 **First United Methodist Church of Clarksburg, West Virginia**

The Grapevine



(Left to Right, Sara Maxwell, Logan Maxwell (Henry, Allen), Dick Berdine, Georgia Daniels, Sylvia Warner. Jessica Scott, Mary Seti, Tami Lawrence, Dianne Douglas, Jacki Welsh, Tweed Welsh, Jaden Welsh, Stephanie Messinger, Zachary Angstadt, John Collins, Erin Collins (Creed, Emerson, Louchlyn).

On September 15th, we had the honor and privilege of welcoming 16 people into the membership of First United Methodist Church. For a pastor, there is no greater joy in ministry than receiving new people into the life of the church. For me, this Sunday was more than simple joy, it was an extreme, exhilarating joy! In fact, I would list this event as one of my “Top 5” Sundays over my 30+ years of ministry. It is in my top 5, not because of the number of people that we receiving into membership, but because these folks have found a place where they feel a sense of belonging. This place, First Church, is truly a place where all people are embraced, are encouraged to grow in their faith, and are empowered to serve God with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. To God be the glory! If you were not able to welcome these individuals personally after church, I invite you to find them on a Sunday morning, introduce yourself, and welcome them into the life of First Church.

As a footnote, I share with you that two additional families were not able to join us on the 15th and will be welcomed into the church soon. If you are interested in joining First Church, please contact Pastor Mike.



F.U.M.C NEWS

& Announcements

[Outreach Ministry at First Church]

Outreach in the church refers to the efforts made by believers to connect with others, demonstrating God's love and sharing the message of Jesus Christ. It involves an intentional set of activities or initiatives that are initiated by the church members to connect with people outside their congregation. The essence of outreach can be seen in different forms such as community service, evangelism, mission works, or engaging in charitable endeavors.

Would you agree that Outreach sits at the heart of First Church?
I sure believe so! And there are so many ways to be involved!

The Outreach team typically meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. If you would be interested in attending, reach out to Anita Burns so that she may inform you of meeting dates & times.

With the Rummage Sale, Holiday Food Baskets, Angel Tree, Backpack program, Friday Showers (we need help!!) and many other feeding ministries. There is a lot of holy work going on right here in our church!

Come be a part and see how God is working through us, here at First Church.

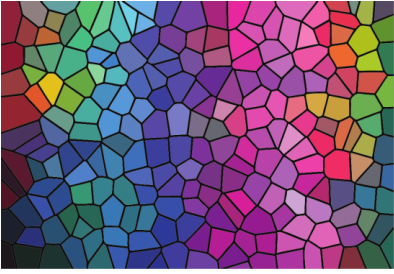
Small Group Study—"The Lord's Prayer" by Adam Hamilton

6 week class begins October 2
Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

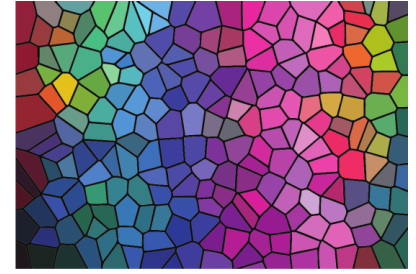
Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through his disciples, how to pray.

In this study, *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life.

A Special Thank you to David Conway on the work he did to
restore the church doors. Thank you!!



What is happening at our
..... **CHURCH**
this month



MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Monastic Meal

A simple weekly meal, eaten in silence as inspirational literature is read aloud. Join us at 12:15 p.m. each Tuesday in the parlor. Meal donation is \$4.00. To learn more, contact Don Gardner.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m., a group gathers in the groom's room to knit or crochet shawls for those who may need the loving embrace of the church. Contact Nancy Ferber or Cheryl Moorhead for information.

Feed My Sheep

3rd Mondays of each month (October 21) at 12:00 (noon) This ministry welcomes to the table those who might be overlooked or rejected. Food donations are appreciated! Contact Anita Burns for more details.

