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“Everest” The coolest week of the summer!

From Barb Ballard

What a wonderful, fun, and faith-filled VBS week with great music, drama, science activities, games and, of course, food! All of these exciting experiences were made possible by the willingness of our dedicated leaders and support teams to share their gifts as they communicated the reality of God's love to our area's children.

Once again, Sherrie and Kristine Price, and BJ Roland provided engaging and energizing music and movement experiences. Many of you know that VBS songs often get “stuck in your head”, which is not a bad thing, considering they are based on comforting scripture verses.

We were so proud of the responsible leadership provided by our youth both in the Imagination Station, led by Rachel Johnson, and in the games area, where Becca Johnson, Austin Smith, Isaac Mick, and Stephen Linkous worked cooperatively to provide exciting games in our courtyard each evening.

Kathy Tucker does a wonderful job of inspiring our kids to have a heart for world missions. This year



the kids learned about the need for children in Thailand to have Bibles on their own reading level and they responded by bringing in donations which totaled close to \$200.00!!!

Kathy's husband, Stan Tucker, brought the stories of Elijah, Elisha, Namaan, Peter, and the promise of heaven to life by dressing up and captivating each of the four groups of VBS children each night. Pastor Scott, who played the role of Peter, portrayed a repentant sinner who received God's amazing grace, giving all of us confidence that God is willing to forgive even our biggest mistakes.

The story area, ice tunnel and “Base Camp” in the gym were all designed by decorator Marcia Anderson, with support from Bob Davis, who constructed the Base Camp shelter, and Jane and Sarah Jessee, who put in many hours helping Marcia build the ice tunnel, which was a favorite among the VBS attendees. In addition, Marcia made nightly changes to the story setting to give a different background for each Bible story.

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Not Quite Home

What do I celebrate this day?

We have had a Sunday morning worship attendance of over 200 people in the midst of summer. Many of these were guests or family and friends of members!

We have had a powerful week of Vacation Bible School where children (and sometimes even the adult leaders) learned and remembered that God helps us overcome all obstacles.

We had six people come to our first new member retreat – four non-members and two long-term members. Decisions and discernment are still taking place but, this a great start for this new program.

I have seen our church take a great step towards the future in allowing our Trustees to acquire property that will allow our campus to expand.

I have witnessed one couple in our congregation refer three people to our congregation. They offered to meet them at the door and sit with through the service. All are still attending.

I have watched and witnessed those who have lost loved ones comforting one another and making certain that the newly grieving have someone “experienced” helping them along and unknown path.

I have seen baby hats, blankets, scarves, hats, and now, summer T-Shirt dresses being constructed and distributed by the loving hands of the members of our Textile Ministries!

I have seen graduates honored, tears shed and new relationships formed as youth move on from youth group participation to college life and the new roles they will have in church and the community.

On Sunday, June 28, 2015, I will have completed my third year with First UMC, Princeton. I believe that we are still moving in the right direct to help people “Trust” and “Become” as we all serve as a Church in the Heart of Princeton. It is good that I stop and take note of all that is “holyjustpurelovelyworthyofpraise.” I look forward to many more days, weeks, months and years of celebrating the presence of Christ in our congregation.

Thank you, First UMC, for your faithfulness. Continue to prepare yourself for the future Christ has for all of us as we minister together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Scott





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Patty Flanagan again put her own spin on the “Mountaintop Treats” area as she prepared delicious snacks each evening and encouraged conversation among the kids that centered around each day's Bible truth. She led the team of Jerry Flanagan, Peggy (with sister Toni) and Terry Wells, and Kaitlin Struble and Todd Jones.

New this year was a station called, “Kid-Vid” which told inspiring stories of kids putting their faith in action to share the love of Jesus in their world. This station was led by Bob Davis and Danny McNamara who did a great job of following up each story with thought-provoking discussion.

