

# March

- 1 Evangelism Team 6:30 p.m.
- 3 United Methodist Women  
Martha Circle (Library) 10:30 a.m.  
Lydia Circle (Austin Chapel) 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Family Night 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Finance Committee 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Friendship Club 12:00 noon
- 17 UMW Unit Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Palm Sunday
- 25 Kids for Christ Easter Egg Hunt
- 27 Easter Sunday

Breakfasts and Holy Week Services March 21—25

## RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—FEBRUARY 2016

DATE	7	14	21	28
Joy! Service	20	14	20	16
10:30 Worship	115	82	125	125
Total Worship	135	96	145	141
Sunday School	39	31	44	47
2016 BUDGET.....	\$281,000.00			
YTD BUDGET Needed.....	\$ 46,834.00			
YTD BUDGET Tithes and Offerings Received.....	\$ 44,644.10			
YTD NON-BUDGET Receipts Received... ..	\$ 3,746.03			

## Acolyte Ministry

- Mar. 6 Kyndal Mitchem
- Mar. 13 David Brown
- Mar. 20 Peyton Terry
- Mar. 27 Bruce Terry/Chase Brown

Parents are reminded if your child cannot acolyte on their assigned Sunday, it is your responsibility to get a substitute.

## CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Brad Scott, Pastor  
Cell Phone: 276-722-0346  
Carolyn Quesenberry, Secretary  
William Elliott, Music Director/Organist  
Jack Goins, Choir Director  
Jessica Cole, Youth Director  
Heather Hurley, Nursery Coordinator  
Wade Dillon, Custodian

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- CHURCH COUNCIL** met in Palmer Hall on February 1, 2016 to review the work of the various teams. Some of the items discussed were:
- † The position of Minister of Pastoral Care has been eliminated by the SPR Team.
  - † Sixteen youth and five chaperones attended Resurrection at Pigeon Forge from January 21-24.
  - † The Family Night dinners are being revived starting February 17.
  - † Due to end-of-year giving, FUMC ended 2015 with \$22,000.
  - † Area ministers are considering changes to the Holy Week noon service. The services may be held in various churches and no lunch will be served.
  - † The Discipleship Team is finishing up a session of Super Sundays focused on health and nutrition, recovery ministry, and faith.

### A NOTE OF



*As I reflect upon the past several years, I would like to express my gratitude to First United Methodist Church, Jeff Moncier, and Pastor Brad Scott for the opportunity to have served as Minister of Visitation and Pastoral Care. Indeed, serving the Lord and the church family in this was a privilege. I am both honored and humbled to have shared in ministry with the First UMC congregation and its Senior Pastors. It was a rewarding experience and my life was blessed so many times as I visited with you in your homes and in assisted living communities as well as hospitals. My prayer now is that God will continue to bless First UMC in a mighty way as we all work together to further His kingdom and be in ministry to our community. I will hold in my heart memories too precious to be forgotten. Again thank you to a caring and dedicated church family. In Christ. Dr. Don*

We wish to extend a special thank you to Dr. Don Scott, our former Minister of Pastoral Care, with a **CARRY-IN LUNCHEON** on Sunday, March 6 following morning worship. Please come and show your appreciation to Don for his ministry to our church family.



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## MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

- This Spring the Town of Bluefield and the Farmer's Market are co-sponsoring a collaborative effort to start a Community Garden near the Farmer's Market. If you know of someone who would like to grow a garden this summer, have them contact Sue Carr (276-245-5987) or Greg Quesenberry. They will also need volunteers to help with various aspects of this project. Preparation day is May 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and planting day is May 20.
- Someone asked recently if the church ever got the TV's and DVD players we had asked for. The answer is "yes!" We received donations for two DVD players and one TV, and received a used flat screen TV. All new equipment is in place and being used by different entities within the congregation.
- The Church Council is aware that some of our congregation are having trouble hearing within the sanctuary. They are looking at possible solutions to make adjustments to the sound system. We want you to hear, and hope to have this problem solved soon.
- The Discipleship Team has completed a term of Winter Super Sunday sessions focusing on "Healthy Body/Healthy Church." We appreciate all who participated as we learned about Recovery/Addiction, Cardiac and Diabetes care, and Gluten Free Living.
- Lenten Services continue on Wednesdays through March 16 at First Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, West Virginia, starting at 11:45 with a meal (\$8), followed by a devotion. All are welcome.
- Holy Week services will be a little different this year. Breakfast devotions will take place as normal, Monday through Friday at our church, sponsored by the Bluefield Kiwanis, at 7 a.m., with the help of various groups and speakers. Noon services will be held at five different locations throughout Bluefield, Virginia. There will be no lunches this year (the biggest change). Sites will be: Monday, St. Mary's Episcopal Church; Tuesday, Virginia Avenue UMC; Wednesday, Fincastle Presbyterian Church; Thursday, Bluefield, Virginia Church of God on Highland Ave; and Friday at First UMC, Bluefield, VA. We want your input after Holy Week on this change.
- Be in prayer for the United Methodist General Conference, scheduled for May 10-20, in Portland, Oregon. Many people believe this will be one of the most contentious sessions in the history of the UMC, as delegates from around the world gather to discuss issues of importance to the whole church.
- We have received several copies of a resource called "Strengthening Families" which is a 10-session DVD-based course designed for families with children ages 7-17. Developed by Dr Karol Kumpfer, it is for home use and will help families grow "proven skills to help" them "have a happy family, healthy brains, and alcohol and drug-free kids." It is provided by the Tazewell District Church and Community Project. If you desire to take one of the DVDs for your use, please speak to Pastor Brad. We can get more if we need them.
- If there is interest, we have received the resource "War Room" for use as a study in our church. Please see Tammie Scott if you are interested and look for announcements about a study time in the near future.

