



Living the Adventure

at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ~Jeremiah 29:11

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ;

As the summer draws near to fall, I love to watch how things change and grow. Things always seem so busy, people hustling from here to there, getting ready for something. It might be school, sports, work, we seem to be starting anew after vacations and picnics and the things of summer. It is during this time of change that I appreciate the things that do not change. Of course, almost everything changes, but one thing never does! This is the love of God, and the promises God made to us!

This September, we begin a new sermon series- we will be focusing on these promises, because they are indeed Sweet Like Honey: The Promises of God- as the name of the series tells us. We are promised rest, grace, goodness and forgiveness. Over the next four weeks, we will come to understand exactly what these promises are, what they mean and how they are part of the promise of eternal salvation. I hope that you will join us each week for the exploration of these promises. Let us bless each other in this process!

In Christ,
Pastor Katy

September 2022 Events

Thursday, September 1.....7:00 PM
Cub/Boy Scouts (Every Thursday)

Friday, September 2.....4:30-6:00 PM
The Table

Wednesday, September 7.....7:00 PM
UMW Host Ed Gochenour

Saturday, September 10.....11:00 AM
Dedication of Ridgeway Hall

Tuesday, September 13.....6:00 PM
Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 13.....7:00 PM
SPRC Meeting

Friday, September 16.....4:30-6:00 PM
The Table

Sunday, September 18.....10:00 AM
School Bag Collection

Sunday, September 18.....11:00 AM
Pavilion Dedication and
Fall Round-Up

Monday, September 19.....Noon
Newsletter Submission Deadline

Tuesday, September 20.....6:00 PM
Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, September 20.....7:00 PM
Council Meeting

Sunday, September 25.....9:00 AM
Sunday School Kick-Off

Join Us At
The Table

Free Family Meal

September 2nd

September 16th

4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Bunker Hill United Methodist Church
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This will be a drive-thru meal.



Sunday School

**For All
Ages!**

SUNDAYS @ 9:00 AM

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25TH

YOUTH

Group
6th - 12th Grade

EVERY SUNDAY

5:30-7:30 pm

Beginning September 25th

Invite a Friend!

Dinner • Fun • Devotions

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UMW Green Moment

Going To The Dogs- A Thought Worth Having



An intermediate step to consider in textile recycling is animal shelters. Before disposing of materials like old blankets, bath towels, hand towels, sheets, pillows, pillowcases, bathroom rugs think about these uses- e.g. lining cages, cleaning up messes, drying off wet animals, providing warm bedding, or covering kennels from harsh light.

A Hidden "Gem" Is Being Uncovered in the Community

According to Berkeley County Council President Douglas Copenhaver "there has not been a new park built in South Berkeley since the 1930's." Currently, a 23 acre space for outdoor recreation is being planned near Musseman High School.

Ed Gochenour, Council member with local root, has been collaborating with another Councilman, Dan Dulyea, to bring this initiative to life. The UM Women have invited Gochenour to bring details for this acquisition/construction to their September 7th meeting; this 7:00 pm session will be open to everyone in the downstairs social room.



Celebrating Grandparents Within our Congregation

With Grandparent's Day (Sunday, September 11th) coming up, we'd like to remember all those in our congregation who are grandparents or who have served in a grandparent role to the younger ones of our church. We are blessed to have many generations of knowledge and love in our congregation!



Pictured: Carolyn Grove with grandsons Mason and Tucker as her sister Elaine Magee looks on.

A Wagon is Awaiting

An "August into September" event is happening in Bunker Hill's midst as sweethearts around the congregation are purchasing school supplies for book bags (that have been handstitched for this activity by seamstress Norma Coe). The downstairs social room's coat rack has a display of the empty bags along with shopping lists. (Some big box stores in the area have reduced prices on their merchandise.).

Downstairs, near the coat rack, is a wagon that is the gathering place for completed bags. From there the bags will be deliered to Mission Central, a depository for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and other mission outlets. Located in Mechanicsburg, PA this agency has, for many years, partnered with Bunker Hill to place our gifts in the hands of receivers worldwide.

The UM Women with Norma's help are sponsoring this campaign. Pleae return filled bags to the wagon in the downstairs social room by Sunday, September 18th. We thank you for being a "behind the scenes" supporter of this project.

