

In August, Harry Kramer and I traveled to Beckley in order to deliver 12 flood buckets and two boxes of additional supplies to our United Methodist Emergency Depot. We met with the Field Director of disaster relief, Rev. Dan Lowther (to the right of Harry Kramer below), who graciously received our supplies and gave us a generous tour of the facilities. We can be proud of our United Methodist heritage to help in time of need, and we can be proud of our United Methodist Conference who continues to make disaster relief a priority. Disaster relief is a tremendous Christian ministry!



I would be remiss if I did not remind us how we came to collect supplies. Kary Kramer, our Christian Education Director, planned and led our Vacation Bible School to include a mission emphasis and chose disaster relief. Leaders and participants brought in products to fill flood buckets. Flood buckets include various cleaning supplies that are stored in our depot and immediately shipped to areas within our conference when a flood ravishes an area or community. In our state, we know it is a matter of time until we are affected by flood waters.

I wish to share my deep pleasure to all who helped to fill flood buckets, and those who pray for those in need when flood waters rise. Our prayers combined with action touches the heart of God! Thanks for responding, and thanks for your continued prayers, not only for those in need, but also for our disaster relief co-directors, The Revs. Dan and Sue Lowther.

I might also mention that Disaster Relief, like all United Methodist Missions in our Conference, is going to have to do more on their own to underwrite their budget. The Conference is no longer in a position to fully underwrite each project. Disaster Relief is asking churches to be partners at \$1,000 a year. If you feel called to help underwrite this vital ministry, let me know. If requested, I will keep your name confidential.

God bless all!

Brian

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6601 TYRAND'S PARTNERS IN MISSION

SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR TYRAND'S THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKETS:

Oct. 7 – corn; Oct. 14 – peas; Oct. 21 – applesauce;
Oct. 28 – pork & beans; Nov. 4 – canned potatoes;
Nov. 11 – canned fruit; Nov. 18 – cookies; Nov. 25 – hand soap

Donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets need to be in before November 13th and donations for the Christmas Baskets need to be in before December 4th.

Collection containers will be placed in the vestibule and by the church office.

UNDIE SUNDAY – October 14, 2018

Please bring a package or two of new boxers, briefs, undies, T-shirts, Long Johns & Janes, socks and/or training pants to church on October 14th.



Charge Conference will be held on Sunday,
October 21, 2018 at 1:00 pm
in the Family Life Center.



We Care are needing new members. Members meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Parlor to make cards, discuss business, plan, and enjoy fellowship with one another. The members go out in teams to visit our parishioners that are home bound or in the nursing home. If you are interested, please contact the church office; 304-636-0660.



Bible Study every Wednesday
at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm
in the Parlor.

Men's Breakfast

All men are welcome

The Men's Breakfast meet every Thursday at 6:30 am
at McDonald's. Come enjoy faith, food and fellowship!



Backpack Food Program needs YOUR help!



School has started and we meet to pack backpacks on Thursday evenings on the stage in the Family Life Center, beginning on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 pm. We are presently collecting food items to include: granola bars, individual packets of oatmeal, canned ravioli, fruit cups, veggie cups, snack cracker packs, and pudding cups. Please drop off your items in the bin marked "BACKPACK PROGRAM" by the church office or you may make a donation and earmark your check "Backpack Program". This is an ongoing school project. Monetary, school supplies and food donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support to help the children in Randolph County.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kary McAtee



Blessie (left) is the name of the Children and Youth of FUMC scarecrow for Elkins Main Street. Our angel was made from lampshades and covered in gold glitter. She can be found on the sidewalk near S&T Bees and Mamma Mias.

Kary and Grace (center) sold freshly popped popcorn at the Downtown Scarecrow festival to raise money for the Children and Youth Programs at FUMC.

Cub Scout Pack 88 (right) planted 10 mums outside of the church to beautify the landscape before Forest Festival for one of their service projects. Twelve boys around the age of seven, their leaders, and Kary worked hard and had a ball digging holes with shovels, finding worms and slugs in the mud, and planting bright yellow mums.

On Sunday, September 23rd twenty children and their families gathered in the “blueroom” for Family Movie Night. We ate popcorn, played with balloons, watched “Inside Out”, and had devotion time together inspired by the themes in the movie. We discussed that emotions are an exciting gift from God and how there are times in life where our emotions can be overwhelming. We discovered that God can help us to control and cope with the emotions that we experience. We also talked about the sacrifice of one of the characters in the movie was very similar to the sacrifice that Jesus made so that we could all have the opportunity to get to Heaven.

Program Updates



This month in Sunday School and Children’s Church, we are learning about how families work together and get along with one another through stories from both the Old and New Testaments. We will discover truths about blessings, forgiveness, reconciliation, taking care of one another, and priorities. How does your family work together and handle conflict?

October 7th – Genesis 25:19-34;27:1-46 “Family Blessings: Isaac gave his sons blessings. Jacob and Esau were brothers, but they were very different.”

October 14th – Genesis 37:1-36; 42:1-46:34 “Joseph and His Brothers: Joseph forgave his brothers, and Joseph and his brothers were reconciled.”

