

# THE REMARKER

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### **United Methodist Women (Meet in the Holliday Room)**

*September 5 at 11am*

*October 3 at 11am*

Join us for prayer, devotions, and fellowship.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast (Meet in Schell Hall)**

*September 6 at 7am*

*October 4 at 7am*

*September 20 at 7am*

*October 18 at 7am*

Come join a group of men for a hot, fresh breakfast and take time to pray with one another.

### **Jumpstart (Meet in the Gym)**

*September 22 at 9:30am*

*October 27 at 9:30am*

Let this time of contemporary worship, breakfast, and fellowship jumpstart you for the day!

### **Discipleship**

Ken Willard, the West Virginia Annual Conference Director of Discipleship, Leadership and Congregational Vitality will visit our congregation on Sunday, October 13, to discuss with us the conference-wide discipleship initiatives.

### **Trunk or Treat**

*October 30, 5-7pm*

Please look for more information on how you can get involved with this event as the date draws near! We will need folks to decorate trunks and hand out candy, candy donations, and volunteers for indoor game stations.



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## Greetings in the Name of the One Who Loves Us with a Mighty Love!

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Do you recall a time in your life when national and world news came at a snail's pace? Those of us who were born prior to the 1960s remember hearing about global news long after it occurred! In those days, news broadcasts were aired at 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and the newspaper was written with yesterday's news position. Today we receive breaking news as it is occurring! Most of us have an app from our favorite (or preferred) news outlet. It is a very different time from days past!

Living in this age of instant communication, we are inundated with the happenings globally! It is a good thing to know what has occurred, yet every time something atrocious transpires we have immediate reporting along with analysis by an expert correspondent.

With this new approach to informing the public we've learned to live with an expanded vocabulary. Some of the more common are Homeland Security, ICE, terror alerts, security breaches, and watch lists. We've also learned about our digital footprint, identity theft, phone and email scams, and cyberattacks. Is it any wonder that we've stopped answering phone calls because we are convinced it's "just another scam!"

Our nation was established by the guiding principle that every citizen has certain rights and privileges that grant us the freedom to express our faith and to stand under God's banner of grace, love, and mercy. Yet, under the guise of political correctness we cautiously live the concern of saying or acting in an offensive way. As the people of God we should be very careful that we live in to the call of Christ to be messengers of grace, love, and mercy!

As we look back on our history and ahead to our future may we all remember that the most important thing we have is today! It's another opportunity to share the freeing message of deliverance from all that fails us. Let's pledge to make the most of our relationship with Jesus and invite God to pour God's wonderful grace, love, and mercy on us in the here and now of living so we may continue to stand under the banner of grace that represents the true freedom of serving our God.

In the Grip of God's Mighty Grace, Love, and Mercy,

*Pastor Tom*

### WEDNESDAY LINC

#### Learning Intentionally.

#### Navigating Connections.

Why LINC up with FUMC on Wednesday nights? We're building programs where you can form trusting relationships with your church family, develop community with each other and with God, and work to bring others closer to God through serving and learning together. Come grow in the knowledge of Jesus and of each other. Help us develop a place where disciples can grow in their faith while sharing support and encouragement in life's journey.

6-7pm: Children's Fellowship Time (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

7-7:30pm: Children's Choir (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

6-7:30pm: CIA Youth Bible Study (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

6-7:30pm: Adult Bible Study





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### C.I.A. YOUTH

Fall is just around the corner and this time of year is always an exciting time for our students and our youth ministry! The new school year means our students are in full swing at their after school programs: sports, dance, clubs, and many other aspects of their community involvement. Take a second to pray for them and our families!

Also, our youth program is back and in full swing! This means we are back to having Sunday School, Sunday Evening Discipleship Training, Game Night once a month, and Wednesday Night Bible Study, which is now a part of our church-wide Wednesday LINC.

The staff and I are working hard to provide something for everyone during these meeting times. As the youth director, I am not hoping just that our young people attend during these times, but to see and know that the student's whole family is attending our programming. But, I do focus on the youth ministry side and each aspect of the meetings help develop the student's Christian education.

Sunday School - Sundays at 9:30AM - We are exploring the stories of the Bible our students have grown up with, but how it affects them now and how each story helps tell the bigger story as we follow the thread of the Gospel from Genesis to Revelation.

Sunday Evening Discipleship Training - Sunday Evenings from 4 to 5:30PM - We are studying how we can be better disciples of Christ, what that means, and how we grow and mature into a disciple of Christ.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - Wednesday Nights from 6 to 7:30PM - This is a more in-depth Bible study focused on different topics that our students face or hear about during their daily lives. Topics that arise at church, school, and everyday situations.