Our preschool age group, which is always one of our biggest in numbers was kept together by the very organized Lynsey Artrip. New members Michael and Stephanie Bowling used their science and education backgrounds to ensure our youngest children had amazing experiences during their “Imagination Station” time. Retired teachers Kay Presley and Doris Robertson, both of whom contribute a very calm presence in the midst of the organized chaos involved in leading a large group of preschoolers for two and a half hours, are a literal God-send each year at VBS. Youth Allison Beachler and Mia Christ provided their energy in helping to transport both kids and snacks back and forth from the FMC to the main church building, ensuring safe passage.

A unique highlight of “Everest” VBS was the “Spotlight VBS” feature where the our kids are inserted into a Powerpoint each night that enhances the VBS learning. Sarah and Dave Johnson were willing to take on this new venture, which was a huge success, as kids loved seeing themselves on the “big screen” at the end of the evening.

The sound expertise of Rick Dooley was vital in making all of the music and drama presentations go off “without a hitch”. This was definitely a labor of love for Rick, as the tremendous amount of work and time involved in getting all of the sound prepared and implemented was well above and beyond the call of duty.

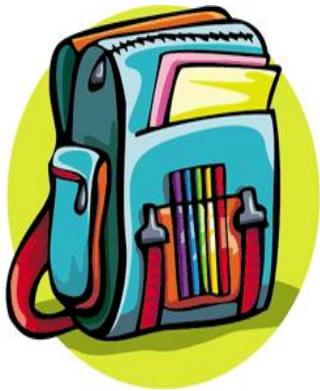
Station leaders make it possible for the kids to enjoy all of the various activities and we are so grateful to Becky Schaeffer, Brittany Austin, Kelly Beachler, Carol Johnson, Cathy Linkous, Rhonda Clark, Erin Sears, Vicki Horton with strong support from Twyla Hersman and Ashley Vaughn and youth Sarah Linkous and Ella Veneri for accepting the responsibility to travel and keep up with so many groups of active and excited children.

What is getting to be a traditional favorite is the petting zoo of Gina and John Moore who graciously agree to bring a trailer full of their wonderful animals at several of our events at FUMC. All of the kids (as well as the leaders) love this special visit from these wonderful critters.

As soon as all of the Easter events were behind him, Tom Bay asked for the Everest decorating material, so he could transform the stage into Everest, and he never disappoints. In addition to his decorating talents, he dressed as a mountain climber and ended each evening with fun and crazy illustrations of the Bible lessons. Tom's wife, Kim, was a wonderful sidekick during these dramatizations. In addition, Kim enabled many more children to enjoy our VBS this year as she offered to drive our church van to transport some of our community children to and from the church.



July-August 2015



Children's Back to School Backpack & School Supply Give-A-Way

July 22 @ 5:00pm, beside the Fountain. Hot Dogs will be served.



"Apparently, my spiritual gift is being silly with the toddlers."

Children's Fellowship Time & Children's Choir

Wednesday night CFT & Children's Choir will resume August 26!

Children K thru 5th grade are invited to enjoy Bible lessons, crafts, games & music.

Bring a friend!!

Time to move up!!
Sunday School Promotion Sunday
August 9 at 9:30am.
Carry in Breakfast in Schell Hall.





Transitions

Certificates of Transfer to another United Methodist Church –

John Wayne and Tamara Ellen Robinson – CTUM to Rainelle United Methodist Church – June 1, 2015

Ashli “Katie” Knotts – CTUM to Rainelle United Methodist Church – June 1, 2015

Transfer of Baptismal Membership to another United Methodist Church –

Aurora Knotts – Transfer of Baptismal Membership to Rainelle United Methodist Church – June 1, 2015

Audriana Knotts - Transfer of Baptismal Membership to Rainelle United Methodist Church – June 1, 2015



Everest---Continued

Martha Cook provided meals before VBS and this was a welcome service to our families involved, especially for folks coming directly from work. She was supported by Pam and Erin Sears, Vicki Horton, and junior chef Kaitlyn Artrip.

