

## 8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

We welcome you to our contemporary worship service this morning.  
The various elements of worship will appear on the screen at the front of the altar area.

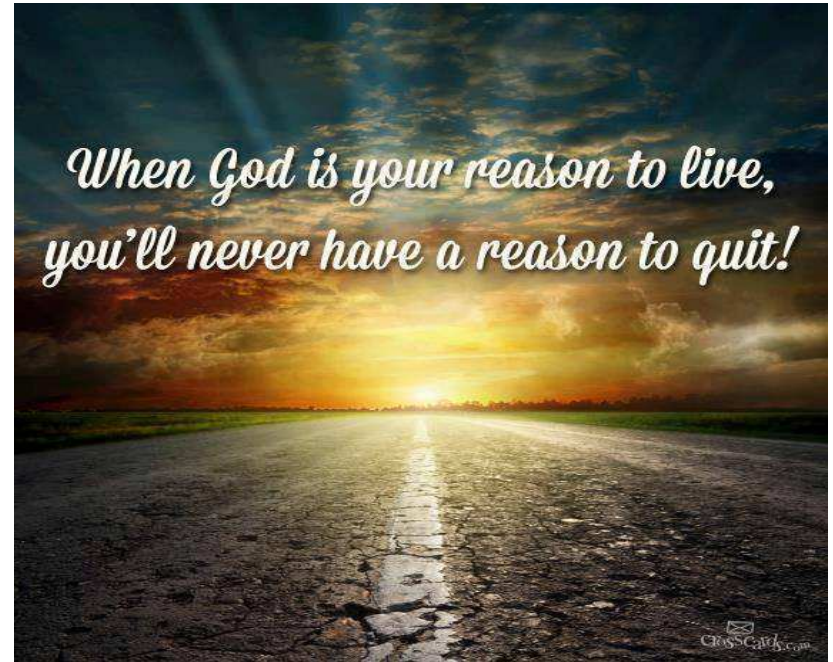
Our theme for this morning's service is:

"A Reason for Living"

Our Scripture Lesson today is:

Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

PRAISE TEAM THIS WEEK:



Following worship, join us for breakfast in the Family Life Center.

### Welcome to First United Methodist Church!!

...You may wish to take your infants, toddlers or preschoolers into our nursery which is warm, nurturing and well-supervised. The nursery is located on the main floor to the right of the sanctuary's overflow.  
...Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. The offering is for attendees who consider First UMC their church home.  
...Please keep cellular phones off during the service and please set your beepers to non-audible notification.  
...As United Methodists, we celebrate "open Communion"; everyone is always welcome at the Lord's Table.  
...Be sure to sign the pew register, and "check" first-time visitor.  
...The restroom is located behind the Sanctuary's overflow to the left.  
...Children's Book Cart: Children's books are available in the overflow area for children to read during the service.  
...Please do not bring coffee, tea, or soft drinks into the Sanctuary.  
...The parking lot across the street is always available on Saturday and Sunday, and after 5 PM Monday through Friday. Contact the church office, 304-636-0660, to park during rented time (M-F, 8:30 AM – 5 PM).

## "A Reason for Living"



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Helping persons take their next steps toward God,  
and together, growing as disciples of Jesus Christ

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Radio Broadcast 12:00 Noon WDNE 1240AM  
April 24, 2016 – 11:00 AM  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!  
"THE DOWNTOWN CHURCH THAT FEELS LIKE HOME!  
WHERE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN COME TOGETHER AS FAMILY"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Blessed Assurance" (Rachmaninoff/Knapp)

*(Please pass the attendance book in your row.)*

*(Newcomers, please be sure to list your address, phone number and email address.)*

SERVICE OF LIGHT *Acolytes*

CALL TO WORSHIP UMH No. 862 "Psalm 150"

MORNING PRAISE HYMN UMH No. 292 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

LET US OFFER ONE ANOTHER SIGNS OF RECONCILIATION, LOVE AND PEACE

ARISE-PULSE MINUTES Bobby Benavides

GOOD NEWS FOR CHILDREN

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

The money today in the Children's Coin Jar will go to support the efforts of the Communion Fund at FUMC.

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" (Irish) Chancel Choir

OUR CHURCH IN PRAYER  
SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS  
CALL TO PRAYER  
PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory – "Through the Fire" (Crabb) Chancel Choir  
Andy Montgomery

Doxology – UMH No. 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF WORSHIP TFWS No. 2172 "We Are Called"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

SERMON "A Reason for Living" Rev. E. Dallas Forren

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION TFWS No. 2223  
"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lord, I Need You" (Bradford)

All 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the 252 Orange Crew in the FLC during the 11:00 Worship Service. Come check us out!

