



**Our Mission:**

Sharing Christ's Love  
with Our Community

***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



## AN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

**Sunday, July 2, at 10:00 a.m.**

*(There will be no Sunday School because of our special worship time.)*

Forrest Burdette will host a special patriotic celebration for our church, neighborhood, and community. We will worship outside in the grass and parking area behind the Scout Building and the Community Cupboard. The worship will begin at 10 a.m., and we will have stirring music, prayers, and readings that reflect on the ideals of America.

We will share in the great music of our faith and our country: *This Is My Country, God Bless America, This Land is Your Land, America, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, America the Beautiful*, and other songs.

We will also hear excerpts from some of the great writings in American history including the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble from the Constitution, and Abigail Adams' letter to her husband, John. We will hear the voices of Patrick Henry, Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, Ella Baker, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ronald Reagan, and George W. Bush. And we will hear from the prophet Micah and his words found in chapter 6, verses 6-8.

Our celebration will include prayers for those who died serving our nation, those who are serving our country, and those who are leading our republic.

Following the worship celebration, we will continue our time together with a delicious cookout and a visit from the Kona Ice truck.

Please bring your lawn chairs (we will have extras for those who don't have one or forget) and a desire to celebrate God's many blessings. For those who are able, please park at either Conner St. Elementary or along Virginia or Putnam avenues so that our guests and those who have trouble walking or have small children will have a place to park.

Please bring your entire family! Invite your neighbors and friends! Tell everyone you know about this special celebration in honor of our

**MEN'S CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL** The 2023 season is in full swing!

Catch a game at Valley Park, or join the team. Contact: Coach J.B. Marinacci, 304-767-1172

July 3, 8 p.m. July 10, 8 p.m. July 18, 6 p.m. July 25, 6 p.m. Tournament begins 7/31



## David Westfall

### Minister of Youth & Young Adults

#### Soft Launch of the FBLAUNCH Tutoring Center/

#### Coffee Shop: Sunday, July 9

We received a \$9,000 grant from the United Methodist Foundation to incorporate a tutoring center/coffee shop into Forrest Burdette MUMC. David and the youth are hard at work transforming the Little Narthex into the location for the FBLaunch Tutoring Center/Coffee Shop. We will have a soft launch for it, where students will help prepare coffees on the morning of Sunday, July 9, before our worship service begins at

10:30 AM. Students will begin serving coffee/tea/juice/cereal beginning at 9:15 AM during Sunday School. The coffee will be served for free with donations encouraged. This will be a donations-based coffee bar, so if you have some change to spare, then that's perfect! The youth will continue to meet for Sunday School in the FBLaunch Coffee Shop for the rest of July. Then, in August, we will do an official grand-opening! Stay tuned for more information.

#### Sunday School in July:

We will meet in the new coffee shop/tutoring center located in the Little Narthex (when you enter through the church's main lobby doors, go straight back down the little hallway and you'll run into it). We will meet on the following dates at the following times to continue studying the book of Acts.

Sunday, July 2: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** because of the Patriotic Outdoor Service

Sun., July 9: **9:15 - 10:15 AM** Sun., July 23: **9:15 - 10:15 AM**

Sun., July 16: **9:15 - 10:15 AM** Sun., July 30: **9:15 - 10:15 AM**

#### Summer Movie Nights!

The following dates in July, the uth will either meet at the Teays Valley Cinemas or at Forrest Burdette MUMC to watch a movie. If you love movies and want to stay up-to-date on the uth's movie plans throughout July, please join our Remind101 text group by texting "@fbmuth" to the number "81010". Each week, David will announce via Remind101 what movie and where we will be watching.

Monday, July 3      Monday, July 24  
Tuesday, July 18      Monday, July 31



Night Bowling, a Midnight Breakfast Meal, a worship service and message, and lots of group games/devotions throughout the night. The theme is taken from the Survivor TV show, and we will be competing throughout the night to see who is the "Soul Survivor." It will be a fun night of fellowship, worship, and fun! Contact David for more information about registration. [youth@forrestburdette.com](mailto:youth@forrestburdette.com)

#### YOUTH2023 Conference Trip: July 25 - July 29

David, Alisa Spiker, Stephanie Mills, and Traci Brown will be taking a group of youth to Daytona Beach, FL to participate in the United Methodist Church's youth conference that takes place once every four years.



