



THE GOOD NEWS

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently read a story about a woman at the local mall around Easter listening to the conversations happening in the women's dressing room. The comments ranged from: "How will I ever decide which dress to buy for Easter? You know we dress up at our church." to: "Will this match the color of my shoes? I wish I had started shopping sooner for my Easter dress." In the midst of these discussions, she realized they were missing the point. Easter represents the Resurrection of Christ our Lord, not fancy new clothes.

Now there's nothing wrong with celebrating Easter with a new outfit, but is that the best use of that money? What about the time spent shopping? Did that prepare anyone's heart for Easter? We've been spending our Lenten journey talking about how we spend our time and resources. Hopefully you have found your walk with Jesus strengthened by the 5 exercises we've been practicing: prayer and worship, studying Scripture, sharing words of kindness and encouragement, giving generously, and sharing words of witness. And I hope you will continue those into the future!

Easter is a glorious time. Easter represents a time of victory – victory over the grave, over the powers of Satan and sin. New life is all around us in nature. We feel new strength in our bodies after the long winter. We need to worship God and feel renewed strength in our spiritual life.

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When Christ arose from the grave, the angel gave a command to his followers, “Go quickly and tell his disciples” (Matthew 28:7). That command is still in effect today. We must go and tell. Tell of the hope Christ offers. Tell of the peace Christ gives. Tell of the joy Christ provides.

A blessed Holy Week and Easter to you all!

Clare



Our own Administrative Assistant, Debbie Thomas will be having shoulder surgery June 21st. We are looking for someone or several persons who can help cover her office duties during her recovery for approximately 2 months. Specific skills needed include the computer programs Word, Publisher, PowerPoint and Excel, staffing the office from 9-1 daily, outlook email, and a willingness to post on social media. This could be done by one person or a group of people. The church would be willing to pay for services rendered and Debbie will be glad to train you. Please see Clare or Melissa Carder for more information.

Congratulations
it's a boy!



Anthony Kenneth was born Thursday, March 9th. He weighed 5 lbs, 13 oz. and was 18" long. Proud parents are Matthew & Cassie Jo Hickman, grandparents are Andy and Sheila Hickman.



The church office will be closed on:
Friday, April 7th for Good Friday
and
Easter Monday, April 10th

UMCOR

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey at 4:17 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, the most powerful earthquake recorded since 1939. In the hours that followed, at least 78 aftershocks were reported, followed by a second earthquake of 7.5 magnitude.

Please join UMCOR in prayer for the many people affected by these devastating earthquakes, including the rescue crews seeking survivors and those caring for the injured and displaced.

Support relief and recovery efforts for this and other international disasters by donating to Advance # 982450.

Dear St. Marys UMC,

Thank you for being a supporter of Crossroads Camp!

We wanted to make sure you know about our upcoming **Pancake Supper Benefit on April 22**. This will be our 32nd pancake supper! COVID put a damper on this event in 2020, but we're happy to say it's back!

Be sure to note that this will be held at **Wayside UMC in Vienna and not at the camp**. You can purchase tickets in advance for \$7 at this address: <https://www.lkdumc.org/pancake-supper-2023>.

We hope that you can come!

Blessings, Davina Bell

A blue poster for a pancake supper. At the top, it says "32nd Pancake Supper" in a white script font. Below that, the word "Pancakes" is written in a large, white, bubbly font. To the right of "Pancakes", it says "Limited Gluten Free available" in a small white font. In the center, there is a photograph of a stack of pancakes on a plate, with a glass of milk and a bowl of fruit next to it. Overlaid on the photo is the text "All You Can Eat" in a white script font. To the right of the photo, it says "Crossroads Camp Benefit" in a red script font. At the bottom, it says "Sat, April 22, 2023 | 4:30 - 7:00 PM" in a green bold font. Below that, it says "\$8 Adults at the door \$7 in advance - \$3 for 12 and younger; 5 and under eat free" in a black font. At the bottom, it says "@ Wayside UMC" in a pink font and "3001 Grand Central Ave., Vienna" in a white font. At the very bottom, in small white text, it says "Made with PosterMyWall.com".

32nd Pancake Supper

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@ Wayside UMC

3001 Grand Central Ave., Vienna

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United Methodist Men

Meet on the 3rd Sunday morning for breakfast
at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

All men are welcome



Next Breakfast meeting - April 16th at 8 AM

*The UMM still has lots of apple butter for sale
The price is \$6 per pint. Thank you!*



2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

CHURCH COUNCIL - 6 PM

May 9 - July 11 - September 12 - November 14

TRUSTEES - 5 PM

May 21 - July 9 - September 10 - November 12

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 6 PM

April 11 - July 12 - October 10

LAY LEADERSHIP & NOMINATIONS - 6 PM

June 14 - July 18 - August 16

SPRC - 6 PM

April 18 - July 19 - November 15



United Women In Faith News

APRIL

Leadership Team - Monday, April 3rd at 5 PM
General Meeting & Circles - Monday, April 3rd at 6 PM
Program: ***Peacemakers and Justice Seekers***
Program Book: Page 77-82

