

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

How time flies! It has been a whole entire year since Susan and I moved to Elkins and became First Church's pastoral family. We want to thank each of you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your love, support, acceptance, assistance and mutual ministry. We could not be happier! And we are so very proud of the vital ministry that First Church is engaged in!

Annual Conference has once again come and gone. We have officially been appointed by the bishop for our 2nd year of ministry together. We can't wait to continue to move forward in ministry and mission together. Again, thanks so much for opening your arms wide and inviting us right into your lives!

When I was in seminary, I came across the theologian J.I. Packer, who wrote an epic work titled Knowing God. It is a masterpiece, and I highly recommend it. As Mr. Packer wrote in his work:

What makes life worthwhile is having a big enough objective, something which catches our imagination and lays hold of our allegiance, and this the Christian has in a way that no other person has. For what higher, more exalted, and more compelling goal can there be than to know God? (Knowing God, 1973, Downer's Grove, IL, InterVarsity Press).

In an interview with Christianity Today in 1988, Mr. Packer shared the following:

When I came to North America, I found that most churches, pastors, seminaries, colleges, and para-church agencies and agents were in the grip of this secular passion for successful expansion in a way I had not met in England. Church-growth theorists, evangelists, pastors, missionaries, and others all spoke as if...numerical increase is what matters most...[and]...numerical increase validates ministries as nothing else does..."

Later in the interview, Mr. Packer shared that one of the unhappy outcomes of this thinking was that "big and growing churches were viewed as far more significant than others" which in many cases led to clergy leaving the ministry for secular employment in "disillusionment and bitterness." He concluded his interview with these wonderful words; "Faithfulness, godliness, and loving service are the divine measure of real success in ministry" (p. 15, August 12, 1988). I have shared this belief and continue to use it as a guiding factor in the ministry that Christ has called me to do!

Let's make these great goals our focus as a church for this next year: faithfulness, godliness and loving service. With such an emphasis – a "divine measure of real success" - God will certainly take care of all the rest! Praise be to God!

In loving service together,

Brian

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DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kary (Kramer) McAtee

In June, our children painted rocks for the important men in their lives during our annual Father's Day breakfast, prepared blessing bags full of food and toiletries for those in need in our community, and learned about how God can transform our lives by creating tie-dye t-shirts together.



PROGRAM UPDATES

This month in Sunday School and Children's Church, our character focus word is FAITHFULNESS. Faithfulness means believing with confidence that you are a child of God and that other people are also. Faithfulness means keeping promises and trusting that God will keep his promises. Faithfulness means practicing forgiveness in love.

July 1st – Matthew 7:24-27 "The Two Houses: Jesus gives us a firm foundation for faithfulness when we listen and do what he says."

July 8th – Luke 7:41-43 "The Two Debtors: Forgiveness is an important part of faithfulness."

July 15th – Luke 13:18-21 "The Mustard Seed and the Yeast: Faithfulness helps God's kingdom grow."

July 22nd – Luke 18:9-14 "The Pharisee and the Tax Collector: Faithfulness means having honest conversation with God through prayer."

July 29th – Luke 19:11-26 "The Ten Talents: We can be faithful with what we have."

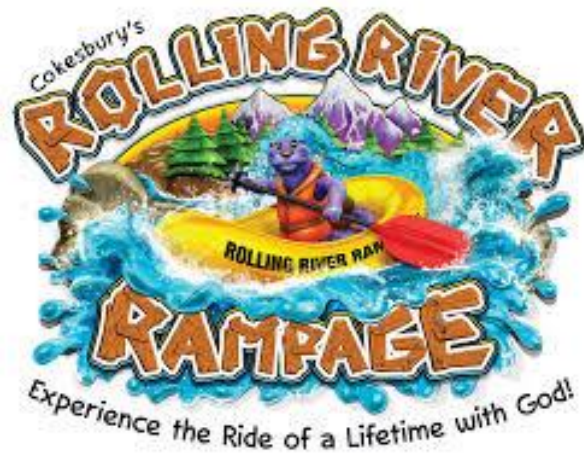


**COME JOIN US ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS!
9:45 – SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:15 – CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
315 Kerens Avenue – Elkins, WV

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018



Sunday, July 22nd – Thursday, July 26th

Dinner at 5:30

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 all 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 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>

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations...

to Kyle and Jessica White upon the birth of their son, Logan Timothy White
and great-grandson of Zan and Sarah White.

