

# The Circuit Rider

## Pastor Notes

*Times they are a-changing!*

How do we know what season we are in? In Elkins we can tell by the changing of the leaves. Can they do this everywhere if they are not surrounded by the same type of forest wonder that we are? Daylight savings time changes. Leaders change. Students advance to different grades. Change is always with us. How do we handle it and not allow change to stress us out? God is here to help if we would allow Him to. Did you realize that? Sometimes I go it on my own to my own peril. God gives rest to His children. Sometime the most spiritual thing to do is to go to bed. The same problems may or may not face you when you awake again. I am learning this the hard way when I choose to do it on my own. None of us have all the gifts or all the graces to do everything perfectly every time. Did you know that? My charge to you for October is to recognize the changing seasons in nature, pay attention to your physical body each day and listen for God's voice in one thousand different ways that are broadcasting right at this second. Don't tune out your Heavenly Father, He has much to share with you today. Let me pray for you now: "May God bless you as you struggle, as your strive, as you give it over to Him again. You are loved my friend."

Your Pastor Tim Edin



We extend a special welcome to our new members, Jerry and Anita Lockett. They transferred their membership to First United Methodist Church on September 29. If you would like to become a member, please contact us.





## **Bishop to Visit First United Methodist Church**

Bishop of the United Methodist Church Debra Wallace-Padgett will visit the First United Methodist Church on Kerens Avenue in Elkins on October 6, to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Wallace-Padgett will be the preacher of the day for both the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services, presiding with FUMC Pastor Tim Edin and Mon Valley District.

Wallace-Padgett was elected a Bishop of the United Methodist Church at the 2012 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. She served as the episcopal leader in the North Alabama Conference from 2012-2024, with the addition of the Holston Conference on September 1, 2021. On September 1, 2024, Bishop Wallace-Padgett began her new assignment in the Holston Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the West Virginia Conference of the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

A graduate of Berea College (Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education), Scarritt College and Graduate School (Master of Arts in Christian Education), Lexington Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity), and Asbury Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry), Bishop Wallace-Padgett is married to Reverend Lee Padgett, a retired deacon in the United Methodist Church. They are the parents of two adult children, Leandra Thompson (Alexander) and Andrew Padgett, and have two granddaughters (Crindalyn and Raylena Thompson). The First United Methodist Church has served the local community since it was completed in 1904. More information about the church, including service times and its various missions, can be found at [www.fumcelkinswv.org](http://www.fumcelkinswv.org).



### Lunch With Neighbors News

We are having a BIG YEAR! Our trends indicate that the food insecurity problems continue to grow. The number of meals served through September 19 is 18,733, which is more than we served last year. By the end of the year, we will have served over 25,000 meals. Lunch with Neighbors is thankful that we have been able to sustain the program, and our Neighbors are thankful that we are here to share food and fellowship. We are having our Forest Festival fund raiser again this year on October 3rd, 4th and 5th from 11:00 am to 7:00. We will be accepting donations to help support our Lunch with Neighbors feeding ministry. Please let us know if you would be able serve during this fundraiser. Contact Diana at 815-953-5236 or Greg at 417-489-1283.

### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

Our group is going to offer an evening meeting for a change. Our next monthly meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 pm in the Parlor.

All women of the church are members of our group are invited to attend.

Catherine Poe

580-515-4464

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**IT'S BACK!**  
**ENCOUNTER**




**Oct. 8th 2024**  
6-7 pm FUMC Teen Room

**Friends • Faith • Fun**

Grades 6-12

Encounter will meet most Tuesday evenings following the school calendar. Check the group FB page for the most up to date scheduling.

**WILL YOU HELP  
SHEPHERD A CHILD?**



**CHOOSE A SHEEP &  
PRAY FOR THAT CHILD!**

FUMC kids will be doing a several week study into the 23 Psalm. While they learn about Gods never-ending love for them, will you take this time to help shepherd a child of our church? Simply go to the bulletin board (outside of the choir room) and grab a sheep off of it and then pray, really pray, for that child daily. Some sheep have specific prayer requests from that child. Some sheep have addresses to mail a letter. If no address is included, you may write a letter and give it to me. I will then pass it on to the child. Imagine the difference you can make in the life of a child!

**Fall Festival**  
**Volunteers Needed**  
October 26th 4-6pm

- Trunk or Treat Workers
- Game Station Worker
  - Food worker
  - Special Talents

(facepainter, balloon animals etc.)

