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THE CIRCUIT RIDER

June 2014

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE ALIVE! A GREAT DAY TO WORSHIP OUR GOD!

This month we will be celebrating The Day of Pentecost and entering the Season of Pentecost in our church. Pentecost is described as a Day of Fire and Wind and season of The Great Power of The Holy Spirit. Wind and Fire are both commonly associated with the power of The Holy Spirit.

Fire and Wind create a deadly combination.

Wind and Fire are agents of destruction.

Fire and Wind define the limits of testing and cleansing.

Wind and Fire are symbols of unstoppable and uncontrollable force.

Fire and Wind are agents of purification.

Perhaps what happened on the Day of Pentecost was God empowering the church with tongues of Fire to speak against the evils of this world in order to destroy abuse, prejudice, hate, anger, war, and sin in whatever form they may present themselves and to do this to the utter most ends of the Earth, wherever the wind blows. Pentecost created a church to be the agent for the destruction of sin and evil. Pentecost created a church to be the agent of testing and cleansing. Pentecost created a church with unstoppable force to purify the world. Wind and Fire together destroying the evils of injustice with words of love toward one another and songs of praise to our Lord. Pentecost created a church that would reach to all the ends of the Earth with the great purifying and saving power of The Holy Spirit.

Fire and Wind, may they both be felt in your heart, in your life, in your church and in your worship during this great season of Pentecost.

Grace and Peace
Dallas

Christian Ed Corner

Well, summer is upon us! Our students will be exiting the classrooms and arriving at beaches, parks, pools, or spending more time on the couch, and cleaning out the refrigerators. Whatever may be going on after school is over, may you have a blessed and peaceful beginning to your summer break with your family.

PULSE

The PULSE Student Ministry group year is coming to a close on June 1st. We will continue to have different activities throughout the summer, but a regular PULSE meeting will not occur. We will gather together for games, cookouts, bible studies, bonfires, etc. which will be announced on Sunday mornings and students will be contacted via social media, text, and/or email in regards to when and where the activities will take place.

We want to give a special shout out to our graduating seniors. You have all worked so hard to get to this time in your life! It's another milestone with many more to come! We are so excited to see what God has in store for all of you and will continue to pray for wisdom, guidance, and direction as you move through whatever journey God has you on. Whether it is college, trade school, military, straight to work, or clown college, stay focused and allow God to move! Your church family is with you!

On June 1st during the second service (11am) we will be honoring our graduating high school seniors. The PULSE group will be giving gifts to encourage them in their faith as they begin this new chapter in their life. We hope to see all of you there. Please contact Rhonda or Bobby to make sure your student is on the list to receive their gift and be recognized by the congregation.

SCHEDULED UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 1st- High School Graduate Recognition during second service at 11am.

June 19- Community Service Activity (TBD) 10am-1pm. Hangout time after @ Riverbend park.

There is a youth Bible study that has started at Bobby's house on Wednesday evenings @ 5:57pm. We are studying the Book of James. If you have a student that might be interested in joining in the conversation, please contact Bobby @ (304) 844-2488.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sept. 6th- We had to reschedule the PULSE Student Ministry Berlin Galford Memorial Golf Tournament due to lack of available participants. The tournament will still be held at the ELKS GOLF CLUB on September 6th. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding with these issues that were out of our control.

There is still time for you or someone you know to participate and support the youth of FUMC in their programs and mission projects in any of the following ways:

1. GOLF! (\$50 per golfer-Teams of 4)
2. Sponsor a hole (\$100 for business/individuals or \$50 for memorial sponsorship)
3. Donate Drinks, snacks, prizes, or financially to purchase these items

4. Donate a Golf cart to be used at the tournament by golfers
5. Come and assist with the event

If you have any questions about registration or the items listed above, please contact Bobby Benavides or Rhonda Elmer @ (304) 636-0660.

ARISE-Sunday School



The "Living Inside Out" curriculum has been working pretty well. We hope our students are continuing their Sunday school experience at home with the "Live It Challenges".

Throughout the month of June, our children will be discussing and discovering how the Holy Spirit works in our lives and how they can be closely connected with God through the Spirit and the work of Jesus.

Each class will also have the opportunity to participate in stations that will enhance their ARISE experience and help bring more clarity around their Sunday school lesson for that day. We hope to see your child there!

