

Wait for the Mud to Dry

Father Graham was an old-fashioned gentleman, beloved by everyone, and his influence in the little town of his residence was incredible. A young man in the village had been badly insulted and came to Father Graham full of tremendous anger, declaring that he was going at once to demand an apology. "My dear boy," Father Graham said, "take a word of advice from an old man who loves peace. An insult is like mud; it will brush off much better when it is dry. Wait a little, till he and you are both cool, and the thing will be easily mended. If you go now it will only be to quarrel." The young man took his advice, and before the next day was gone the insulting person came to beg forgiveness (source: Our Young Covenanters).

In Psalm 133:1 we read, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (NIV). And in Romans 12:18: "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (NIV). As we can see, the Bible places a high value on peace.

It is never an easy thing to handle someone's anger, especially if it is directed at you. And the "insulting person" will not always come to beg forgiveness. But God equips us with His Holy Spirit presence to deflect injury – even when it is intentional ("For the fruit of the spirit is...peace..."-Galatians 5:22). I find that this is particularly more likely when we have a regular prayer life and even pray for those who hurt us.

Finally, in Colossians 3:13 we learn that we can forgive – must forgive – because we have been forgiven: "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others" (NLT). Yet we might say, "But God, I would never do that to someone else!" Perhaps not, but we have sinned, and because Jesus went to the cross, we have been saved from sin (he bore the penalty of sin upon himself) and given right standing with God through our trust in Christ's work. We are sinners saved by grace! And because we have received grace, we can extend grace.

So let that mud dry – even if it might take a while. And God, who is faithful, will get us where we need to be when we need to be there!

Yours in Christ,

Brian

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GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 3, we will be honoring our congregation's high school and college graduates during the 11:00 worship service. Graduates and their families are encouraged to attend this service and join us at the church picnic following worship!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Hayden Scott Long, son of Wayne and Jodie Hart and grandson of Scott and Barbara Criss, graduated from Elkins High School as co-salutatorian. Hayden will be attending Penn State University – Schreyer Honors College, where he will be studying engineering.

Jeremiah Austin Lee Myers, son of Toby and Marcia Myers and grandson of Debbie and the late Lou Fortney, graduated from Elkins High School. Jeremiah is planning to spend much of his time volunteering with Elkins Parks and Recreation and the West Virginia Autism Supportive Center, as well as, visiting our congregation's shut-ins with Pastor Brian.

Jacob Pritt, son of Derrick and Hollie Pritt and grandson of Kenny and Brenda Pritt and Clair and Trudy Carowick, graduated from Elkins High School. Jacob will be attending West Virginia University, where he will be studying engineering.

Peyton Shields, son of Chris and Alison Shields and grandson of Marguerite Shields and the late Doug Shields, as well as, Denver and Sis Rosier, graduated from Elkins High School as co-salutatorian. Peyton will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will be studying computer engineering.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Karen Le Ann Kalar, daughter of Aaron and Roberta Kalar, graduated from Pierpont University with an Associate's Degree of Arts. Karen's children are Kaitlynn Barkley, Donnie Barkley, Morgan Deavers, Victoroiya Lompert, and Taylor Lompert. Karen also has three grandchildren: Aaron, Paisleigh, and Odessa Deavers.

PROGRAM UPDATES

This month in Sunday School and Children's Church, our character focus word is giving. We will be hearing and responding to stories about how God gives to us, how we give to God, and how people give to one another.

June 3rd – Matthew 6:5-15 "Jesus gives us stories and teaches us."

June 10th – Matthew 6:25-34 "God gives us what we need."

June 17th – Matthew 7:12 "We give one another respect and treat one another kindly."

June 24th – Luke 21:1-4 "Small gifts are sometimes the biggest gifts of all."

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

LOOKING FORWARD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING – Tuesday, June 5th

Anyone involved in VBS is asked to attend a meeting at 6:00 PM in the Adult Sunday School room. If you are unable to attend this meeting or if you would like to help with VBS in any way please contact Kary as soon as possible.