Retired teachers Sandy Gay and Karen Thorn agreed to manage the hectic job of registration and keeping up with all of the passing out and collecting the supplies. We knew they would be up to the task and their wealth of experience was evident by their success in handling their duties with ease.

As always, custodian Aaron Rudy and housekeeper Brenda LaRue willingly made themselves available for our daily needs in preparing the setting.

We can't thank the congregation enough for their support of this event by volunteering, donating supplies, and especially their upholding us in prayer. God bless you for allowing so many children to be exposed to the promises, presence, and provision of God at our church in the heart of Princeton.

News
from the
3rd floor



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Office Hours
Sunday 2-8:30
Monday 10:30-4
Tuesday 10:30-4
Wednesday 11:30-8
Thursday 10:30-12:30



Youth Night
Sunday's 5:45 -7:00 pm

Bible Study
Wednesday's at 6:30 pm



July 8th at Noon

**Tubing
Trip**



New River Junction
July 12th
12:05-6pm
\$10.00 & pack a lunch



Coinciding with Backpack giveaway
July 22nd 5-6 pm

**MISSIONS
AND OUTREACH**

Bluefield Union Mission
July 16th 11-1:30 pm

Back 2 School BASH

Aug. 23rd ...Admittance Only with
Ticket

Please rsvp for ticket by July 5th

**Murder
Mystery
Dinner**

CASCADES

Trip

July 26th 12:05 - 5 PM
Pack a lunch



July 26th
5:30 PM

**Library News - And Stuff** - Submitted by Jerry Flanagan, Librarian**NEW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY...**

The Farmer's Wife 1930s Sampler Quilt (includes CD-ROM with patterns for 99 blocks), by Laurie Aaron Hird

In the 1930s, *The Farmer's Wife* magazine offered inspiration and positivity in the "Letters From Our Farm Women" column. Each month, the magazine published letters from readers that offered support and encouragement to each other in an economically challenging time for our country. *The Farmer's Wife 1930s Sampler Quilt* shares 99 of these letters from *The Farmer's Wife* magazine published during the 1930s, and a traditional quilt block inspired by each one. In this book and on the accompanying CD you will find everything you need to create your own 1930s sampler quilt.

The Case for Grace, by Lee Strobel

In this book, Lee Strobel writes a compelling and highly personal account about grace, focusing on God's transforming work in the lives of men and women today. With unusual candor, Lee draws upon his own journey from atheism to Christianity to explore the depth and breadth of God's redeeming love for spiritually wayward people. He travels thousands of miles to capture the inspiring stories of people whose values have been radically changed and who have discovered the "how" and "why" behind God's amazing grace. You'll encounter prodigal sons, addicts, and even murderers who have found new hope and purpose. You'll meet once bitter people who have received God's power to forgive those who have harmed them. And, equally amazing, you'll meet people mired in guilt that have learned that they can even forgive themselves.



A Message from The Textile Ministry

The idea of developing the Textile Ministry emerged from my participation in a similar group in TX. When we moved to the beautiful state of WV 2 years ago, I was hoping that I would have that same opportunity. In October, 2014, I approached Scott with the idea creating of a sewing/quilting ministry. After visiting with people who were interested, finding Carol Bailey to assist, and including knitting and crocheting, the ministry has taken off! I shared with Scott that there are 3 areas I hoped this group could serve.

The first is the FUMC church. We have been able to provide a quilt, afghan, or quillow to every member in a nursing home or assisted living. We have also ministered by providing a quilt to those involved in cancer treatment. We have also provided a quilt for Mother's Day, an afghan for Father's Day, and a quilt for the Quilt of Valor recognition program.

The second area is the community at large. With the efforts of the Textile Ministry (TM) and the youth of the church, we have provided fleece tied blankets and quilts to the Mercer County Home Society. TM members have crocheted over 200 preemie and newborn hats for the Princeton Community Hospital. We have made over 100 crocheted dish rags that will be placed in the boxes at the Tender Mercies Food Ministry. We are making scarves and hats for each child in the Feeding Hungry Children campaign.