2022 School Supplies List for UMCOR School Kits

- 1 pair blunt scissors (no plastic please)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (at least 1 inch long)
- 1 ruler (12 inch or 30 centimeter)
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 eraser (2-inch or larger)
- 11 of crayons (24 count)
- 3 one subject notebook (NO composition books please)
- 1 pack of loose leaf p... (wide or college ruled)
- Bunker Hill's UMW supplies cloth bags beginning in August



⚠Note: Please avoid cartoon characters advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols.

Thank you for your support!



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 2nd

During 10:00 am Worship



We hope that you'll join us during worship as we celebrate communion with believers around the world.

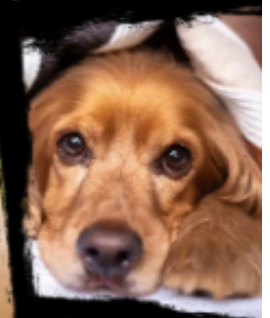
If you have an item from another country you would like included in our display, please get your items to Pastor Katy by September 25th

BLESSING of the ANIMALS

**Sunday,
October 2nd
2:30 pm**

**Pets are God's
creatures too!
You're invited to
bring them to the
pavilion to have
them blessed!**

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Methodist Church
9863 Winchester Ave.*



A 'Jaunt' to Bring Joy

Our 2022 Lenten offering from April has been awaiting delivery in order to introduce our new, Pastor Katy Mossburg, to the joy of meeting a selection of charitable agencies around our area and to see the scope of their outreach.

Here is an account of the stewardship journey Bunker Hill supporters sponsored. Delivery day number one, August 9th, Kenny Feagans graciously drove Pastor Katy, wife Jeanette, and Leslie and Bonnie Brannon to Martinsburg to begin their visits. The first stop was Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center on Winchester Ave. where Ami Sirbaugh, Child-Family Services Supervisor, greeted them. One important message she offered when she accepted Bunker Hill's donation was "In 2021 during the pandemic Safe Haven saw a 22% increase in the number of children seen for forensic interviews. We had to be able to take precautions, modify our work space, satisfy safely our service obligations despite the threat of COVID." Pastor Katy remarked, "Safe Haven truly considers the comfort, safety, and wellbeing of the children in their care. The obvious care for the children is heartwarming and impressive."

The next delivery was the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission at 608 W. King Street, where Pastor Tim Guerino was available to provide an insider's tour of the entire operation for Pastor Katy. She was very inspired by their incredible effort to serve the Martinsburg community. From temporary housing to three meals a day, the mission is generous and serves a multitude of people. While visiting, Kenny pointed out that there were many volunteers working around the dining room and kitchen. He was quick to highlight that the mission welcomes laymen to assist after application forms have been completed. Bonnie was amazed to see the bounty of bread and pastry items that were being brought in from local supermarkets to share with the community. How gratifying to see folks converging on the covered back porch to glean these products to use at home. Leslie took time to observe the bales of clothing and textiles that were being loaded on the "Rag Man's" large trailer for sales elsewhere. He learned that this disposal occurs ever other month or so. [NOTE: Even old, tattered items can be a part of this re-purposing.]

Downtown at the Children's Home Society (formerly the Peoples Trust Company Bank), the group toured the two stories and discovered that the building along with the Winchester Avenue properties, and the farm-like acreage in the Pikeside area where the Children's Shelter had previously been located- all are fully owned by the Children's Home Society of West Virginia. Bonnie noticed on the tour a storage corner where 50 plus duffel bags were stacked. Everyone was impressed to see inside a bag (tagged as to gender and age) comfort items like books, stuffed animals, handmade afghans and other merchandise for children who are facing foster care. Various churches and other organizations are responsible for this stash of loving goodies for children in transition. Pastor Katy noted the facility was, "an impressive multi-care organization that helps families care for children. Their commitment to the foster care children is amazing, and the fact that they do all they can to foster the well being of families touched my heart."

At Bethany House (for homeless women and children) in downtown, the group met two employees named Darlene and Bunny. These two are openly fond of their work and rarely miss a day; they do not discuss retirement. Everyone was stunned to learn that plans are in the works for an expansion of the current structure. Pastor Katy observed they have a staff that is obviously invested in helping their clients. She thought it was impressive to see the grants being used to improve services for the women they serve.