First United Methodist Church Women's Luncheon

3rd Thursday of each month 12:00 (noon) in the parlor. Please contact Shirley Murphy for more information 513-600-8469

MEETINGS

SPRC will meet **Oct. 1** at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees will meet **Oct. 8** at 6:00 p.m.

Outreach will meet **Oct. 15** at 5 p.m.

Finance will meet **Oct. 15** at 5 p.m.

Council will meet **Oct. 15** at 6 p.m.

If you know of an upcoming meeting or event that you would like to have featured in next month's newsletters please email Leah at CFUMC@citynet.net or call the church office.

First Church Youth

Youth will gather in October for study (Judgementalism), fun (Fright Farm) and service (Connections and Mission).

A formal Schedule will be posted soon on Heja. (Youth group communication app)

Contact Pastor Michael or Candy for more information about what the youth are up to in October.

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'T was the night before Christ's Birth



Christmas Pageant
& Carol Sing
December 18th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DECEMBER 18th!

For more information about how to be a part of the pageant,
talk with Don Gardner
Children will begin working on music during children's church
this month!



F.U.M.C T-Shirts

royal blue shirts

\$ donation to the VBS fund

See Leah for sizes

great for community outings and outreach events!

A colorful banner for a Rummage Sale. The background is yellow and blue with stars and a sun. The text 'RUMMAGE SALE' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, the dates 'OCTOBER 4, 9-3' and 'OCTOBER 5, 9-12' are listed. The location is 'FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 117 N. 2ND ST. CLARKSBURG, WV'. A 'SALE' tag is attached to the banner. At the bottom, it says 'OCT. 5 IS \$1 BAG DAY' and 'CLOTHING - TOYS - FURNITURE - BOOKS'.

Help is needed to set up for the Rummage Sale on Thursday, October 3rd at 9 AM. The Sale will take place in the gym.

The Rummage Sale is **Friday Oct. 4 from 9-3.**

Saturday Oct. 5 9-12. BAG DAY. Fill up a bag for \$1.

Nutterfort Elementary has asked that we do NOT send Capri Sun pouches or items that can leak or be easily punctured.

Our goal this month is to fill 100 bags!

First Church is collecting food items **every month** for The Nutterfort Elementary Food Backpack Program.

We will prepare bags on the *Sunday before the 3rd Thursday* of each month.



Food Items Needed:

easy to open

*snacks

*ravioli/spaghetti o's

*mac and cheese cups

*chips/crackers

*fruit cups

other kid friendly lunchbox items

Bag assembly will take place on Sunday, October 13th

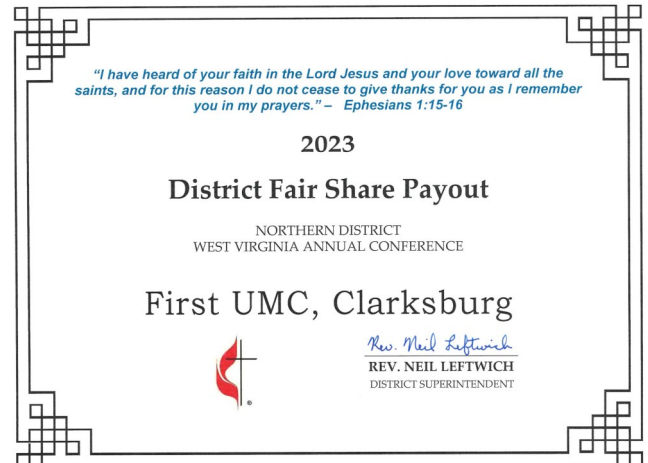


Fall Workshop is an annual gathering of youth

ages 12-18 (grades 6th through 12th) throughout the West Virginia Conference. Young people can gather with others to worship, grow in faith, and have a lot of fun!

This year's Fall Workshop will be November 22-24 at Jackson's Mill in Weston, WV. Cost is \$125 per person (this includes all meals and lodging). First Church will cover the cost for registration.