It will be a week full of learning, service, worship, and faith development with other youth groups from all over the country. The group will be riding a charter bus with other youth groups from across the WVUMC Conference. We will depart at 3:00 AM on Tuesday, **July 25** and arrive by dinner and worship that evening. We will return by 12:00 AM (midnight) on Saturday, **July 29**. Please, keep this group in your prayers. If you wish to donate to this group's trip, please contact David at [youth@forrestburdette.com](mailto:youth@forrestburdette.com).

## Jayne Kirk

### Minister of Children & Families



Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS! We couldn't do it without you! I know we made lasting impacts in many lives this week as we spread God's love and learned how to work together in Faith. If you would like to help write cards to the families who visited us during VBS, contact Jayné or Linda Swan.

Later this summer we're having a family event!

## splash bash!

**Wednesday, August 2, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
@ the Hurricane City Park, Red Barn Shelter + Sprayground**



Bring a towel and a positive attitude! We will have coolers with drinks, snacks, and hot dogs. If you would like to volunteer to bring a snack or drink, please scan this code to sign up for what you will be bringing.

**Kids:** The Sprayground will be open 6:15 - 8:15 for the kids to play.

**Middle School and High School Students:** We will be hosting Water Wars in the field next to the Barn and Sprayground (think water balloons and other water games) from 6:15 - 8:15.

**Adults:** If you aren't with your kids in the Sprayground or in the field with the teens, we will hang out in the Red Barn and enjoy the evening.

**Come celebrate the end of summer with us!  
All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**



## Worship for July

July 2	10:00 a.m. Patriotic Celebration (outdoor worship)	
July 9	Mark 2:1-12	Vision: Establishing New Connections in the Community
July 16	Romans 12:3-13 1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Vision: Generating Connections within the Church
July 23	Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 7:24-29	Vision: Deepening Individual Connections with Christ
July 30	Isaiah 6:1-8 Ephesians 4:7-16	Vision: Connecting Faith to Everyday Life

## Catching a Glimpse of God's Vision for Forrest Burdette

God has been working with our congregation for 108 years and has been guiding our vision process for the past 16 months. The Vision Team and the Church Council believe that God is calling us to seek God's direction for FBMUMC for the 2020s and 2030s. We know that COVID has challenged and changed the way we experience life, and it has altered the church's traditional patterns of life. In addition, the previous assumptions we have made about church being the center of people's lives are no longer applicable.

The Vision Team believes that we have seen what God is envisioning for us as a church. This summer we will share in weekly worship, after church sermon discussions, and communicate in a variety of ways the new mission statement and the themes of ministry that God is calling us to live out. We are excited to share our discernment with the church and seek your reflections and comments, as well as confirmation of the vision.

During the summer, we will share our new mission statement and focus on *Establishing New Connections in the Community* (7/9), *Generating Connections within the Church* (7/16), *Deepening Individual Connections with Christ* (7/23), *Connecting Faith to Everyday Life* (7/30), and *New Life for Forrest Burdette* (8/6). Each Sunday we will receive the detailed proposal for the weekly theme. We kicked off looking at our Vision on June 25 with our new mission statement, *Sharing Christ's Love with Our Community*, and reminding us of the biblical call to **"love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."** (1 John 4:7).

On the first of September, everyone will receive a completed copy of the proposed Vision for Forrest Burdette. On Sunday, September 17, all will have an opportunity to affirm and adopt the Vision. God is leading the church to embrace the future with faith!

## From the Church Record

Christian sympathy is extended to Karen Campbell and family upon the death of her husband Jim Campbell (6/14/23).

## Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for June 2023:

June Contributions Received .....\$57,637  
Monthly Receipts Needed .....\$67,538

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

## Grief Support Group

**Cookout at Stacey's House:** Our grief support group will meet for a **cookout on July 8th from 12:30-2:30 at Stacey's house** at 64 Bedford Court, Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082. If you've been thinking about coming to grief support, this is a great time to meet everyone in a casual setting. If you can, bring a covered dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 so we can get a head count.

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. **Next meeting date: July 22nd at the church in Room 111 from 1:00-3:00 pm.** Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 or Robbie Parsons at (304) 542-0981.

## Cathy Daley, Director Children's Outreach Ministries

We are so excited this week! Not only are we looking forward to Bible School, but the new Early Ed. playground is scheduled to be installed, if the rain holds off. So there is a specific prayer request!



Seriously though, the timing is perfect. The children will/would be using the playgrounds much less because they will be enjoying Bible School, so it's a win/win! You will also see many of the Bible School themes continuing throughout the summer as we dedicate this summer to "Jesus is My Super Hero Summer," learning about heroes in the Bible and how we can be everyday heroes with our words, actions, and deeds.

Once again, we are so grateful to be able to have the use of the spaces provided us by the church and to be able to build on them and furnish them not only for our children here at the center, but for the children and families of the community to enjoy as well. Again, a win/win :)

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our children, our families, and mission.

♥ Have fun, and make a difference. ♥

## After Worship Conversations

Sundays, July 9 – August 6  
11:30 (or as soon as worship is completed!), in the Chapel

This summer we will share in weekly worship, after church sermon discussions, and communicate in a variety of ways the new mission statement and the themes of ministry that God is calling us to live out. Each Sunday following worship everyone is invited to join Pastor Joe in a discussion about the scripture and sermon for that Sunday. *You know that you've always wanted to tell the preacher what you thought of the sermon; now is your chance!* The weekly scripture and sermon will highlight the biblical connection to the different parts of the new vision that God is giving us. Please stay after worship and share with Pastor Joe and other church members how we have experienced God and what our hopes are for our discipleship and that of the church. We will have hot and cold drinks available.



## July Birthdays:

- 1 Kay Chapman, Jo Chapple
- 2 Samuel Clark, Radley Edwards, Laken Faulknier, Allyson Lawhon, Steve Matson
- 3 Rachel Baker, Susan Dean, Sarah Moore
- 4 Linda Harshbarger, Laura Jo Smith
- 5 Lillian George
- 6 David Baker, Tonya Huffman, Doris Roberts
- 7 Judy Armstrong, Carolyn Cremeans
- 8 Tim Stinespring
- 9 Brad Cochran, Sam Holdren, Matthew Sette, Nancy Smith
- 10 Emily Hanning, Katina Haught, Michelle Holdren, John Martin, Hermitt Stover
- 11 Quinn Hazelett, Zack Spurlock, Becky Swisher, Sarah Warner
- 12 Austin Davis
- 13 Tyler Akers, Josh Dunlap, Drew McClanahan
- 14 Steve Cook
- 15 Lynn Clay, Susan Coleman, Kevin Crouse, Sara Dean, Chris Folio, Jane Gillispie
- 16 John Bayliss, Lauren Turley, Terry Turley
- 17 Sierra Fisher, Michael Gibson, Karen Marsh, Katie Spencer, Daniel Vance
- 18 Beth Anderson, Marsha Jones
- 19 *No birthdays on record today*
- 20 Allison Brown, Lily Bryan, Mike Cartwright, Mike Mellace, Eli Valent, Zach West
- 21 Beth Pitzer, Savanna Rose
- 22 Gary Edgell, Abby Mills, Bailey Philyaw, Kent Schamp

- 23 Mike Baker, Kirstyn Erwin, Michelle Jackson, Chase Maddox, Sadi Phillips, Andrew West
- 24 Scott Bowyer, Kendra Schamp, Cierra Stevens
- 25 Jeff Elkins, Darya Ferguson, Josephine Marsh, Cheri Rollyson
- 26 Pat Faulknier, Brittany Johnson, Zoey Williams
- 27 Josh Anderson, Rob Marsh
- 28 Pat Holland, Blake Kennedy, Jennifer Kimble, Margie Veit, Monty Vickers
- 29 Stu Gore
- 30 Rachel Blankenship, Robby Blankenship, Morgan Kimble, Nathan Neville
- 31 Brett Faulknier, Scott Fizer, Maycel Mason