A new acquaintance surfaced (nurse Karen Newell) at Good Samaritan Free Healthcare on Raleigh Street. She exhibited zeal as she recaptured the previous weekend's block party and the resources she was able to attract for the neighborhood. As Nurse Karen led the Bunker Hill folks out to the community garden behind the building, Jeanette discovered that a vertical pendant with multiple diamonds on it was missing from her necklace. Pastor Katy swung into action, leaned over, moved a few rocks, and found the missing jewelry. (You can see one of them to hear the whole story.) Pastor Katy stated, "Good Samaritan Free Healthcare center was small in size, but huge in service and commitment. They serve those who need healthcare, they help children, and they have a community garden! Wonderful!!!!"

Delivery day number two took place on August 19th. Pastor Katy and Bonnie were joined by Vacation Bible School representatives Meghan Lawlor, Shelly, Mason, David, and Lilly Hughes, Tiffany, Dylan, and Jackson King at Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center (EPEC) in downtown Martinsburg. VBS participants Mason Hughes and Dylan King presented the VBS offering of \$222.22 from early this summer. VBS Director Tiffany King explained how Bible Schoolers learned about the power of the Holy Spirit and how it helps them to be bold, do hard things, gives hope, helps them be good friends, and helps them live forever. Throughout the week of VBS as the offering was collected, the group hoped the collection would help EPEC empower folks to be able to do all of these things as well. We loved the fun fact that we had 22 children and raised \$222.22 for this organization! Pastor Katy felt, "it was wonderful to meet the faces behind the services of EPEC. The services they offer are vital to those who suffer from oppression in very serious ways, and empower them to live full lives. Our VBS kids raised money for them, and it was wonderful to see the kids give that check!"

Pastor Katy and Bonnie then traveled to the offices of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) with a check for their operation; they received insight on how the 70 adult partners in their program are stretching to help kids in the court system. Sadly, they learned that several hundred other local children need attention too. Pastor Katy found it very impressive that this organization advocates for children so strongly. What a blessing for the community!

The final leg of day two's journey was to witness Faith Feeding Freedom's weekly lunch distribution to the homeless population in downtown Martinsburg. This large enterprise is handled by volunteers from fraternal organizations and churches with leadership from Toni Weisberg, a local visionary. Items of clothing along with food were available. A short walk from the

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square and the free food allowed the participants from Bunker Hill to see free, safe locker space that the homeless can access. Pastor Katy described Faith Feed Freedom as, “an outstanding organization that treats the homeless and economically challenged as dignified human beings. They offer food, clothing, and fellowship every week, and it was wonderful to see the camaraderie between staff, community, and clients.

While Pastor Katy and Bonnie were out, Bonnie introduced Pastor Katy to Meals on Wheels, another wonderful organization the United Methodist Women remember each year before Christmas with their tray favors.

What joy evolved from Bunker Hill’s generosity! Thank you, Bonnie, for coordinating the visits, introducing Pastor Katy to all these organizations, and giving her a tour of Martinsburg! What a privilege to be emissaries to these causes!



Top Row: Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center & Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission

Second Row: Children’s Home Society & Bethany House

Third Row: Good Samaritan Free Healthcare, CASA, Faith Feeding Freedom

Bottom: EPEC



As part of my introduction into the community that Bunker Hill UMC serves, I had the pleasure of accompanying Leslie and Bonnie Brannon and Kenny and Jeanette Feagans to deliver funds raised to several organizations. It was illuminating to see the good works being done in Berkeley County, and how Bunker Hill is a part of it. Each gift was received with gratitude and joy. What a wonderful time!

Pastor Katy

WANTED

**ALL COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS
FOR A STOMPIN GOOD TIME!**

Round 'em up and head on over to....

**BUNKER HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9863 WINCHESTER AVE.
BUNKER HILL, WY**

September 18th

Worship at 10:00am

Round-Up Following

Food

Games

Fun

**SADDLE UP IN YOUR WESTERN DUDS
AND MOSEY ON DOWN WITH YOUR
NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS FOR
A CASUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH
FOOD AND FUN TO FOLLOW.**

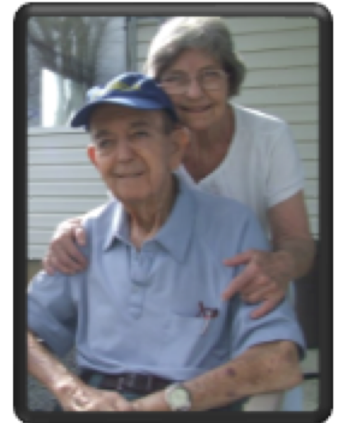
Our Round-Up will be extra special this year as we dedicate our pavilion in memory of Rebekah Herber and her grandparents Tommy and Irene Bain! We hope you'll join us for 10:00 am Worship, this special dedication, and the meal and fellowship following.