Program: Grace Circle
Flowers & Greeters: Peace (Flowers on April 23rd & 30th)

MAY

Leadership Team - Monday, May 3rd at 5 PM
General Meeting & Circles - Monday, May 3rd at 6 PM
Program: ***Bold Women of Faith***
Program Book: Page 85-90

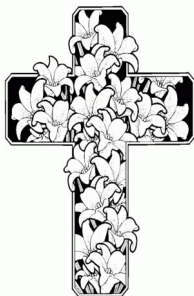
Program: Peace Circle
Flowers & Greeters: Grace Circle



NEWPORT COMMUNITY EASTER CANTATA
SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd - 7 PM
NEWPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
420 GREENE STREET

Maundy Thursday Service will be held on April 6th
at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary
(Online service will be available at noon.)

The Chapel will be open
9 AM - 5 PM
on Good Friday
for prayer.



On Easter Sunday we will have a **LIVE** flowering Easter cross in the Sanctuary. We will cover the wooden cross with chicken wire and you are invited to bring **LIVE** flowers or flowering bushes to decorate it. The cross will be in the Sanctuary this Easter and we'll move it outside after worship for the community to enjoy. Please bring your flowers at least 15 minutes before worship begins so our cross can be completed as we move into worship at 10:45 AM.

Easter Services

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 8 AM in the Chapel

Breakfast following Sunrise Service in Fellowship Hall

Sunday School at 9:30 AM - Worship at 10:45 AM

Online Worship at 10:30 AM

What Is Good Friday, and Why Do We Celebrate It?

If you weren't raised as a Christian—or didn't pay close attention in Sunday school—you might not understand the importance of this day.

Every Christian knows the tale: Jesus Christ died and rose again for the forgiveness of humankind's sins, promising those who believe in him eternal life. Christians typically celebrate Jesus's resurrection each spring on Easter Sunday, participating in Easter traditions like Easter egg hunts and gifting Easter baskets. But Good Friday, which is observed near the end of Lent and falls just days before Easter, doesn't get the same attention; many people don't know why they observe it to begin with. So what is Good Friday, anyway?

What is Good Friday?

Simply put, Good Friday is the day for Christians to commemorate Jesus's crucifixion. On this day, according to the Bible, the Jewish religious leaders—who had condemned Jesus the night before for claiming to be the son of God and king of the Jews—brought him to the Romans for sentencing. He was sent from Pontius Pilate to Herod and then back to Pilate, who ultimately sentenced Jesus to crucifixion—the highest form of criminal punishment at the time. Jesus was then beaten, forced to carry a heavy wooden cross through jeering crowds and finally nailed to the cross by his wrists and feet, where he hung until he died, later that day.

How is Good Friday Observed?

Despite its name, Good Friday is a day for somber reflection. Each Friday before Easter, Christians solemnly honor the way Jesus suffered and died for their sins. They might attend a service that recounts Jesus's painful crucifixion, and some even refrain from eating to show their sorrow. Our Chapel will be open all day for you to come and reflect on this somber occasion. A prayer guide will also be available.

GIVING

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

March 5	\$6,335.00
March 12	\$2,447.35
March 19	\$2,317.38
March 26	\$11,902.37

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON

ONLINE

March 5	67	110
March 12	52	59
March 19	63	109
March 26	35	145

YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$49,635.37

YTD needed for our Budget - \$44,616.00

Custodial Account Balance - \$2,200.00

e-Cycling Day

**Momentive Performance Materials
10852 Energy Highway
Friendly, WV 26146**

When: April 22, 2023 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

Where: Momentive's South Parking Area



The District Lay Servant team is offering classes for Spring 2023. Three classes are scheduled for April 22nd & 29th at First UMC, Sistersville. Three different classes are scheduled for May 6th and 20th at Wellsburg UMC. Brochures with more information are available on the table in Education wing first floor and also on the tables in the Sanctuary.

Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of February

Total Donations: 150

Total Customers: 789

Total Families receiving services: 216

(Gabriel Project - 5, total of 5 children)

(food - 203 individuals)

(utility assistance - 3)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$8,560.31

Total Donations to NN: \$11,865.34

Total Expenses: \$14,694.07

Number of Volunteers this month: 23

**Volunteers are
always needed,
please call the store
at 304-684-3990 if
you can help.**

NEIGHBOR NETWORK **FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Our Neighbor Network partners with Mountaineer Food Bank for a monthly food giveaway. It is held at the Marina beginning at noon. Volunteers are always need and ask to be at the Marina by 9:45 AM. You may also know someone who would benefit from the distribution. Pleasants County residents only please.

*Our next giveaways are April 21st, May 12th, June 9th,
July 14th, August 11th, September 8th, October 13th,
November 9th, December 8th*

Did you know that our weekly radio broadcast airs on Sunday mornings at 9 AM on 93.9 FM. Our weekly worship video posts at 10:30 AM on our 2 Facebook pages and on YouTube. These are outreach ministries the church supports through its budget. Please share this information!