MUSIC NOTES



Gale Poe

As we move into July and August, the ringing and singing choirs take a well-deserved break from the worship and rehearsal schedule. Soloists and ensembles will be offering their gifts for the 11:00 service.

The Chancel Choir sang two songs in June that have meaning beyond the music itself. “Let’s Just Praise the Lord/Get All Excited” is a pairing of tunes by Bill and Gloria Gaither from the 1970s. They have been in our library for a long time – since the time of Jack Basil’s directing – in fact, the music is permanently out of print. Though one might consider these tunes out-of-step with 2018, yet there was an excitement in the moment of that music. Hollie Pritt flawlessly sang a solo verse that was crowded with words. Paraphrased, the text speaks to our talking about things that are not particularly important in the scheme of faith. But what we do profess, plain and simple and glorious, is that “Jesus Christ is still the King of Kings”.

The second anthem that morning was “In Christ Alone”, written by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, and published in 2002. It has been in our library since 2009, and we return to it, usually annually. [It was part of a service of celebration of life in 2012. Music can sometimes be a piercing trigger for memories.] Our arrangement has an unyielding forward tilt into spiritual and vocal power, and it also has a rich and often poetic text:

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
‘Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.*

Sometimes, in our warm-up rehearsal, we hear and feel a vigor to the music that is not our own making. Individual thoughts and events and emotions coincide to create music that is more than we are – Ellis Conley called it synergy. What we believe is that the Holy Spirit finds us in that moment and makes us greater than the sum of our vocal parts. We know and recognize the moment, and it usually is not something that we can recreate on our own. We watch together, we breathe together, we feel God’s presence together, and in those musical moments, we *are* One in the Spirit. A moment in time, consecrated forever.

Blessings to you from the Music Ministry.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Men would like to say thanks to everyone who helped with the Church Picnic. Even rain didn’t deter attendance.

On July 14, the United Methodist Men will provide drinks and chips for the Operation Christmas Child celebration to be held in the Family Life Center. The Methodist Men will provide a light supper on the first evening of Vacation Bible School on Sunday, July 22. The menu will include hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks. Volunteers are needed for these events. Contact Dick Hamrick or Jeff Trulik if you would be willing to help.

United Methodist Women

News From the First United Methodist Women

Scholarships Given to Graduating High School Seniors

Four young men were provided scholarships from the First United Methodist Women for 2018. The applicants and recipients of the awards were as follows: Hayden Long, Peyton Shields, Jeremiah Myers and Jacob Pritt.

Hayden Long wrote as part of his essay that “First United Methodist Church has always been there for me as my church family” and a “place where I can make friends and learn many teachings which made me into the man I am today”. Peyton related he had accompanied his grandmother to church from “childhood to adulthood” and described the church “as a place to think, as a place to resolve my worries and come to terms with my life”. Jeremiah thanked the church for their prayers and support as he has faced many struggles with his autism and, likewise, thanked “pastors Basil, Ellis, Barry and Brian who have taught me that God's love is a wonderful gift that should be treasured, shared with others and to spread the joy of Christ to the world”. Jacob stated “the church is a family beyond my own” and “no matter where I am or what I do I can count on the people of FUMC to be there for me.”

Hayden was co-salutatorian of his class and will be tending Penn State University-Schreyer Honors College to study engineering. Jeremiah plans to spend time after graduation volunteering with Elkins Parks and Recreation and the WV Autism Support Center while visiting shut-ins with Pastor Brian, Jacob will be attending WVU looking towards studying engineering. Peyton, also a co-salutatorian of EHS, will be attending MIT to study computer engineering.