The Bain Family

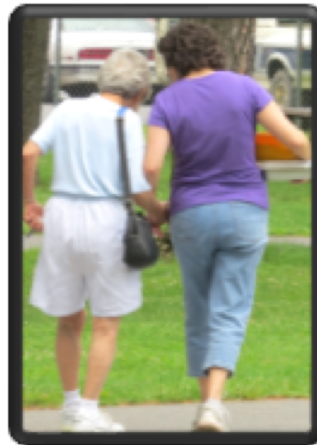


*Shauna, Irene, Sherry,
Debbie, David*

*Tommy &
Irene*



September 18, 2022
Dedicating
BHUMC's Pavilion
in Memory of
Rebekah Herber
&
Tommy & Irene Bain



*Kara,
Shauna,
Shawn,
Shane &
Rebekah
Herber*

Daily Lectionary Scripture for September

Thursday, September 1, 2022: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jer. 15:10-21; Philippians 2:25-30

Friday, September 2, 2022: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jer. 16:14-17:4; Colossians 4:7-17

Saturday, September 3, 2022: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jer. 17:14-27; Matthew 10:34-42

Monday, September 5, 2022: Psalm 2; Jer. 18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Tuesday, September 6, 2022: Psalm 2; Jer. 19:1-15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wednesday, September 7, 2022: Psalm 2; Jer. 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30

Thursday, September 8, 2022: Psalm 14; Jer. 13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11

Friday, September 9, 2022: Psalm 14; Jer. 4:1-10; 2 Peter 2:1-10a

Saturday, September 10, 2022: Psalm 14; Jer. 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21

Monday, September 12, 2022: Psalm 94; Jer. 5:1-17; 1 Timothy 1:18-20

Tuesday, September 13, 2022: Psalm 94; Jer. 5:18-31; 2 Peter 3:8-13

Wednesday, September 14, 2022: Psalm 94; Jer. 14:1-10, 17-22; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Thursday, September 15, 2022: Psalm 79:1-9; Jer. 12:14-13:11; Romans 3:1-8

Friday, September 16, 2022: Psalm 79:1-9; Jer. 8:1-13; Romans 8:31-39

Saturday, September 17, 2022: Psalm 79:1-9; Jer. 8:14-17; 9:2-11; Mark 12:41-44

Monday, September 19, 2022: Psalm 106:40-48; Jer. 9:12-26; Acts 4:1-12

Tuesday, September 20, 2022: Psalm 106:40-48; Jer. 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Wednesday, September 21, 2022: Psalm 106:40-48; Jer. 10:17-25; Luke 20:45-21:4

Thursday, September 22, 2022: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jer. 23:9-22; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15

Friday, September 23, 2022: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jer. 23:23-32; Ephesians 2:1-10

Saturday, September 24, 2022: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jer. 24:1-10; Luke 9:43b-48

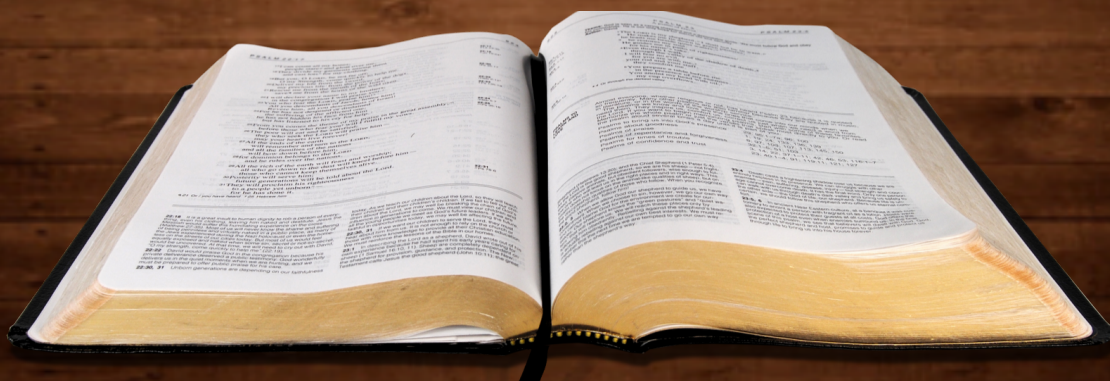
Monday, September 26, 2022: Psalm 119:49-56; Jer. 32:16-35; Revelation 3:14-22