To register click the link on the conference website www.wvumc.org



On September 19, District Superintendent Neil Leftwich joined First Church for its annual Church Conference meeting. The Charge Conference report was reviewed and the Pastoral Salary was approved among a few other business items. First Church was presented with two honorable certificates that celebrated our faithful giving in 2023. Attendance at this meeting was light, due to folks traveling and illness, however, the spirit of First Church was present and celebrated.



Join us **OCTOBER 30th**
5:30 PM

A monthly time to come together to fill our hearts & minds with meaningful connection to God and one another. There will be activities for all ages from 0-100. You are encouraged to invite guests. *All are welcome!* Food at 5:30– Music and Breakaway activities following.

- A love offering will be taken up at each Connection gathering to cover the cost of the meals.
- RSVP's will be appreciated (to accurately plan for food and activities) but not required.

October will be all about FALL FUN! You don't want to miss this.

Happy Birthday



OUTREACH

Jill Bowermaster	10/01
Natalie Fubio	10/02
Rich Fubio	10/02
William E Gouer	10/02
Jean Rector	10/02
Diane Davis	10/04
Shelley Spellman	10/08
Kim Floyd	10/09
Debbie Williams	10/09
Mark Hall	10/10
Audra Skidmore	10/10
Roberta Wilfong	10/10
Gary Winters	10/10
Anita J Miller	10/12
John Grega V	10/18
Melissa Lear	10/18
Tim Brannon	10/19
Sheila J Turner	10/19
Mary Sue Fraser	10/20
London Hazuka	10/21
Margaret Ann McKown	10/21
Tammy Matheny	10/22
Jill Lilly	10/26
Missy McMunn	10/27
Dinah Hannah	10/28
Maurice Rhodes	10/28
C David McMunn	10/29
Cheryl Ann Moorhead	10/29

What's happening around our building?

AA Meetings: Mon./Tues./Wed.(12:00 p.m.),
Tues. (7:00 p.m.)– Room 206

NA Meetings: Mon./Wed./Thurs. (7:00 p.m.)- Room 206

Friends Feeding Friends: Wednesdays at 6 p.m., 2nd St.

Healing Circle: Fridays at Noon

Resilience Collaborative: Fridays, 12-4 p.m.

Sit-n-Eat Bagged Lunches: M-F 12:15 p.m.,
Sat. & Sun. 2:30 p.m.

Please accept our apology if yours is omitted, and let us know so that it will be included.

And, if yours is included, and you'd rather it not be, let us know that, too.

(304-623-3397)

First UMC
CLARKSBURG, WV

WE'RE HIRING!

Temporary Employment
2024-2025 Winter Shelter
Team Members

Job duties include:
Overseeing shelter guest entrance & exit procedures, safety management, housekeeping tasks, food service, supply inventory & more.

Drug testing is mandatory upon hiring

APPLICATION DEADLINE
October 16, 2024

SUBMIT YOUR RESUME TO
CFUMC@citynet.net

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
117 N. 2nd St. Clarksburg, WV

Application and Full Job Description can be found at
www.cfumc.org

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9-1, Wednesday 9-1, Thursday 9-1

SCAN
HERE!



Paper forms available
upon request

First United Methodist Church Directory Update

Please help us update our church directory. For new attendees AND for those who have been with us for years, we ask that everyone fill out a contact form.

HOW TO: Using your mobile phone camera scan the QR code to the left of this text. A link to the form will appear in your mobile search browser. A separate form will need to be filled out for each adult member of your family. *One* family member will be responsible for adding your children's information if applicable.

If you need help, please ask
Leah or Pastor Michael



Community Rewards



Scan the QR Code or go to
www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards
for step by step instructions. If you need assistance setting this up
contact Leah Wray during office hours.



Children's Church *every* Sunday
after children's moments during the 10:45 worship service

Infant Care Available



To include your news in next month's newsletter, contact Leah Wray