FATHER'S DAY – Sunday, June 17th

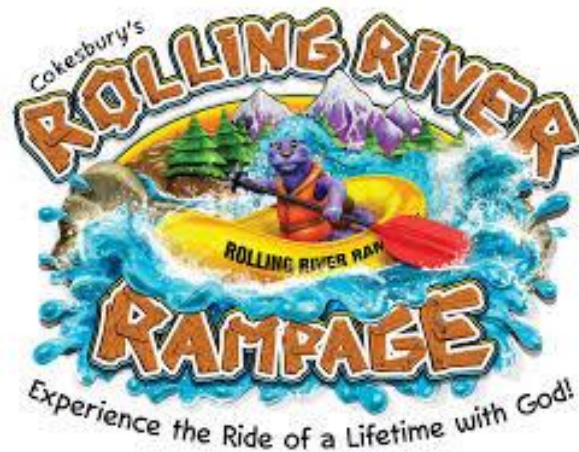
Our children and the important men in their lives are invited to join us in the Family Life Center at 9:45 AM for Father's Day crafts and activities!

FAMILY TIE-DYE NIGHT – Sunday, June 24th

Bring a plain, white t-shirt and join us in the Family Life Center from 5:00 to 7:00 for tie-dye fun! We will provide tie-dye, popsicles, and ice cream sandwiches. Parents are asked to attend with children, and it is a good idea to dress children in older clothes since splatters and spills do happen. Hope to see you there!

COMING SOON – we are working on developing a weekday children's program beginning this summer. If you have kids or grandkids entering grades K-5 that may be interested, please give the office a call or speak with Kary McAtee.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018



Sunday, July 22nd through Thursday, July 26th

Dinner at 5:30 and program held from 6:00 to 8:00

All children who have completed Pre-k through Fifth grade are welcome!
We also offer a class for adults Monday through Thursday beginning at 6:00

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact
Kary McAtee at the church office 304-636-0660



Dates: July 12-15, 2018
Location: Winterplace - 100 Old Flat Top Mountain Road, Ghent, WV 25843

Cost: \$150 per person plus housing

Housing available at Winterplace and Skyline Lodge, please see Group Leader Packet for details.

Use Link for the Group Leader Packet (with housing information and housing)

Website:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efdsij493f4de354&llr=q7ry5rcab>

CONTACT: Rev. Shea James, Director of Youth and Outdoor Ministries
sjames@wvumc.org 304-344-8331 x25

Calling All United Methodist Women and Pastors and Children and Youth
(Grades 1-12)

Mission U

When: July 19 @ 8:00 am - July 21 @ 5:00 pm

The Annual United Methodist Women's Mission U is back with learning, fellowship and great fun!

Where: West Virginia Wesleyan College – 59 College Ave., Buckhannon, WV
WV Studies:

Adult- *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Coventantal Living "What about our Money?"

Children- Money Matters

Youth- Is It Just Money?

Website for registration form: <https://www.wvumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Mission-u-registration-form.pdf>

WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

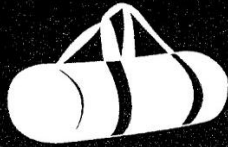
West Virginia Wesleyan College

Thursday, June 7th @ 8 am – Sunday, June 10th @ 5 pm

The Carry-On Campaign



**Providing
luggage
for youth in
foster care.**



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Many children in foster care go between homes carrying only a garbage bag. You can help make the transition easier by donating new luggage or duffel bags. Additionally, it is helpful, but not necessary to fill them with the following essentials:

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| Toothbrush & paste | Toiletries |
| Toothbrush container | Deodorant for youth |
| Hair brush or comb | Blankets |
| Crayons | Female hygiene items |
| Coloring books | Small games/playing cards |

"They had never really had NEW things like this before and to see the smiles those bags brought to their faces was awesome. It made their transition to the foster homes a lot easier as they could think about something else during the trip."
- Child Protective Services Worker

For more information, please contact the church office, 304-636-0660.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations...

to Scott and Jennifer King of Charlotte, N.C. upon the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Ann King and granddaughter of Garry and Cheri Shiflett and Charles and Diane King.

MUSIC NOTES



Gale Poe

Except for children (who think it takes *forever* for birthdays and Christmas to roll around each year), I would imagine that the rest of us wonder where time goes exactly. It has been a good ringing and singing year for the Music Ministry. We are grateful for the time spent in rehearsals and worship services. One of the things for which we hold the most gratitude is the way in which we are connectational with each other, recognizing joys and concerns and praying for all.