PASTORAL BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF  
THE WORLD

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS (as of April 17)

**RECOVERING AT HOME**

**CLEVELAND CLINIC** – Vic Simmons

**MILITARY** – Lantz Elbon (Tim and Beth Conklin’s son-in-law), Tyler Fretwell, Max Jeffries (Heidi Jeffries’ son), Robert Jerow (Jerry Jerow’s son), Ryan Murphy, Patrick Spears, Patrick Thompson (Sue Mallow’s Son), Joel Timmons (Seth and Michelle Pratt’s son-in-law), Aaron Wetsch, Sgt. Megan White (Kit Phillips’ niece), Ann Urban

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Denver Barnett, Jack Basil, Crosby Bender, Olive Blough, Terry Burgess (Elkins Church of Nazarene’s Minister), Maxine Cooper, Gary Crawford, Mike Despar, Emily Earl, Eugene Ferrell, Kitty Fields (Rhonda Elmer’s Aunt), Harmon Fields (Rhonda Elmer’s uncle), Don Fitzwater, Patty Fletcher, Barbara Halperin (Rachel Montgomery’s mother), Skylar Harman, Jeri Hatch, Bill Heider (Donna Trulik’s father), Amelia Hensley, Janis Hensley, Mike Herron, Halie House, Evonne Howell, Jonas Johnson, Kendra Kalar, Lois Kessler, Dana Kirkpatrick, Sharon McQuain, Norma Kerr Metzger, Alex Nelson, Joan Plant, Barbara Richards (Debbie Fortney’s friend), Barbara Rosencrance, Nancy Rotruck (Jane Corley’s sister), Tommy Scott (Bill Umbright’s grandson), Joe Skidmore, Margie Sutton, Miranda Trader, Betty Walden, Dick Walden, Norma Wanless (Jennifer Wanless’ mother-in-law), Lewis Ware, Kendra Watts, (niece of Jane Corley), Margaret Winans, Jeremiah Yokum

**COLONIAL PLACE** – Rose Barnett, Hope Caplinger, Jo Criss, Millie Metheny, Mary Margaret Morrison, Katie Sayres, Norma Stalnaker, Jack Turner,

**CORTLAND ACRES** – Alma Lord

**ERCC** – Nellie Galford, Dixie Gutmann, Paul Mullins, Katie Pingley, Connie Pizzino

**NELLA’S** - Mabel Phares

**VALENTINE’S** – Robert Fretwell, Harry Kramer, Sr.

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***THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented by Bob & Dottie Wamsley in memory of his parents, Everett & Helen Wamsley; and her parents, Harold & Mabel Herring.*

***THE ORGAN ARRANGEMENT** is given by Mary Margaret Morrison in memory of her husband, Noel Morrison, upon his birthday, April 26, 1919..*

***THE CHANCEL AREA ARRANGEMENT** is given by Jim and Ellen Spears in honor of their second grandson, Henry Holton Spears, born on February 27, 2016.*

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The following service person would appreciate cards and letters.

Max Jeffries  
279 ESFS S-3A  
Unit 61220  
APO AE 09309-1220

SERMON NOTES

“A Reason for Living”

Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

**Attention 2016 High School Seniors...**  
**please call the church office at 636-0660 or email**  
**[rhonda@fumcelkinswv.com](mailto:rhonda@fumcelkinswv.com) with your information**  
**before Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

I will support my church with my presence and gifts”

April 17, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

8:30 AM Worship	43
Sunday School	44
11 AM Worship	169

GIFTS: (Presently needed per week to meet Budget: \$9,135)

Budget	\$	7,589
Other Designated		625
Building Fund		195
Communion Fund		116
Backpack Program Fund		365
Youth Fund		70

Needed for Budget through 04/17.....\$146,154

Received for Budget through 04/17...\$125,249

Balance for Backpack Program through 04/17...\$17,818.14

Balance for Communion Fund through 04/17...\$4,649.34

**Our 2016 Budget is \$475,000.**



Congratulations to Brooks and Mary Katherine Spears upon the birth of their baby boy, Henry Holton Spears, born on February 27, 2016. Grandparents: Jim & Ellen Spears.

**The Randolph Co. Humane Society is in need of bedding for the animals. They need old or used blankets, towels & cotton rugs. Other items needed: cat/dog food, cat/dog treats, and cat liter. There is a container in the church lobby for donation. This is an on-going project.**



The United Methodist Women are offering scholarships to high school seniors of our church who will be graduating in May. You may pick up an application from the church office. Please mail the application to Mary Durham, UMW president, by the deadline date May 15.

Olive Blough, widow of Rev. Walter Blough, is in a convalescent home recovering from health problems. She would like to receive cards. If you would like to send a card you may do so at the following address:

Olive Blough  
c/o Anita Taulton  
1819 Arnold Rd  
Jefferson, MD 21755

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 3 PM / Friday 8:30 AM – 12-noon PH: 304-636-0660

Pastor: Dallas Forren (304-636-0406 Home)  
Office Manager/Treasurer: Rhonda Elmer  
Director of Christian Education & Youth Minister: Bobby Benavides  
Financial Secretary: Danielle Taylor  
Music Director: Gale Poe Howell  
Pastor Emeritus: Basil Hensley  
Custodian: Angela Kisner