## July Anniversaries:

2 Mike & Lori Folio	18 Eddie & Cathy Ellison
2 Steven & Stephanie Mills	18 Randy & Jayné Kirk
5 Warren & Pat Faulknier	19 Gary & Sandy Vargo
5 Scott & Claudia Fizer	22 Adam & Stacey Holley
6 Matthew & Lauren Cox	23 Gary & Jill Newman
6 Brad & Crista Hall	23 Ben & Becca Wilson
6 Robbie & Carrie Parsons	24 Brandon & Shelley Porter
7 John & Kim Neville	25 Jimmy & Candi Conaway
9 Bob & Jackie Alexander	25 Jeff & Debbie Haynes
15 Tim & Terri Stanley	27 Todd & Becky Lilly
18 Tyler Bellomy & Jamie Herman-Bellomy	
18 Harold & Sue Bennett	30 Jody & Bree Ogle

\*\* 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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Sunday Morning Worship:  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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## Address Service Requested

Date mailed: 6/28/2023

**JOIN US AT CAMP DO GOOD.**

**Give Blood.**



**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Friday, July 21, 2023 — 12:00-5:00 p.m.  
Forrest Burdette Fellowship Hall

Call 1-800-733-2767, or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter "hurricane" to schedule an appointment. If you have any questions, call our coordinator Jo Bess (304-545-0096).



## Operation Christmas Child Workshop

*Calling for Artists of all ages to Decorate Shoeboxes!*

Bring your art supplies, stickers, etc.

Wednesday, July 26

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

## Shopping Time!

We need **WOW! Items** for the Shoebox Packing Party, such as:

Stuffed Animals, Dolls, Matchbox Cars, Tennis Balls, Beach Balls, Play Doh, and Jump Ropes!

**for super-easy shopping, try our**

## Amazon.com Wish List!

1) Use your smartphone or iPad camera to scan this QR code. Tap the link to go to the list. Or type this address into your web browser: <http://bit.ly/3OZDPtO>.

2) You may need to sign in to Amazon. If you're already signed in, you should see the list.

3) Choose an item to purchase and either click 'add to cart' or click on the item to see the product information, then add it to the cart.

4) When you're finished, go to your cart. Your item's description should say "for Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church Wishlist." Click 'check out'.

5) Items from the wish list may be shipped to your address, **or** directly to the church office. **To ship to the church**, make sure the church's shipping information is selected when you check out. (You may not see the full address. That's okay.) **THANK YOU!**



## JULY NEWSLETTER INSERT



## Citywide Yard Sale

The Hurricane Citywide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, August 12, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in reserving a parking space or two at Forrest Burdette to hold your own sale, please contact the church office at 304-562-5903, or sign up at the Connection Center. Spaces are \$10 each. The United Methodist Women will again sponsor a hot dog sale during the Citywide Yard Sale. Further details will be available soon.

## Operation Christmas Child Booth at Citywide Yard Sale, August 12

This is great motivation to clean out your unwanted items from home because all money collected will be donated toward *The Greatest Journey* discipleship program. Accepting everything but clothing. Items may be dropped off in the gym, August 6-11.

Workers are also needed. Call Jackie Adkins (304-552-8796) or Beth Sauvageot (304-542-0601) if you can help.

## JOY!

It's the feeling of joy when we walk in the Connection Center and see toys and goodies in the OCC collection box! Our shoebox babies are going to be so excited to receive them! Thank you to those who've sent toys and other items during the month of June. In July, keep your eye out for flip flops, kids' underwear, and t-shirts. Buy in bulk at sale prices. A good size is 4T, 8-10, and 12-14. Balls and something to hug are great items. Purchasing for OCC takes place year around.

The easiest way to select and purchase shoebox needs is to go to our FBUMC Operation Christmas Child Facebook page. Go to the church's FB page, click "about", then scroll down and click "groups."