Mary Durham, president of FUMW, and Kary McAtee, Christian Education Director, made the presentations. A gift bag containing a travel Bible, a prayer shawl, a framed certificate and a cash award was given to each winner.

Hayden Long, a son of Wayne and Jodie Hart and grandson of Scott and Barbara Criss, was unable to attend the event but pictures of the other recipients and their families are included.



Appearing left to right with Peyton Shields are his parents Alison and Chris Shields; Peyton; grandmother, Marguerite Shields; and grandparents, Denver and Sis Rosier.



Appearing left to right are Jacob Pritt's mother Hollie Pritt; sister, Brooke; Jacob; and father, Derrick Pritt. Jacob is also grandson of active church members, Clair and Trudy Carowick.



Appearing left to right is Jeremiah Myer's grandmother, Debbie Fortney; sister, Christa; mother Marcia Myers; Jeremiah; and father, Toby Myers.

The FUMW wish each young man the best with their future endeavors.

Father's Day Breakfast

FUMW served a hearty breakfast on Father's Day to all those in attendance. A nautical motif set the theme for a quickly approaching summer season. Thank you to Donna Hamrick and Bobbi Trimboli for table decorations and Penny Friddle, Jerri Snyder, Mary Durham, Donna Trulik and Betty Linger for food preparation and serving.

Pictured below are two fathers and church members, Russel Linger and Joe Hughes, being served by the breakfast team.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 2 Welcome Back Picnic for Brian and Susan Seders following 11 am service.

Saturday, September 15 Women's Retreat

FUMC Congregational Health Ministry Survey

We are starting a Health Ministry Team at First United Methodist Church. It's an exciting time to consider not only our physical and spiritual health; but as individuals to become healthier to serve; the health of the church and the body of Christ to minister to our communities. This is not just about our being physical and spiritual health but to glorify Christ. *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.* 1 Corinthians 6:19

There are so many ideas to live a healthier lifestyle. The activities can be at the church, through established organizations where we gather together in Christ's name. We can use this as an opportunity to invite the community to join us. We are in the beginning stages discovering what the interests of our church are and then to develop programs and activities.

Please take a few moments to complete this form. You may turn it into the church office, place in the offering plate or email shyre@drhyre.com for additional information. Please check **all** that you think might be good for our congregation to consider. *Please complete even if you do not wish to provide your name so we may better serve the church.*

Physical Activity

- Walking Groups (Maybe on Magic Island after church)
- Zumba, aerobics, Silver Sneakers, etc.
- Couch to 5K, Genesis Running - Beginning Running Program
- Dance classes
- 5K Walk / Run for causes (such as American Heart Association; Alzheimer's, Etc.)
- Taking Classes together
- Participate in organized sports like Volleyball / Basketball / Baseball / Softball, etc.
- Corn Hole Tournaments

Gardening

- Gardening for Adults (how to, using outside organizations to teach gardening and canning)
- Gardening for Children (create a children's garden in the community)
- Create FUMC Garden Club serve members of our church by cleaning flower beds and gardens, assisting with church and parsonage flower beds a few times a year, exchanging /selling perineal flowers to church members.
- Participate in the bible study but not the physical portion of the garden club

Nutrition

- Prepare healthy food options at events (water, fruit / veg provided; etc.)
- Healthy Cooking Class
- Cooking on a Shoestring Budget
- Rethink you're Drink - Encouraging more water consumption
- Demonstrations from local restaurants on cooking
- Summer or after school food program for kids

Health Promotion

- Health Fair / Screenings
- Library of Resources (Health Brochures, Books to check out, Videos, etc)
- Participate in health awareness events (could be dressing up in a Specific color such as wearing red for Go Red for women, Pink for Cancer Awareness)
- Events specifically designed for kids, men, women, families.
- If you are a nurse or retired nurse and would like to participate in specific health advocate programs.

