



Living the Adventure at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

Greetings, Beloved of Christ!

With Valentine's Day approaching, we are reminded to value our loved ones. We send cards and gifts to those we love to let them know how special they are. Kids have parties in school, and make valentines for their classmates, and everyone gets to feel good. Or at least that is the hope. Reality can be something different, and we all need to be mindful. There are those who don't get anything on Valentine's Day, and they may feel unloved and unappreciated. That can be a lonely feeling, and a cause of depression. There is also an increase of anxiety surrounding Valentine's Day, especially for men, according to statistics. The pressure to show the right amount of love, or the expectation of receiving love on a particular day of the year can be overwhelming and unrealistic, and yet many people base their self-worth on the occasion.

Jesus tells us that love is the most important thing we can offer each other. We are to first love God, and then each other. This love is not to be limited to a day or an hour or a special occasion. It is to be constant and unwavering. We are to persistently love those around us, through prayers and service, even when that means stretching ourselves. Love is to be an action word, and it is to be enthusiastic! With ALL of your heart, with ALL of your mind, with ALL of your soul! It is not meant to be easy, it is meant to be challenging, so much so that we are forced to turn to God for help. God loves us so much, Jesus came to die for us. Jesus taught us how to love, what love looks like, and through the Holy Spirit, we can love as we are meant to love. God is so very good!

There is nothing wrong with celebrating Valentine's Day, we all enjoy getting spoiled, or spoiling others. We need to remember to love all year long, and we need to show that love. Especially during the moments we don't want to, or we feel we just can't. All things are possible through Jesus Christ our Lord!

I love all of you, but Jesus loves you more! And there is nothing you can do about it!

With the Love of Christ,
Pastor Katy

February 2023 Events

Wednesday, February 1.....7:00 PM
Pastor Katy @ Rescue Mission

Friday, February 3.....4:30-6:00 PM
The Table

Sunday, February 5.....5:30 PM
Youth Group (each Sunday)

Friday, February 17.....4:30-6:00 PM
The Table

Monday, February 20.....Noon
Newsletter Submission Deadline

Tuesday, February 21.....5:00-7:00 PM
Youth Pancake Dinner

Wednesday, February 22.....7:00 PM
Ash Wednesday Service



Join Us At The Table

Free Family Meal

February 3rd

February 17th

4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Bunker Hill United Methodist Church
9863 Winchester Ave • www.bhumcwv.com

This will be a drive-thru meal.



Pastor Katy Leading Worship @ The Martinsburg Rescue Mission

608 W. King St., Martinsburg, WV 25401



Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner
 Tuesday, February 21, 2023
 5:30-7:00 pm

The Youth will be going on a mission trip this summer and will be raising funds for that trip. Please join us for pancakes and sausage!

This meal will be donations only.



UMW Green Moment

Here is a dismal fact about recycling— 63% of adults confess that they do not recycle regularly. Perhaps starting to stress the benefits of recycling with youngsters would be a good idea.

Because of the increase in online shipping/more packaging in most households, it seems that a logical place to begin training youth would be with cardboard and paper. Keeping empty bins in accessible locations around the house (e.g. kitchen, garage, bath) might encourage everyone to “pitch in”. Talk about and list what items are acceptable.

With empty cartons, remove all packing materials, flatten or break down the box so it is easy to store until delivery or pick-up in the next phase of the recycling process. What a revelation we can experience when we come to understand that paper and cardboard have other “lives” within them.

Note of Appreciation

Here is a note of gratitude from the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission for a special Bunker Hill style gift during the holidays (\$550 worth of gift cards to fast-food restaurants).



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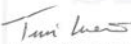
Dear Friends at Bunker Hill UM Church,

Thank you for the gift cards you donated to the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission for our residents and guests for Christmas. We appreciate you sharing in our ministry.