- Monetary Dontaions or candy

Contact Natasha to Volunteer  
304-704-6937

**FUMC**  
**Youth Roller Skating  
& Pizza Party**

*Don't miss it!*

**THUR. OCT. 24**  
**6-8PM**

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO  
FUMC YOUTH GRADES  
K-12. BRING A FRIEND!  
THERE WILL BE NO  
ENCOUNTER DURING  
THIS WEEK!



### **PIONEER CLUB KIDS AND TEENS MINISTRY**

We had a wonderful turnout for the Pioneer Club Welcome Night on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers, parents and teens served the meal while the children and families enjoyed the time getting to know each other. We had a yummy meal, the kids made new friends, sang songs, and had a lesson on a “Wordless Book.” Each child went home with a craft and goody. We had a great turnout of Pioneer teens! They helped to serve the meal and helped throughout the night. We are looking for a leader for the Pioneer Teens to meet each Thursday Pioneer meets.

Schedules are so busy for families and volunteers; we determined it is best to meet every other week September through December. In January we will meet weekly and will be adding “Life Skills” at least one meeting a month. Unfortunately, due to a few scheduling conflicts with the volunteers we will not meet on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> but will resume on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Lunch with Neighbors is showing their support of the ministry by preparing a meal once a month. It helps so much to have their support and cooking to help us feed the children and their families. How wonderful and thankful are we to have ministries working together to show the love of Christ to the children.

If you know a child who is in first through fifth grade, please share about the Pioneer Club. The ministry invites community children and their families to join together to share a meal, hear about Christ and see caring volunteers working together in Christ name.

*The following is the schedule handed out at the Welcome Night; we did update week 3 change.*

## **PIONEER CLUB TENTATIVE MEETING DATES 2024**

<b>09/19</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>FAMILY WELCOME NIGHT</b>
<b>09/26</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00pm</b>
<b>10/10</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>CANCELED</b>
<b>10/24</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00pm</b>
<b>10/26</b>		<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL 6 – 8 pm</b>
<b>11/07</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00pm</b>
<b>11/21</b>	<b>Week 6</b>	<b>PIONEER FAMILY THANKSGIVING MEAL 5:30 – 7:00pm</b>
<b>12/05</b>	<b>Week 7</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00pm</b>
<b>12/19</b>	<b>Week 8</b>	<b>PIONEER CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 5:30 – 7:00pm</b>

We are excited you and your child have chosen to be a part of the Pioneer Club. Pioneer Club is a Christ-centered program that integrates spiritual and personal development to help boys and girls to build healthy relationships with caring Christian adults, and peers. Most of all, Pioneer Club is FUN! God places a high value on children. They are important to him and ministry to children must be a priority.

The tentative schedule is through the end of year; we will meet every other week in 2024. The doors open at 5:15pm – 5:45. Children will need to be escorted into the church, for safety concerns. All children will be signed in and out; please do not send a child unaccompanied. If someone other than who signed the child in is picking them up, we will need to have authorization when signed in. The meal begins at 5:30pm. The church will be locked, so if you need to reach us during club time, text Shelley, as there will not be anyone in the church office to let you into the church.

**If there is No School, there will be No Pioneer Club.** We will try to send out a message, if there are concerns about whether it is canceled, please call the church office 304-636-0660 before 2:00pm. For questions, concerns or additional information please email Director Shelley at 304-704-7039 at [shyre@drhyre.com](mailto:shyre@drhyre.com).

***If you have an interest in knowing more about the community children's ministry, would like to volunteer or share your hobby, gift or Life Skill with the children, please contact me.***

***Blessings, Shelley***

## MUSIC MINISTRY

We very much appreciate our Praise Team, Handbell Ringers, and special music by our trio of ladies. We hope to soon have a choir director also.

## TECHNOLOGY TEAM

Our technology team assists with our PowerPoints and sound booth. Many thanks!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Children's Church** – If you are interested in helping with the Children's Church, you will need a background check, and be Safe Sanctuary Certified, please contact Natasha for the details, 304-704-6937.

**Liturgist** – Multiple volunteers needed for the 9:30 am and 11 am services. If interested, please contact the church office at 304-636-0660.

**Serving Communion** – Anyone willing to serve communion at the 9:30 am or 11 am service, please contact Lorryne Corley, 304-636-7649.