Our young people will be bringing back the Flamingo Fundraiser in September. From September 15th - 27th the flamingos will be migrating from yard to yard. The church family will have 2 weeks to buy insurance - September 1st and September 8th. If you purchased insurance or got flocked by the flamingos this summer you can get a special insurance discount for \$10. New flamingo insurance purchases will be \$20 and to have the flamingos removed and placed on another yard will be \$30.



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Also, Upward is right around the corner. The brochures will be handed out to almost every school in Mercer County. Evaluations will be the first two weeks of October with practice starting in November after Thanksgiving. Please be in prayer for another great year of participation in our Upward program, volunteers willing to come forward and help out with the program, how you can help with the program this season, and myself as the director for the upcoming year. But, most importantly be in prayer that we as a church and volunteers will show the children the love of Christ, be an inviting and welcoming program, and that anyone who doesn't know Christ may come to know His love and grace!

In Christ's Love,  
Brandon Roland



**BARBARA BALLARD, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

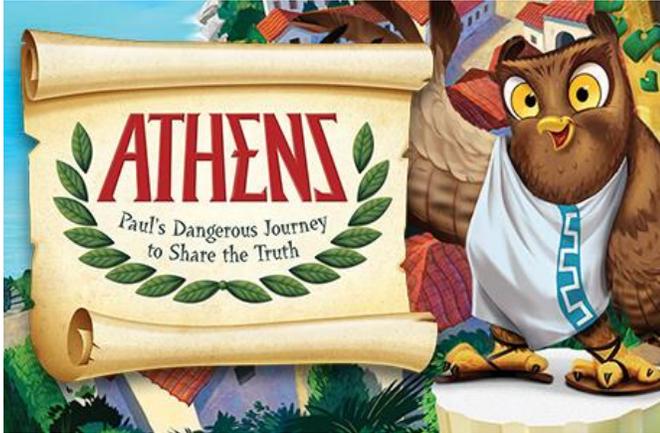
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Sunday: 9:30am-Noon

## Wednesday LINC for Kids

*Children's Fellowship Time Resumes August 21st with "Athens" Theme!*



We will be kicking off our Children's Fellowship Time with great actors Stan Tucker and Bob Davis portraying the apostle Paul and his Greek friend Dionysius meeting and discussing Paul's mission to tell the Greek people about Jesus. VBS director Stephanie Bowling will once again be leading the music station, where the kids will be learning worship songs: one with a Greek theme and dance! Martha Cook will be listening to the weekly Bible verses and keeping track of the points the kids earn for participation in Sunday School and church services, music activities, memory work, attendance,

and bringing friends. These will translate into tickets to be spent in Miss Martha's prize room during the "Show Off" night on Wednesday, October 23rd. Dedicated parents and church family members will alternate leading the craft, game, and story station and Miss Marcia has already begun choosing and ordering gifts for the special treat bags she gives out at the end of each session.

I am so grateful for all of the adult participation which allows this event to happen and for the parents who make the effort to bring their kids to church each Wednesday evening for the fun, music, fellowship, learning, and crafts, all which reinforce the Bible truth each week.

Pastor Tom will be introducing a new twist on Children's Time in September - "The Jesus Doll." Children will still take turns taking the bag home, which will now contain the Jesus doll. To reinforce the truth that Jesus is always with us, children will be asked to take Jesus with them on their individual travels that week.

Where will He go?

To the park?

The zoo?

Shopping?

Grandma's?

Or maybe Disney World?

The following Sunday, the children will share their experiences with Jesus, when Pastor Tom asks them, "What did you do with Jesus this week?" We look forward to hearing about Jesus' adventures during this new take on Children's Time!



## Ministry News

### Thread-Loving Crafters (TLC)



Robert Vest was the most recent recipient of the Quilt of Valor. This one was a beautiful red and white Sawtooth pattern with an underlying cascading pattern embedded in the background.

Several folks entered items in the Mercer County Fair, including sweaters, hats, scarves, woven mats, and a backpack. All of the entries placed this year. Awesome job!

We have been working on our newest project for Pastor Tom called Prayer Squares. These are crocheted or sewn squares with a cross. Pastor Tom will take these to shut-ins, on hospital visits, and other places he chooses.



TLC continues to work hard mastering their craft. We are always making hats and hat and scarf sets for the Feeding Hungry Children recipients, baby hats for local hospitals, prayer shawls, dish cloths, afghans, quilts, and woven homeless mats.

We would love for you to visit us and join our terrific ministry. This special ministry is both a comfort and support for the participants as well as the recipients. We meet on Fridays at 10:00 am and the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 5:30.