The annual Music Ministries Dinner was held the third week in May. Music folks and their families and guests gathered in the Family Life Center for a potluck dinner. This is a tradition that was begun many years ago when Jack Basil was directing – the choir would sing for an early-in-the-morning Easter service, and then, instead of going home, choir folks would walk down to the restaurant in the Tygart Hotel and have breakfast together. Then we would return for the 11:00 a.m. service. The tradition has since expanded to include families and guests.

The Chancel Choir will sing through all of June. Music will be chosen from the library – familiar anthems to us, and hopefully, to you. There is the promise of thousands (well, perhaps a dozen) of soloists near the end of the month.

ConwayRingers will ring in June for a final time, until fall. ~ In May, one of our rehearsals was happily halted to greet our newest honorary member, Leo Ross Ware. Ross and Sarah came by to introduce him to us. The best thing was that everyone was able to be in rehearsal. Ross took our photo, which is below. In it we were able to capture four generations, with grandmother Donna Trulik, Sarah, Leo, and Leo's maternal great-grandmother, Shirley Heider (who was visiting from PA). As the pastor-son of a dear friend of mine says, "Life is hard, and life is thick with meaning and joy." Meaning and joy were wonderfully present in those moments with Leo.

Blessings to you from all of us in the Music Ministry.





Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for the use of the church gym for the 2018 EHS Project Safe Graduation Party. Your donation helps us out so much and the kids enjoy the location. Without support like yours this party would not be possible. Again thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,
Angie Goff

2018 EHS Project safe
Graduation Chairwoman
&
President, GFWC Junior
Women's Club of Elkins

UNITED METHODIST MEN

THANK YOU to the U. M. Men for preparing a delicious breakfast for the Annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time.



**33RD ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JUNE 3 @ 12:15 PM
IN THE LARGE PAVILION AT ELKINS CITY PARK
Come eat the Men's famous BBQ chicken and join in fellowship with one
another. You do not need to bring anything to the picnic.**

United Methodist Women

News From the First United Methodist Women

Spring Bazaar Was Another Success

The weather outside was uplifting and so was the spirit that prevailed indoors for the annual Spring Bazaar. Lovely items were offered for mission projects that included a quilt and thematic gifts from each circle. Cooks worked in the kitchen the day before with the smells of baked pepperoni rolls, chili, and pulled pork permeating the FLC. The result was a plentiful menu with a variety of choices and ably served with a welcoming smile. In the confectionary department pies of all imaginable kinds were offered along with homemade cakes and cream puffs. A trial run at a limited salad bar appeared to be successful with positive feedback from those who gave it a try. Downstairs at the Country Store lines were formed outside long before opening time. Bargains, bargains, bargains were offered with the expertise of the workers who spend many hours setting up and pricing items.

It was obvious that good camaraderie was present and customer satisfaction was high. Now it is time to start planning for the fall bazaar and all the other projects that these women organize and execute throughout the year to support our church and many missions.

Included are pictures from the day. Note the smiles of those working, chatting and eating! Our women are wonderful and God is good!



Upcoming Events

June 2 Presentation of Scholarships to High School Graduates at 11 am service

June 17 Father's Day Breakfast

July Welcome back event for Brian and Susan Seders (date to be determined)