October 21st – Exodus 1:8-2:10 “Moses and His Sister: Miriam protected Moses. Moses was adopted by Pharaoh’s daughter.”

October 28th – Luke 10:38-42 “Sisters: Mary and Martha had Jesus as a guest for dinner. The two sisters had different priorities in providing hospitality and spending time with Jesus.”



Looking Forward

Susan Seders and Kary McAtee will be organizing a Christmas Musical for this year’s annual Advent Dinner on December 2nd at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. Rehearsals will begin this month and all children and youth are encouraged to participate! Anyone who is interested or would like more details should contact Kary McAtee 304-642-0518 as soon as possible.

Any students sixth grade and above who would be interested in participating in a confirmation class please contact, Kary McAtee 304-642-0518. The class is expected to start in February and will last around 9 weeks. Any adults willing to be mentors, provide snacks, or assist in lessons and activities can also contact Kary.



Downtown Elkins Trick-or-Treat will be held on Friday, October 26th from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Over 1,000 children and their families from the area attend this event each year. Last year we used this event as an opportunity for outreach to the community, by handing out candy and invitations to our church’s G.L.O.W. (God Lights Our Way) Family Festival. Kary will be handing out candy and invitations again this year, and if you would like to purchase candy, assemble invitations, or participate on October 26th please contact Kary at 304-642-0518.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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G.L.O.W. Family Festival

“Where God Lights Our Way”

Sunday, October 28th

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

EVENT IS FREE AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME

BOUNCE HOUSES-HAYRIDE-FOOD-

GAMES-PRIZES-CRAFTS-CANDY-

FACEPAINTING-BALLOON ANIMALS-

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS-SPECIAL GUEST

CHARACTERS-PUMPKIN EXPLOSION

Parent or guardian must attend with children and no masks are permitted.

MUSIC NOTES



Gale Poe

The music ministry rehearsals are solidly underway. October brings the Forest Festival to Elkins, and October also brings Christmas music to the rehearsals. Cantata music will be added to the Wednesday choral rehearsal on October 17. An invitation is extended to anyone who wants to sing with the Chancel Choir for these two months of rehearsals leading to Cantata. If you are interested, let me know (304.940.3350), or let any singer know, and the particulars will be happily shared.

In September, we welcomed Greg Perkins and Hazel Wood to our choral rehearsals. Both of these folks sang with us a 'few' years ago, and we are so glad they ventured out to sing with us again.

ConwayRingers will be ringing for the 11:00 worship service in October. (Their biggest challenge is finding a date suitable to all of the ringers.) Vicki Fisher and Jenny Pippin have been exploring handbell duets, and they are rehearsing weekly, on Monday before the full handbell rehearsal. They are also ringing in October for the 11:00 worship service.

When the annual charge conference article was prepared a couple of weeks ago, the paragraph below was included. It is a glimpse into the ways in which we sustain each other:

"The music folks live in community and faith; every rehearsal begins with a time of sharing joys, concerns, and prayer. We often say, "What's said in the rehearsal room, stays in the rehearsal room." It is meant as an assurance, that we care enough to listen to circumstances in life, and that we will hold our friends close in both prayers and confidences. We are family in all of the ways that matter most, and these folks are the best example I know of the living Word, and of the body of Christ made visible for all to see."

Blessings to you from the Music Ministry.



BAPTISM

Leo Ross Ware, son of Ross and Sarah Ware, grandson of Jeff and Donna Trulik and Douglas and the late Cynthia Ware.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEWS

National Collection Week is November 12 - 19.

Help us reach our church goal of 1,300 gift filled shoeboxes.

Information and free shoeboxes are available at the OCC display in the hallway by the church office.



We are planning a shoe box packing party soon to pack 100 Boy and 100 Girl boxes. We need your help. Contact Bob Cowgill for more information at 304-636-6367.

Donations can be made by using the OCC envelopes at the display.



A special thank you to Jim Crowley for planning and organizing a yearly picnic for United Methodist Men Kitchen Workers. Great food and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. So good to see Jim feeling better and able to work with the men again. He is the true Shrimp Master.

The United Methodist Men hand delivered bottled water to the First United Methodist Church parsonage for use during the Mountain State Forest Festival "Bands' Water and Cookie Stop". This tradition is welcomed by many band members at the end of a long parade.

The UM Men are organizing and planning the church wide Advent Dinner to be held in the Family Life Center on Sunday, December 2nd. Mark your calendar for this congregational event.

United Methodist Women

News From the First United Methodist Women

Are We Making a Difference?

Retreat for Women was held on Saturday, September 12, 2018

FUMW president, Mary Durham, summed up this event appropriately when she called it a “day of blessings”. We were inspired by messages from Chris Wood, Becky Ashburn, Peggy Knutti and Brenda Hermanson who brought their own spin to the topic of the day. The music stirred us beginning with Gale Poe's piano pieces, the carefully chosen hymns and the special selections from “Of Things Above”. Brunch, provided by FUMC women was full of sweet treats, and lunch, catered by “Puttin on the Ritz” was bountiful.

The service project of hygiene items brought an enormous amount of items to provide kits for many. Appreciation is extended to all that attended for their generous contributions.

