

I'm am so excited to share our brand new vision statement. As many of you know, I have already begun a sermon series on that very subject.

Just to review – every United Methodist Church shares the same Mission Statement: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. That is the “what,” and it is based on the Great Commission of Matthew 28. However, every church gets to choose “how” they will accomplish the “what.” After a year and a half of prayer, deliberation, meditation and more prayer, the Steering Committee recommended our new vision statement to the Church Council. The Church Council spent 2 months hearing about the report of the Steering Committee. In addition, the Church Council prayed over the recommendation. In May of this year, the Church Council unanimously approved the new vision statement.

We believe at First United Methodist Church that we make disciples by welcoming, relating, leading and serving. That is pretty simple – and that is exactly what a vision statement should be. Also, a vision statement is a “now and not yet” sort of thing. We are working in these areas now, but we have not fully grown into each area. We want to achieve excellence in each part of this vision.

These words are formative. By welcoming we mean being intentional about welcoming one another and guests each and every Sunday on several levels – parking lot, curb, door, in the pews and follow-up (we don't want to miss a soul – and we want to reiterate: Everyone is Welcome!) By relating we mean gathering on a regular basis in small groups of 10 to 12 people and focusing on spiritual growth. By Leading, we mean training and resourcing more leaders for ministry. And by serving, we mean offering ministry to meet real needs – physically, mentally and spiritually!

God has given us this vision. It will drive us. It will motivate us. And it will help us to keep the “main thing” the “main thing!” Our vision really is the church looking in the same direction together. When a people are united under God's vision, the sky is the limit. Thanks be to God!

In grateful love and appreciation,

Brian

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Father's Day and Family Tie-Dye Night

Our Sunday School children made sand-art key chains in the Family Life Center following the Father's Day breakfast hosted by the United Methodist Women. (picture left)

On Sunday, June 30th in the church yard and family life center, 70 of us celebrated summer together by making tie-dye t-shirts, playing games, and eating ice cream sandwiches and popsicles. (pictures right)



Program Updates

In Sunday School and Children's Church, we will be learning some of the stories of Abraham and Sarah's family from the book of Genesis. As we read the stories together, we will notice that these two people are named Abram and Sarai until Genesis 17, when God changes Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah to symbolize a covenant between them.

July 7th – Abraham and Sarah: Abraham and Sarah listen to God. (Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6)

July 14th – Abraham and Lot: Families compromise and sometimes part ways. (Genesis 13:1-12)

July 21st – Sarah and Isaac: Families share joy and laughter. (Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7)

July 28th – Isaac and Rebekah: Families grow and change. (Genesis 24:1-67)

VBS Needs

For Bible School this year we are asking for the congregation to collect CLEAN, empty icing containers and cardboard ½ gallon juice containers. We will need one of each item for every child at VBS and we are planning for 75. These items can be dropped off in the church office, and we will be collecting these items until Monday, July 15th. Thank you for your continued support!



Looking Forward

On Sunday, July 28th everyone is invited to Family Sunday School at 9:45 in the Blueroom, where we will have donuts and learn what Sunday school for all ages is all about. All children that attend VBS and their families are also invited to join us during the 11:00 worship service for a picture slideshow from the week and a performance of a few of our favorite "To Mars and Beyond" songs!



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
315 Kerens Avenue – Elkins, WV
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2019



Sunday, July 21st – Thursday July 25th
Dinner at 5:30
Program from 6:00 to 8:00

All children who have completed
Pre-K through Fifth grade are
welcome!

An adult Bible class and a mission work crew for adults
and older teens will also be available this year!

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



Voyager Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Home Church (if any) _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS _____

Photo Release: _____ Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date _____

----- (for church use only) -----

Assigned to Voyager Group: _____

Are family members helping with To Mars and Beyond? ____ If yes, where? _____

MUSIC NOTES



Gale Poe

The Chancel Choir is about to move into the summer choral schedule. July and August are the traditional months off for singers for the 11:00 worship service. The choir maintains their participation in services in June. First Church Elkins is blessed that folks still answer the call to sing in that month - many churches take a 3-month summer break, and many churches also do one anthem each Sunday, not two. Sometimes it is a scramble in June, but it is always a blessing.

Music for the summer months is taking shape, with solos, and ensembles, both vocal and instrumental.

In June, one of the choral anthems was "Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend", by the popular contemporary choral composer, Pepper Choplin. Part of the text is paraphrased here:

Sweet are the prayers that are offered up by a friend, who calls up to heaven, calling, "Lord, come down and bless again."

Friends pray for healing, they pray for unfailing courage, asking God to make us whole.

Friends pray through troubles, through struggles when life seem to fall apart. Friends pray us through grieving, always believing God can heal the broken heart.

One of the consistent events in singers' and ringers' rehearsals is our taking the time at the beginning to always share joys and concerns. And then, we pray together. This anthem of Mr. Choplin's has been present with us since last fall, and now, in this particular time of year, it seemed to call us to learn it.

I am appreciative especially to soloists who step out in faith to sing; many times the invitation to do a new anthem is accompanied by, "When I saw this music, I heard your voice in my head with this solo." It was true this time.

