

First United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

March 2022

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

Welcoming Guests

On Palm Sunday April 10 and Easter Sunday April 17 we are expecting company in our church. If you had company coming to your house, you would do the following.

- 1) Check to see what needs to be cleaned up and fixed.
- 2) Change your attitude that my home is just for me, to it is a place where guests are welcome.
- 3) Greet them at the door and make them feel at home.
- 4) Help them find important places like restrooms, the nursery, and the best seat.
- 5) Plan on spending time with your guests.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to have an Easter Lily placed in our Sanctuary for Easter our celebration please contact Sherry Fleeman at 540-921-1021. Expected cost is \$15 each.

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday

Pastors, Choir Members, and others from five United Methodist Churches in our community are working together to make this service meaningful and available to you. This combined reading of the death of Jesus and music will be available on YouTube and Facebook those days to bless you and our friends.

Lent Sermons

The "seven last words of Christ" teach us a tremendous amount about Jesus and our understanding of what happened on the cross. They refer not to individual words, but to seven statements Jesus makes during the six hours he hangs on the cross. Over these weeks leading up to Easter let us listen to these last words and draw closer to Jesus.

VBS June 10

Yes, our ONE-Day VBS returns. Kim Mills and Emily Moyer are taking the best of last year's experiences and making it even better.

Children for Sunday School

It is time! It is past time. April 3, 2022, at 10 a.m. Children's Sunday school from kids ages Kindergarten through 7th grade returns. DeAnne Burch is ready to leave her online class and return to in person gathering.

Confirmation 2022

The Bible says our Lord does more than we ask or imagine and that is true for our confirmation class this Spring. Between now and Palm Sunday TWO confirmation groups are meeting. One for 6th-7th graders as a part of Take TWO. The other on Sunday evenings for those 8th-12th graders. Rejoicing that these youth are so excited about the truth of Jesus and the chance to say "yes" to following him.

Egg My Yard

The PFUMC Impact Youth Groups "Egg My Yard" is underway. Each level includes 12 Resurrection eggs which are sure to become a family tradition with Bible verses and Easter symbols plus fun filled eggs with candy and surprises. Delivering now through April 16th. Cost is: 25 eggs \$25, 52 eggs \$50, 82 eggs \$75. To book now or for more information contact Renee at 540-787-0145.

Prime Timers

The Prime Timers dinner will be March 15th at 6:00pm. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with some Irish food. Tracy Ferguson will talk to us about keeping the brain smart. Wear green and come celebrate the Irish.

Helping Others

Ukraine: In the days ahead, opportunities to financially help those affected by war in this country will be made available.

Feeding the Homeless: March 11 is the day for our church. We are looking for food for 15 men and women. Contact Pastor Brian if you are willing to help prepare desserts or vegetables.

South Sudan: In the month of May, we will be taking up an offering our fellow Methodists in this country. Over Christmas, copies of the Book of Worship in their language were delivered and 14 potential new churches developed instantly. The orphans we helped for years are still affected by the constant warfare.

Hands On Mission: you can place a dozen different items, yes there is a highly specific list, into a two-gallon Ziplock bag and bless folks in Zimbabwe. Each of these items helps keep a person healthy.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Were given this month in loving memory of:

Carolyn Hackney
Mullie Mulheren

Stewardship Report-Budget

Received February a year ago.....	\$ 23,243.02
Received February.....	\$ 12,370.34
Received Y-T-D a year ago	\$ 38,004.92
Received Y-T-D	\$ 33,852.31

Summer Camp

Are you interested in sending your child to camp for a week? The United Methodist Camp in Fries, VA is certified by the American Camping Association. It has a long history of seeing children grow in their faith. Scholarships are available. Check out Camp Dickenson.

Camp in the Community

Year 4 of this program is taking place July 18-22. This year’s camp will take place at Narrows UMC. The cost is free. This Day Camp runs from 9-3 daily. A bonus for 2022 is that after camp child-care is available until 5 pm. To go ahead and signup contact Rev. Doug Armstrong pastor of Narrows & Rich Creek UMC.

Church Kitchen Needs

Both the icemaker and our combination refrigerator/freezer need to be replaced. Each of these items cost more than you would expect. However, for industrial usage there is an increased cost. Would you please pray that the Lord would provide again?



Relay for Life

February is Love, may Love continue every month of the year. The “Eternal Flame” Relay for Life Team is selling luminarias “In Honor” or “In Memory” of Loved Ones. The cost is \$5.00. Luminarias will be placed at our Church Luminaria Service, date to be determined. They will also be taken to the Giles County relay event which is scheduled for August 5, 2022 at Riverview Baptist Church.

Please contact Diane Haynie at dvhaynie@suddenlink.net or 540-599-0204 to make your purchase. You can also leave names and check made Payable to the American Cancer Society, at the church office.

If you would like to become active with Giles Relay and/or join our Church Team, please reach out to Diane. We would love to have you.

Also, look for more information to come on Paint Night in April.

In Memoriam
Carolyn Hackney
January 27, 2022

Our condolences go out Fred Hackney and daughters at the passing their wife and mother, Carolyn Hackney. Carolyn was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since February 11, 1973.

In Memoriam
Elizabeth “Ann” Stafford
February 28, 2022

Our condolences go out to the family of Elizabeth “Ann” Stafford at her passing. Ann was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since April 3, 1966. Her funeral will be held on March 12 at 2pm at Givens Funeral Home.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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