

Our Bishop, Rev. Dr. Sandra Steiner Ball, is leading a trip to the Holy Land (September 28-October 7, 2019) for interested members of our West Virginia Annual Conference. I have wanted to go the Holy Land practically all of my adult life. With that in mind, I am signing up for this trip! And I want to invite others from our church to join me. I already have 4 confirmations from our church in addition to myself!

The number of reservations available are unlimited at this point. Those who register before Nov. 28 will save \$125 off of the full price of \$3,398 which includes: round trip airfare from Dulles in Washington, DC, deluxe motor coaches, 1st class hotels, guided sightseeing, site entrance fees, breakfast and supper daily (lunch is your expense), and gratuities. Not included in the price: travel insurance, extended stay sight-seeing, passports, laundry, beverages and baggage fees. The itinerary, which is subject to change based on local conditions and occupancy rates, includes: the Herodian archaeological dig, Bethlehem, Jericho, Masada, Mount Carmel, Capernaum, Mount of the Beatitudes, Seal of Galilee, Nazareth, Jacob's well, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, the Upper Room, the Old City of Jerusalem, the Western Wall, the Pool of Bethesda, the Via Dolorosa, and the Garden tomb.

A \$100 deposit is necessary before the 11/28 deadline. If you sign up after 11/28, a \$300 deposit is necessary. If you sign up after 3/28/19, \$600 will be necessary. June 14, 2019 is the deadline to hold a reservation for the trip with a small deposit. People can still reserve a spot up to 7/14, but a much larger amount is necessary to hold a reservation. For all others, a second deposit amount of \$1,200 is due on 6/15/19. The full amount is due on 7/15/19.

If you are interested in going, please see me for an official form. The trip is officially being called "Journey through the Bible" and is being offered through Educational Opportunities Tours. You can log on to www.eo.travel or call 1-800-247-0017 for more information.

It would be great to experience this spiritual pilgrimage together! God bless!

Brian

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TYRAND'S PARTNERS IN MISSION

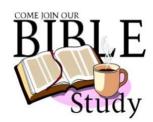
SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR TYRAND'S

THANSKGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKETS:

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.

Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Parlor. Everyone is invited to join.





WE CARE MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH BUT DUE TO THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER BEING ELECTION DAY MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 12 noon in the Parlor.

You are invited to join us 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.

Church Women United World Community Day Celebration

Friday, November 2, 2018 at 12 Noon Otterbein United Methodist Church 1100 S. Davis Avenue, Elkins, WV

Bring a salad or sandwiches to share. The host church provides dessert and drinks. We share our lunch first, followed by a program.

Please join us to celebrate with women of many faith backgrounds who are all working to bring God's love to others in our community. This is not another "group" to join, but rather a group celebration of faith and service held three times each year. We'd love to see you there.

Director of Christian Education Kary McAtee

GLOW FAMILY FESTIVAL

Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, and attended our annual G.L.O.W. Family Festival on Sunday, October 28th! One hundred and thirty three children from the community came to our church for hayrides, face painting, balloon animals, crafts, food, pizza, popcorn, games, candy, prizes, bounce houses, and a devotion.



PROGRAM UPDATES

"This month in Sunday School and Children's Church we are learning about different types of families. Who is part of your family?"

Nov. 4th – Book of Ruth "Naomi and Ruth: Naomi and Ruth became family when Ruth married Naomi's son. Ruth stuck by Naomi, Even when she did not have to."

Nov. $11^{th} - 1$ Samuel 1:1-28;3:1-21 "Hannah, Samuel, and Eli: Eli became part of Samuel's family when Samuel came to live with him at the temple."

Nov. $18^{th} - 2$ Kings 4:1-7 "The Widow and Her Sons: Families ask for help when they need it." Nov. $25^{th} -$ Book of Esther "Esther and Mordecai: Esther's cousin Mordecai became like a father to Esther after her parents died."