During this Christmas season, I want to thank you for helping us bring joy and a message of hope to the lonely and needy that come to the Mission. Your donation is greatly appreciated. God bless.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Gratefully yours,


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United Women of Faith on the Move

Collecting feminine wipes for the “Stars That Shine” (a tri-county organization that reaches out to “at risk girls”- ages 12-20) is of on-going interest to the group. When they meet on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 pm in the social room, they will be deliberating about how they can supplement the gift of wipes (donated by the congregation) with other feminine hygiene products. It will be a major concern to see how this project can come to full fruition.

In the meantime, the congregation’s support of this appeal has been an inspiration to the women as they have sought to learn more about this extension of the Children’s Home Society and to strengthen this need in the community. Planning for 2023’s calendar will also happen at this meeting.

Happiness Is...

...counting Bunker Hill’s 2022 Red Stocking giving for the Board of Child Care and tallying \$219.60 for that branch of the church’s outreach.

ATTENTION: Church History Enthusiasts

A “somewhat” historical document has recently been updated and displayed in Bunker Hill’s library upstairs (see space on left of window). That is where there has been a list of all the pastors who have served Bunker Hill’s congregation. When we noticed many of the more recent “servants” needed to be included, church secretary Tiffany King verified the latest entries and reprinted the list.

It is good to be able to examine these names and time frames and to be able to resurrect the memories of past relationships.

Community News!



Now Open!

Community Cup
Coffee and More
114 W. Burke St.
Martinsburg, WV

This coffee shop is the perfect place in Martinsburg to relax with or without the kids! It is Christian owned and operated, with delicious baked goodies and coffee. It is part of the Presbyterian Church’s New Worship Communities. Let’s show our support of this extension of the hands and feet of Christ!

www.communitycupcoffeeandmore.com

Worth Knowing/Worth "Using"

Bunker Hill UM Church has pictorial note cards available to purchase for 50¢ (with envelope) a piece. What an attractive item for members to have on hand when they want to promote our edifice while they are corresponding!

Even though December 26th claims to be the calendar's official "thank you note day", any day can be a good date to say— "I miss you", "I'm grateful", "I'm connecting". Interested folks can check with Church Secretary Tiffany King to secure these items.



Bible Valentine

~Joanna Fuchs

Valentine's Day is a day of love
For showing that we care
And if we read the Bible
God describes love there

If we speak like celestial angels
From heaven up above,
All our words mean nothing
If we don't have Christian love

Love is patient, love is kind
It doesn't brag or boast
Love conquers pride and envy
It is never self-engrossed

Love is not rude or angry
Forgiveness counters wrong
Love stays away from evil
It sings a truthful song

Love is full of trust and hope
It always perseveres
Love never fails; It's faithful
To the Bible its Sincere

And if you give this kind of love
To your special Valentine
You'll be loving right in harmony
With God's own sweet design

Connect 
With One Another

 **ATTENTION!**

We need your help!
We are updating the Cluster Directory.

If You Have Any Changes to Your

- Address
- Phone Number
- Email

Please contact the church office or Judy Shade to be sure we have the correct information. We hope to have these directories available by April 16th.

THANK YOU!



Reaching Out to the Community

On Wednesday, January 25th Pastor Katy was the guest speaker for the evening worship at the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission. Her message was entitled "Unlikely Friends." On hadn't for support were eight Bunker Hill members who brought refreshments for a social time afterward.

These snapshots show the treats of cheese/crackers, chips/dip, cookies and sodas that the thirty some men were able to enjoy with the Crusaders, who served the food. Of course, there were Bunker Hill sweethearts who helped out from behind the scenes. All "things" considered, the event was a win/win for everyone!



