

I preached about John Wesley on Heritage Sunday this past May 19th. I briefly mentioned the Christmas Conference where the Methodist Episcopal Church was founded. I also briefly mentioned the 1968 merger of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church which formed the United Methodist Church. There were a lot of other events which occurred between the founding of the original church and the church of today. Here is a brief timeline that will help to catch you up:

1703 – John Wesley born

1729 – The Holy Club at Oxford was called “Methodists” by outsiders; John Wesley was the leader

1738 – John Wesley born again

1739 – Formation of the first Methodist Societies in and around London (a movement within the Church of England)

1745 – Francis Asbury is born

1784 – Christmas Conference in Baltimore, MD. The Methodist Movement becomes The Methodist Episcopal Church in America. In addition, Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury become bishops. Thomas would return to England, and Francis would lead Methodism in America until his death in 1816

1796 – Church of the United Brethren in Christ is founded

1800 – The Evangelical Association is founded (would become The Evangelical Church)

1815 – African Methodist Episcopal Church is founded

1830 – Methodist Protestant Church is founded (Woodford UMC is a former Methodist Protestant Church)

1840 – Colored Methodist Episcopal Church is founded (would become the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church)

1845 – Methodist Episcopal Church, South is founded

1939 – The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church reunite forming the Methodist Church

1946 – The Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren unite to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church (Otterbein UMC is a former Evangelical United Brethren Church)

1968 – The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church unite to form the United Methodist Church

John Wesley was a fascinating figure. If you missed the message, you can view it by cutting and pasting the following link in your internet browser: <https://youtu.be/2jx-oOccCPo>. You can also request a manuscript by calling or emailing me. There are many other fascinating figures that I will present in the future, God willing. I think I might have another heritage Sunday this Fall and likely will present the life of John’s mother Susanna Wesley.

Lately I have been thinking about our roots. I believe it is a good idea to refresh ourselves every now and then about who we are and where we came from. For some, this may be the first time that you have encountered the history of our faith practice; this info may serve as a good starting point in getting to know our denomination a little better.

It is quite possible that we will unveil our new vision statement in my next newsletter article. The above information along with my recent message provides a good review as we press toward the ministry that God has called us to in the early 21st century. The denomination faces many challenges. Both culture and financial concerns will bring change in the very near future. But never forget: “The future is as bright as the promises of God” (a borrowed phrase from William Carey – the father of modern missions and a good Baptist!)

Yours in Christ,

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Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you to the families and Sunday school teachers that participated in our Mother's Day craft and activities after a delicious breakfast prepared by the men of the church!

Family Nature Walk

Thank you to Kate Reed for leading us on our nature walk on Sunday, May 19th at Davis & Elkins College. Everyone had a fantastic time exploring nature, enjoying God's creation, and eating homemade trail mix together.



Program Updates

This month in Sunday School and Children's Church, we will be learning about our church family. We will hear stories about the early church and the first Christians. Take some time to talk as a family about your church: what brought you to church, what keeps you coming to church, what keeps you connected to church?



June 2nd – Peter and John: Peter and John healed the man who could not walk, which meant that the man could enter the temple to worship. (Acts 3:1-4:22)

June 9th – Pentecost: The church family was born when the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-41)

June 16th – First Called "Christians": The church family grew. (Acts 11:19-30)

June 23rd – Believers Share: The church family took care of one another. (Acts 4:32-37)

June 30th – Choosing the Seven: Everyone has a part to play and work to do in the church family. (Acts 6:17)

Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, June 2nd high school and college graduates associated with our church were recognized for their achievements, and were awarded gifts from the United Methodist Women during the 11:00 worship service.



Elliot Evans graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, with his PhD in Germanic Studies, Germanic Linguistics and Philology. He is the son of Vicki and Mike Fisher and Stanley and Roberta Evans. He is the grandson of Norma Jean Clark and Nada Evans and the late Grover Evans, and the brother of Clark Evans. Elliot will be staying in Bloomington next year as Research Associate in the Germanic Studies Department while applying for post-secondary teaching positions.

Hannah Gongola graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Nutrition. She is the daughter of Andrew and Jayme Gongola, granddaughter of Scott and Barbara Criss, great-granddaughter of Jo Criss, and sister of Liam Gongola. Hannah will be moving to Austin, Texas to work with a food bank for ten weeks teaching individuals how to harvest and cook fresh, healthy foods.

Liam Gongola graduated co-valedictorian from Elkins High School. He is the son of Andrew and Jayme Gongola, grandson of Jim and Janice Gongola and Scott and Barbara Criss, great-grandson of Jo Criss, and brother of Hannah Gongola. Liam is planning to attend Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Julie Preusch graduated from Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine with a Medical degree. She is the daughter of Chuck and Lisa Preusch and the granddaughter of the late Myron and Sue Tomblyn. Julie has two sisters, Katie and Amelia.