## College News

Graduation News! Congratulations to... Sahara Stanley (daughter of Don and Ramona Stanley), who graduated in August from Alderson Broaddus with a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. At the end of August, she will be taking the PANCE (Physician Assistant National Comprehensive Exam) and then moving on to full-time employment as a PA.

We have a total of 25 students in our church family that are in higher education studies this year:

- Ten students are studying locally.
- Nine are in post-graduate programs.
- Eighteen are students in West Virginia, while the remaining seven have chosen to study in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Georgia.

Please pray for them. Whatever their level of studies or their location, they need your prayers.

### Children's Choir

The children's choir is a music ministry, which requires commitment as the group learns to give of themselves in hard work and dedication so that they may present their very best in glorifying our Lord.

Rehearsals for the fall semester have begun. Children will prepare for singing during worship the first Sunday of September, October, and November. Rehearsals for the Christmas program will begin the first of September.

In addition, the children will be sharing during the October Jumpstart service (October 27th) with a special mandatory "dress rehearsal" that Saturday morning before. If you are interested in Children's Choir but haven't been to a rehearsal yet, please see Sherrie Price for info and the parent note that outlines dates through the end of the year.



### JULY - AUGUST 2019 ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Worship	Online	Date	Sunday School	Worship	Online
7.7.19	55	146	27	8.4.19	51	142	19
7.14.19	47	140	18	8.11.19	55	141	19
7.21.19	48	152	19	8.18.19	59	140	27
7.28.19	54	133	16	8.25.19	43	145	19

### THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

We had a wonderful time of fellowship today getting acquainted with our new pastor. I grew up in a church which he had served and we were able to discuss many of my memories, from childhood. Also he knew many of the persons I had grown up with. It was a wonderful visit with Pastor Tom and Victoria, our minister of visitation and we appreciate so much, their concern for home-bound members. Thanks, also, to United Methodist Women for the beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers. Sincerely with love to all of our Christian sisters and brothers.

Norman and Nancy Jones

Thank you so much for allowing the Southern District WVDAR to use the Family Ministry Center for our meeting. Everyone commented on what a wonderful facility it was. You are a blessing to our community!

Matthew French Chapter, WVDAR

Ladies of the Bereavement Committee,

Thank you so much for all the hard work and sacrifice of time to prepare and serve us the bereavement meal. We appreciate each of you and thank you for the delicious meal.

God's blessing,  
The Bailes Family

## TRANSITIONS

### In Memory

Dr. Oscar Jerrell "Jerry" Bailes	November 21, 1923 – August 10, 2019
Lela Verne McCormick	March 30, 1937 – July 30, 2019
Nancy Lee O'Neal	February 15, 1944 – July 12, 2019

### New Member – Transfer from Another United Methodist Congregation

Barbara McDowell	July 2, 2019
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## MEMORIALS and GIFTS

### A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Dr. Jerry Bailes by:

Willa Bailes and John Perdue	Jerry and Patty Flanagan
Athena Burton	Ott and JoAnna Fredeking
Randy and Jackie Burton	Alan and Elizabeth Lineberger
Betty Cutlip	Rogers Street Community Church

A gift was given to the Odell Huffman Scholarship Fund in loving memory of Dr. Jerry Bailes by Terry and Geraldine Childress.

A gift was given to the Library Fund in loving memory of Doris Bradley by Jerry and Patty Flanagan.

A gift was given to the Library Fund in loving memory of Lela McCormick by Jerry and Patty Flanagan.

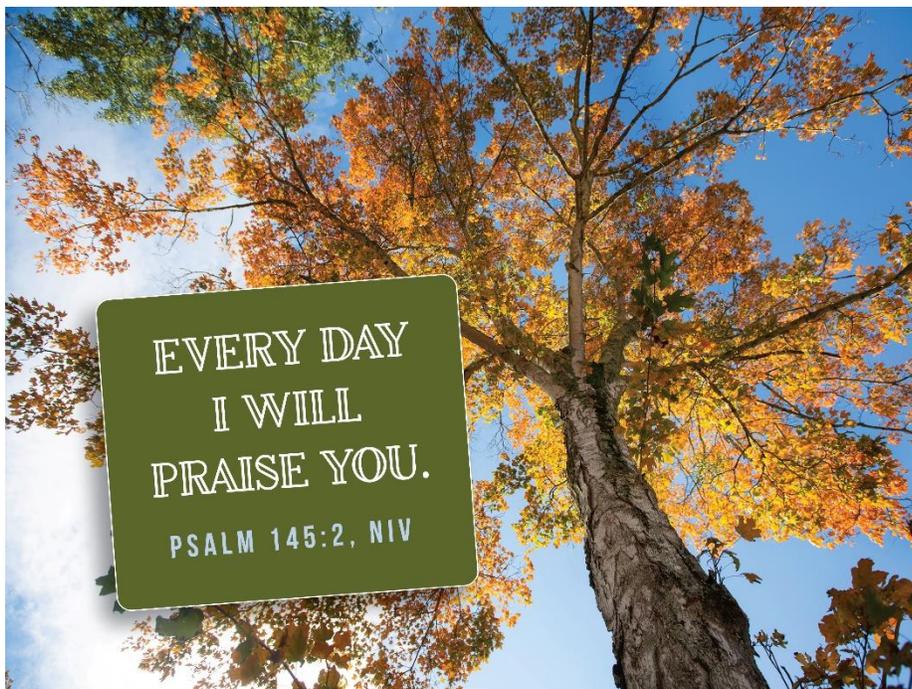
A gift was given to TLC in loving memory of Nancy O'Neal by Jerry and Patty Flanagan.

