

# The Remarker

First United Methodist Church



Princeton, West Virginia

A Place of Trust



A Place to Become



Church in the  of Princeton

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## District Praise Reports

A member of the District Lead Team will be at First UMC, Princeton on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to listen to our church share some of the great ministries that are taking place here. Eva Faulkner, a lay member of this District Team would like to have as many people present as possible. Pastor Scott will be inviting the Program Council and the Church Council to come and be a part of this "reporting" meeting! Think about the wonderful things God is doing through First UMC and come and join us for this celebration.

## Confirmation Sunday

We will be confirming two members into full membership at FUMC on Sunday, October 4 during our morning worship service.

***IF there are any others who wish to be baptized and/or join the church on this date, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible!***

(Pastor Scott is requesting that all new members take our new member class prior to joining.)





## **Not Quite Home**

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change  
which is pretty much everyone, since I'm clearly not you, God.  
At least the last time I checked.*

Okay, I have to admit that this is a struggle for me at times. There are some people that I would like to change. There are some other people that I would LOVE to change! But the fact of the matter is that I am not God and I don't get to change anyone. Well, almost anyone...

*And while you're at it God, please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself,  
which is frankly a lot, since, once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.  
It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people,  
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway.*

Well, there you have it. I can change someone. I can change me and God knows that there is a lot about me that needs changed. Sometimes it is an overwhelming amount. Sometimes, it is just a few little tweaks. But most of the time – there's a lot of work to be done on this preacher. (Now, just in case you are saying, shouting, screaming "Amen" about this preacher needing to change, please keep in mind that you are not God either and although the chances may be slim, you might need to change as well. Just saying...)

*Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think I'm clearly smarter  
than everyone else in the room,  
that no one knows what they're talking about except me,  
or that I have all the answers.*

Sigh.

Okay, this is me again. Chances are it is you as well, but I will leave that totally up to you to figure out. This one reminds me so much of one of the HEART principles that I pray our church adopts as a Church in the Heart of Princeton – "Even though I am right, it does not make you wrong." Some folks see this principle as non-sense. Someone has to be right and someone has to be wrong. Maybe. But perhaps none of us have the same knowledge of the Almighty to determine which is which. I believe our best move is to continue to be in conversation with one another no matter how much we disagree.

*Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you. Amen.*

This adaption of the Serenity Prayer is one I read every day when I come into the office. It reminds me of my place in the Kingdom and it gives me hope that one day, if we can all pray this prayer and allow it to shape us as a Community of Faith, well, I just know God will have even greater things in store for us.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Scott



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## CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP TIME

Wednesday - 6:00–7:00 PM

Beginning August 26, 2015

Roe Chapel - Education Wing

"Creation" with Miss Martha & Miss Marcia

Stories, crafts, games!

Children's Choir practice with Sherrie

Price for grades 1–5

Immediately following CFT: 7:00–7:25 PM



## TRUNK OR TREAT AND ALL SAINT'S DAY



Wednesday - October 28th,  
5 – 7 PM

Children can "trick-or-treat"  
in our parking lot.

Hot dog sale, games,  
cake walk...in the

Family Ministries Center.

EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR  
AN EVENING OF FUN AND  
FELLOWSHIP!

### Volunteers are needed to:

- ◇ Decorate your car & hand out candy
- ◇ Help run a game booth
- ◇ Help another person at their car
- ◇ Help by being a runner
- ◇ Help donate treats (candy, small toys, pencils)
- ◇ Be part of the set-up team and/or parking patrol

Contact DCE office to volunteer!!



## September-October 2015



Support  
Our  
Youth!!!

### Blanket Day October 24 from 10:00am-4:00pm

The members of the Textile Ministry together with Youth, church members and students from Concord University will come together to create as many blankets, quilts, and afghans as possible. These newly created items will be distributed to the Children's Home Society and the homeless. As winter approaches, the need for these items will become critical.



Lunch will be provided.

And as Kathy Tucker says, if you can tie a knot, you can help!



**Transitions**

**Birth:**

Elliot John-Steven Bowling

July 27, 2015

*Son of Michael and Stephanie (Hall) Bowling; brother of Adeline Bowling*

**In Memory:**

Mrs. Verla Ashworth Sledge

April 06, 1916 – July 31, 2015

Mrs. Virginia Bess Culbertson Micheal

February 06, 1918 – August 22, 2015



**Attendance**

ATTENDANCE – July 2015		
Date	Sunday School	10:50 AM Worship
07.05.2015	57	148
07.12.2015	74	158
07.19.2015	53	159
07.26.2015	67	132

ATTENDANCE – August 2015		
Date	Sunday School	10:50 AM Worship
08.02.2015	44	134
08.09.2015	63	144
08.16.2015	67	167
08.23.2015	63	156
08.30.2015	63	180



## **College News**

*“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...”*

*--Dr. Seuss, **Oh, the Places You'll Go!***

STUDENTS....this one is for you!!

This month's article starts out with some sage advice to all of our college students from one of the "wisest philosophers" of our times, Dr. Seuss. Many of you have been soaking in wisdom from his assorted works since before you could read them yourselves. But this advice from his work "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" is so appropriate to your situation. As new or even as returning college students you will be making a lot of independent decisions, perhaps for the first time in your lives. In making those decisions please think about the direction they will take you. Will skipping that early class frequently because you are deciding to stay up so late and really, really need the sleep more than the class, taking you in the direction you want to go? Will deciding to study for that test by way of an "all-nighter" get you the grades you need to maintain your scholarship? When to study, what to eat, who to be friends with, where to hang out, how to stay close to God, and on and on.....Decisions, decisions, decisions!! As the good Dr. says, they are your feet in your shoes and your decisions that will take you in a direction.....Make certain it's a direction you want.

## **Feeding Hungry Children**


In the spirit of keeping our church family up to date, the Feeding Hungry Children Team wants to let you know that by the time you get this edition of the newsletter, we will have completed packaging for two weeks of deliveries and should be delivering to our four base schools (Princeton Primary, Straley, Mercer, and the Mercer County Early Learning Center Pre-school) plus a special delivery to one Princeton High School student referred by the school principal. He and his mother have found themselves in extremely difficult circumstances that were affecting the student's ability to attend regularly and function in the school setting. Each time you go out to eat or pull food from your refrigerator to fix a meal at home, please remember that poverty and hunger in our area is very real and we can do something to help. Thanks to everyone who has supported this project in the last couple years and we hope you will continue to remember our efforts with your prayers and donations.

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 4:00-5:30 pm



**Bible Study**  
Wednesday's at 6:00 pm

**UNITED**

They all met together and were constantly united in prayer.

SEE YOU AT THE POLL  
WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

**September 26<sup>th</sup> 7 AM - 3 PM**

**HEGF Youth  
Yard  
Sale**



Items can be dropped off beginning  
Sept. 12th



**HEGF  
Drama & Lunch  
Disco Bible  
Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**YOUTH Sunday**  
Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 13th **PRAYER**  
*breakfast*



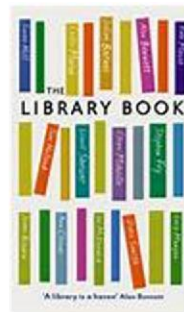

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>  
must RSVP



Nov. 1  
5:45 PM



**Library News - And Stuff** - Submitted by Jerry Flanagan, Librarian



**LIBRARY NEWS & STUFF**

**DRAWING**

The drawing for September-October is for a DVD called HACHI: A DOG'S TALE. This is a true story about Hachi and the Wilson family. Professor Parker Wilson discovers a lost Akita puppy on his way home from work. Although his wife initially objects to adding the puppy to their family, Hachi endears himself to the entire family while inspiring the hearts of the whole town.

For the drawing of this DVD, write your name and the title on a piece of paper and place your entry in the offering plate or mail to FUMC Library, P.O. Box 304, Princeton, WV 24740. All may participate in this drawing whether or not a member of this church.





## **September Anniversaries and Birthdays**



September 01 – Moe & Kelley Rose  
 September 05 – Victor & Jessica Lohr  
 September 07 – Seth & Lindsay Price  
 September 08 – Randy & Kelly Beachler  
 September 22 – Jeremy & Amanda Wenisch  
 September 29 – Bob & Leslie Henry  
 September 30 – Jack & Carol Stafford



September 01 – Ann Struble  
 September 02 – Dorothy Bailey  
 September 02 – Mildred Hoge (91)  
 September 03 – Margaret Horton (93)  
 September 05 - Adeline Bowling  
 September 00 – Julia Olachea  
 September 11 – John O'Dell

September 11 – Sam Thurmer  
 September 12 – DeWayne 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 – Terry Wells  
 September 18 – Mia Christ  
 September 18 – Chelsea Hollifield  
 September 18 – Solomon McClanahan  
 September 18 – Adam Sarver  
 September 20 – Joel O'Dell  
 September 21 – Melody Jenkins  
 September 21 – Brenda LaRue  
 September 21 – Mary Ann Thomas  
 September 22 – Ken Collis  
 September 22 – June Griffith  
 September 23 – Kim Pilkins  
 September 24 – Josie Echols  
 September 24 – Virginia Shapard (105)  
 September 27 – Jett Bowling  
 September 27 – Stuart Smith  
 September 28 – Carroll Barth  
 September 29 – Jean Cline  
 September 29 – Mary Lou Fensom  
 September 29 – Chris Kessinger  
 September 29 – Pam Sears  
 September 30 – Russ Crumb  
 September 30 – Thomas Taylor

## October Anniversaries and Birthdays



October 01 – Brent & Joni Veneri  
 October 02 – Matt & Jessica Adkins  
 October 02 – Joe & Barb Hampton  
 October 04 – Frank & Claudia Repass  
 October 05 – Todd & Ginger Craft  
 October 06 – Dan & Betty Farley  
 October 07 – Jason & Lynsey Artrip  
 October 08 – James & Mindy Hawkins  
 October 10 – Giff & Pam Coulbourne  
 October 10 – Jeff & Ramonia Kessinger  
 October 16 – John & Gina Moore  
 October 17 – Scott & Pam Sears  
 October 23 – Roger & Becky Topping  
 October 28 – Terry & Jerry Childress



October 01 – Michael Lee Clark  
 October 01 – Keagan Conley  
 October 02 – Tyler Ball  
 October 03 – Chuck Lohr  
 October 04 – Karen Henkes  
 October 04 – Alyson Hollins  
 October 05 – Mary Ball (95)  
 October 05 – Michael Paul Belcher  
 October 06 – Cincy Lewis  
 October 07 – Robert Betker  
 October 08 – Leah Comer  
 October 08 – Robert Edwards, Jr.  
 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 – Tracy Smith  
 October 12 – Joe Hampton  
 October 12 – Delaney Quesenberry  
 October 13 – Dreama Swecker  
 October 15 – Barry Griffith  
 October 16 – Carol Stafford  
 October 17 – Kristi Lewis  
 October 17 – Greg Price  
 October 18 – Whitney Graham  
 October 18 – Patti Smith  
 October 18 – Pat Veneri  
 October 19 – Cade Fix  
 October 19 – Gregory L. “Bucky” Price  
 October 20 – William Fredeking  
 October 20 – Stephanie Knight  
 October 20 – Kelsey Sarles  
 October 21 – Ginger Craft  
 October 21 – Janet Vaughn  
 October 22 – June Jones (98)  
 October 22 – Angela Nash  
 October 22 – Sherrie Price  
 October 22 – Kent Thompson  
 October 23 – Tim Stutler  
 October 24 – 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 Honor and In Memory of**

***In Honor of Gail Rector***

***and***

***In Memory of Martha Rector***

a gift has been designated

by

JoAnna M. Fredeking

***Feeding Hungry Children Fund***

***Marguerite Brown***

a gift has been designated

by

Linda J. Vance

***Feeding Hungry Children***

***Trevor Johnston***

a gift has been designated

by

Terry and Jerry Childress

***Odell H. Huffman Scholarship Fund***

***Virginia Bess Micheal***

a gift has been designated

by

Lockheed Martin MP&SS Staff-members:

John King, David Weber,

Stephanie Douglass and Sharon Garner

***Memorial Fund***

by

Terry and Jerry Childress

***Odell H. Huffman Scholarship Fund***

***Julia Price***

a gift has been designated

by

Jerry and Patty Flanagan

***Textile Ministries Fund***

***Emory J. "Buddy" Reaser, Jr.***

a gift has been designated

by

Rosanna Reasor

Gail Rector

Gayle Walthall Wise

***Feeding Hungry Children Fund***

***Martha Rector***

a gift has been designated

by

Ruth L. Boyles

Bridgette Pendleton

***Feeding Hungry Children Fund***

***Verla Sledge***

a gift has been designated

by

Renewal Class

David and Ellen Knight

***General Fund***

***Daniel Ray "Danny" Thomas***

a gift has been designated

by

Kristina L. Lewis

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**In Honor and In Memory , continued from Page 12**

*Feeding Hungry Children Fund*

***Elwood Edward “Wood” Vaughn, Jr.***

*a gift has been designated*

*by*

Kristina L. Lewis

Jerry and Patty Flanagan

*Feeding Hungry Children Fund*

***Special Memorials***

***Danny Thomas***

*A gift of Soup Bowls were purchased for the church kitchen*

*by*

by Jerry & Patty Flanagan

The book:

***Luke’s Daughters: A MEMOIR of Northfork, West Virginia***

has been placed in the church library in memory of the author,

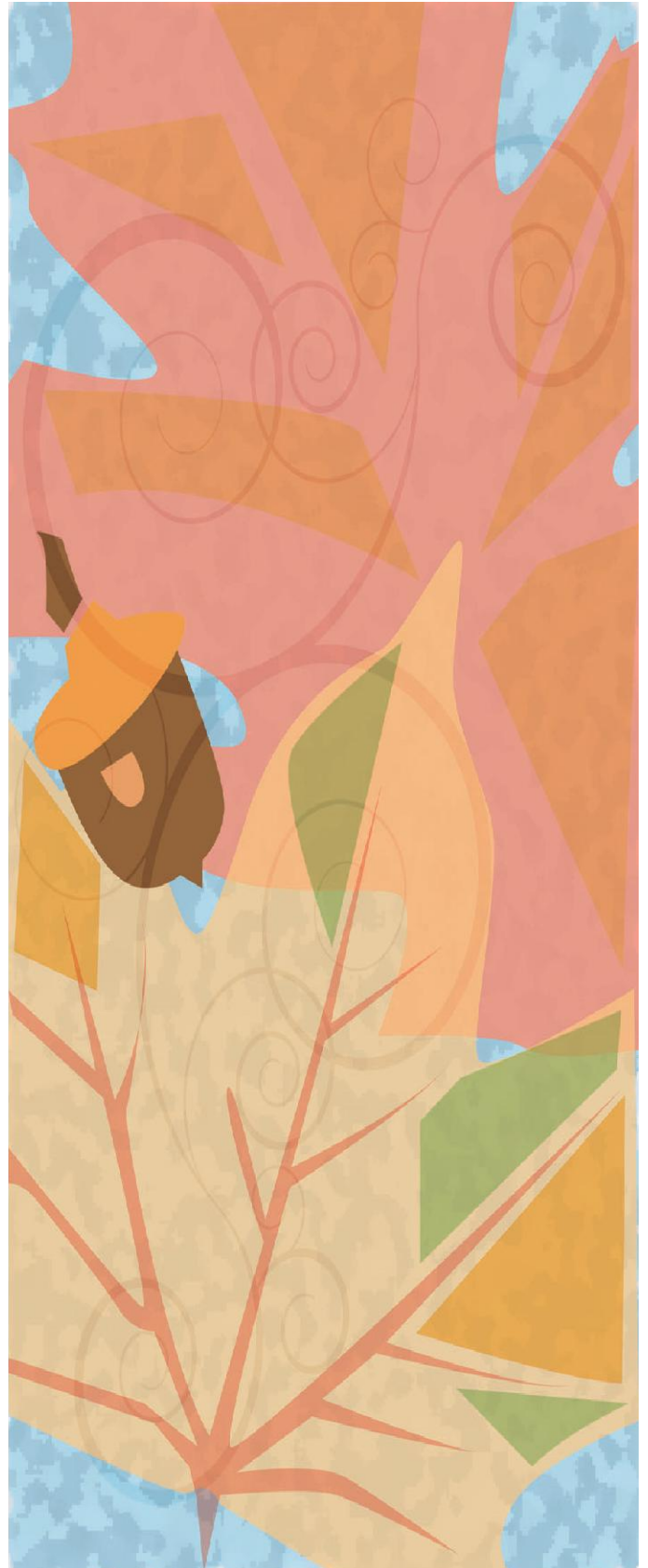
***Martha Gianato Rector***

*and in honor of author*

***Jenna Gianato Colovini***

*by*

Jerry & Patty Flanagan





## Thank You's

Mary's Cradle Maternity & Infant Resource Center received your Mother's Day Crib Campaign Gift to purchase safe cribs and mattresses for families in need. Our families are greatly blessed by your gift.

Blessings to All,

Mary's Cradle

*Dear Church Family,*

*We want to graciously thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers and love shown to our family with the passing of our sister-in-law Mary Iris Hampton. WE greatly appreciate your concerns and may God richly bless each of you.*

*With sincere thanks,*

*Joe and Barbara Hampton*

*A farewell message from Edie Carr*

*(At the request of her daughters, Edie has moved to Atlanta Georgia to be closer to family. Edie's daughter, Kathy Carr Kuntz, submitted these thoughts from her mom about her church.)*

*As I start my journey to the next chapter of my life, I want you to know how much I love and cherish my memories of FUMC.*

*When I was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, I started going to church with my friend Mary Lou Hoke. We had the same taste in boys and found the cutest ones at First Methodist.*

*While Robert participated in the choir for 67 years, I found my own niches. Among my favorite memories are decorating the "new" parsonage to creating the annual Thanksgiving alter with God's bounty.*

*God has blessed each and every one of us in this congregation and you will always dwell in my heart.*

*Edie Carr*



## **Church Happenings**

### **Charge Conference**

The Annual Charge Conference for First United Methodist Church, Princeton, will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Sanctuary and our Charge Conference will be presided over by Rev. Joe Kenaston, Southern District Superintendent. Although anyone may attend Charge Conference, the only persons with voice and vote at the annual meeting are those who are elected members of the Church Council. It is expected that all members of Church Council will be present for this meeting! If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

### **Christmas Extravaganza**

This year our Christmas Cantata, Children's Program, Christmas Drama and Christmas Dinner are going to take place on one evening in the gym of our Family Ministries Center. The date for this extravaganza will be December 6 starting at 5:00 with the Cantata, Program and Drama, which should all take about 45 minutes. We will follow this with our traditional "carry in" dinner! This should be a fantastic way for our Church Family to celebrate the Holy Days leading up our Christmas Celebration!

### **Christmas Dinner Table Decorating Contest**

Once again this year, we will be holding a decorating contest for the tables for the December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner. However, this year we are throwing in a couple of twists.

First, your table – either decorated by a family, a group, or a Sunday School Class, must have their table decorated no later than 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Judging for this year's event will be done by the Clergy and Spouses of the Southern District. They are holding their Christmas luncheon in the FMC gym on December 5<sup>th</sup> and we are asking them to pick our winner and provide a prize for the winning table!

So – Get your Decorating ON!! Let's show the clergy of our District how to really decorate for a Christmas party!

### **Compass Group**

Pastor Scott is currently working on putting together a Compass Group that will meet to worship, study, and design a Ministry Action Plan for First United Methodist Church. If you feel you are a tithing, praying, regular worshipping member of this congregation with a desire to lead it into the next part of our time of ministry, please contact Pastor Scott.

# JOIN US FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL STATE WIDE HIKE



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SUMMERSVILLE  
WEIRTON



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SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

8:30 AM \$35 ADULTS  
\$15 UNDER 18

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CHECK OUT OUR EARLY BIRD RATES BEFORE JULY 31ST