## CHURCH MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

**EVANGELISM TEAM** will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m..

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet on Thursday, March 4. Martha Circle will meet in the library at 10:30 a.m. Lydia Circle will meet in Palmer Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Also, on Thursday, March 17 the United Methodist Women will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Palmer Hall. This is our first quarterly **UNIT MEETING** this year. Please come and bring a friend. Myra Yates will be speaking to us about our health. Refreshments will be served.

**FAMILY NIGHT** hosted by the United Methodist Women will be on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. A program on Missions will be presented. We are promoting this as a time for family and would like to encourage everyone to attend this special time together. Drinks and bread will be provided.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the church Library. This committee oversees the church's finances and seeks to fund ministry approved by the Church Council.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will be meeting in Palmer Hall on Tuesday, March 15 at noon. Meal will be provided. If you are 55 or older, please make plans to join us for a time of fellowship and games. Should you have any questions, please call Charlotte Rich at 276-322-4572.

**BREAKFAST** on Wednesday, March 23 during Holy Week will be hosted by the men from our church at 7:00 p.m. in Palmer Hall. Plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship and a delicious breakfast.

**JUBLILATION 2016** will be on April 17-19 at MainStay Suites in Pigeon Forge, TN with registration on April 17 at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Theme is "Our Never Ending Story." This is a retreat for older adults (50+) who desire to explore and enhance their relationship with Christ. Registration deadline is March 15. Brochures are available in the church office.

The Woolwine Sunday School Class is going to the **WOHLFHART HAUS DINNER THEATRE** on Sunday, May 1. Dinner is at 1:00 p.m. and the show "Peace In the Valley" begins at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$38.18 per person. If you wish to attend, please contact Karen Woody (340-320-8678) or Charlotte Rich (304-887-1464) before the end of March. We also invite anyone who is interested in the dinner and play to join us.

Our church now can offer our members and friends access to over 10,000 video based Bible Studies and Kid's programs, called **"RIGHT NOW MEDIA!"** It's like the Netflix of Video Bible Studies, and has a huge library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want--on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. Videos are available for everyone: kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals, all aimed at helping you grow in your faith. If you would like to participate, please write your email on the registration pads when you sign in today and we'll see that you receive an email invitation. You will then click the link and sign up for your free account. Or contact the church office at [info@bluefieldfumc.org](mailto:info@bluefieldfumc.org).

First UMC wants to remind you that we offer **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. If you have plans to travel, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. See the church's website for more information. ([www.bluefieldfumc.org](http://www.bluefieldfumc.org))

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b>		21	Jack Brewster
2	Robert Trenton	21	Vell Shrewsberry
6	Dean Coon	23	Bob Matney
6	Greta Valeyko	27	Cindy Elliott
8	Jacob Stowers	27	Mike Lampert
8	Tom Blevins	27	Benjamin Owen
10	Cheryl Kovach Gamble	28	Luke Stowers
10	Gerri Moore	29	Tyler Burnette
11	Chance Evans	30	Trish Owens
12	Jessica Cole	30	Charlotte Rich
15	Bruce Thibodeau	30	Don Bowling
15	Tammie Scott	31	Francesea Edwards
15	Amy Spencer		
16	Joe Davidson		
17	Iris Snow		
18	Debbie Spencer	3	<b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!</b>
18	Tom Metcalfe	6	Mark/Jennifer Brewster
19	Melba McGlamary	12	Kent/Melanie Bryson
20	Nancy White	12	Jeff/Libby Metcalfe
20	Donna Workman	28	Lane/Peggy Austin
20	Elijah Hickman	28	Frank/Linda Britton
		29	Art/Becky McGonigle



