

# THE REMARKER

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## Table Talk Sessions in January and February



2019 SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Pastor Scott will be offering special evenings of “table talk” concerning the upcoming special session of General Conference of the United Methodist Church. These Table Talk sessions are based on the idea of a family gathering around the table for a meal. Information will be shared. Positions might be stated. However, at the end of the meal, we will all leave as members of the same family. No one will have to change their mind about anything, but they will be encouraged to listen closely to one another.

These sessions will take place in Schell Hall on the following dates:

- Sunday, Jan 27, 6-8pm
- Wednesday, Jan 30, 1-3pm
- Sunday, Feb 3, 6-8pm
- Wednesday, Feb 6, 1-3pm
- Sunday, Feb 10, 6-8pm

Each session will cover the same material, but you can feel free to come to as many of them as you wish.

## 2018 Apportionment Goal Reached

As a congregation, we should give thanks to God for allowing us to reach our goal of paying 100% of our Conference Apportionment in 2018 – a figure just over \$110,000. This money helps to fund ministry throughout WV and mission work throughout the world.

Pastor Scott would like to thank everyone for their faithful attention to being good stewards that allowed us to reach this goal.

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## NOT QUITE HOME

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### Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus

Epiphany is a little-known Special Sunday in the Christian Church. On this day, January 6th, we celebrate the “revelation” of Jesus to world, especially as it was marked by the coming of the Wise Men to visit the Christ Child. The Sundays following Epiphany are known – no sarcasm here – as the Season after Epiphany. Those Sundays go until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. One other Special Sunday celebrated in the Season after the Epiphany is Baptism of the Lord Sunday. The following is a reflection on Jesus’ baptism based on the reading from Luke 3.



I can still feel the coolness of the water as it pours over my head, rolls onto my shoulders, and causes me to halt my breath for just a moment. The words of Rev. Hinzman are muffled but clear, “...of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

I stand before the congregation, wet with the waters poured over me at Baptism. Some are smiling, some are joyous, and some just look bored. I catch a glimpse of God’s Kingdom: people I know, people I will never know, old,

young, rich, poor, gay, straight, female, and male. When they join their voices together it is as if the heavens open up and God proclaims: “We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love...that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”

I did not know then all the paths I would travel on the road of discipleship, but I began it with words of hope echoing from the very mouth of Christ’s body, the church. The memory of those words are my source of hope from day to day.

I cannot help but be glad to read that God’s own Son had hope-filled words fall upon him at his baptism as well: “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

God’s voice spoken from heaven or spoken by the Body of Christ is still seeds of hope.

Pastor Scott

#### Upcoming Bible Studies

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be looking at the Book of First Corinthians from January 9th until February 27th. The only material needed for this study is a modern translation of the Bible. Study begins at 6:00 pm and ends by 7:30 pm.

Starting March 9th, the group will be studying the book *How the Bible Actually Works* by Peter Enns. Sign-up for this Discipleship class is encouraged so that we can obtain the best price on the book as possible. Please contact the church office to sign up. This study should last until the end of May.



C.I.A. YOUTH

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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The Christmas season is that time of year where we do a lot of reflection in our lives. That was true for me this year as I was able to spend time with family, friends, our church family, and our students. Usually I am too busy to stop and reflect on the blessings in my life, but I tried to take time and really let that soak in. I am blessed beyond measure to be able to do something that I feel called by God to do and something I love to do: minister to our youth students, their families, and our young adults. We have an amazing group of young people in our church, and if you haven't had time to spend some time with them I hope that you do. I hope that you look for opportunities to volunteer and help out with the youth ministry this year so you can work alongside of, get to know, and invest in our young people.

As we turn our calendars over to 2019, we have a very busy schedule and a lot coming up with our youth program. Here are some important dates:

- **January 6** - Youth Bible Study resumes.
- **January 13** - Visit from Lauren Weaver, the Chaplain at WV Wesleyan College.
- **January 20** - Resurrection Meeting for Students and Adult leaders and Game Night.
- **January 25-27** - Resurrection Retreat to Pigeon Forge, TN, where students and leaders will get to experience a weekend of worship and spiritual growth. The speaker is Jorge Acevedo and worship will be led by I Am They.
- **March 1** - Guys Lock-in at the church and Girls Slumber Party at the Roland House.
- **March 17** - HEGF Fundraiser - St. Patrick's Day Dinner.