Chronic Disease

- Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (small group sessions)
- Diabetes Management Program (small group sessions)
- Diabetes Prevention Program (small group sessions)
- Blood Pressure Management Program (American Heart Association Check, Change, Control)

Bible Study on Healthy Living as a Spiritual Practice

- Daniel Plan Study, Rick Warren, Made to Crave by Lysa Terkeurst (Or similar small group studies)
- Bible Study with a Specific focus: women, men, family. General focus bible studies on various topics: stress, love, service, disciples, prophets, old or new testament, etc.
Topic of interest _____

How likely are you to participate in the activities listed above?

- EXCITED TO
- Maybe
- Not interested

When is the most convenient time / day for you to participate in health-related activities?

- Morning Afternoon Evening Weekend

Would you participate in online programs?

- Yes
- No

Do you feel called to get involved?

Have you felt a need to get healthier or a calling to serve? If you would you like to know more about being a part of a Health Ministry Team and develop programs? If yes, please provide your contact information below:

Name(s)
Phone #
Email Address

Thank you for completing the interest survey. We're excited to see how we can love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, strength and body. Thank you

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. 3 John 1:2



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEWS

Week of July 1 through Week of July 29

The goal of our church this year is to reach 1300 needy children with gift filled shoeboxes and a message of God's Love. There are several ways to be a part of this exciting ministry.

1. Donate items to fill shoeboxes during our big packing party on November. Drop items off at the OCC display. Save the enclosed list for a reminder of things to bring each week.

We are not to collect toothpaste, candy or gum because of problems getting these items through customs.

2. Pack shoeboxes with family or adopt a shoebox for \$30.00 and a shoebox will be filled for you, a \$9.00 shipping donation made, a note to the child identifying you as the donor so the child can write back if possible.
3. Cash donations can be made using the enclosed envelope. Early donations enables us to purchase school supplies at great savings during back to school sales.
4. Volunteer- There will be many opportunities to participate with other volunteers from our church.

Operation Christmas Child with your help will reach millions of children on six continents this year through these simple shoebox gifts.

For more information contact Bob Cowgill at 304-636-6367.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Saturday, July 14 at 11 am. Operation Christmas Child is having a special event in the Family Life Center. Come hear Nadia Karnatova tell her inspiring story about how receiving a gift filled shoebox when she was a child in The Ukraine changed her life forever. Other events that day will include a packing party, music, crafts, kids games, and a special visit from the West Virginia Mountaineer.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOE BOX GIFTS

NECESSITIES

- *Underwear
- *Socks
- *T-Shirts
- *Combs/Hairbrushes
- *Soap
- *Wash cloths
- *Deodorant
- *Nail Clippers
- *Drinking Cup

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- *Coloring books
- *Crayons/coloring pencils/markers
- *Eraser
- *Writing pads/paper
- *Scissors
- *Glue sticks (no liquid glue)
- *Solar calculators
- *Rulers
- *Stamps and ink pad sets

GENERAL

- *Sunglasses
- *Flashlights with batteries
- *Small picture books
- *Travel games
- *Stuffed animals
- *Stickers
- *Wind-up toys
- *Slinky
- *Puzzles

IMPORTANT: Please try to include a note and photo of yourself, an anchor toy (doll or ball).

FOR A BOY:

- * Bouncy Balls
- *Small cars or trucks
(especially wind-up kind)
- *Legos
- *Wallets
- *Watches
- *Baseball caps
- *Yo-yos
- *Paddleball

FOR A GIRL:

- *Baby dolls
- *Barbie dolls
- *Toy jewelry sets
- *Jumping ropes
- *Jacks
- *Hair bow/clips, etc.
- *Music box
- *Purse
- *Stationary
- *Small beauty sets (comb, brush, plastic mirror)

*Itch-A-Sketch

- *Toys that light up/make noise
- *Musical instruments (harmonicas, flutes, kazoos, etc)

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE:

War related items (toy gun, knives, soldiers, etc.) Liquids (shampoo, glue, nail polish, etc.) Medicines (vitamins, cough drops, etc.)