## ILLNESS

Eddie **Abshire**, Joe **Akers**, Fran **Alba**, Andy **Anderson**, Patsy **Arnold**, Jim **Ayers**, Barbara **Bailey**, Janet **Barker**, Charlotte **Bass**, Catherine **Beamer**, Bobbie **Bellamy** (Margaret Elam's Sister), Dennis **Bennett**, Jim **Betts** (Bronwyn Owen's Dad), John & Carol **Bohaboy**, Edna **Bone**, Suzanna **Bovenizer**, Jim & Ruth **Brewster**, Robin **Calo**, Carol **Cole**, Doug **Cook**, Lester **Coomes**, Doug **Coon**, Tim **Corrigan**, Debbie & Herbert **Creasy**, Dorothy **Culberston**, Velda **Davidson**, Anna **Deitrich**, Clint **Dillon**, Richard and Patty **Dillon** (Wade's Parents), Richard **Dillon, Jr.**, Darlene **Dolin**, Jayce **Evans**, Gertrude **Farmer** (Kimberly Edwards' Grandmother), Margaret **Farmer**, Vicki **Furrow**, Debbie **Gillespie**, Shirley **Glover**, Laura **Gooch**, Stephanie **Gressett**, Gus **Hartsock**, Ginger **Hawkins**, Carrie **Hendrick** (Gerry Stowers' Granddaughter), Erinn **Hollo**, Arlin **Honaker**, Jim **Houchins**, Trina **Jackson**, Jim **Justice**, Brad & Ellen **Kitts** (Charla Wilkinson's Parents), Dr. David **Kovach**, Mary Virginia **Lester** (Linda Hash's Sister), Louise **McVey**, Richard **Morsan**, Ethan **Oliver**, Gary **Pardue**, Phil and Rebecca **Peterson**, Margie **Pruitt** (Irma Webb's Sister), Patty **Ramage**, Carol **Riddle**, Mark **Riley**, Brian **Rose & Family**, Ruby **Roten**, Deb **Sarver**, Kenny **Sawyers**, Suzette **Sawyers**, Carol **Scott**, Mary Ruth **Scott**, Ruth **Shrader**, Ellie **Spencer**, Roger **Stacey**, Amanda **Stephenson**, Russell **Synan**, Kim **Tinder**, Terry **Trenton** (Nancy Trenton's daughter-in-law), Dave **Trippett** (Shirley Saunders' Nephew), J. D. **Turner**, Charles **Weaver** (Kimberly Edwards' dad), Mark **Webb**, John and Betty **White**, Viola **Wilborn**, Edith **Wilkinson**, Ellen **Windle**, Michael & Susan **Williams** (Mary Ruth Scott's nephew), Ted **Yost**

## OUR MILITARY

Ryan **Shott**, Lucas **Graham**, Jeremy **Woody**, and those serving our country

## HOMEBOUND

Roy **Atkins**, Smokey **Blaylock**, Joe **Davidson**, Leon **Devor**, Syd **Ellison**, Russell **Garrett**, Pat **Jones**, Charles **Miller** (Pam Rose's father), Wilma **Shay**, Nancy **Trenton**, Irma **Webb**

Bluefield First UMC—Goal is 50.  
Hands on Mission Project for Conference 2016  
**SCHOOL KITS FOR LIBERIA**  
Due May 22, 2016

Pack all items in a 2-gallon Ziploc bag.  
1 - 12" ruler  
1 small calculator  
1 - 10-12 pk. pens (blue or black)  
1 coloring book  
1 - 10-12 pk. pencils  
1 pack erasers  
1 pk. notebook paper 100-150 sheets (wide-ruled)  
1 small dictionary (new or used)  
1 box crayons or markers (24 ct.)  
3 spiral notebooks (70 ct.)  
1 pair flip flops (adult M-L size)  
1 poncho (adult)

\$5 shipping for kit. Please don't put money inside of the Ziploc bag, but turn in with your offering marked for shipping.

Thanks.  
Tammie Scott, Mission Leader

## MEMORIAL GIFTS—FEBRUARY 2016

### In Memory of Shirley Tibbs

To: Higher Education  
By: Deanna Coon                      Bob/Shelby Clendenen  
          Jean Miller                      Wanda Moore  
          Juanita Ramsey

### In Memory of Conner Litton

To: General Budget                      By: Jerry/Debra Hickman

### In Honor of John and Betty White's Wedding

To: General Budget  
By: Shirley Saunders                      Bill/Cindy Elliott  
          Wilma Thorne                      Larry/Carol Oldham  
          Carole Kulas                      Tracy/Hilda Cochran  
          Jean Miller                      Sharon Ziegler  
          James/Diane Shott                      Randolph/Lois Sexton  
          Pat Feuchtenberger                      Andreas/Stephanie Jaworsiu  
          Elizabeth Stowers                      E. C./Beverly Browning  
          Doug/Dean Coon                      J. C./Susan Higginbotham  
          Ervin/Charlotte Rich                      Jerry/Debra Hickman

Hugh Kilgore's mother passed away. His address is listed below if you would like to send him a card.

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