Upward Basketball kicks off its 15th season at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 5, 2019! This year marks First United Methodist Church's 15th season partnering with Upward Sports! To celebrate and have fun with that we are going to have 4 spirit weeks throughout the season. Below is a schedule.

- **Week 2/Jan 12:** On Headbands day, every child participant will receive 1 plain white headband that Saturday to wear for the games.
- **Week 3/Jan 19:** On Silly Socks day, every player, referee, coach, and even parents are invited to wear their crazy and silly socks!
- **Week 5/Feb 2:** On Crazy Hair Day, every player, referee, coach, and even parents are encouraged to style their hair as crazy as possible!
- **Week 7/Feb 16:** Neon/Camo Undershirt Day, we won't worry about our matching white undershirt. Instead, wear the brightest neon or camo undershirt!

If you would like to volunteer during any of the 8 weeks of the season, we could always use help with referees, giving halftime devotions, and help in the concessions stand. Also, it is a great way to come out and meet and spend time with the families that spend Saturdays with us. As always, please be in prayer for the upcoming season as we have a lot of families and children visiting with us this time of year.

Thank you!

In Christ's Love

Brandon Roland



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**"One small step for your kids**

**...one giant leap for God's kingdom"**



Children's Fellowship Time resumes on Wed., January 9th at 6:00 PM with a fun space-themed winter session, when kids will explore where God's power can take them. They'll discover the wonders of God's universe and learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible and will always be with them, too, illustrated by the theme verse "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us." - Ephesians 3:20.

Favorite storytellers and craft leaders from our church family, as well as moms and dads helping with crafts and leading games, will all contribute to make this experience both fun and interesting. We close each session with prayer requests and God sightings, as we lift each other's concerns and praises to the Lord.



### Reflecting on Advent and Christmas

Many thanks to Miss Sherrie and Miss Martha for their willingness to share their teaching gifts with our children this Christmas season, enabling them to share their musical and acting gifts during worship and our annual Christmas Program, while reinforcing their own understanding of the promises of the birth of Jesus.



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## MINISTRY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Library News & Stuff

Jerry Flanagan, Librarian

If you are curious about what books might be in the Family Ministries

Center Library or if the library has a book by your favorite author, go to the church web page at [www.princetonfumc.org](http://www.princetonfumc.org) and click on the Church Library tab on the menu bar near the top of the page. About halfway down the library page you will see a picture of a card catalog.



Right above the picture are the words “online card catalog.” Click on this button and that will bring up the card catalog whereby you can search the library collection.

### CD Giveaway

The church library has received numerous copies of the CD, *America's Choice 30 – Worship Songs*. The CD contains songs like, “He Reigns,” “I Can Only Imagine,” “Here I Am to Worship,” “I Can Sing of Your Love Forever,” and “In Christ Alone.” If you would like to have a copy, please write “CD” next to your name on your Connect Card on Sunday morning.



### Thanks from Feeding Hungry Children



In 2018, we saw God working in this ministry because so many people were willing to be His Hands and Feet in order to provide weekend food supplements to over 140 area children at risk of not having adequate food for the weekend.

We continue to have a strong base of people who pray and contribute their time and energies to complete the multitude of tasks that are needed each month to make the ministry work.

The Thread Loving Crafters again used their talent and artistry to create hats and scarves with lots of love to all of the children in the program....no easy feat.

Dr. Martin, a local dentist, has donated child-sized toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss for our children to be distributed this month.

The PikeView High School Student Council (with help from the ROTC) organized a food drive and collected and delivered a mountain of food donated by the student body carrying on a vision started last year by our own Rachel Johnson who was a PikeView senior at the time.

Saying “thank you” hardly seems adequate, but please know that your prayers, gifts, and service are appreciated beyond what you can imagine.

**MEMORIALS and GIFTS**

A gift was given to the Feeding Hungry Children ministry of FUMC Princeton in loving memory of Margaret Horton by Gail Rector.

A gift was given to the Feeding Hungry Children ministry of FUMC Princeton in loving memory of Lyndsee Gay Lambert by Ott and JoAnna Fredeking.

A gift was given to the Feeding Hungry Children ministry of FUMC Princeton in loving memory of Toni Porterfield by Joe and Barbara Hampton.