A huge thank you to Mike Hinchman for his help on the sound board, all the executive members of FUMCW, Lois Kessler who led Holy Communion and all the above speakers and performers. We were blessed by each and everyone of them.

The following are pictures from the days events that include those in attendance; speakers Chris Wood, Becky Ashburn, Brenda Hemanson and Peggy Knutti; “Of Things Above”.



The hope is that, we, as sisters in Christ, find a way to make a difference in our own individual ways and were encouraged in our missions by this day of fellowship and joy.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, November 8 is Fall Bazaar and Country Store. Mark your calendars!

Outreach Ministry

On Saturday September 22, I had the opportunity to attend the WVU vs Kansas State football game with the youth from the WV Children's Home. This game day event was made possible through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Organization. FCA youth from across the state came together for a pre-game rally, football game, and post-game rally.

Most of the youth from the Children's Home, along with some staffers, had never participated in a game day experience before. The pre-game rally was held at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Morgantown. The speaker, Steve Fitzhugh, is a former NFL safety for the Denver Broncos. Steve delivered an empowering, phenomenal speech. His life in the NFL was the perfect platform to motivate and inspire young people. By sharing his personal stories of trials and triumphs, Steve identified with his audience.

A special thank you to Tom Wamsley, who was also in attendance at the game with youth from TVHS, for putting me in touch with the proper contacts through FCA to secure the tickets for the game and also a big **THANK YOU** goes out to the UMW and UMM for their donations which helped to purchase tickets for this event.

As Brian prayed this prayer several weeks ago and challenged each of us to pray it daily at 7:14 am & 7:14 pm, *"God, may we be part of a movement that changes the world. Use this church as a vessel to bring in Your Kingdom. Heal us, renew us and make us like Christ,"* I'm reminded that Jesus always sought the least, the unlikely, the lost, the lowest. If only one young person's life was changed on that Saturday, then our efforts were all worth it. As we are taught in the 2nd chapter of James, verse 26, *"So as the body is dead without the spirit, so is faith dead without works."* I gotta' tell ya, I break into my "happy dance" seeing FUMC putting their faith into action, reaching out to those at risk of being lost.

I close with this final thought and personal mantra that Steve Fitzhugh lives by, *"Create a moment for life-change and any life can be changed in a moment."*

Lynn Ritter

Steve Fitzhugh speaking directly to the audience.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Charles George Jr	9	Josalin Hepler	17	Gary Chapman	24	Joe Carowick
1	Barbara McQuain	9	Jennifer Lipscomb	18	Brenda Forren	24	Erin Keller
1	Jacob McQuain	10	Barbara Judy	18	Mike Johnson	24	Katie Preusch
2	Grover Kerns Jr	10	Jean Barnett	18	Joelle Kenney	25	Heather Morici
2	Deborah Lambert	10	Ronnie Kemrite	18	Linda Romine	25	Amanda Gainer
2	Patty Simmons	10	Wade Spraberry	19	Robert Klein	25	Matthew Wallace
2	Zach Kerns III	10	Emily Davis	19	Dottie Wamsley	26	Dana Wood
2	T.J. Bickerton II	10	Kyle Reed	19	Bill Snedegar	26	Sean Barnett
2	Elyse Spraberry	11	Karen Johnston	19	Kit Phillips	26	Joselynn Earl
3	Beth Beckwith	12	Sterl Dean	19	Jeremy Bodkins	27	Kurt Gainer
3	Bobbi O'Quinn	12	Jacob Westfall	20	Missy Reger	27	Andrea Wamsley
3	Ravyn Weirich	13	Paul Gilkerson	20	Derrick Pritt	27	Joey Mullenax
4	David Fincham	13	Chuck Keller	20	Marguerite Kennedy	27	Eric Spraberry
4	Abigail Caudy	13	Ann Wilfong	21	Syl Fretwell	28	Chris MacVean
4	Connor Gard	13	Brandon Biller	21	Julie Conley	28	Andrew Harris
5	Chris Gow	13	Brian Barrickman	21	Jeremiah Myers	28	Roger Earl Jr
5	Laurie Stocks	14	Connie Varner	22	Sue Ellen Johnson	28	Catherine Poe
6	Bill Brown	14	Nick Kostakos	22	Vickie Sandy	29	Barbara Morgan
6	Darlene Roy	14	Bobbi Trimboli	22	Chris Calain	29	Wilma Crowley
6	Malinda Jerow	14	Ryan Gasserud	23	Jimmy Poyner	29	Gary Channell
7	Hope Rierson	15	Jerri Snyder	23	Rhonda Elmer	29	Brian Shears
8	Faye Cowgill	15	Rob Kerns	24	Maria Kostakos	31	Paul Wood
8	Brad Pugh	15	Chris Sponaule	24	Nick Barrickman		
9	Fran McLaughlin	16	Steve Sutton	24	Bill Grindle		
9	Jeffrey Healey	16	Evelyn Skinner	24	Dana Nestor		
9	Reka Rowan	16	Jennifer Cain	24	Abbey Martin		
9	Emily Sutton	16	William Valentine				

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



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to the families of
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