Alex Ritter graduated from West Virginia University with a Doctor of Medicine degree. He is the son of Jim and Lynn Ritter. He is the grandson of Bob and Sara Hinkle and late Elva Hinkle and Mary Sue Ritter and late James Ritter Sr. of Buckhannon. Alex will begin Residency Program in Radiation Oncology with The Ohio State University.

Corey Ritter graduated from West Virginia University with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. He is the son of Jim and Lynn Ritter. He is the grandson of Bob and Sara Hinkle and late Elva Hinkle and Mary Sue Ritter and late James Ritter Sr. of Buckhannon. Corey has accepted a position with the Walgreens Corporation.

Ethan Wilson graduated from Elkins High School. He is the son of John and Bridget Wilson, and has one brother, Cameron. He is the grandson of Mandi Wilson and the late James F. Wilson, and Mike and Carolyn Brown, and James and Pam Rhoden. He is the great-grandson of Delsie Rhoden. Ethan will be attending the Benjamin A. Statler College of Engineering at West Virginia University and will be a part of the WVU Honors College.



Father's Day Breakfast

Following the Father's Day breakfast at 9:30 on Sunday, June 16th, the children and the important men in their lives are invited to stay in the Family Life Center for crafts and activities lead by the Sunday School Department.

Family Tie-Dye night

On Sunday, June 30th, bring a plain white t-shirt and join us in the Family Life Center from 5:00 to 7:00 for tie-dye fun! The church 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 "messy" clothes since splatters and spills do happen. We hope to see you there!



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!



Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the gym for the 2019 EHS Project Safe Graduation Party. Your courtesy means so much to the seniors. Without support like yours this party would not be possible. Again thank you.

Sincerely,
Angie Goff
2019 EHS Project Safe
Graduation Chairwoman
President, GFWC Junior Women's Club of Elkins

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Sunday, July 21st

through

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! This year we will also offer a class for adults and a mission team. If you are interested in attending or volunteering,

please contact Kary McAtee at the church office 304-636-0660 or by e-mail

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MUSIC NOTES



Gale Poe

In May the Music Ministries gathered on a Tuesday evening in the Family Life Center for their annual Appreciation Dinner. This event includes families, children, and friends of ringers and singers and praise band. About 50 folks attended. It is a potluck in the truest sense, and I still maintain that music folks are pretty fine cooks. One of Evette and Pat LaFayette's granddaughters came to me after looking carefully all along the food table, and said mournfully, "There aren't any desserts...". I motioned to her right and said, "There is an entire *table* of desserts!" And she was off and discovering again, much happier!

Time is a curious commodity - in autumn it seems time is a bit sluggish as we look forward - then time seems to be a blink when we look back. Schools are close to releasing students for the summer, and music ministries in many churches relax their schedules.

ConwayRingers finished their rehearsals in late May and will ring for worship on June 2. The Chancel Choir rehearses and sings for worship through June.

In July and August, various ensembles and soloists will be offering special music for worship, and ringers and singers will take a collective breath from the rehearsals and responsibilities.



Blessings to you from the Music Ministry.





THANK YOU to the U. M. Men for hosting a delicious breakfast for the Annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12th. Church members enjoyed a breakfast of ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, and biscuits. **A special thank you to Jeff Trulik and his crew** for organizing and preparing this successful event.

Please join the Methodist Men for the **34TH ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2 @ 12:15 PM IN THE LARGE PAVILION AT ELKINS CITY PARK.** The menu will include the men's famous BBQ chicken, baked beans, hot dogs, watermelon, and drinks. No cost for the tickets, but please get a ticket for each member of your family attending. This will give the men an estimate of the number of people attending.



United Methodist Women

NEWS FROM THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

During the months of April and May it was a pleasure for the FUMW to participate in the following events:

Confirmation Class Reception

It was a joy to welcome Grace Winans and Thea Kerns into church membership by providing a reception for these young women, their families and the total congregation after the 11 am service on April 29. Thank you to all circle members who decorated, prepared cookies and punch and served on the day of the event.



Church Women United

FUMW hosted the Church Women United luncheon meeting on Friday, May 3. Our group provided drinks and desserts and decorated tables in spring colors to welcome the 40 women who attended representing churches from throughout the community. Jerri Snyder and Catherine Poe were part of a skit to emphasis the importance of cooperation and the appreciation of diversity. Sandy DiBacco, Eleanor Zizzi and Holly Riley performed a narrative about the story of Naomi, Ruth and Orpha.



Mother's Day Breakfast

Our men did the cooking and serving but a few church women were happy to add color to the tables. Thanks goes to Carolyn Channell, Diana Patella, Vicki Fisher, Bobbi Trimboli (Circle 3 members) and Katie Kerns (Circle 1) who assisted. The decorating crews have become so proficient it was all done in 20 minutes. Thanks to Donna Hamrick for lending us her decorations for all the events. Picture includes Bob and Sara Hinkle along with Ruth Hepler and family enjoying the breakfast.



Upcoming Important Dates

Father's Day Breakfast	May 20, 2019
Women's Retreat	September 21, 2019 Theme: Food for Thought
Fall Bazaar	November 7, 2019

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



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER:
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