

**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



## FROM THE PASTOR

### Ed Grant, Senior Pastor

One of the great joys of being in ministry is getting to know so many wonderful people. The church is made up of so many people with gifts and talents that inspire, encourage, and uplift. I know of no other place where we can gain so much than being a part of the church.

One of the beauties of being in the church is that we have many who are walking by our side. It's always a blessing to know that others are sharing in our joys and struggles alike. But, that's not all. Those of us who are in the church are also surrounded by people who are praying for us. That's so important because none of us can predict what even the next day will bring, but there is great comfort in knowing others are praying for us.

Now, when it comes to talking about the church, I cannot fail to mention fellowship. Isn't it a blessing to have so many friends who share similar values and have the capacity to care so much? When I walk out of the church and see people talking, visiting, or just catching up it warms my heart. I know of no other place better to build lasting friendships than the church. And, best of all, it's a great place to meet Jesus!

So, give it a try! You might just like it.

*Yours in Christ, Ed*



### Jayne Kirk, Director Children & Family Ministries

It's a new month with more opportunities to get connected.

We still have a couple of weeks of our **Wednesday evening classes**, so please come out and have some fun. Kids of all ages are engaged in Bible study, music, and fun. Join us from 6:30-7:30.

**Sunday school** is coming back! We are so excited to have more small group time with our kids. Our restart date is May 16, 9:30 a.m., and we are looking forward to seeing you. We have classes for all ages. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me! I'm here to help.

The **church nursery** is planning to reopen in June for infants and toddlers. We are also looking for youth or adults who would like to volunteer as helpers.

**Vacation Bible School** is coming faster than you think. June 20-25, we are

heading to **The North Castle**, and we are on an important quest for the King. That means we need all the help we can get. We would love to have any interested youth or adults sign up on the VBS website, or get a purple volunteer sheet at the church.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/fbvbs2021>

If you are new to helping with VBS, here's some information. There are morning and evening sessions. For the morning we need station leaders. For the evening we need station leaders, crew leaders (age graded groups), registration team, photographers... all hands on deck. We also need people to help prep stations and decorate. If you want to help, there is a place that you can serve, and we can't wait for you to join the team!



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

Our monthly **Service Saturday** is Saturday, May 8! We meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and ride together to Heart & Hand Thrift Store in South Charleston. We work from 10 a.m.-noon, with a lunch stop on the way home. This is a great time serving together, and it's available for **YOUTH of ALL AGES** ;)

We have recently relaunched our **FBUTH: Student Ministries weekly meetings** as well. Join us, shall you?



**Wednesday Nights: 6:30-7:30 p.m.** — Join us for a night to Serve, Pray, and Play! Our Uth Lead Student Service Team will be back in action serving the Children's Ministries and also learning how to serve in our Media Team with on site training. There's also a time of prayer in the Uth rooms upstairs and free time in the gym to hang out and play. All middle school and high schoolers welcome!

**Sunday Nights: 6:30-8:00 p.m.** — Join us for our traditional Uth Night with teaching, games, small groups, & of course open gym time afterwards. We will START in the sanctuary and dive into small group discussions up in the Uth rooms. All middle school and high schoolers welcome!

Stay tuned for upcoming **Confirmation** class information. Letters have been sent to those who are eligible for this membership class opportunity, and once we know how big the class will be we can continue planning our curriculum and agenda to help make this another safe and fruitful experience in your teen's walk with Christ.

**Welcome 5th Grade Night** is Sunday, May 23. Join us from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. to experience a sample of what Uth is all about. This week we will begin in the gym with a **PIZZA PARTY!**

**Senior Celebration Sunday** is Sunday, May 23, during our worship service. Please contact Pastor Jeremy to let him know if you'll be in attendance. Letters were sent out last month to our upcoming graduates.

**Young Adults:** Please advise Jennifer Sette or Pastor Jeremy if you have recently moved or are graduating this year. We would love to stay connected and update our records in the process.



## From the Church Record

Jon & Claire McCoy, with big brother Hunter, welcomed baby Brooklyn Claire on April 1, 2021. Brooklyn was 8 lbs., 6 oz., 21". Congratulations to the McCoy family!