Martinsburg Union
- RESCUE MISSION -



Daily Lectionary Scripture for February

- Wednesday, February 1, 2023:** Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26
- Thursday, February 2, 2023:** Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5
- Friday, February 3, 2023:** Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18
- Saturday, February 4, 2023:** Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8
- Monday, February 6, 2023:** Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10
- Tuesday, February 7, 2023:** Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25;
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
- Wednesday, February 8, 2023:** Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30
- Thursday, February 9, 2023:** Psalm 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16
- Friday, February 10, 2023:** Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17
- Saturday, February 11, 2023:** Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9
- Monday, February 13, 2023:** Psalm 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8
- Tuesday, February 14, 2023:** Psalm 119:9-16; Deuteronomy 23:21-24:4, 10-15;
James 2:1-13
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023:** Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 19:1-12
- Thursday, February 16, 2023:** Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7
- Friday, February 17, 2023:** Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28
- Saturday, February 18, 2023:** Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13
- Monday, February 20, 2023:** Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34
- Tuesday, February 21, 2023:** Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6
- Wednesday, February 22, 2023:** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17
- Thursday, February 23, 2023:** Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7
- Friday, February 24, 2023:** Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17
- Saturday, February 25, 2023:** Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7
- Monday, February 27, 2023:** Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18
- Tuesday, February 28, 2023:** Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10





Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

~2 Cor. 9:7,8

Thank you to all you who continue to give generously of your prayers, time, talents, and gifts to the ministry of our church! We continue to spread God's love to those in our congregation and community, sharing God's blessings in many ways.

We were able to pay all our Mission Shares to the district for 2022. This money helps us share God's love in mission across the world. In order to meet our church budget for 2023, we will need a weekly amount of \$3,114.74. During the month of January so far, the general fund has received in an average of \$2,117.25 per week. Thank you for your prayerful generosity in supporting our church.

What Is Happening With Stewardship

On Wednesday, January 25th the Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation offered a webinar entitled "Developing A Year Round Stewardship Plan" led by the Reverend Doctor Andrea King, pastor of Emmanuel UMC in Beltsville, MD. Financial Chairman Sharon Cooley and Stewardship Chairmen Leslie and Bonnie Brannon were able to take advantage of this opportunity.

This session used a calendar motif to show officials how, what, and when to strengthen giving in congregations. Examples were emphasizing online giving, using the newsletter to encourage stewardship, and being vigilant about thanking donors.

Attendees left the session fortified with possibilities and in agreement with the theme of the event, which stated- "Stewardship is everything we think, say, and do after we say 'I believe.'"

Keeping Up with Finances

Following our regular monthly loan payment of \$629.76 our current loan balance is \$38,203.91. Thank you to those who continue to donate specifically to this expense.

Extra Ways to Support BHUMC:



If you are not able to worship with us in person, or prefer giving electronically, you may give via PayPal.

Link can be found on our website:
bhumcwv.com



Amazon has decided to end their Amazon Smile program as of February 20, 2023. If you're planning to make any purchases and would like to support the church, please do so before that date!

- 1 Go to Smile.amazon.com
- 2 Make sure you're Logged in to your personal account
- 3 Select Bunker Hill United Methodist Church as your Charity

0.5% of the price of Amazon Smile purchases goes to support Bunker Hill United Methodist Church.

Please make sure to shop via smile.amazon.com each time you shop. Your account will remember your charity selection, however purchases made directly through Amazon.com are not eligible for the 0.5% donation.



Living the Discipleship Adventure at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

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Our Mission is to enable all people to have a personal relationship with Christ through
discipleship and ministry.

Our Vision is to grow as Christians and to reach out in love and service to all people.

Opportunities for Ministry and Mission

Loaves and Fishes

“Bringing in the Soup” is what Bunker Hill folks are doing for the local food pantry during January. The need for canned soup in any size container is always critical in any season. On January 29th when the cans are blessed, counted, and prepared for delivery, we speculate that Bunker Hill will have shared more than 50 cans of “warmth.”

Let’s make this challenge a reality; then we can shift to spaghetti sauce in unbreakable jars for February.

Loaves & Fishes
February
Emphasis:
Spaghetti
Sauce
(No glass please)

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YOUR FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER