

The Remarker

First United Methodist Church



Princeton, West Virginia

A Place to Trust



A Place to Become



Church in the  of Princeton

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The Children, under the direction of Sherrie Price, will present "I Am a Promise" (Arranged by: Craig Adams and Rhonda Frazier) during the Mother's Day service on May 8th. The Rosebud Choir will join them for the finale.



Children's Mothers Day Program

Please plan on worshipping with us and enjoying this special presentation by our wonderful children.

Many thanks to Sherrie, Barbara Ballard, Martha Cook and all the other volunteers for the love you pour in to our children!

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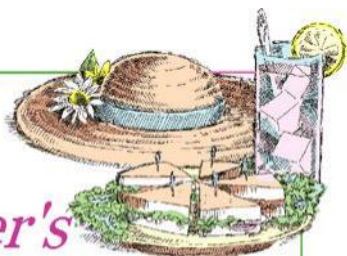
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Mother's Day Brunch



Prayers for



General and Annual Conference



Father's Day BRUNCH





Not Quite Home

From the pastor...

⁴² The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. ⁴³ A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were united and shared everything. ⁴⁵ They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. ⁴⁶ Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. ⁴⁷ They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 Common English Bible

During our Sunday worship about a year ago, we filled the sanctuary with 133 balloons to represent the changes in our attendance at FUMC since about 1990. At the time of the balloons, we were averaging 167 in worship. Around 1990, we were averaging close to 300.

A year later, our weekly average is 177. Not bad really. Especially if you take into account that during that same year we had 15 members go on to eternity.

By the time you read this I will have answered a question in our "Ask Almost Anything" series that deals with church growth and what that means. Because we are currently in a period of growth – yes, we are actually a growing church – I thought I would encourage you to continue the things that you are doing that are helping that growth. (If you heard my answer, these may sound familiar. They will also seem familiar if you have read *I Refuse to Serve a Dying Church*, which is the inspiration for them.)

Choosing Life Over Death – Trusting Jesus – As a congregation that creates environments where people can learn to trust Jesus, one of the most important things that we are doing each and every day is choosing life over death. Our lives, both in and away from the church building, proclaim that there is something more powerful at work in this world than all the troubles that we see. That something is life in Jesus and we choose it each day!

Being Involved in Grace Groups – Trusting Others – Another reason that our church has seen growth in the last year is because more and more people are becoming a part of some small group that helps them in the Christian life. I don't have hard numbers in front of me, but I am certain this is happening. Why? Because the church is growing. It fascinates me that despite the good that small groups or grace groups do for both the individual and the church, many people choose not to be a part of one. The main reason given is: I just don't have the time. My prayer over the next year will be that more and more of us commit as much time to small group participation as we do to some of the other important things in our lives.

Creating a fun place to be – Believe it or not, one of the hardest things for a church to do is become a fun place. We tend to be serious, because we realize that salvation is serious business. However, whenever we take ourselves too seriously, we lose focus of Jesus and tend to trust ourselves too much. This is why it is important for us to continue to be a "fun" place to be. If we laugh a



Director of Children's Ministries

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Mother's Day

Brunch

Sunday, May
8th

Schell Hall

9:30-10:30 AM

Chef Bill Lewis & team

will provide delicious
breakfast fare, with a
variety of quiches as their
featured dish.



**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME !!!**



Free Sunday School Lessons One Room Sunday School

(Ages Preschool - 5th grade)

9:30 AM:

Offering, snack, &
fellowship

9:40-10:30 AM:

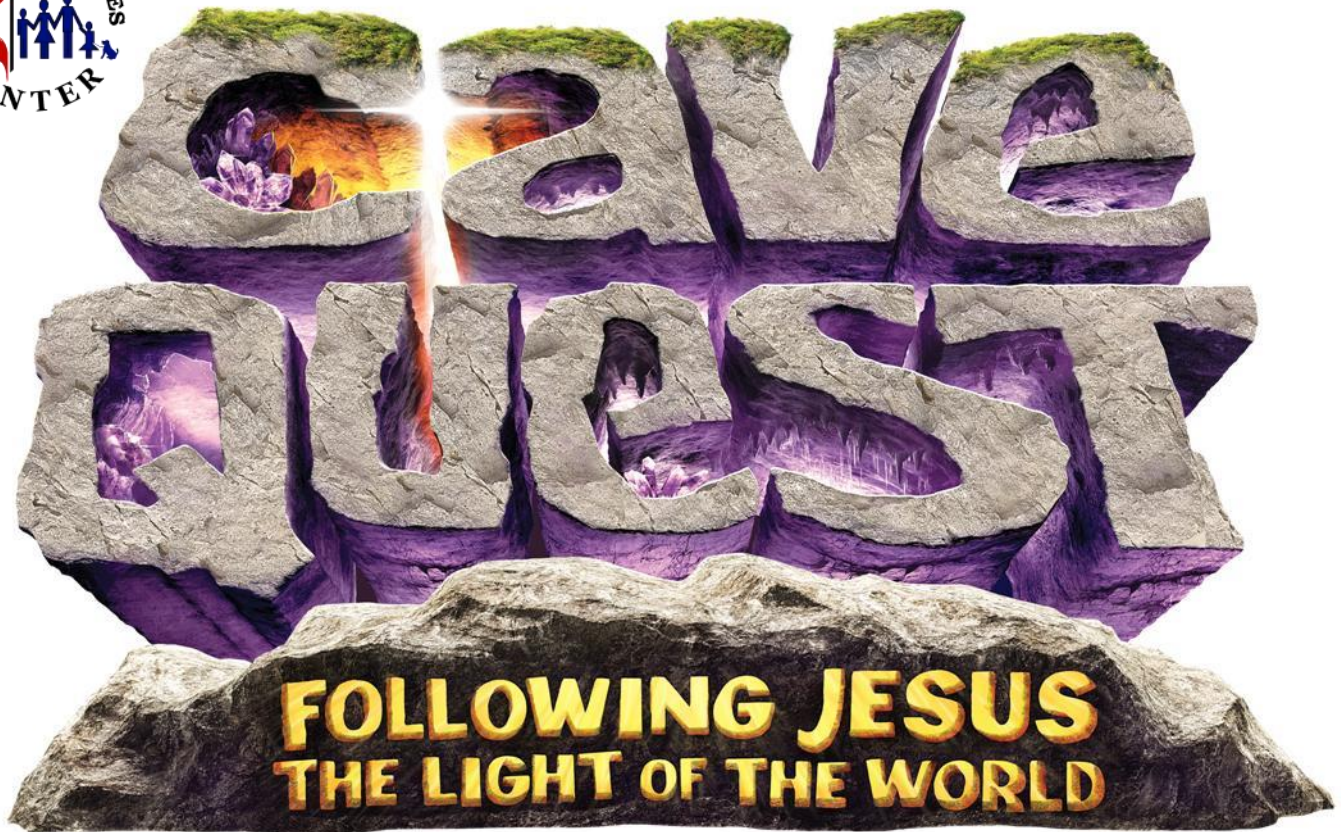
Bible lesson,
games, and activities with
Miss Sandy, Miss Karen
and Miss Barbara

10:30 AM:

Visit Mr. Jerry's library and attend
worship or Preschool Church



SUNDAY SCHOOL



VBS 2016

Sunday, July 17th - Thursday, July 21st

6:00—8:30 PM, with optional snack supper at 5:30 PM

*Volunteers will be needed for Snacks (guidance provided by Patty Flanagan), Preschool supervision, and Imagination Station, Games, and Crew Leaders. Decorating opportunities (under the direction of Marcia Anderson) will also be available.

See Barb about your area of interest.

*If you are not available to work every day of VBS, that's fine, we will work with your schedule!

News
From the
3rd floor



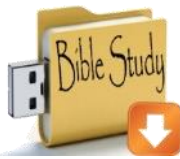
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Office Hours
Sunday 2-8:30
Monday 10:30-4
Tuesday 10:30-4
Wednesday 11:30-8
Thursday 10:30-12:30




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

Bible Study
Wednesday's at 6:00 pm



June 8th
12 PM

 WOW!!!! A great big THANK YOU to all the adults, young adults and youth who participated in this year's 30 for 70 event. You raised \$1500 + in monetary donations and an overwhelming amount of food and clothing donations. Well Done!

McDowell County



June 23-25th

MISSION TRIP



Dates:

May 22nd June 12th & 26

Library News and Stuff



Jerry Flanagan, Librarian

COOKBOOKS

Some of my favorite books are cookbooks. Your church library has a few cookbooks with some really good recipes.

The Southern Gospel Music Cookbook has over 200 recipes collected from some of Southern Gospels greatest. You can check out recipes like Summer Squash Casserole from J.D. Sumner, Jim's Alabama Chili from Jim Nabors, Statesmen Sweet and Sour Meatballs from The Statesmen, Saw the Light Sausage Casserole from The Kingdom Heirs, and.....

My Special Tea from Squire Parsons

1 ½ cups of Tang

½ cup Instant lemon tea

1 cup sugar

½ T ground cinnamon

¼ tsp ground cloves

In a medium bowl combine all of the ingredients. Transfer to an airtight container. Use two or three teaspoons to one cup of hot water.

The *Beverly Lewis Amish Heritage Cookbook* has a few of the following recipes: Rebecca Lapp's Homemade Dumplings, Stuffed Tomato Salad, Cornmeal Mush, Taffy, Corn Pudding, and Friendship Bread.

Fix-it and Forget-it Diabetic Cookbook offers lots of crock pot recipes for diabetics like Party-Time Beans and Pizza Potatoes. Each recipe comes with its Exchange Value and Basic Nutritional Values. In addition, the book is full of tips and has outlines for a week of menus.

The Blue Willow Inn Cookbook includes recipes like Southern-Fried Oysters, Stewed Tomatoes, Peanut Butter Pie and for your ice cream and pancakes.....

College News - submitted by Patty Flanagan

College graduation is here again and First United Methodist Church has quite a few students finishing their higher education goals. Please make certain to congratulate these young adults and let them know how proud we are of their hard work and efforts over the last few years.

Lindsay Comer, daughter of Steve and Lori Comer, will graduate from Johnson and Wales University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Baking and Pastry Arts. After semesters in France and Hawaii, Lindsay spent her last semester at the Biltmore Estate and will be working there after graduation.

Kristina Price, daughter of Ray and Sherri Price, will graduate from Bluefield State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy. She will be taking her CPA exam and seeking employment.

Tierney Quesenberry, daughter of Mike and Kathy Quesenberry, will graduate with an Associate degree in Radiologic Technology. She plans to continue her education pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Imaging Science with a concentration in Ultrasound.

Roman Runyon, son of Amy and Mickey Runyon, will graduate at the end of summer from Concord University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Music and sociology. He plans to continue his education at James Madison University in the fall pursuing a Masters degree in Percussion and Composition.

Abbey Stafford, daughter of Will and Pam Stafford, will graduate from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. She plans to work this summer and then start Law School at West Virginia University in the fall.

Stephanie Thompson, daughter of Kent and Joanna Thompson, will graduate from West Virginia University with a Master's degree in Nutritional and Food Science. She is attempting to locate an internship which will qualify her as a Registered Dietician before finding full time employment.

Anthony Veneri, son of Tony and Becky Veneri, will graduate from West Virginia University with a combined Bachelor of Arts degree in Multidisciplinary Studies and a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education with specializations in General Education K-5 and Special Education K- Adult. He will begin his job search and hopes to locate something locally

Please keep these young adults in your prayers as they seek to establish careers or continue working on their educational goals.



**TLC (Thread Loving Crafters)** - submitted by Kathryn Tucker

The Thread Loving Crafters-TLC are busy busy busy, as usual. Eighteen women continue to work hard, play hard, and being blessed by this amazing ministry. Some of the items that are being created are:

Newborn hats (Nearly 900 have been made with 4 hospitals now being recipients)

Baby booties (These are specially earmarked for Welch Community Hospital for the extremely needy there.)

Hat and scarf sets (There is a need for 150-160 in the fall with additional children in Feeding the Hungry Children. 130 were distributed this last winter)

Pillowcase dresses and shorts for overseas missions (These will be shipped in a suitcase in May at National Conference)

Fleece tied blankets (is an ongoing project)

Afghans (Too many have been made to count and are continually being distributed. Did you see Scott's Duke Afghan/Cape?)

Cancer Hats (One of the newer projects)

Prayer Shawls (This activity has generated 2 dozen so far and blessed so many)

Lap Quilts (In addition to the many that were given to church members and various individuals last year, 4 more were recently given to church members battling illnesses. 6 new ones are being completed that will go to the Children's Home Society.)

Dishrags for the Tender Mercies Food Pantry (This is ongoing)

Quilts of Valor (It is so important to remember our veterans)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 29TH. THIS WILL BE THE 2ND ANNUAL BLANKET DAY.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the donations in supplies or monetarily for this ministry

TLC meets every Friday from 10-2 and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30



Transitions

Transfer to Other Denomination

Sarah Allen

Certificate of Transfer to First Baptist Church Princeton, WV

April 26, 2016

In Memory:

Aaron McGuire Hamm

March 15, 2016

Frances Marie Moody

March 16, 2016

Lynwood Malcolm Compton

April 04, 2016

Harry Arthur Montgomery

April 06, 2016

Library News and Stuff, continued

Blueberry Sauce

¼ cup sugar

2 cups water

¼ cup cornstarch

24 ounces of blueberries

For the instructions to this recipe check out page 148 of this cookbook. The library book number is 641.597 Ste



May Anniversaries and Birthdays



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 01 – Harry & Wanda Farmer
- May 01 – Ben & Sandy Gay
- May 08 – DeWayne & Sally Hill
- May 12 – Seth & Ashley Vaughn
- May 13 – Ray & Sherrie Price
- May 16 – David & Sarah Johnson
- May 23 – Larry & Sharon Croy
- May 25 – Bill & Cindy Lewis
- May 25 – Nate & Becky Rowe
- May 26 – Ed & Margaret Horton (70)
- May 30 – Jerry & Jean Bailes (70)



- May 01 – Gene Fields
- May 01 – Austin Smith
- May 01 – Brittany Smith

- May 01 – Andrew Vaughn
- May 02 – Jim Austin
- May 02 – Gina Moore
- May 03 – Kathy Dooley
- May 04 – Ella Sarver
- May 07 – Tierney Quesenberry
- May 07 – Kelley Rose
- May 08 – Buddy Fry
- May 09 – Laurel Comer
- May 11 – Shirley Halsey
- May 11 – Lauren Thompson
- May 12 – Nathan Elmore
- May 15 – Betty Johnson
- May 15 – Iva Smith (99)
- May 16 – Shawn Forbes
- May 16 – Sarah Johnson
- May 17 – Cheryl Merritt
- May 20 – Justin Crump
- May 20 – Megan Massie
- May 20 – Ron Steenson
- May 23 – Giff Coulbourne
- May 24 – Steve Comer
- May 24 – Rebecca Johnson
- May 24 – Alison Lester
- May 25 – Shanley Quesenberry
- May 25 – Barbara Robinson
- May 26 – Litz Walthall
- May 27 – Joanna Thompson
- May 29 – Connie Brichford

June Anniversaries and Birthdays



June 01 –
Adam & Alston Sarver

June 02 –
Fred & Naomi Raines (60)

June 04 –
Sam & Janet Thurmer (61)

June 06 –
Matt & Lauren Imrich

June 07 –
Brandon & BJ Roland

June 08 –
Gregory & Paige Price

June 08 –
Don & Ramona Stanley

June 09 –
Kelley & Debbie Massie

June 10 –
Michael & Stephanie Bowling

June 10 –
Bill & Jan Wilson (57)

June 11 –
Mike & Rhonda Clark

June 16 –
Ted & Debbie Gillespie

June 16 –
Norman & Nancy Jones (60)

June 17 –
Otis & Edie Earls (64)

June 17 – Robbie & Krista Fix

June 18 – Steve & Lori Comer

June 20 –
Jeff & Cathy McNew

June 21 –
Larry & Martha Cook

June 27 –
Marshall & Peggy Lytton (57)