## GROW AT HOME — May 2021 Children's Church Series

**WEEK 1:** This week, kids travel in time to when Philip shares the story of Jesus with the Ethiopian eunuch.

**THE BIBLE:** Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8

**THE BIG IDEA:** The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.

**WEEK 2:** This week, kids travel in time to when Peter meets Cornelius and more people come to know Jesus.

**THE BIBLE:** Acts 10:34-35; I John 5:1-6

**THE BIG IDEA:** The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.

**WEEK 3:** This week, kids travel in time to when Matthias is chosen to join the remaining eleven disciples of Jesus.

**THE BIBLE:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; I John 5:9-13

**THE BIG IDEA:** The Holy Spirit helps us do God's work.

**WEEK 4:** This week, kids travel in time to when the Holy Spirit appeared at Pentecost.

**THE BIBLE:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 139:7-10

**THE BIG IDEA:** The Holy Spirit is for everyone.

**WEEK 5:** This week, kids travel in time to when Paul talks about how to live in the Spirit as children of God.

**THE BIBLE:** Romans 8:12-17; John 3:5-7

**THE BIG IDEA:** The Holy Spirit makes us a part of God's family.



### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Romans 8:14 (NIV)

**"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."**

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

Hi again! Things are still moving along here at COM. We continue to be staying full and thankfully having less and less exposures and sicknesses from the virus that disrupted this last year so badly.



We are now enrolling for summer students with only a very few spaces left, and some classes are already full.

This week we are starting enrollment for our Fall 2021 School Year. Children already enrolled will have first priority in placement, with registration opening to outside families in early May.

We have a lot of fun things we are hoping to accomplish this summer and are really looking forward to offering some fun experiences for the children. Thanks once again for you continued support. We love being a part of the ministry here at Forrest Burdette.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with joy in my heart that I bring you greetings from southern West Virginia. I have loved my eight years as the Southern District Superintendent and am excited to join the family of Forrest Burdette Memorial UMC as the Pastor starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I treasure the legacy of ministry that has been the hallmark of Forrest Burdette. Growing up in Huntington, Judi and I certainly heard of FBMUMC and even attended a few events here. Due to the broadcast on Facebook and YouTube, Judi and I have been able to watch all the worship celebrations since we knew we were moving your way. The worship experiences are uplifting. We are grateful to soon be a part of such talented worship leaders, musicians, technical people, and artists that give their best to God in a way that is inspiring and inviting. The extensive ministry with children, youth, and the community is impressive. Judi and I have enjoyed meeting the staff and hearing the breadth and depth of ministry that the laity are doing. We are excited to be a part of this worshiping, loving, and serving congregation.

It has been a joy to serve with your two previous pastors on the Cabinet as Superintendents. I look forward to continuing the legacy of faith and ministry that Ellis and Ed have offered to the community through their leadership of Forrest Burdette.

As I reflect on my life, I see it as a journey of faith. Throughout the scriptures the faith is received, carried, and shared by people on a journey. Although there is continuity in my life with the teenager who graduated from Huntington High, I am certainly different through the many turns, choices, and experiences that I have had. Some of my transitions have been because of education, marriage, becoming a father and grandfather. My journey has been shaped by the loss of my parents in 2002 due to heart failure and cancer. Other parts of my life have been formed by the opportunities to be in ministry in the Chicago area; Manchester, England; Charleston; Vienna; Lewisburg; and southern WV. I know that the God will continue to remake, enrich, and help me to grow as a disciple as we become a part of Forrest Burdette. I invite you to reflect on your life, your faith, and discipleship, and see how God has changed you through the years. I also invite you to pray for us, for the Grants, and for the church as we “journey on by stages” (Gen. 12:9) as Abraham’s experiences are described.

I will keep you in my daily prayers and look forward to loving God and loving our neighbors as we walk together into the future that God is unfolding.

Grace and peace,  
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## Operation Christmas Child Update

A growing number of people have been working to prepare items for the Packing Party in October. Most families pack a shoebox or Build-A-Box online. In addition

 we want to pack boxes as a collective church body. Our Packing Party goal is for 300 children age 10-14. Workers have been making items at home, while others meet in

Byrd Hall Thursday's at noon. There's a need for anyone who wants to help. Call 304-542-0601.