**Office assistant**– If you like to answer phones, greet people visiting the church or assemble mailings, contact Jane at the church or at 304 678-9785. We will help you schedule a little time each week.

**Undie Sunday** is almost here! October 13th, please bring your donations of new underwear of all sizes to your church or Tyrand.

Tyrand's most needed items are men's boxer briefs of all sizes, boy's boxer briefs sizes 12-16, and all sizes of diapers! Thank you!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Charles George Jr	9	Jennifer Lipscomb	18	Mike Johnson	25	Amanda Gainer
1	Barbara McQuain	10	Barbara Judy	18	Joelle Kenney	25	Matthew Wallace
1	Jacob McQuain	10	Jean Barnett-Lanham	18	Linda Romine	26	Sean Barnett
2	Grover Kerns Jr	10	Ronnie Kemrite	19	Robert Klein	26	Joselynn Earl
2	Deborah Lambert	10	Wade Spraberry	19	Dottie Wamsley	27	Kurt Gainer
2	Patty Simmons	10	Emily Davis	19	Kit Phillips	27	Andrea Barr
2	Zach Kerns III	10	Kyle Reed	19	Jeremy Bodkins	27	Joey Mullenax
2	T.J. Bickerton II	11	Karen Johnston	20	Missy Reger	27	Eric Spraberry
2	Elyse Spraberry	12	Sterl Dean	20	Derrick Pritt	28	Chris MacVean
3	Beth Beckwith	12	Jacob Westfall	20	Marguerite Kennedy	28	Andrew Harris
3	Bobbi O'Quinn	13	Paul Gilkerson	21	Syl Fretwell	28	Catherine Poe
3	Ravyn Weirich	13	Ann Wilfong	21	Julie Conley	29	Barbara Morgan
4	David Fincham	13	Brandon Biller	21	Jeremiah Myers	29	Wilma Crowley
4	Abigail Caudy	13	Brian Barrickman	22	Sue Ellen Johnson	29	Gary Channell
4	Connor Gard	14	Nick Kostakos	22	Vickie Sandy	29	Brian Shears
5	Chris Gow	14	Bobbi Trimboli	22	Chris Calain	31	Paul Wood



5	Laurie Stocks	14	Ryan Gasserud	22	Jimmy Poyner
6	Bill Brown	15	Jerri Snyder	23	Rhonda Elmer
6	Darlene Roy	15	Rob Kerns	24	Maria Kostakos
6	Malinda Jerow	15	Chris Sponaugle	24	Nick Barrickman
7	Hope Rierson	15	Steve Sutton	24	Bill Grindle
8	Faye Cowgill	16	Evelyn Skinner	24	Dana Nestor
8	Brad Pugh	16	Jennifer Cain	24	Abbey Martin
9	Jeffrey Healey	16	William Valentine	24	Joe Carowick
9	Reka Rowan	17	Gary Chapman	24	Erin Greenleaf
9	Emily Sutton	18	Patrick Doerr	24	Katie Preusch
9	Josalin Hepler	18	Brenda Forren	25	Heather Shepler

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

1	Ryan & Jessica Merriam	12	Neil & Catherine Poe	22	Ross & Sarah Ware
2	Jeff & Andrea Barr	13	Dick & Becky McDowell	23	Terry & Linda Daft
2	Hugh & Kathy Hitchcock	16	Rob & Amy Cherok	25	Eric & Valerie Voge
6	Amon & Heather Marstiller	18	Carl & Cindy Nucilli	29	Aaron & Casey Casto
6	Hollis & Jennifer Lipscomb	19	William & Elaine Valentine		
7	Jim & Nita Schotsch	21	Mike & Kayla Stewart		
10	Scott & Stephanie Teets	22	Gary & Bonnie Simmons		
11	Chris & Deborah Stout				

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

*to the following families: Ed Tyre, Becky Corcoran*



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**September 2023**

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM – 3 PM / PH: 304-636-0660

Pastor: Tim Edin (304-777-7035 (Cell))  
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Assoc. Pastor:

Office Manager/Treasurer: Rhonda Elmer  
rhonda@fumcelkinswv.org

Youth Minister: Natasha Evans

Financial Secretary: Julie Civiello

Music Director/Choir Director

Handbell Director: Lisa Godwin

Pianist/Organist: Lauren Smith

Pastor Emeritus: Basil Hensley

Custodian:

Nursery Supervisor: Crystal Price

Staff Liaison: Lynn Ritter