Our third area is the international community. We have started making sweet pillowcase dresses to be sent to 3rd world countries. These will be sent via a missionary who is returning to their respective countries of service.

How can you help the Textile Ministry? We would love any donations you might have from fabric, yarn, trim, sewing notions, etc. We invite you to participate in either the weekly Friday group from 10am-2pm or the 2nd and 4th Wed. night group from 5:30pm until choir practice. (hint hint) Every skill level from beginner to advanced is welcome. We have individuals who can teach you. Finally, keep this unique ministry in your prayers and watch for further updates and information about Blanket Day at FUMC!

In His Service,

Dr. Kathy Tucker



MUSIC
Notes

- Ashley Vaughn

I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the many gifts of summer. For me, summer means that I get to be a stay at home mom for a while, and I am enjoying my time with my most precious blessings-my daughter and son. Chancel Choir will begin rehearsal again on Wednesday, August 12th at 7:30 p.m. We hope that you will pray about growing the music ministry at our church. There is no audition, and we welcome anyone who wants to join. Until rehearsal begins, have a blessed and restful summer!

-Ashley

July Birthdays

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| July 01 – Jillian Biggs | July 17 – Violette Oney (95) |
| July 02 – Lea Johnson | July 18 – Sandy Grim |
| July 03 – David Graham | July 18 – Lynn Veneri |
| July 05 – Colton Fix | July 19 – Larry Cook |
| July 05 – Victor Lohr | July 19 – Louie Fields |
| July 05 – Jeff McNew | July 20 – Judith Anderson |
| July 06 – Ethel McColgan | July 21 – Barb Ballard |
| July 07 – Bridgette Pendleton | July 21 – Tom Bay |
| July 09 – Matt Adkins | July 22 – Lindsay Comer |
| July 09 – Amy Williams | July 22 – David Allen Dunn |
| July 12 – Hylah Lohr | July 22 – Kellen Henry |
| July 12 – Amanda Wenisch | July 22 – Chris Hersman |
| July 13 – Ronda Veneri Clark | July 22 – Scott Sears |
| July 13 – Krista Fix | July 23 – LydiaBeth Comer |
| July 14 – Buster Brown | July 23 – Deborah Farabaugh |
| July 14 – Terry Childress | July 25 – Rose Ann Burgess |
| July 14 – Peggy Lytton | July 25 – Nikki Mitchem |
| July 14 – Charles Seye | July 26 – Ryan Mendez |
| July 14 – Jamie Williams | July 26 – Faye Pullins |
| July 15 – Doris Bradley | July 31 – James Hawkins |
| July 17 – Judi Carter | July 31 – Reta Mitchem |
| July 17 – Rick Graham | |

**July and August Anniversaries**

July 01 – Jerry and Patty Flanagan
 July 04 – Shawn and Melissa Forbes
 July 07 – Timmy and Christa Fama
 July 10 – Ken and Teresa Collis
 July 11 – Jerry and Cathy Linkous
 July 14 – Wayne and Rosa Haga
 July 14 – Andy and Kelsey Sarles
 July 15 – Ron and Shari Steenson
 July 16 – Cory and Amy Williams
 July 19 – Jim and Gail Burks
 July 23 – Joe and Lisa Bowling
 July 23 – Chuck and Brenda Lohr
 July 29 – Will and Pam Stafford
 July 30 – Kenton and Regina Dilley



August 01 – Brian and Ann Struble
 August 04 – John and Katie Pack
 August 05 – Bob and Hylah Lohr
 August 06 – Rusty and Kelly Howard
 August 10 – Jamie and Laura Suroski
 August 13 – John and Sue Backus
 August 15 – Tony and Becky Veneri
 August 19 – John and Valeda O'Dell
 August 26 – Jerry and Melody Jenkins