Birthdays

APRIL

Victor Bills	4/2
Avry Bennett	4/3
Cady Radcliff	4/3
Billy Maiden	4/3
Elizabeth Miller	4/7
Rachel Jeffers	4/9
Pam Hamilton	4/10
Nick Morgan	4/11
Emme McKnight	4/12
Diane Lanham	4/15
Jay Conaway	4/15
Liz Loughner	4/15
Jennifer Hupp	4/16
Steven Knight	4/16
Lydia Watson Richards	4/17
Alice (Nichols) Holmes	4/17
Tucker Dalrymple	4/20
Rick Hupp	4/20
Russell Loughner	4/20
Catie (Wells) Hamilton	4/20
Susan Eisenman	4/21
David Hamilton	4/23
Inez Wilson	4/23
Doug Poling	4/24
Emily Carpenter	4/30

MAY

Corbin Bussey	5/1
Wendy Loughner	5/3
Paula Corbin	5/4
Marci Davis	5/8
Marcia McCullough	5/11
Adam Carpenter	5/11
Cayla Stephens	5/14
Jan Brewer	5/15
Beckie Barton	5/16
Ethel Ross	5/19
Carla Conaway	5/19
Lily McKnight	5/20
Paul Ingram	5/20
Richard Moore	5/20
David Braun	5/21
Mike McGee	5/21
Todd Lewis	5/22
Jenny Brewer	5/23
Dick Reed	5/23
Derek Johnson	5/24
Jessy Moore	5/25
Sarah Holt	5/26
Nina Ogdin	5/29
Mae Lewis	5/31
Mary Frances Park	5/31

MEETINGS

APRIL

11 Finance - 6 PM

18 SPRC - 6 PM

MAY

9 Church Council - 6 PM

21 Trustees - 5 PM

EVERY MONTH

First Mon. - UWF - 6 P

Third Sun. - UMM - 8 AM

OTHER GROUPS MEETING AT OUR CHURCH

2nd Mon. Habitat for Humanity 6 PM

& Middle Island Ramblers 4-H 7 PM

Every Tuesday Boy Scouts 7 PM

Every Thursday AA / AI-Anon 8 PM



Do we have your
birthday listed?
Please call Debbie at
304-684-3018
if we do not have it!

PRAYERS FOR:

Paul Tallman
Betty Moorhead
Ginger Poling
Suellen Simonton
Caroline Hill
Shirley Seaboy
Carolyn Ashkar
Avery Clickenger
Debbie Bailey
Matthew Beard
Joe & Thomasine Troisi
Benny & Ruth Wagner
Emma Jean Dobbins

Philip Starks
Dwight Davis
Maddie Collins
Dave Taylor
Art Smith
Terri Gellner-Hulls
Mike Davis
Johnna Cochran
JD Williamson
Evelyn Neely
Duane Larsen
Dwayne Barnes
Smitty Smith

Sheila Scadden
Jennifer Furr
Webb Carpenter
Greg Hill
Mary Brewer
Rob Wilson
Nancy Forrester
Eleanor Pierce
Kenneth Carder
Merle Rouse
Bev Fitzpatrick
Kohner Loughner
Betty Wilson

Martha Hoyt
Janet Nutter Matheny
Gayle Hakki
Rick McCullough
Larry Barnhart
Adam Mallett
Liz Loughner
Jim McLaughlin
Linda Birkhimer
Martha Poling



Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians 5:18

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and other acts of kindness during my recent surgery and recovery. A special thank you to Pastor

Clare and David for their prayers and visits while in the hospital. It meant a lot to us both.

Jim & Louise



Congratulations
Alice Rebecca Nichols
&
Cooper Andrew Holmes
Married April 1, 2023

Outreach Ministry Opportunities

- Neighbor Network food pantry needs:
Boxed Mac. & Cheese, small pkgs. of Hamburger & Hot Dogs, Soup Beans, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Syrup, Soup, Instant Potatoes, Crackers, Pork & Beans, Canned Milk, Complete Pancake Mix, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, oil for cooking
- Size 5 diapers for Neighbor Network

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Upcoming Dates

- April 1* **Nichols / Holmes Wedding at 2:30 PM**
- April 3* **UWF Leadership Team at 5 PM**
UWF at 6 PM
- April 5* **Choir at 7 PM**
- April 6* **Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 PM**
- April 7* **Good Friday**
Church Office Closed
- April 9* **Sunrise Service at 8 AM**
Breakfast following Sunrise Service
- April 10* **Church Office Closed**
- April 11* **Finance at 6 PM**
- April 12* **Choir at 7 PM**
- April 16* **UMM Breakfast Meeting at 8 AM**
- April 18* **Parish Meeting at 9 AM**
Ministerial Association at 10 AM
SPRC at 6 PM
- April 19* **Choir at 7 PM**
- April 21* **NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM**
- April 26* **Choir at 7 PM**