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Big News for Feeding Hungry Children!!

It's a new school year and the Feeding Hungry Children Project is serving Glenwood School this year. Along with Straley, Mercer, Princeton Primary, and Silver Springs, that will bring our total to five schools. The school staffs are identifying students and we hope to be able to package for the first month of deliveries sometime after Labor Day. Contact Patty Flanagan (304-487-1089) if you have questions or need information about how you can assist. It's a huge project and we continue to offer thanks to God and this congregation for enabling us to serve these children.



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CHILDREN
STRUGGLES WITH
HUNGER





Not Quite Home

***Train children in the way they should go;
when they grow old, they won't depart from it.***
Proverbs 22:6 (Common English Bible)

I wasn't at all surprised that this verse has kept popping up in my memory over the past few weeks. Leslie is getting more and more settled in her new home in Canton, OH. Erin has started her junior year at Marshall. And, alas, we have taken Allie, our youngest, to her college home at UCLA (University of Concord Located at Athens.) However, when your child is not home every night the distance doesn't seem to matter – 15 miles or 1500 miles – you can't peek in their bedroom and see them resting peacefully.

Sure, there are texts, telephone calls and the occasionally understandable Facebook or Instagram update. There are still visits home. But for the most part, when the children leave the nest, parents begin to believe that they have done all that they can do. The rest is up to the good Lord and hopefully, some good teaching.

However, I found a great deal of hope in this passage from Proverbs. (Granted, I really hate taking any single proverb on its own. The writer of this book of the Bible knew how to juxtapose wisdom sayings in just such a way that you can almost always find the exact opposite of one saying somewhere else in the book. I'm sure if I wanted to find one that says something like "A child will turn from the ways of wisdom and follow folly instead" – I could find it. But that is not my quest right now.) I found what I needed in this verse – HOPE.

You see, the way I read this verse, I am not concentrating on the youthfulness of children. Instead, I notice that the writer says, "when they are **old**." That sheds a different light on things altogether! I don't particularly see myself as old. In fact, in our day and age, old is more a state of mind than anything else.

So, the way I look at it, this verse is giving me the hope that my children will be learning the way they should go from me for many decades to come! And I know just how true that hope is.

I am still learning myself – from a mother who loves me enough to check in on me when I am sick and who doesn't let a week go by without offering some bit of wisdom.

I learned from Dad up to the very moment he left this world – that life is to be lived fully, trusting unswervingly in God, and when the time comes to give up this life – do it peacefully.

So...there is still hope for me to pass a few more things on to my girls.

And there is still hope for all of us, as children of the Living God, to continue to learn and grow in what Jesus and the Holy Spirit are teaching us each and every day. I'm not exactly sure what would be "old" in God's eye, but my guess is that none of us will reach that age anytime soon.

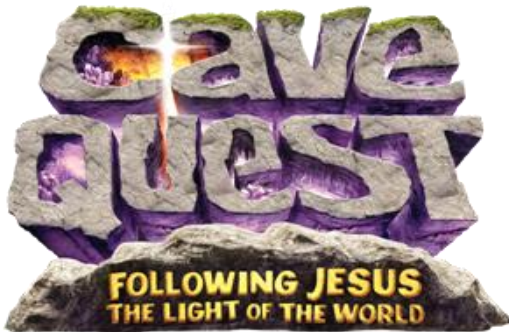


Director of Children's Ministries

Barbara Ballard (304-920-8186)

Office Hours: Mon.: 9:00–10:00 AM; 11:30–12:30 PM, Tues.: 1:00–2:00 PM

Wed.: 12:00–2:00 PM office number: 304-425-0064



Thanks to all of the youth and adult volunteers who made our "CAVE QUEST" Vacation Bible School happen this past summer. Also, we are grateful for the generous donations of snacks! Your time, talents, and gifts are invaluable!

Children's Fellowship Time & Children's Choir

Wednesday night CFT &

Children's Choir at 6:00 PM in the education wing

Children K thru 5th grade are invited to enjoy Bible lessons, crafts, games with

Miss Martha and Miss Marcia

Children's Choir with Miss Sherrie

(including Christmas play practice!) from 7:00– 7:25 PM

Join us and bring a friend!!

News
From the
3rd floor



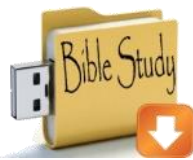
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Office Hours
Sunday 1:00-8:00 PM
Monday 3:30-8:30 PM
Tuesday 3:30-8:30 PM
Wednesday 2:30-8:30 PM
Thursday 2:30-8:30 PM



Youth Night
Sunday's 4:00 -5:30 pm

Bible Study
Wednesday's at 6:00 pm



B R E A K F A S T

September 18 & October 9
8:30am

Refreshment Cart

Dates:

Sept. 25th

Oct. 9th & 23th



Sept. 10-11th Cost: \$85.00



Oct. 26th
5-7 pm



Evaluation dates:
Sept. 26-27th
Oct. 6-8th



TLC (Thread Loving Crafters) submitted by Kathy Tucker

Hello All!

We are getting closer to the 150 goal for the hat and scarf sets. I am humbled, once again, by the commitment to create these treasures for the children of Mercer County that receive the blessings of food in their backpacks from FUMC. We should be over 120 this week.

Martha has the fabric stash for the Quilt of Valor for Veteran's Day. We will continue making our blankets, afghans, quilts, and quilt tops to prepare for Blanket Day on October 29th. Please invite your family and friends to come on that day. Lunch is provided and a day of enthusiasm, laughter, and service is a guarantee. "Boys" and youth are included too. I know that Stan is willing to pull away from his football watching that day to contribute to this amazing opportunity. Those of us that participated last year, and there were many, left feeling a sense of purpose and blessed.

In Service,

Kathy Tucker



October is



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



Transitions

In Memory:

Shirley Ann Barker



August 8, 2016

Births:

Harriet Kathryn "Hattie" Price

August 08, 2016

Daughter of Seth and Lindsay (Dunmyer) Price

Granddaughter of Steve and Nancy Price & Dan and Nancy Dunmyer

Great-granddaughter of Linda Hawkins & Donald Price



Abby Mae Painter

August 31, 2016

Daughter of Nathan and Evangeline (Vaughn) Painter

Granddaughter of Janet Vaughn &

Great-niece of Becky Helmick

Received into Membership:



July 03, 2016

Certificates of Transfer from New Hope United Methodist Church:

George Edward Haway

Kathey Lynn Cook Haway

Elizabeth Kaye Haway

Certificates of Baptized Membership from New Hope United Methodist Church:

Jakob Jefferson Haway

Paelinn Korra Haway



September Anniversaries and Birthdays



- September 01 – Moe and Kelley Rose
- September 05 – Victor and Jessica Lohr
- September 07 – Seth and Lindsay Price
- September 08 – Randy and Kelly Beachler
- September 22 – Jeremy and Amanda Wenisch
- September 30 – Jack and Carol Stafford (55)



- September 01 – Ann Struble
- September 02 – Dorothy Bailey
- September 03 – Margaret Horton(94)
- September 05 – Adeline Bowling
- September 11 – Sam Thurmer
- September 12 – DeWayne (KD) Hill
- September 12 – Cole Hollifield
- September 14 – David Knight
- September 14 – Seth Vaughn
- September 15 – Lelia Fry
- September 16 – Sabrina Mick
- September 17 – Michael Bowling
- September 17 – Bekah Smith
- September 17 – Terri Vest
- September 17 – Terry Wells
- September 18 – Mia Christ
- September 18 – Chelsea Hollifield
- September 18 – Adam Sarver
- September 21 – Melody Jenkins
- September 21 – Brenda Larue
- September 21 – Mary Ann Thomas
- September 22 – Ken Collis
- September 22 – June Griffith
- September 23 – Ryker Flanagan
- September 23 – Kim Pilkins
- September 24 – Josie Echols
- September 27 – Jett Bowling
- September 27 – Stuart Smith
- September 28 – Carroll Barth
- September 29 – Jean Cline (90)
- September 29 – Mary Lou Fensom
- September 29 – Chris Kessinger
- September 29 – Pam Sears
- September 30 – Russ Crump

October Anniversaries and Birthdays

October 01 – Brent and Joni Veneri
 October 02 – Matt and Jessica Adkins
 October 02 – Joe and Barb Hampton
 October 03 – George and Kathey Haway
 October 04 – Frank and Claudia Repass
 October 05 – Todd and Ginger Craft
 October 06 – Dan and Betty Farley
 October 07 – Jason and Lynsey Artrip

October 08 – James and Mindy Hawkins
 October 10 – Giff and Pam Coulbourne
 October 10 – Jeff and Ramonia Kessinger
 October 16 – John and Gina Moore
 October 17 – Scott and Pam Sears
 October 23 – Roger and Becky Topping
 October 28 – Terry and Jerry Childress



October 01 – Michael Lee Clark
 October 01 – Keagan Conley
 October 02 – Tyler Ball
 October 03 – Chuck Loir
 October 04 – Karen Henkes
 October 05 – Mary Ball (96)
 October 05 – Michael Paul Belcher
 October 06 – Cindy Lewis
 October 08 – Leah Comer
 October 08 – Robert Edwards
 October 08 – Andrew Fama
 October 08 – Jessee Garrett
 October 08 – Rosanna Reaser
 October 08 – Cale Veneri
 October 08 – Cory Williams
 October 09 – Megan Graham

October 09 – Britt McNew
 October 10 – Joshua Beachler
 October 10 – Morgan Forbes
 October 10 – Payton Forbes
 October 10 – Bill Fredeking
 October 10 – Emma Graham
 October 11 – Janet Compton
 October 11 – Logan Elmore
 October 11 – Tracy Smith
 October 12 – Joe Hampton
 October 12 – Delaney Quesenberry
 October 13 – Dreama Swecker
 October 15 – Barry Griffith
 October 15 – Clinton Jones
 October 16 – Carol Stafford
 October 16 – Robert Vest
 October 17 – Kristi Lewis
 October 17 – Greg Price
 October 18 – Heather Bostic
 October 18 – Whitney Graham
 October 18 – Patti Smith
 October 18 – Pat Veneri
 October 19 – Cade Fix
 October 19 – Bucky Price

October 20 – William Fredeking
 October 20 – Stephanie Knight
 October 20 – Kelsey Sarles
 October 20 – Maleko Townsend
 October 21 – Ginger Craft
 October 21 – Janet Vaughn
 October 22 – June Jones (99)
 October 22 – Angela Nash
 October 22 – Sherrie Price
 October 22 – Kent Thompson
 October 23 – Tim Stutler
 October 23 – Jonathan Clark
 October 24 – Sarah Jessee
 October 24 – Marshall Lytton
 October 25 – Scott Jones
 October 26 – Robbie Fix
 October 26 – Justin Graham
 October 26 – Leah Mendez
 October 28 - Ben Gay
 October 30 – Bernie Dragich
 October 30 – Nate Rowe
 October 30 – Christa Thomas
 October 31 – Jessica Pritchett



In Memory of ...

Shirley A. Barker

gifts have been designated

by

Fisher & Hodges CPAS AC

Paul and Nancy Hodges

Hickman's Pharmacy

Memorial Fund

Clyde L. Farley

gifts have been designated

by

Judith L. Fleming

Higher Education Grant Fund

Fred Raines

a gift has been designated

by

Mary E. Merritt

Robert L. Raines

Robert L. and Brenda Raines

Church Band

Ed and Margaret Horton

Feeding Hungry Children Fund

Helen E. Shapard

a gift has been designated

by

Glenna B. Belcher

Terry and Jerry Childress

Ed and Margaret Horton

Ott and JoAnna Fredeking

Norman and Nancy Jones

Betty Musick

Teresa Wells

E. K. and Betty Williams

Odell H. Huffman Scholarship Fund

Ernest G. "Peg" Tolley

a gift has been designated

by

Ed and Margaret Horton

Feeding Hungry Children Fund

Ed and Mary Ruth Austin

Elmer and Norma Bay

Sherry Depoy

Nancy Donovan

Johnston Chapel Baptist Church

Frank and Joby Meade

Alta Denise Smith

Karen Thorn

Memorial Fund

Rosie Gilmore, Larry Gilmore, Barbara Bruner

Memorial Fund





Thank You Notes

Dear Church Members,

I would like to thank all of you that have sent me so many beautiful “get well” cards, some multiple times! You have given me much faith that I will get better and be back with you soon. And thank you, Pastor Scott, for your visits to the hospitals, and phone calls. They mean a lot to me.

After chemo therapy and a heart attack, it has been a rough time, but I know that the Lord is with me all the way, and you are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Gail Burks

Dear Friend,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your generous donation to the PVHS 2016 Project Graduation. The seniors that attended had a fun-filled evening and left with cash and prizes thanks to your generosity. We appreciate your support.

Thank you,

PVHS Project Graduation Committee

First United Methodist Church Members,

On behalf of Tender Mercies let me say we are so very appreciative and humbled at your generous gift. It is with friends like you that we are able to continue feeding the hungry in our area. There are so many families in need and the number continues to grow with recent unemployment and lay-offs in the area. These are difficult times and your involvement is making an amazing difference in our community.

It would be very difficult to continue this service and give the amount of food we do to our participants without your generous gift. Being able to help so many is worthwhile to all who volunteer, and your cooperation and support are paramount to everyone.

You are giving to help our community and those that receive are so very blessed.

We thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

Margaret Mitchell, President



Thank You Notes, continued

Dear Pastor Sears and FUMC,

I want to thank you so much for your prayers, support, and love during our difficult times with Malik. We appreciate your help which enabled us to stay near Malik while he was hospitalized and has helped me to stay at home to care for him. He is getting better each day and it really is a miracle!

Thank you all so much.

With love from

The Seye Family

We thank you... We want to let you know we received the beautiful memorial volume you sent us. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is very much appreciated.

In memory of our son, Carl Jr. We thank each of you. The book is beautiful.

God bless each of you,

Carl and Violet Powell

We thank you... We want to let you know we received the beautiful memorial volume you sent us. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is very much appreciated.

Gary W. and Donna Hall



FourSeasonsDiggers, Metal Detecting Group

Mona Lester, Rick Dooley and Larry Cook have formed a metal detecting group called FourSeasonsDiggers, reflecting that we live in Four Seasons Country. Our passion/hobby is to discover what lies directly beneath our feet. We do this by using metal detectors to learn about the generations who have lived on our lands before us. We do not sell our finds or profit in any way from our hobby, except from the fun and enjoyment we share while metal detecting.



We are in need of permissions to hunt on land that may have buried history. Farms, fields and yards of older homes are perfect places to find historical artifacts. We will also be happy to look for and return any lost family items you believe to be on your property while we search for clues of days-gone-by. We remove all trash that we find (nails, pieces of aluminum cans, broken glass, etc.) which can be dangerous if left in the ground. If you have any property you would let us hunt on, please contact Rick, Mona or Larry.

We are also looking for others to share in our hobby. If you think you might like the thrill of finding “treasure”, come with us on one of our hunts. We are new to this, so don’t think you are joining a bunch of professionals. It’s not all glamour, but when we do find treasure, we react accordingly. We would love to have you join us!



Attendance

ATTENDANCE – July 2016					ATTENDANCE – August 2016				
Date	Sunday School	10:50 AM Worship	Online	TOTAL	Date	Sunday School	10:50 AM Worship	Online	TOTAL
07.03.2016	60	128	6	134	08.07.2016	56	141	12	153
07.10.2016	79	134	11	145	08.14.2016	79	150	23	173
07.17.2016	79	148	11	156	08.21.2016	75	183	63	246
07.24.2016	96	165	10	175	08.28.2016	68	129	13	142
07.31.2016	71	139	8	147					



Not Quite Home, continued

So let's keep up the training...that which we are giving to our earthly children...that which we offer to other children of God in this world...and that which we receive from the Triune God.

Pastor Scott



Office Hours for Church Treasurer, Kristine Price

(Beginning Monday - August 8th)

Monday-8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Tuesday-8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Wednesday-8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday - 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Office Hours for Children's Ministries Director

Monday - 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Tuesday -1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM



Office Hours for Youth Ministries Director

Sunday – 1:00 - 8:00 PM

Monday – 3:30 – 8:30 PM

Tuesday – 3:30 – 8:30 PM

Wednesday – 2:30 – 8:30 PM

Thursday – 2:30 – 8:30 PM

Singular Selections - a variety of nonrelated topics

Wednesday Bible Study

Although our Adult Bible study began on Wednesday, August 24, at 6:00 pm in Schell Hall, ***it is not too late for you to join us.*** During these sessions (from 6:00 to 7:25 each Wednesday) we will be studying “The Sin of Certainty” by Peter Enns. (This is a follow-up book to “The Bible Tells Me So” and was a very popular – if not agreeable – study time.) Pastor Scott prepared a Bible Study workbook to go along with this particular book so that we can spend an equal amount of time looking at Biblical passages as well as Enns’ thought on the “use and misuse” of Scripture in our day and time. If you are interested in this study, please call the church office and let us know. Also let us know whether you will need a copy of the book. Copies of the workbook are available upon request.



Coffee with the Pastor

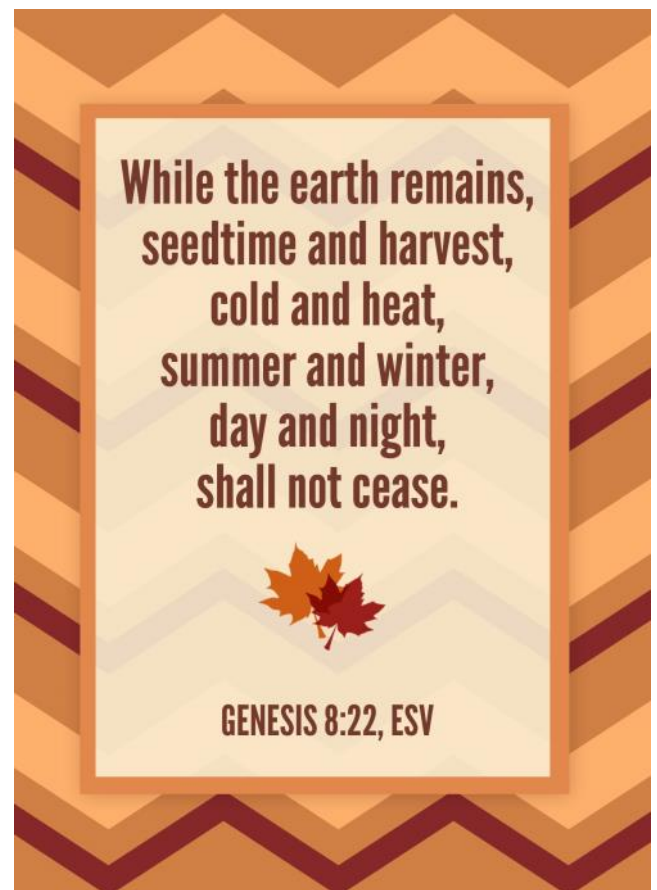
Got a question about First UMC, Princeton? Want to know more about the UMC in general? Just like to have coffee before you head to worship?

You are invited to join Pastor Scott in Schell Hall at 9:30 am on September 25 and/or October 23 for “Coffee with the Pastor.” There is no agenda to these informal times of talking, sharing and prayer, so please, come and be a part of the Fellowship!

Confirmation Classes

All youth ages 11-14 who have not yet become “full members” of First UMC, are invited to attend Confirmation classes this Fall. These classes will help young persons explore their faith, understand the history of the church and make a decision about whether to become a professing member of the church. We will be meeting from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm September 11, 18 and 25 as well as October 2, 9 and 16. It is important to be at as many session as possible. Please call Pastor Scott to reserve your spot!

New Members and Confirmands will be received on Sunday, November 6th.



Praying for Jobs in September and Beyond



Several months ago Pastor Scott took a poll of the congregation to determine the most pressing need for our community. With little competition, the answer was JOBS! We all seem to realize that we live in a very tight job market and the types of jobs available in our area of West Virginia continue to change. This IS something about which our community of faith should be in prayer. We must be the agents of hope who

believe that God can do something about the job situation in our community!!

Although we will be praying for jobs in general, the Princeton Renaissance Team has asked us to lift up special prayers for a grant request called “Building Creative Capital in the Virginias.” Should this grant be approved, it will provide 14 full time and up to 100 part time jobs for our area. (We learned of this grant at the same time we were sharing our commitment to be in prayer...so, we can trust that “this is a God thing”!)

September 4th – We will be praying together for those who are working and for those who are currently unemployed. This is being done in remembrance of Labor Day on September 5th.

September 11th – Church members will have the opportunity during worship to pray at the Chancel Rail, light a candle, and commit to praying that week for jobs to be found in our community.

September 18th – We will take time in our worship service to pray in small groups for jobs and for the “Building Creative Capital in the Virginias” grant.

September 25th – We will be signing up for a prayer vigil that will last from September 25th through the start of the WV Legislative Session on January 13th. Each person interested can sign up for one or more days of the 111 needed to complete this vigil and spend at least some time during that day in prayer for jobs for our community.

To everything
there is a SEASON



Activity
Calendar

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