The children will also be encouraged to live their faith out in the world and in their home. There will be "Live it challenges" given to the students every Sunday. There will also be "Living Inside Out at Home" activities sent home and in the bulletin for parents/guardians to take home and enhance

their lesson each week. We are very excited to see what God will be doing through this curriculum throughout this next year!

The teacher's will also be giving scripture verses to memorize every month for students. As they are memorized there will be a prize given to support that scripture verse.

PULSE student leadership team members, as well as Jr/Sr High Sunday school students will assist with the opening of the children's Sunday school time with a skit game/craft every Sunday morning starting @ **9:45am**. Please help us by having your child there on time in order to enhance their experience with "LIVING INSIDE OUT".

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

PLEASE NOTE: We are always looking for new teachers to join in the fun; whether it is part-time, full-time, or substitute roles. If interested please contact Bobbi Trimboli @ (304) 636-0415 or Bobby Benavides @ (304) 636-0660.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PLAN

The Orange Strategy is getting closer. The 252 Basics curriculum will be starting October 5th for our children's programming. This is a separate program from our Sunday school curriculum.

We have had several meetings to discuss the future of the children's church programming. The name of the Children's church time will be entitled "The 252 Orange CREW (Christ Revealed in Exciting Ways)". During this time our children will experience a high energy, exciting, worship filled time with caring adults and PULSE student leaders.

252 Orange CREW will consist of small group stations, skits, music, and much more. We hope to see children Kindergarten-5th grade participating and discovering these three simple truths:

*I need to make the wise choice.
I can trust God no matter what.
I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

We are excited to see how this strategy will work moving forward. We know the church has limited time with children. We must influence their time at home as well. This is where the ORANGE concept comes in to play. We use the light of the church (YELLOW) and the love of the family (RED) to combine and make ORANGE. Through this strategy, we hope to see a greater connection between parents and their children as they are developed in their relationship with Christ.

Beginning OCTOBER 5th, the program will go on during the 11am church service, then continue at 2:52pm for any child Kindergarten-5th grade, whether they attend or do not attend our church. There will be more information coming out throughout the upcoming months in our church and bulletin.

If you have any questions please contact Bobby Benavides @ (304) 636-0660 ext. 16 or email @ bobby@fumcelkinswv.com or any of the 252 Orange CREW group (Shelley Hyre, Bob Cowgill, Jane and Hobert Corley, Dallas Forren, and Marcia Myers).

If you would like to join in the fun of planning and implementing the strategy, please don't hesitate to contact one of us!

There is a lot of work going on in the church for our children and youth. We would love to see more faces stepping into roles as volunteers, mentors, disciple-makers. Please prayerfully consider jumping in and participating in some way with our children and/or youth of the church.

Peace and Blessings,
Bobby Benavides
Christian Education Director

ARISE!

JUNE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

May has been an active month for the children's Sunday School Department. Several of the Sunday School children participated in a Mother's Day skit called "The Mother's Day Tea Party". (Actually, the Sunday School Department teamed with the United Methodist Men and Women to facilitate two Mother's Day events complete with great food, lovely table decorations and a garden "landscape" on the stage.) Here is a snapshot look at events of the Mother's Day Breakfast.



The 4th and 5th grade children prepared and delivered Mother's Day gifts to their adopted adult ladies' class on Mother's Day. We have enjoyed sharing friendships with them.



The 2nd and 3rd grade class under the leadership of Leon Mallow and Beverly Armentrout participated in a bubble blowing activity that helped them to better understand the concept of forgiveness. Beverly has faithfully served the Sunday School Department for many years but has chosen to retire from her many years of teaching. She will continue her service to the church and demonstrate her deep faith in many other ways. Please thank her for the many gifts she has shared with the children and her co-teachers.



Father's Day is around the corner and the Sunday School will team with the United Methodist Women to provide a breakfast along with activities involving children. Hope to see you at the breakfast and Sunday School. We ARE worth getting up for!

Bobbi Trimboli
Sunday School Superintendent

HELPING THOSE IN NEED...

Catholic Charities WV is partnering with the Manus Christie program from the Bishop Hodges Center to help provide needed home repairs in Randolph County this summer. They will be able to assist home owners with simple home repairs, clean up, painting, etc. Work Camp Site Applications are available in the church office. Please return application along with proof of income to:

Catholic Charities WV
Attn: Teresa Wymer
PO Box 2764
Elkins, WV 26241

AFTER PROM PARTY



On April 26 our church once again hosted the After Prom Party for Elkins High School Students. Fifty-nine students attended this year's event and enjoyed a variety of games and activities beginning at 11:00 p.m. and continuing throughout the night with breakfast being served at 5:00 a.m. prior to departure at 5:30 a.m.