CHILDREN'S ADVENT PROGRAM

Susan Seders and Kary McAtee have organized a Christmas Musical for this year's Annual Advent Dinner on December 2nd at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. The children have been working hard and are looking forward to performing *The Christmas County Spelling Bee* for the congregation.

CONFIRMATION

Any students sixth grade and above who would be interested in participating in a confirmation class, please contact Kary McAtee 304-636-0660 or 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.

MUSIC NOTES



Gale Poe

The fourth quarter of the year is busy for everyone, and it is no different for the music folks.

Children's Choir rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata begin Sunday, November 4, in the Chancel Choir's rehearsal room after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Children in 1st through 5th grade are invited, and Linda Wagner is directing these 30-minute rehearsals. We hope to see you there!

ConwayRingers rang for worship the last part of October. We are grateful for our regular ringers, and we are grateful also to Ashley Jones and Lisa Wood who stepped in with us in October to fill in for folks who were away.

In addition to anthems for worship, the Chancel Choir is working on Christmas music for December, and also for the Christmas cantata, which will be presented on Sunday, December 16 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you want to sing the Cantata music with us, you are welcome to come in to those rehearsals, 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Let Gale know of your interest and she will share the access information to the facility.

The Music Ministry and the folks at ERCC have confirmed Thursday, December 13 as the evening that we will gather at the Center to celebrate the 14th consecutive year of the Christmas Candlelight Service.

In November it seems appropriate to share this hymn background:

"We gather together to ask our Lord's blessing" is the first phrase of a Netherlands hymn, with its first printing in the mid-1620's. It was written in response to the Dutch Protestants being forbidden to gather to worship. In the mid-1930s, the hymn appeared in the Methodist-Episcopal hymnal. It was sung at the beginning of the funeral mass for Jacqueline Kennedy. Its popularity is recognized especially at Thanksgiving.

Blessings to you from the Music Ministry.



It has been a busy month for Operation Christmas Child. Our church has packed 242 gift filled shoeboxes and we are still collecting items and donations for our big Packing Party on November 11th after the 11:00

service. We hope to pack another 1,058 boxes to reach our goal of 1,300. Items still needed are: soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, combs, large erasers, glue sticks, crayons, dolls, rulers, small balls, small toys and girls hair accessories. Items may be left at the OCC Display in hall by office. Monetary donations can also be made by using the small envelopes on the display.

The Elkins Team of Operation Christmas Child will send volunteers to the Charlotte Processing Center on December 7th, and 8th. Charlotte is the largest of the Processing Centers and will process approximately two million shoeboxes that will go to children in crisis situations all over the world.

Volunteers will be needed during our packing party. Please contact Bob Cowgill for details.

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 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.





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!



The United Methodist Men invite all members of the congregation to the annual Christmas Advent Dinner on Sunday, December 2nd. The men are busy planning and organizing a delicious dinner to share with our church members. Immediately following the dinner, join us for a musical program, "The Christmas County Spelling Bee", performed by the youth of our church under the direction of Susan Seders and Kary McAtee. Come enjoy fellowship with one another and support the youth of our church with your presence.

United Methodist Women

FUMC Women's Fall Bazaar



The Executive Committee has been busy planning for the Fall Bazaar right on the heels of last month's Women's Retreat. The menu promises to be varied and delicious as always and will be served on Thursday, November 8 and there will be deals in the downstairs fellowship hall where the Country Store will be open on Thursday and a half day on Friday, November 9. Please support our missions causes by purchasing tickets for our beautiful quilt created by Donna Trulik and other items that will be displayed on Thursday.

Anyone that is able to assist with this event please contact Mary Durham or Penny Friddle.

PLEASE CONSULT THE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR ALL DETAILS.

Notes from the Recent Executive Meeting

The Executive Committee took action on the following items:

Purchase of new roasters for the kitchen that need replaced.

The First United Women will provide food for the Operation Christmas Child packing party on Sunday, November 11.