Praize Team Director:  
Nursery Worker: Jennifer Wanless

**COME, SHARE, REJOICE...**

**SUNDAY, April 24 (Acts 11:11-18)**

- 8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
- 9:15 AM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST / FLC
- 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
- 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- 11:00 AM 252 ORANGE CREW / FLC (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)
- 3:00 PM DISTRICT CONFERENCE / Chapel Hill UMC, Buckhannon, WV
- 4:30 PM PULSE STUDENT MINISTRIES

**MONDAY, April 25 (Psalm 67)**

- 9:00 AM QUILTERS GROUP / Quilt Room
- 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY – The Story / Parlor
- 1:00 PM UM WOMEN’S EXECUTIVE MEETING / Parlor
- 6:00 PM DEN 1 MEETING / Basement
- 7:00 PM CONWAYRINGERS REHEARSAL / Handbell Room

**TUESDAY, April 26 (Acts 16:1912)**

- 6:00 PM HIGHLAND PARISH / Parlor
- 6:00 PM U.M. WOMEN GENERAL WOMEN’S MEETING & COVERED DISH / FLC
- 7:00 PM TROOP 88 / Basement

**WEDNESDAY, April 27 (Acts 16:13-15)**

- SET UP FOR WEDDING RECEPTION / FLC
- 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY / Parlor
- 5:57 PM PULSE BIBLE STUDY / Bobby’s house
- 6:00 PM TRUMPETEERS’ PRACTICE / FLC & Parlor
- 6:00 PM TIGER DEN 6 / Basement
- 6:30 PM DANIEL PLAN / Sunday School Room
- 7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR / Choir Room

**THURSDAY, April 28 (John 14:23-24)**

- DECORATE FOR WEDDING RECEPTION / FLC
- 6:30 PM BACKPACK PROGRAM / FLC Stage
- 7:00 PM DEEVERS AND BARKLEY WEDDING REHEARSAL / Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM DEN MEETING / Basement

**FRIDAY, April 29 (John 14:25-29)**

- DECORATE FOR WEDDING RECEPTION / FLC
- 5:00 PM DEEVERS AND BARKLEY WEDDING / Sanctuary & FLC

**SATURDAY, April 30 (Revelation 21:10, 22-27)**

- SET UP & DECORATE FOR AFTER PROM
- 9:30 AM C.O.M.E. EVENT / First United Methodist Church Clarksburg (9:30AM-2PM)
- 9:00 PM VOLUNTEERS MEET FOR AFTER PROM / FLC
- 10:00 PM AFTER PROM / FLC (10PM – 7AM)

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, May 1 (Revelation 22:1-5)**

- 8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
- 9:15 AM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST / FLC
- 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages
- 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- 11:00 AM 252 ORANGE CREW / FLC (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)





**Everyone is invited...**

**What: General Women's Meeting / Covered Dish**

**When: Tuesday, April 26 at 6:00 pm**

**Place: Family Life Center**

**The Women will be hosting a covered dish dinner and a program with a guest speaker to follow.**

**Speaker: Brenda Hunt, Director of Heart and Hand House of Barbour County, will share the mission of this project which is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Brenda is a graduate of Elkins High School and Davis and Elkins College. We welcome her to join us in the evening's activities.**

**Please bring a covered dish.**

**A meat dish and drinks will be provided.**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS**

The U. M. Women's Country Store will be offering Curb Side Service on Saturday, April 23 from 1 pm – 3 pm. The Boy Scout Troop 88 will unload your vehicle with contributions for the Country Store. For more information, please contact Jerri Snyder at 304-637-3807.

After Prom Party, Sat., April 30<sup>th</sup> 10 pm – Sun., May 1<sup>st</sup> 7 am in the FLC. If you are interested in volunteering for this event as a chaperone or if you would like to donate food, money or prizes, please speak with Bobby Benavides, 304-844-2488.

U. M. Women's Spring Bazaar and Country Store has been scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016.



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S** quilt tickets are now available. Purchase the \$5 tickets from circle ladies or in the church office. The beautiful quilt is displayed in front of the church office. Drawing will be held the day of the Spring Bazaar.

**Accepting donations....**anyone who would like to donate baked goods or any kind of craft for the bazaar, please drop off in the Family Life Center on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, between 6 pm – 7 pm.

Congregation is **invited** to the Annual Tradition of the **Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 8, at 9:15 AM** in the **FLC**. The U. M. Men are planning a delicious breakfast which includes ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes and fried apples in honor all women and their families. During breakfast, the Arise Sunday School Program will have all youths up to 5th grade creating and coloring cards for their moms. Please join us!



**FLAMINGOS ARE  
COMING!!!**

**BEGINNING MAY 1st the first  
flocks  
will begin landing!**

**\$15- Move the flock off your yard**

**\$25- Insurance to keep the flamingos away**

**\$25- Keep a flock on the parsonage yard**

**\$50- Have Bobby show up ANYWHERE for 1  
hr dressed as a flamingo**

Please make checks payable to: FUMC YOUTH  
and mail in attached envelope or drop off at  
FUMC

Your donation assists with all of  
our youth programs! Thank you for  
your donation and support!