A gift was given to the Thread-Loving Crafters ministry of FUMC Princeton in loving memory of Lyndsee Gay Lambert by Karen Thorn.

A gift was given to the Missions ministry of FUMC Princeton in loving memory of Shirley Wood Casali by John Casali.

A gift was given to the Higher Education Grant Fund in memory of Clyde and Ina Farley by Judith Farley Fleming.

A gift was given to First United Methodist Church of Princeton in honor of Gail Rector by Leslie Henry.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. As my first semester is coming to a close, I would like to let you know that I am keeping my grades up and staying involved. I write for WVU's student newspaper as well as HerCampus. I have also joined WVU's collegiate 4-H Club. This scholarship has made paying for my education much easier, and I am grateful for the opportunities I have as a college student.

Thank You,  
Rachel Johnson

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Just wanted to drop a line to let you know how very, very much we appreciated the use of your Children's rooms last Thursday night. It seems that everything went smoothly and everyone was so impressed with your church building and the classrooms that we used. Our adult group went great here, too, so it was an awesome evening for everyone.

Again, thank you soooooooooooooooooooooo very much.

Ruth Bailey and Children's Home Society

**NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2018 ATTENDANCE**

Date	Sunday School	Worship	Online	Date	Sunday School	Worship	Online
11.4.18	66	133	16	12.2.18	62	144	32
11.11.18	57	123	19	12.9.18	17	22	99
11.18.18	63	155	-	12.16.18	80	179	27
11.25.18	43	122	-	12.23.18	55	154	30
				12.30.18	52	104	32
Hanging of the Greens		212	25				
Christmas Eve		7pm: 157 11pm: 27	-				



- 1/2 - Brent Veneri
- 1/3 - Brad Veneri
- 1/4 - Anna Burger (94)
- 1/8 - Owen Biggs
- 1/9 - Jordie Veneri
- 1/10 - Ashley Vaughn
- 1/11 - Sahara Stanley
- 1/14 - Lynsey Artrip
- 1/15 - Larry Rhodes
- 1/16 - Will Stafford, II
- 1/18 - BJ Roland
- 1/18 - Bill Wilson
- 1/19 - Brandon Beachler
- 1/19 - Kelly Beachler
- 1/20 - Dawn Graham
- 1/20 - Chris Knight
- 1/20 - Erin Sears
- 1/23 - Rhonda Clark
- 1/24 - Glenna Belcher
- 1/24 - Jonathan Williams
- 1/25 - Barbara Phillips
- 1/26 - Nancy Moore
- 1/26 - Harold Russell
- 1/26 - Ramona Stanley
- 1/27 - Debbie Massie
- 1/27 - Becky Rowe
- 1/28 - Lee Elmore
- 1/29 - Alex Bay
- 1/29 - Allison Beachler
- 1/29 - Kay Presley
- 1/30 - Madison Knight
- 1/31 - Gail Burks
- 1/31 - Christa Fama



- 2/1 - Bob Davis
- 2/3 - Karen Thorn
- 2/4 - Vicky Bradley
- 2/5 - Ann Graham
- 2/6 - Savannah Knight
- 2/7 - Heather Austin
- 2/7 - Debbie Gillespie
- 2/7 - Ellen Knight
- 2/8 - Wilma Bowling
- 2/8 - Peggy Edmunds
- 2/9 - Dan Farley
- 2/9 - Jerry Linkous
- 2/10 - Alice Smith
- 2/11 - James Biggs
- 2/11 - Danny McNamara
- 2/18 - Cambel Fix
- 2/18 - Rodney Smith
- 2/19 - Madison Austin
- 2/20 - Norman Jones
- 2/22 - Sandy Gay
- 2/23 - Eva Gates (99)
- 2/23 - Jaycee Pritchett
- 2/26 - Jeremy Wenisch
- 2/28 - Betty Costello



- 1/2 - Darryl & Mary Frances Morris
- 1/5 - Mike & Kathy Quesenberry
- 1/15 - Terry & Peggy Wells
- 1/18 - Tom & Kim Bay



- 2/2 - Chris & Twyla Hersman
- 2/14 - Larry & Jean Rhodes
- 2/24 - Tim & Cheryl Merritt
- 2/26 - Alden & Kay Presley

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