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JULY BIRTHDAYS		8	Bus Conway, II	17	John Barger	23	Debby Berdine
1	Terry Harmon	8	David Sims	17	Katie Kerns	23	Paul Oldham
1	Jacqueline Stalnaker	8	Dorsey Shreve, III	18	Zach Baker	23	Hayden Long
2	Ward Cox	8	Matthew Holland	19	Valerie Voge	24	Leslie Elmore
2	Charlie Friddle	9	Jim Ritter	19	Clark Evans	24	Jonathan Elmore
2	Jon Mohoney	9	John Wanless Jr.	19	Kelsie Westfall	25	Tim Channell
3	Lonnie Wolfe	9	Beth King	20	Jerry Anderson	27	Joe Godwin
3	Mark Rosencrance	10	Ken Bucher	20	Sonya Parks	27	Wally Edgell
3	Daniel Morici	10	Megan Stocks	20	Jillian Barnett	27	Deborah Stout
3	Logan Spears	12	Betty Walden	20	Becky Kirkpatrick	27	Logan Stewart
3	Elly Schumacher	13	Emma Sneed	21	Natalie Barb	28	Rebecca Hammer
4	Kevin Widney	13	Nathaniel Doerr	21	Jeff Williams	28	Janet Myles
5	Sherri Smith	14	J.C. Wood	21	Richard Holland	28	Kayleigh White
5	Susie Gainer	14	Ryan Biller	21	Shannon Bennett-Campbell	29	Phillip Robey
5	Rich Kisner Jr.	14	Alexander Lawson	21	Debbie Tysor	29	Greyson Teets
6	Terry Jackson	15	Dyer Barger	21	Christina Jackson	31	Sue Mallow
6	Michael Jackson	15	Carolyn Rice	21	Nick Leombruno	31	Chuck Preusch
6	Timothy Santoro	15	Larel Teter	21	Peyton Teets	31	Jennifer Wanless
6	Ethan Channell	15	Isaac Chenoweth	21	Emily Wanless	31	Leslie Parks
6	Andrew Hofmann Jr.	15	John Barger, II	22	Judy Kittle	31	Judy Riffie
7	Joyce Hawse	16	Joshua Downs	22	Riley McDowell	31	Kristin Satterfield
7	Katie Smith	16	Jodie Hart	22	Brendan Barnett		
7	Hannah Gongola	16	Brant Hyre	23	Derek Bailey		
8	Charlene Snodgrass	16	Ann Marie Patella	23	Patty Shepard		
8	Jerry Trimboli	17	Kathy Coers	23	Linda Sponaugle		

JULY ANNIVERSARIES		14	Terry & Brenda Jackson	28	Warren & Rhonda Elmer
1	Greg & Sue Lewis	14	Bob & Karen Wilmoth	28	David & Katy Karpik
1	Roger & Debbie Tysor	16	Chris & Patty Gow	30	Harold & Patty Shepard
1	Tim & Marsha Channell	17	Buddy & Mary Rowan	31	Joe & Lois Skidmore
3	Mike & Kelli Dyer	21	Garry & Cheri Shiflett	31	Ed & Bobbi Phares
4	Matt & Jaymie Wilfong	22	Lonnie & Sue Wolfe	<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY <i>to the family of Mary Jane Stoner.</i></p>	
4	Wayne & Jodie Hart	22	Ryan & Kim Urban		
7	John & Bridgette Wilson	23	Dick & Carmen Casey		
8	Matt & Stephanie White	23	Lanny & Paula Doerr		
9	Todd & Ann Wilfong	24	Mark & Tabitha Richardson		
10	Charles & Julie George	25	Bob & Donna Jones		
10	Dan & Anna Chenoweth	26	George & Li Corley		
11	Steve & Loleta Yardley	26	Willard & Toni Herron		
12	Craig & Shelley Hyre	26	Chris & Diana Patella		
12	Michael & Christine Jackson	26	Anthony & Teresa Goddard		

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