August Birthdays

August 01 – Bill Lewis
 August 01 – Randall Veneri
 August 03 – Bill Stafford
 August 04 – Leslie Cline
 August 05 – Patty Flanagan
 August 04 – Tim Merritt
 August 04 – Susan Stafford
 August 04 – Brenda Thompson
 August 04 – Stan Tucker
 August 05 – Mary Ella Noel
 August 06 – Jackie Davis
 August 06 – Nancy Jones
 August 06 – Skip Owen (94)
 August 06 – Perry Stafford
 August 07 – Logan Austin
 August 07 – Tammy Hill
 August 07 – Tonya Hill
 August 07 – Adam Mendez
 August 07 – Brayden Quesenberry
 August 08 – Joni Veneri
 August 09 – Helen Shapard (97)
 August 11 – Regina Dilley
 August 13 – Jenna Bowling
 August 14 – Sharon Croy
 August 14 – Shirley Evans
 August 14 – Sarah Lynn French

August 14 – Kelly Howard
 August 16 – Miles Vaughn
 August 16 – Layne Veneri
 August 17 – Fred Raines
 August 18 – Amelia Brichford
 August 18 – Edie Carr (90)
 August 19 – Fred Bandy
 August 19 – Nancy Clark
 August 19 – Todd Craft
 August 20 – Jane Jessee
 August 21 – Tyler Comer
 August 21 – Bill Reynolds (95)
 August 21 – Sarah Seye
 August 22 – Carson Hamm
 August 23 – Pam Stafford
 August 24 – Carol Lani Arnett
 August 24 – Edie Earls
 August 26 – Zoe McClanahan
 August 26 – Jamie Suroski
 August 27 – Elliott Brichford
 August 28 – Darryl Morris
 August 29 – Wayne Roahrig
 August 29 – Allie Sears
 August 29 – Landon Smith
 August 31 – Bettye Sue Bolen



Attendance



ATTENDANCE – June 2015

| Date | Sunday School | 10:50 AM Worship |
|------------|---------------|------------------|
| 06.07.2015 | 63 | 136 |
| 06.14.2015 | 58 | 135 |
| 06.21.2015 | 78 | 216 |
| 06.28.2015 | 69 | 166 |

ATTENDANCE – May 2015

| Date | Sunday School | 10:50 AM Worship |
|------------|---------------|------------------|
| 05.03.2015 | 68 | 198 |
| 05.10.2015 | 89 | 178 |
| 05.17.2015 | 49 | 145 |
| 05.24.2015 | 67 | 135 |
| 05.31.2015 | 67 | 163 |



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Jr.**

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Daniel Ray “Danny” Thomas

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Jim and Heather Austin

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Thank You's

Dear First United Methodist Congregation,
 Thank you so much for the graduation gift. I really appreciate it. Also, thank you all so much for the support that you have provided me with over the years. I always know that if I ever need prayers or encouragement, you all will be there for me. Thank you so much for teaching me of the scripture and God's wonderful blessings. Thank you for allowing me to be an active member of the church through UPWARD and Vacation Bible School. This church and congregation are blessings to me, and I am glad to call them home wherever I go!
 Sincerely,
 Brittany Smith

To FUMC,

Thank you so much for the graduation gift. I really appreciate all of the support that you all have given me to strengthen my Christian Faith. Without this support system, I don't know where I would be.

*Sincerely,
 Austin Smith*

Dear Donor,

We, the Princeton Senior High School Class of 2015, wish to express our appreciation for your donation for our Project Graduation event. Your support helped enable our class to safely celebrate one of the most important events of our lives. This year, as in the past, Project Graduation was a great success, mostly because of the continued support of supporters like you in our surrounding community.

Again, thank you for your generous contribution.

Sincerely,
 Thomas Meadows
 President Class of 2015
 Princeton Senior High School

Dear Friends

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your generous donation to Pike View High School 2015 Project Graduation. We had a record number attend and all seniors left with cash and prizes. We appreciate your support.

*Thank you,
 PVHS Project Graduation Committee*

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your facilities to host the Dakota Walls Basketball Tournament. We were a success, in large part, due to your generosity.

*The Princeton Senior High School
 National Honor Society
 (signed individually by all members)*