September 15 Women's Retreat

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| JUNE BIRTHDAYS | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Lee Sanders | 11 | Tom Cain | 17 | Mildred Wilmoth-Sloan | 23 | Cheri Shiflett |
| 1 | Hoy Ferguson | 11 | Michael Hanna | 18 | Barbara Campbell | 23 | Liz Thomas |
| 1 | Lisa Wood | 11 | Cindy Nucilli | 18 | Amber Click | 23 | Dan Wetsch |
| 2 | John Conley | 12 | David Doerr | 18 | Amanda McClelland | 24 | John Davis |
| 2 | Brice Cupp | 12 | Carol Erickson | 19 | Holly Collett | 25 | Shirley Dean |
| 2 | Butch Fox, Jr | 12 | Shane Hinzman | 19 | Jane Corley | 25 | Carl Nucilli |
| 2 | Scott Fox | 12 | Karl Ruud | 19 | Karl Dettinger | 25 | Jim Spears |
| 3 | Kay Rhee | 13 | Chip Friddle, IV | 19 | Brant Hammer | 26 | Gary Chenoweth |
| 4 | Amanda Hayden | 13 | Elijah Martin | 19 | Trenna Harlan | 26 | Wayne Gregoire |
| 5 | Terry Bodkins | 13 | Alex Rosencrance | 19 | Rece Wamsley | 26 | Neil Poe |
| 5 | Brenda Brown | 13 | Kaylee Rosencrance | 20 | Carl Brushingham | 27 | Alexandra Barrickman |
| 5 | Jim Wilmoth | 13 | Janet Shears | 20 | Terry Daft | 28 | Trudy Carowick |
| 6 | Jamie McBride | 14 | Kate Barger | 20 | Nellie Galford | 28 | Courtney Gear |
| 6 | Brooke Pritt | 14 | Elliott Evans | 20 | Ryan Johnston | 28 | Peyton McBride |
| 6 | Brandon Simmons | 14 | Austin Poyner | 21 | Audrie Dyer | 28 | Bobbi Phares |
| 7 | Gavin Carr | 15 | Roger Corder | 21 | Danica Riggins | 28 | Jeffrey Rice |
| 8 | Ken Skinner | 15 | Jan Hagarty | 22 | Sandy Cole | 28 | Judy Shelton |
| 10 | James Bibey | 15 | Joe Martin, III | 22 | Cory Wagner | 29 | Angela Barrickman |
| 10 | Wayne Hart | 15 | Michelle Talkington | 22 | Bridgette Wilson | 29 | Zach Gear |
| 10 | Mary Skinner | 15 | Zachary Tysor | 23 | Brian Hayden, Sr. | 29 | Carolyn Gola |
| 10 | Roger Tysor | 17 | Dominique Heinke | 23 | Byron Sayres | 29 | Valjean McCartney |
| 10 | Ariana Zimmers | 17 | Rachel Montgomery | 23 | Gary Schoonover | 30 | Eric Hickman |

| JUNE ANNIVERSARIES | | 12 | Gary & Carolyn Channell | 21 | Ed & Barbara Tyre |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 2 | Gary & Marsha Chenoweth | 12 | Paul & Cheryl Gilkerson | 22 | Ben & Bernice Backus |
| 2 | Roger & Cindy Corder | 12 | Ryan & Karen Johnston | 22 | Chris & Samantha Davis |
| 3 | John & Jennifer Wanless | 13 | Bill & Carol Daft | 22 | Donald & Glenda Fitzwater |
| 4 | Clark & Amber Evans | 13 | Charlie & Penny Friddle | 22 | Herk & Ellen Kessler |
| 4 | Charles & Tammy Lawson | 15 | Mike & Sharon Hinchman | 22 | Dana & Becky Kirkpatrick |
| 4 | Greg & Barbara Mergenthaler | 15 | Ken & Joy Skinner | 23 | Dan & Barbara Wetsch |
| 6 | Bud & Ann Rexrode | 15 | Richard & Sherri Smith | 27 | Clair & Trudy Carowick |
| 6 | Hobert & Jane Corley | 16 | Brian & Autumn Elmore | 27 | Tommy & Leslie Elmore |
| 6 | Russ & Lorryne Corley | 16 | Vic & Patty Simmons | 27 | Clyde & Valjean McCartney |
| 6 | Drew & Jamie Pingley | 18 | Mike & Peggy Johnson | 27 | Stephen & Carolyn Shepler |
| 6 | Steve & Lisa Wamsley | 19 | Karl & Shelby Dettinger | 28 | Joe & Janet Godwin |
| 8 | Jeff & Donna Trulik | 19 | Brad & Debby Phillips | 30 | Kurt & Katie Casey |
| 9 | Pat & Evette LaFayette | 19 | Norman & Linda Wagner | | |
| 11 | David & Deborah Fincham | 21 | Jason & Elizabeth Ferguson | | |
| 11 | Tharun & Jory Karthikeyan | 21 | Scott & Jennifer King | | |

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

to

Harry Kramer and Margaret Miller upon the death of his mother/her sister, Helen Kramer,
 Anna Ruth Collett upon the death of her son, Kevin Collett, the Family of John Dornblazer,
 Nellie Galford upon the death of her sister.



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