It was decided to send \$500 additional dollars to UMCOR to assist flood victims throughout our nation.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 26 at 1:00 pm.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS										
1	Dinah Tomblyn	9	Elizabeth King	17	.7 Kristin Hinchman		Ray Menendez			
1	Lori Betler	10	Ralph Wilmoth	17	.7 Zachary Carowick		Darlene Marechek			
2	Gary Crawford	10	Ashley Palmer	18	Linda Wagner	25	Lisa Davis			
2	Kim Ellison	10	Nathan Haines	18	Brandi Hedrick	26	Jack Calain			
3	Angela Dembowske	11	Tina Mahoney	18	8 Erin Dettinger		Jenna Biller			
3	Sara Ebel	11	Evelyn Robertson	19	Neil Stalnaker	27	Danielle Riggins			
3	Nick Patella	11	Paula Heinke	19	Doris Jack	27	Curt Woodford			
4	Tim Conklin III	11	Tammy Westfall	19	Beverly Johnson	28	David Hensley			
4	Jayme Gongola	11	Casey Casto	19	Ashley Basil	28	LeEllen Phares			
4	Richard Tyre	11	Ali Phares	19	Michael Antolini	28	Emily Phillips			
4	Matt Keller	12	Dick Proudfoot	20	Lindsay Lambert	28	Brian Seders			
4	Alexis Wood	13	Randy Pugh	22	James Yorkey	29	Mary Margaret Morrison			
5	Lanette Young	13	Mabel Weese	22	Kimberly Barnett	29	Donna Hamrick			
5	Mike Vance	13	Carol Fretwell	22	Jack Antolini	29	Warren Elmer			
6	Lynn Ritter	13	David Gasserud	22	Matthew Voge	30	Melissa Hickman			
6	George Corley	14	Dee Clark	24	Sophia Boyles	30	Tyler George			
6	Charlotte Reed	14	Nicholas Phillips	24	Carrie Wetsch	30	T. J. Jack III			
7	Kendra Kalar	15	Patty Gow	24	Buck Palmer	30	Grace Winans			
7	Lanny Propst	15	Delaney Johnson	24	Michael Beckwith					
7	Charlie George	16	Annabelle Kennedy	24	Madison Holland					
8	Debra Law	16	Frank Phares	24	MacKenzie Holland		_			
8	Dee White	16	Mike Taylor				-			
8	Andrew Yorkey	17	Hazel Wood							
9	Mike Welshonce									

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES							
1	Sterl & Shirley Dean		Wade & Angela Spraberry				
1	Matthew & Holly Conrad	28	Chris & Liz MacVean				
10	Max & Barbara Morgan	29	Jeffrey & Tara Meade				
14	Bob & Dottie Wamsley	30	Bill & Brenda Brown				
15	James & Merllene Yorkey						



BAPTISM

Brooklyn Ann King, daughter of Scott and Jennifer King, granddaughter of Garry and Cheri Shiflett and Charles and Diane King.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

to the families of Wayne Rippey, Maxine Morrison, Sarah White, Jackie Rose, Denver Barnett, Jr. and Katie Sayres.



Special Sundays 2018

Day of Remembrance [OFFERING] – November 4, 2018 – This year the Board of Pensions honors those who have given their lives in service to God's people by designating \$10,000 of this offering to support the work of the New Vision Depot in its mission of disaster response recovery.

Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Sunday – November 11, 2018 – Informs and educates about the importance of donating organs and tissue.

United Methodist Student Day [OFFERING] – November 25, 2018 – Supports scholarships and loans for students administered through the General Church Office of Loans and Scholarships.

World AIDS Day – December 2, 2018 – as recommended by Global Ministries team.



The Randolph County Ministerial Association will host its annual Thanksgiving meal that is free to those who need or want a hot meal at the IOOF Lodge on the Beverly Five-lane in Elkins on Thursday, November 22nd, from 11 am to 1 pm. If you would like to volunteer by preparing/serving food or donating, please contact Jason Brandon, RCMA member and minister from the First Church of Christ, Elkins at 304-636-1590. This is a great way to give back to the community and to see God's blessings.

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