Many thanks to the following for their donations and support in providing a fun, safe and substance free event for the youth of the community to attend: #74 Order of the Eastern Star, United Methodist Women, Propst Realty, William Umbright/State Farm Insurance, Mike Ross, Inc., Triangle Heating, Holy Rosary Guild, Andrew & Jayme Gongola, Pingley Realty, Scott & Barbara Criss, Knights of Columbus, Russell & Betty Linger, United Methodist Men, Women's Club of Elkins, Tomblyn Funeral Home, Lohr & Barb Funeral Home, Diana Patella, Rebekah Lodge #62, Valley Supply Co., Dave & Judy Vandenberg, Woodmen of the World, Elkins Rotary Club, John & Bridgette Wilson, Lois Kessler, Sandra Grahame, Elkins High School Alumni Association, Bob & Sara Hinkle, Noel Appraisals, Bialek Insurance Agency, Kessler Trucking, Reliable Roofing, Don & Glenda Fitzwater, Papa John's Pizza, Scottie's, Rent-A-Center, Wendy Louk, Barbara & Dan Wetsch, Becky & Lee Sanders, Peggy Johnson, Pam & Chuck Keller, Bob Jones, Donna Seibert, Jeff & Donna Trulik, Kim, Ryan & Sam Urban, Terry & Leon Mallow, Jim Ritter, Ryan Weirich, Margaret Beckwith, Jodi Hart, Paula Doerr, Cindy Stemple, Linda Wagner, Hollie Pritt, Bruce & Joelle Kenney, Rhonda Elmer, Vicki & Mike Fisher, Bob Evans Restaurant, Applebee's, Kathy Hitchcock, Penny Friddle, Katie Kerns, Liz MacVean, Camden Creek Primitives & More, Hiawatha's, Third Street Trading Center, Davis Trust Company, Elkins Theater Company, Dairy Queen, Colonial Court Service Station, Wal-Mart, Peebles, and The Inter-Mountain.

If I have omitted anyone's name by accident, I apologize and ask that you please let me know so that I may make the necessary corrections.

MANY volunteers are needed to organize and operate this event. When we all work together, there's no task too large or too difficult for the church to accomplish. As United Methodists, we take a vow upon membership to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Thank you for once again rising to the call of action!

Lynn Ritter
Volunteer Family Ministries Coordinator

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MUSIC NOTES



Gale Poe Howell

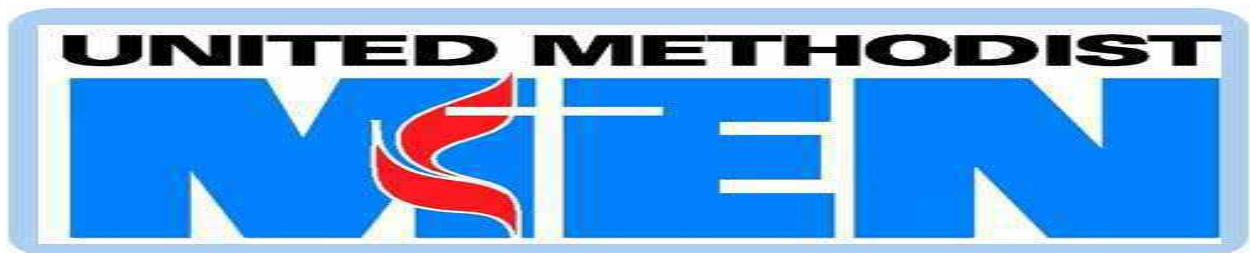
There is a medieval (about 1260 A.D., the earliest-known music manuscript) tune that has the broadly translated lyric, "Summer has come in! Loudly sing! The seed grows and the meadow blooms and the wood springs anew. Sing!" I always think of it when June arrives, and there is bold growth and lushness in the expansive Tygart Valley, which is our home among the hills.

ConwayRingers is about to conclude their ringing year with participation in worship on June 8. In May, Jensen Kenney, Sandy Grahame's granddaughter, joined with the handbell choir to play tambourine with one of their anthems. Her strong presence with them reminded me of the many pairings, past and present, of parent/child in ConwayRingers: Cindy Corder and Casey; Denise Kramer, Karly and Kary; Evette LaFayette and Emily; Janet Myles, Erica and Brandi; Donna Trulik and Sarah; Kim Urban and Sam. And now, Sandy and Jensen, grandparent/grandchild. It is a heritage that speaks to the important presence of music in these families' lives, and also to every person who devotes time and gifts to music in various worship settings.

