its monthly covered dish lunch on **Thursday, February 16**, at 12:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share with your church family.

### Help Wanted!

You don't need to know how to sew to join the Young At Heart Quilters on **Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30**. We are in need of people to help tack our quilts, which only requires you to hold a needle and thread! Anyone who wants to fellowship while helping to prepare quilts, please join us. Our quilts are given to Christmas families and to others in need locally.

## February Birthdays:

- 1 Alex Dorsey, Tom Hankins, John Lawman, Melissa Schamp
- 2 Jackson Clark, Ron Delph, Ella Good, Mike Hill, Hunter McCoy, Jaden Stark, Timothy Stewart
- 3 Steve Garnett, James Larch
- 4 *No birthdays on record today*
- 5 Colin Copeland, Heidi Rice, John Stewart
- 6 Kim Dunlap, Kristi Easter, Shawn Lawman, David Westfall
- 7 Audella Clark, Asher Larch
- 8 Beth Floyd-Lefler, Nicholas Ransom
- 9 *No birthdays on record today*
- 10 Janet Fisher
- 11 Andrew Marinacci, Gary Vargo
- 12 Mea Billups, A.J. Wendel
- 13 Ruth Alford, Kelly McFadden, Rhonda O'Dell
- 14 Pat Burlingame, Cindy Daly, Steve High, Matt Jarvis
- 15 Jonathan Hill, Jennifer Sette, Megan Tidd
- 16 *No birthdays on record today*
- 17 Nathan Daly, Ben Pannell
- 18 Carla Akers, Malinda Shanklin
- 19 Tracy Garrett, Judi Kenaston, Debby Pannell, Hunt Tidd
- 20 Diana Stone
- 21 Mike Rollyson
- 22 Jody Ogle, Mark Stewart
- 23 *No birthdays on record today*

- 24 Dale Duespohl, Jeramy Rice, Daniel Wendel
- 25 Tammy Collins, Cameron McClanahan, Gale Thompson
- 26 Luke Halstead, Dave Stewart
- 27 Sandy Burns, Cooper Conaway, Chuck Donovan, Somer Hollaway, Jonathan Howat
- 28 Suzy Richardson



## February Anniversaries:

- 13 Albert & Sheri Anderson
- 14 Bob & Faye Brinkman
- 17 Rick & Beth Keen
- 17 Chuck & Glo McCane
- 24 Steve & Pam Matson
- 26 Lorn & Paula Limanen
- 27 Dwight & Becky Williams

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

## Daily Devotions for Lent

To access a daily Lenten devotion written by United Methodists from West Virginia (*including Stacey Holley and Robbie Parsons!*), you may either read directly on the Conference website at: <https://www.wvumc.org/2023-lenten-devotions/> or subscribe to have devotions emailed to you daily at: <https://www.wvumc.org/conference-email-subscription/>



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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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Date mailed: 2/2/2023

**"Create  
in me a  
clean heart,  
O God,  
and put a  
new and right  
spirit  
within me."**  
Psalm 51:10

## Instant Church Directory

It's time to update our church directory! For the next few months, we will be updating member contact information and photos in order to compile a new, printable directory and an online directory accessible through the Instant Church Directory app. **Help us get started by taking a few minutes to fill out the Church Directory Information form on the back of this page.** Drop completed forms in the basket at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays, or mail to/drop off in the church office.

**Make sure to indicate on your form if you would like your photo taken, so an appointment can be made for you.** Robbie Parsons has graciously offered to be our photographer for the new directory photos, and he has offered to supply a digital copy of the photo to each household that has one taken.

We would love for everyone to have a new photo taken, but we realize this may not be possible for all members. If you are unable to come to church to have your photo taken, please submit a digital photo of your own. Simply email the photo, with your contact information, to Stacey Holley at [staceyholley4@hotmail.com](mailto:staceyholley4@hotmail.com).

This year we have the exciting option of having our church directory online, accessible via the Instant Church Directory app. Details on how to access the secure, online version will follow once the directory is complete. **Print copies of the directories will also be available at a cost yet to be determined** (we are researching our printing options and trying to keep it affordable), with the proceeds going directly to cover the printing costs.

If you have any questions about the new directory, contact Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659.

Please complete and return the "Church Directory Information" form **by Sunday, February 19, 2023.**

# Forrest Burdette Church Directory Information

**Family Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Name(s)

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Family Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ \*Allow txt msg \_\_ Y \_\_ N

Family Email \_\_\_\_\_ \*Allow email  Y  N

Cell Phone (each person)

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Allow txt msg \_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_ N  
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Email (each person)\*\*

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**Photos – Check One:**

I'd like to have my photo taken  I will submit my own photo

Would you like a Print Copy of the Directory? \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ N

*\*From time to time we may send texts or emails to you from the church. If you do not wish to receive them, please indicate next to each phone or email listed.*

*\*\*Required for online directory access.*