

First United Methodist Church
NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

February 2020

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

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This is Spanish for “why?” Why is our church leading the way on providing a Bible Study in Spanish for our community? It is because Jesus loves those who speak Spanish. He loves those who have left family and homes behind to start a new life. It is because the Bible forcefully declares we are to care for the widow, the orphan and the refugees. It is part of the DNA of our congregation that says we care for our community and the best way to care is to help them become full disciples of Christ.

Joe & Ellie’s Piano

Joe Gollehon is enjoying assisted living in New York close to his son Mac. With this change in his life, the items in his house went to auction in January. Our church took part in the auction and purchased his baby grand piano. Thanks to your gifts given in memory of Ellie Miller who loved quality music; we were able to purchase the piano, pay for someone to move it and get it tuned. Check it out in the choir room and you might even want to stick around and join those who sing with Rhonda Frazier.



Update from the United Methodist Ladies of PFUMC

United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Margarite Good, serving as the new treasurer of the United Methodist Women (UMW) and Debbie Leet, serving as the new chairwoman of the UMW, are excited to be working with all of the women of Pearisburg First United Methodist in this new position. All of the women of our church are part of this community of Methodist women, and we hope each and every one of you will join us as we plan together to support each other, our church, and the greater community, whether it is here in Giles County or with global missions.

Many thanks to Nancy Haynie and Betty Oakley for serving for over 15 and 20 years, respectively, as our “fearless” leaders. Their commitment to the mission of the UMW and their dedication to helping the women of our church has set the bar high for every one of us as we move forward in 2020.

We have planned some exciting events for the next few months and hope, with your help, to continue to support the many charities we have worked with in the past, as well as develop some new volunteer activities. We want to continue supporting our global ministry in Sudan and Zimbabwe with medical kits and to support locally the Headstart Preschool in Pearisburg where we furnish hygiene bags for all the new students, just to name a few of our projects. We plan to develop new projects where we see a need.

Here’s how you can get involved:

- We are forming a steering committee of ladies interested in helping plan for 2020 -- new projects, volunteer activities, and social events. If you are interested in helping with this committee, please contact Debbie Leet at 540-626-7069 or leetalan@bellsouth.net.
- Attend one of our upcoming meetings or activities listed below. In the past we have had a “daytime circle” and a “nighttime circle.” We want to continue to have meetings in the day and evening so that all women in the church can participate. What will change is that you are free to attend an evening meeting/volunteer activity when your schedule permits, or a daytime meeting/volunteer activity if it works in your schedule.
- UMW Schedule of events for the next months. Please mark your calendar if you can join us!

Sunday, February 3rd at 6 p.m. - Making Valentine chocolate hearts in church kitchen. Contact Jan Houck at 921-3980 if you can help.

Saturday, February 8th at 9 am - Making and selling Valentine fried pies in church kitchen. Contact Jan Houck at 921-3980 if you can help. Men are welcome!

Tuesday, February 11th at 10 am - Making soup for shut-ins and delivering soup. Contact Kay Houck at 921-2530 if you can help.

Thursday, March 12th at 7 pm - Evening UMW meeting. Location to be decided. Contact Jan Houck if you can attend.

Sunday, March 29th at 12 noon - Ladies Tea. All ladies, all ages, are invited to our Tea Party. If you are interested in helping with the planning for our tea, please contact Tracy Ferguson at 599-8050. More details to follow.

We are looking forward to working with all of you, the United Methodist Women of Pearisburg First United Methodist!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Were given this month in loving memory of:

*Nancy Cooper
Trudie Gillespie
Charles Houck
Tommy Johnston
Foster Martin
Ellie Miller
Doris Peters
Bonnie Sprunk
Gillett Wickline*



- Feb 2 – Souper Bowl Lunch – 12pm
- Feb 2 – SPPR Meeting – 12pm
- Feb 3 – Peanut Butter Heart Making – 6pm
- Feb 4 – Wild Bunch – Lucky Star - 6pm
- Feb 5 – Men’s Prayer Breakfast
- Feb 6 – ServSafe
- Feb 8 – Pie Making – 9am
- Feb 11 – Wild Bunch –Sylvia’s - 6pm
- Feb 18 – Prime Timers Dinner – 6pm
- Feb 24 -Wild Bunch - LaBarranca - 6pm

Every Sunday:

Hispanic Bible Study 8:15 am
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:55 am

Every Wednesday:

Take TWO–3:30-5:45pm
Handbell Ringers–6pm Choir Rehearsal–7pm

Stewardship Report-Budget

Received January a year ago... ..	\$ 17,538.50
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Relay for Life

The “Eternal Flame” Relay for Life Team is starting their fund-raising events for this year’s Relay on Friday, June 26. Please Join our team in raising funds to help fight back against Cancer. You can join at www.relay.org/gilesva. Join us for our “Souper Bowl” Luncheon followed by the Dessert Auction, and the return of “Auctioneer Andy” Sunday, February 2nd, after church. Questions, contact Diane Haynie at 599-0204.

Lenten Services

Wednesday, February 26 is the beginning of Lent. You are invited to take part in an Ash Wednesday service that day at 12:05 pm at Christ Episcopal Church. Rev. Morris Fleischer is the pastor bringing the message and the Newport-Mt. Olivet UMC is providing the lunch. Our church will be in charge of the weekly service on April 8.

Prime Timers

Prime Timers will enjoy a dinner on February 18th at 6 pm. On the menu is ham biscuits and a variety of soups along with dessert. Following dinner, Amy Westmoreland will speak about medications and how to avoid dangerous side effects. She will also talk about fall risks.

Peanut Butter Hearts

The UMW will be making peanut butter heart for Valentine’s Day. If you would like to volunteer to help, this takes place on February 3 at 6pm. Put your order in now.

Asa is coming!

Yes, Asa Lee Hendrickson Majors is coming to preach for us on March 1. She has been back for funerals, weddings, and apple butter. But now it is time for her to come back and share the good news of Christ with you on a Sunday morning.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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