A gift was given to Feeding Hungry Children in loving memory of Nancy O'Neal by Mary Ann Thomas.

### A gift was given to Feeding Hungry Children in loving memory of Skip Owen by:

The Fay Family	Teddy and Barbara Phillips
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A gift of paper supplies was given to the Bereavement Committee by the O.J. Bailes Family. The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family for this generous donation that can be used for dinners, carryout meals, and other functions. Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated.



**September Anniversaries**

September 01 – Moe & Kelley Rose  
 September 05 – Victor & Jessica Lohr  
 September 07 – Seth & Lindsay Price  
 September 08 – Randy & Kelly Bachler  
 September 22 – Jeremy & Amanda Wenisch  
 September 30 – Jack & Carol Stafford (58)

**September Birthdays**

September 01 – Ann Struble  
 September 05 – Adeline Bowling  
 September 11 – John O'Dell  
 September 11 – Sam Thurmer  
 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 – Terri Vest  
 September 17 – Terry Wells  
 September 18 – Mia Christ  
 September 18 – Chelsea Hollifield  
 September 18 – Adam Sarver  
 September 21 – Grace Farley  
 September 21 – Melody Jenkins  
 September 21 – Brenda Larue  
 September 21 – Mary Ann Thomas  
 September 22 – June Griffith (92)  
 September 26 – Joseph Flanigan  
 September 27 – Jett Bowling  
 September 28 – Carroll Barth  
 September 29 – Mary Lou Fensom  
 September 30 – Russ Crump

**October Anniversaries**

October 01 – Brent & Joni Veneri  
 October 02 – Joe & Barb Hampton (55)  
 October 05 – Todd & Ginger Craft (40)  
 October 06 – Dan & Betty Farley  
 October 07 – William & Grace Farley  
 October 10 – Giff & Pam Coulbourne  
 October 16 – John & Gina Moore  
 October 20 – Teddy & Barbara Phillips  
 October 23 – Roger & Becky Topping  
 October 28 – Terry & Jerry Childress

**October Birthdays**

October 01 – Michael Lee Clark  
 October 02 – Tyler Ball  
 October 03 – Chuck Lohr  
 October 04 – Karen Henkes  
 October 05 – Mary Ball (99)  
 October 06 – Cindy Lewis  
 October 07 – Rayla Swift  
 October 08 – Leah Comer  
 October 08 – Andrew Fama  
 October 08 – Garrett Jessee  
 October 08 – Rosanna Reaser  
 October 08 – Cale Veneri  
 October 08 – Cory Williams  
 October 09 – Britt McNew  
 October 10 – Joshua Beachler  
 October 10 – Morgan Forbes  
 October 10 – Payton Forbes  
 October 10 – Bill Fredeking  
 October 12 – Joe Hampton  
 October 12 – Delaney Quesenberry  
 October 13 – Brydon Farley  
 October 13 – Dreama Swecker  
 October 16 – Carol Stafford  
 October 16 – Robert Vest  
 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 20 – William Fredeking  
 October 20 – Stephanie Knight  
 October 20 – Maleko Townsend  
 October 21 – Ginger Craft  
 October 21 – Janet Vaughn  
 October 22 – Sherrie Price  
 October 22 – Kent Thompson  
 October 24 – Jonathan Clark  
 October 24 – Marshall Lytton  
 October 26 – Robbie Fix  
 October 28 – Ben Gay  
 October 30 – Nate Rowe  
 October 31 – Jessica Pritchett

*If someone is missing or a correction is needed,  
 please accept our apologies and call the church  
 office.*