As you prepare items for your family box and for the packing party, look for items on sale: toys (both educational and fun), clothing, underwear, sandals, school supplies, washcloth, soap, toothbrush (no toothpaste, liquids, or candy).

## Upcoming Blood Drive

**Friday, May 21, 2021**

**2:00—7:00 p.m.**

**Forrest Burdette UMC  
Fellowship Hall**

To schedule an appointment for a blood donation, call 1-800-733-2767, or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter “hurricane.com”.



If you are able to volunteer to work a shift during the drive, please call our coordinator Lisa Fawcett (304-539-2860), and she will put you to work!

## Sunday, May 23: The Day of Pentecost

*“They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.”* Acts 2:3-4 (CEB)



**May Birthdays:**

- 1 Ashley Clark, Granvel Dilley, Emily Vargo
- 2 Jason Billups, David Haney, Matthew Harshbarger, Rick Turner
- 3 No birthdays today
- 4 Karen Cummings, Charlotte Daniels, Carissa Lawhon, Jennifer Rogers, Vanisea Winfree
- 5 Brent Andrews, Martha Bennett, Samuel Booker, Marty Martinez, Caleb Totten
- 6 Linda Clark, Allen Kirk
- 7 Kara Rose, Whitney Williams
- 8 Brittney Arthur, Erica Pomeroy, Scott Warner
- 9 Lauren McCoy, Haley Oxley, Vicki Stover, Paige Winfree
- 10 Marilyn Phillips, Dolores Price
- 11 Dawn Barcroft, Lauren Lipinski, Tyler Ray
- 12 Kennedi Brainard, Callie McClanahan, Sabrina Ray, Beverly Turner
- 13 Marc Fizer, Angie Harkins, Casey Levy
- 14 Thelma Carter, Becky Landin
- 15 Amy King, Chris McCoy
- 16 Steve Golden
- 17 Don Collins, Keyria Franklin, Skip Johnson, Caleb Turner
- 18 Jesse Golden, Kristina Painter
- 19 Randy Mayhew, Joyce Sayre
- 20 Joshua Harshbarger
- 21 John Bennett, Judy Fisher, Jackson Harris, Steve Hodges,

- 22 Hayden Jones, Philip Lane, Connor McClanahan, Linda Wagner
- 23 No birthdays today
- 23 Nancy Austin, Katherine Held, Kevin Phillips, Ben Veit
- 24 Leila Holland, Craig Houston, Katie Keen, Jerry Lilly, Nick Schamp
- 25 Megan Peterson
- 26 Zane Franklin, Terri Haney, Bryson Haught, Jack Newhouse, Dick Swisher
- 27 Patricia Enochs
- 28 Riley Elkins
- 29 Louis Blair, Jonah Fenerty, Noah Fenerty, Marsha Kauffman, Bob Gibson, Danny Simms, Olin Spencer
- 30 Mark Dunlap, Angie Nitardy
- 31 Larry Clendenin

**May Anniversaries:**

7	Mark & Megan Peterson	16	Chris & Ashley Clark
12	Jeremy & Danielle Grant	19	Toby & Alisa Spiker
12	Chad & Lori Halstead	20	Larry & Linda Wagner
15	Jim & Linda Swan	21	Chris & Jane Bogan
16	Mark & Carla Akers	28	Ellis & Julie Conley

\*\* 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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**MEN'S CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

The 2021 season is *in full swing!*



Want to play?

Contact Coach J.B. Marinacci, 304-767-1172.

Want to cheer on the team? Catch a game at Valley Park!

May 4, 8:00 p.m.	June 29, 6:00 p.m.
May 10, 8:00 p.m.	July 5, 6:00 p.m.
May 18, 6:00 p.m.	July 13, 6:00 p.m.
May 24, 6:00 p.m.	July 20, 8:00 p.m.
June 3, 6:00 p.m.	July 27, 8:00 p.m.
June 7, 6:00 p.m.	August 3, 6:00 p.m.
June 15, 6:00 p.m.	Tourney: 8/9-10, 16-17
June 22, 8:00 p.m.	