Tuesday, September 27, 2022: Psalm 119:49-56; Jer. 32:36-44; James 5:1-6

Wednesday, September 28, 2022: Psalm 119:49-56; Jer. 33:1-13; Matthew 19:16-22

Thursday, September 29, 2022: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jer. 52:1-11; Revelation 2:8-11

Friday, September 30, 2022: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jer. 52:12-30; Revelation 2:12-29



Amount needed each week to reach annual budget : \$3,025.50
Our counting team counts every other week. We received \$9,421 in offering for the general fund over four weeks.
That equates to \$2,355.25 per week.
That is \$670.25 per week below budget.



We appreciate our faithful givers and all you do for our church. We're providing these figures in an attempt to be transparent.

*Thank you for your faithful stewardship through lean and bountiful times.

Stewardship Thought

Generosity is a good pursuit because it comes with a 'ripple effect.' If someone else sees us do something kind or generous, it actually makes them more likely to be generous, too. Even saying a simple "thank you" can inspire both of you and those watching, to be more generous. "Ripple effect" helps us feel happier and less lonely.

Let's get on the generosity bandwagon.

Tchiki Davis, "What Is Generosity (and how to be a more generous person)?"

Keeping Up with Finances

Following our regular monthly loan payment of \$629.76, our current loan balance is \$41,548.92. Thank you to those who continue to donate specifically to this expense.

Extra Ways to Support BHUMC



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- 2 Make sure you're Logged in to your personal account
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Link can be found on our website: bhumcwg.com

Poets Corner

What Are the Odds?

~Bill Price



There's a great story, I'll tell you of this,
About a great Man that many dismiss
Because of the proof that people won't see.
They reject all the truth and say this can't be.

The Facts I present are from an old book -
The Old Testament - so just take a look -
This amazing fact presented by me
Concerns all the writing and old prophecies.

This very old book foretells that one man
Would someday be born to fulfill our God's plan,
Concerning salvation for all who agree
To accept Him completely while on bended knee.

What are the odds that one single man
Could fulfill all the words that are found in this plan
Of a savior who came to set us all free
And lead us to Heaven for eternity.

300 times, from the scriptures they wrote . . .
Beginning in Genesis where prophets spoke
Of a man, the Messiah, who would come to this earth -
Who would be man - and God from the time of His birth?

They spoke of His mother and of His birthplace.
They talked of his love, explaining His grace.
They said that His ancestors would surely be known
From the line of Judah and of King David's throne.

They told of the method in which He would die
Which was never used, and this is no lie,
During the time that they wrote of His death;
They predicted the words upon His last breath.

They talked of this Man and His resurrection,
Of how He would teach, and of His connection
To Heaven and Earth, not thinking it odd
That this prophet to come was surely from God.

What are the odds that the Jesus we know
Completed the prophecies of long ago?
The odds, from His birth to His final hour
Are one in ten to the seventeenth power.

There is nothing else that we need to say
For, He is still with us to this very day.
Because He was born to die on that tree,
And those who accept Him - have eternity!

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

Officials at the local food pantry have asked Bunker Hill to be a part of a “can you bake a pumpkin pie” challenge for the months before their Thanksgiving baskets are delivered. For August we struggled to find small packages of powdered pie crust mix (usually Jiffy brand). Sadly, not all of the grocery chains stock this item. We persisted in the search for this reasonably priced (about one dollar) basic and although just shy of our 50 piece goal, received 42 boxes to donate towards the Thanksgiving baskets.

For September’s collection we will focus on canned pumpkin. Lets hold firm to the original proposition. “Yes, we can bake a pumpkin pie.”

Loaves
&
Fishes
September
Emphasis:
Canned Pumpkin

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