June 28 –
Bob & Barbara Robinson

June 29 –
Jason & Jessica Pritchett



June 01 – Ella Biggs

June 01 – Will Horton

June 01 – Duane Thurmer

June 03 – Travis Collis

June 04 – Bonita Belcher

June 04 – Tanner Veneri

June 06 – Buddy Tolley

June 07 – Mende Lewis

June 08 – Brandon Boyles

June 09 – Matthew Linkous

June 10 – Lori Comer

June 10 – Betsy Horton

June 10 – Jaden Lewis

June 12 – Jennette Elmore

June 13 – Alden Presley

June 13 – Carrie Schaeffer

June 14 – Catessa Howard

June 15 – Stephen Linkous

June 15 – Randy McCormick

June 16 – Bob Ballard

June 16 – Larry Croy

June 16 – George Erps

June 16 – Johnathon Repass

June 17 – Jerry Flanagan

June 17 – Ramonia Kessinger

June 17 – Tony Veneri

June 18 – Cindy Damewood

June 18 – Rusty Howard

June 20 – Gail Rector

June 22 – Gavin Forbes

June 24 – Linda Kennedy

June 26 – Kathy Haynes

June 25 – Michael Lewis

June 25 – Parker Rimbach

June 26 – Jordan Snidow

June 26 – Nicholas Whittington

June 28 – Margaret Suzanne Bell

June 28 – Ray Price

June 29 – Terri Fredeking

June 29 – Paelinn Haway

June 29 – Addison Sarver

June 29 – Kaitlin Struble Jones



In Honor and In Memory of ...

IN MEMORY OF

Ina Farley

gifts have been designated

by

Judith L. Fleming

Higher Education Grant Fund

Betty Louise Wallace Farmer

gifts have been designated

by

Ruth Boyles

Bridgette Pendleton

Memorial Fund

Aaron McGuire Hamm

a gift has been designated

by

Jerry and Patty Flanagan

East River Volunteer Fire Department

by

Ruth Boyles

Bridgette Pendleton

Memorial Fund

Marguerite Miller

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Rosanna Reaser

Feeding Hungry Children Fund

Frances Moody

a gift has been designated

by

Jerry and Patty Flanagan

Rosanna Reaser

Ed and Susan Robinson

Arthur Moody Scholarship Fund

by

Rosie Gilmore, Larry Gilmore, Barbara Bruner

Memorial Fund

Violette Virginia Taylor Oney

a gift has been designated

by

Susan Oney Tull

Memorial Fund



Thank You Notes

To the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group,

We deeply appreciate the contributions that you made to the church [in memory of William J. Reynolds, Sr.]. He love his church and he especially loved the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Setting his clock to get up earlier on Prayer Breakfast Day was a pure joy for him.

Your kindness will always be remembered by all of us.

Very Sincerely,

"Bill's Family"

Thank you for the wonderful program to feed the children in need at our schools.

God Bless,

Barbara Pettus

What happens when you put a 49 cent stamp on a simple card, leave a bag and the front door with all kinds of gift cards, bring in a meal or a simple bag of cookies, be a Coca Cola runner or a TAG group? You put a smile on a person's face. You spread God's love.

Bless you all,

Hylah Lohr

Please know how very much we appreciate all that the church has done for our family in the past months. Your many kindnesses have made a difficult time much easier. Please share our thanks with the crew that prepared such wonderful meals for us and with the members of the church who sent cards to us.

With appreciation and much gratitude,

Michael Haga

Dear Church Family,

Chris, Meg, Carson and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and support you have provided throughout Aaron's illness and passing. We have been overwhelmed with the love shared with us in so many ways.

As we sat with Aaron at Duke, often feeling helpless and heartbroken, the prayers of God's people helped us to find the strength to make decisions when none of the options were favorable. The warmth and care of every prayer offered is sincerely appreciated.

So many of you have gone that extra mile, and we want you to know that your kindness will not be forgotten. The delicious meal prepared for our family made a difficult day easier. All of the visits, calls, texts, and cards have brought encouragement and have reminded us that God will take care of us even during our darkest days.



Thank You Notes, continued

Special thanks to each of you who participated in Aaron's memorial service. It was such a fitting and beautiful tribute to our dear son, brother, and father.

We find comfort also in knowing that you continue to pray for us as we try to find our way forward through each day.

While we rejoice that Aaron's suffering has been replaced with everlasting peace, we yet struggle with the void his absence has left in our family and in each of our hearts.

May God bless each of you abundantly,

Chris, Twyla, Meg Hersman, and Carson Hamm



*Thank you so much for the lovely gifts you shared with us on
Administrative Professionals' Day.*

With Appreciation,

Vicki and Kristine

Please convey our sincerest gratitude to the ladies of the bereavement committee for the wonderful dinner (Frances Moody services). Your hospitality was truly a blessing.

Thankfully,

Sarah Avellar

Dianna Alois

Dear Friends of First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the love and caring you showed my mother, Violette Oney, all the years she was in

assisted living and nursing care. The bereavement luncheon provided after her service was beautiful. My family and I cannot thank you enough. It was just what we needed at the time. It gave us time to share memories and laughter. I was so happy to reconnect with childhood friends and relatives. I cherish the memory of attending church, Sunday school, and Vacation Bible School at First UMC.

Not Quite Home, continued

little in worship or other times that we gather together, that's good. If we laugh a lot, that's better. If we never laugh, then we have a problem.

Being Bold about Our Calling to Provide Life to This Community – A few years ago, I picked up on some language that some of the members used in praying for our church – “church in the heart of Princeton” – and realized that this is part of our vision as a community of faith. It's easy to think that being the heart of the city means that we are the center of attention. However, that is not what the heart really does. The heart works. The heart works every single moment. The heart works every moment of every day to send out what is needed for the body to survive. The heart is one of the greatest “servant” organs that our bodies have. This has become increasingly true for our congregation as well. Think of all that the Feeding Hungry Children program has done. Think of the Thread Loving Crafters. Now...imagine how this church in the heart of Princeton is calling YOU to go and do as well. The more we answer this servant call, the more we will grow.

Not Willing to Wait – One of the greatest things that I have noticed in the last year is that more and more people are inviting others to be a part of our congregation. Sure we could sit around and wait for people to show up, but those who really believe in what we are doing here, those who take seriously what past generations of servants in this congregation have done, are not sitting around and waiting. I encourage you to catch the momentum some others have caught and invite others.

Now, are we all doing these things 100%? No. Of course not. But you know what? I'm not nearly as interested in those who are *not* doing them as I am in those who **are**!! You see, I really do refuse to serve a dying church and I pray that all of us would choose the same.

Peace,

Scott Sears

Pastor Scott

ATTENDANCE – March 2016		
Date	Sunday School	10:50 AM Worship
03.06.2016	49	147
03.13.2016	75	170
03.20.2016	88	161
03.27.2016	56	361

ATTENDANCE – April 2016		
Date	Sunday School	10:50 AM Worship
04.03.2016	64	148
04.10.2016	71	162
04.17.2016	56	162
04.27.2016	72	111

Singular Selections - a variety of nonrelated topics

Wednesday Bible Study for Adults

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study will continue each week through the end of June (with the exception of June 8th). We are studying various Psalms from the Book of Psalms and focusing upon how these words from the Bible can teach us to pray. So, you can consider this Bible Study a two-for-one: Bible Study and Learning to Pray! Study begins at 6:00 pm in Schell Hall of the Family Ministries Center and you do not need to register in order to attend – show up on the nights you are available!

Program Council – Eat and Meet

The Program Council will hold a Dinner meeting on Monday, May 16th in Schell Hall of the Family Ministries Center. Pastor Scott will be providing grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Other members of the Program Council are asked to bring a covered dish to share or provide drinks. Please call the church office – (304)425-2283 – and let Vicki know if you are attending and what you plan to bring.

The Mother's Day Crib Campaign for Mary's Cradle is now under way. Please consider a contributions to this urgently needed cause. Complete cribs are \$140.00, but any donation is welcome. Checks should be made payable to FUMC and placed in the offering plate marked "Crib Campaign". Thank you for prayers and your participation in this caring ministry.

PSHS AP Exams at First United Methodist

Princeton Senior High School will be holding their AP (Advanced Placement) Exams in the Family Ministries Center the first two weeks on May. If you are visiting the church during that time, please be aware that these exams are taking place! You can also pray for the students and teachers as they prepare for this testing.

Pastor's Reading List

Just in case you are interested, here is what your pastor is reading:

Just Finished

Gospel of John

"What Are We Fighting For?" Thomas Bickerton

Currently Reading

Psalms

"The Sin of Certainty" Peter Enns

"I Refuse to Serve a Dying Church" (re-reading) Paul Nixon

"How Jesus Saves the World from Us" Morgan Guyton

The Bereavement Committee is undergoing re-organization. If you feel led to offer your service to assist this exceptional ministry, please contact the office for information.

Get volved





National Day of Prayer

Sponsored by the
Greater Princeton Ministerial
Association

Thursday May 5th

12:00 Noon

at the Mercer County Courthouse

Front Steps (by the Flagpole)

In case of rain we will hold it in the
Municipal Courtroom upstairs in the
Courthouse.

You are invited to attend and share in the time of intercession for
our country and government.

SEE YOU THERE!



Activity Calendar

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