The music ministry folks and their families gathered in mid-May for our annual spring dinner in the Family Life Center. The table was both bountiful and delicious, and we had an enjoyable evening, sharing food and fellowship. Methodists are some of the best chefs/cooks I know.

Gary Crawford and I always extend an invitation to anyone who enjoys music as an expression of worship, to join us in the contemporary praise-and-worship music of the 8:30 a.m. service, along with the more traditional-and-blended music of the 11:00 a.m. service.

Summer has come in!



29TH ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 @ 12:30 PM

ELKINS CITY PARK

The menu will include grilled chicken & hot dogs, baked beans, rolls, drinks and watermelon prepared by the U. M. Men.

You do not need to bring anything to the picnic.

Please plan to join us for an afternoon of fun!

United Methodist Women



COME JOIN US FOR.....FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JUNE 15 @ 9:15 AM IN THE FLC
hosted by U.M. Women. There will be activities for the children
provided by the Sunday School Department.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to the following families....

Alex and Janna Brown upon the birth of their son, Harper Alexander.
Neal and Kathy Phillips upon the birth of their son, Easton Wade.
Zach and Tina Kerns upon the birth of their daughter, Emery Leighton.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

June 1st 29th Annual Church Family Picnic at 12:30 PM in the Elkins City Park.

June 1st PUSLE Student Ministries Potluck at 2:15 PM. Meet in Youth Room.

June 3rd We Care Group Meeting at 12 PM-1 PM in the Parlor. (Bring a bag lunch.)

June 3rd Church Council Meeting at 7 PM in the Parlor.

June 5th 252 Orange Crew Meeting at 5:30 PM in the Parlor.

June 15th Father's Day Breakfast & activities for the children hosted by the
U.M. Women and the Sunday School Department.

June 19th Finance Committee Meeting at 7 PM in the Parlor.

June 22nd -27th PULSE Mission Trip to York, PA. (Leaving from church Sunday at 9:30 AM.)

June 23rd -27th SUMMER YOUTH CELEBRATION at WV Wesleyan College in
Buckhannon. Please contact Nancy White about space availability at
304-755-3561 or email at nancywhite@suddenlink.com. (The U. M. Men are
offering \$50 Scholarships to those who want to participate. Please contact church office.)

Church office will be closed on Friday, June 6th due to carpeting being laid in
front of the church office and steps. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES					
		11	David & Deborah Fincham	19	Karl & Shelby Dettinger
2	Roger & Cindy Corder	11	Tharun & Jory Karthikeyan	19	Brad & Debby Phillips
2	Gary & Marsha Chenoweth	12	Gary & Carolyn Channell	21	Ed & Barbara Tyre
3	John & Jennifer Wanless	12	Paul & Cheryl Gilkerson	21	Jason & Elizabeth Ferguson
4	Greg & Barbara Mergenthaler	12	Ryan & Karen Johnston	22	Donald & Glenda Fitzwater
4	Charles & Tammy Lawson	13	Bill & Carol Daft	22	Ben & Bernice Backus
4	Clark & Amber Evans	13	Richard & Sherri Smith	22	Herk & Ellen Kessler
6	Bud & Ann Rexrode	15	Charlie & Penny Friddle	23	Dan & Barbara Wetsch
6	Hobert & Jane Corley	15	Mike & Sharon Hichman	27	Clair & Trudy Carowick
6	Steve & Lisa Wamsley	16	Vic & Patty Simmons	27	Stephen & Carolyn Shepler
6	Drew & Jamie Pingley	16	Brian & Autumn Elmore	27	Clyde & Valjean McCartney
6	Russ & Lorrayne Corley	17	Browne & Zona Simmons	27	Tommy & Leslie Elmore
8	Jeff & Donna Trulik	18	Mike & Peggy Johnson	28	Joe & Janet Godwin
9	Pat & Evette LaFayette	19	Norma & Linda Wagner	30	Kurt & Katie Casey



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

to Cindy Corder and family upon the death of her father, Charles Beihl.

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Custodian: Angela Kisner

"Fingerprints" Pre-School

4-year olds Pre-School Teacher / Director: Aimee Cain, Asst: Cindy Carowick

3-year olds Pre-School Teacher: Christy Schumacher, Asst: Questie Reams