Blessings to you from the Music Ministry.



Thank you to the U. M. Men for hosting the 34th Annual Church Family Picnic. The meal was wonderful and everyone enjoyed great fellowship.

United Methodist Women

NEWS FROM THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Happy Birthday to Don Rice

On May 26 a 90th birthday reception was held for Don Rice in the FLC hosted by his family with volunteer assistance from members of Circle 4. Carolyn Rice has been a faithful member of Circle 4 and held the position as co-chair for many years. Members of FUMC and Circle 4 members were pleased to be part of this celebration. Pictured are long time members Don and Carolyn Rice along with Carolyn's sister, Anna Grace Daetwyler, and Don's cousin, David Rice.



Scholarships Awarded to Two FUMC High School Seniors

Donna Trulik, FUMW president, announced to the congregation on June 2 that monetary scholarships had been awarded to Liam Gongola and Ethan Wilson both 2019 graduates of EHS. Donna shared segments of their applications relating how their faith and participation in the life of the church held great meaning for both. Liam and Ethan were given prayer shawls that they may take with them to college to, hopefully, lend comfort and support during this new chapter in their lives. Donna is pictured making the announcement to the congregation.



Father's Day Breakfast

FUMW hosted a breakfast on Father's Day for all fathers and the general congregation. After a morning of cooking and serving, Penny Friddle, Mary Ann Gay, Betty Roberts, Kit Phillips and Donna Trulik share in a bite of breakfast before it is back to the kitchen to clean up. Table decorations were of a nautical theme and were set in place by Donna Hamrick and Bobbi Trimboli.



Circle 3 Assists Missions Committee

In the month of June, Circle 3 will be providing all types of goodies which will be delivered to the Randolph County Emergency Squad workers as a thank you for their dedication to our community. This is a project of the church's Mission Committee. We were happy to assist in their project.

Upcoming Date

Saturday, September 21 All Day Women's Retreat

RECLAIM! Event scheduled in Bridgeport

Reclaim! Embracing Wesley's Radical Missional Spirit

WHEN: August 9, 2019 @ 6:00 pm – August 10, 2019 @ 3:30 pm

WHERE: Bridgeport Conference Center
300 Conference Center Way
Bridgeport, WV 26330

COST: 25.00

WEBSITE:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edpruqn2a4056156&llr=q7ry5rcab>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 26, 2019

Keynote Speaker: Reggie McNeal

Reclaim! Is especially designed for teams from local churches but it is open to everyone – clergy and laity. This is an opportunity to learn about the Kingdom of God and our responsibility in building His Kingdom.

Sponsored by West Virginia Conference Board of Global Ministries.

Mission Minutes

It's exciting to get our Mission program up and running again. We've had several great meetings with incredible mission ideas with an exceptionally passionate group.

There have been multiple sermons and Bible studies presented on Matthew 9:37-38 (NLT) Jesus is talking and says to his disciples ³⁷*"The harvest is great but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields"* I'd like to back up a few verses, however, cause for the first time ever this is what caught my attention.

Matthew 9:35: ³⁵ *Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.* Matthew 9:36 is the eye catcher for me. Jesus is talking to his disciples:

³⁶*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* I have felt an incredible passion and tugging on my heart to have compassion on those who have no one. Those who are on drugs, alcohol, homeless, mental illness, etc. God help us to show compassion to those who are confused and helpless and have no shepherd, no matter how many times we have to do it.



There are many opportunities for you to be a part of our church's mission outreaches.

Please prayerfully consider in what area you might be able to help.

1. There has been a great need to reach out to the homeless and substance abusers in our community. We will be having a community outreach Friday July 12 at 7:00 pm to share the love of Jesus with those we meet. We will meet at Hair Graphics parking lot and walk from there and hand out bags with toiletries, pre-packaged foods, and a Gideon New Testament Bible.
2. Vacation Bible School is coming up July 21-25. Dinner will be at 5:30 pm and while your child is in VBS you can share your time and talent with those in our congregation in need. Consider sharing 2 hours of your time to do odd jobs for those in our congregation.

Please contact Kim Urban at 304-704-5939 to get more information.

JULY BIRTHDAYS		8	Bus Conway, II	17	John Barger	23	Debby Berdine
1	Terry Harmon	8	David Sims	18	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 Sponaule		

JULY ANNIVERSARIES		12	Michael & Christine Jackson	26	Anthony & Teresa Goddard
1	Greg & Sue Lewis	14	Terry & Brenda Jackson	28	Warren & Rhonda Elmer
1	Roger & Debbie Tysor	14	Bob & Karen Wilmoth	28	David & Katy Karpik
1	Tim & Marsha Channell	16	Chris & Patty Gow	30	Harold & Patty Shepard
3	Mike & Kelli Dyer	17	Buddy & Mary Rowan	31	Joe & Lois Skidmore
3	Brian & Susan Seders	21	Garry & Cheri Shiflett	31	Ed & Bobbi Phares
4	Matt & Jaymie Wilfong	22	Lonnie & Sue Wolfe		
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		

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