



Living the Adventure

at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

Greetings my beloved siblings in Christ,

It seems that the last 5 months have flown by, with all the busyness of the church. It feels as though there is always the next thing to get done, to cross off of the never-ending list, with almost no time to catch a breath. It is exhausting. Now that it is December, there is so much to do in the church, and with Christmas on a Sunday, it feels even busier. But that is the beauty of Advent.

Advent is the season of anticipation. We don't often think of Advent outside of church, but Advent is not solely for Sundays. It is the season of preparation, anticipation and expectation of the birth of Jesus. We prepare our homes for Christmas by digging out the trees, the decorations, changing over linens, hanging lights, all in preparation of Christmas morning. Advent is the time when we prepare our hearts, our minds, our souls for Christmas Eve. Every Sunday in Advent, we light a candle— for hope, peace, love and joy. These are the gifts that Jesus brings to us. We don't just light the candles in the service for the tradition of it, but it is so that when we leave here on Sunday mornings, we can recall the message all through the week. They are meant to give us strength to endure the times of hopelessness, chaos, apathy and despair. When we don't take these gifts with us, it is like entering a snowstorm without gloves and a hat, or the rain without an umbrella. We get flustered, sick and exhausted, when we could be filled with warmth and light and joy.

Christmas is coming, whether we are ready or not. The birth of Jesus Christ will be celebrated with or without us. It is up to us to make use of the gifts that we are given, or to allow ourselves to be overwhelmed. I urge you this Advent to remain in hope that your relationship with Jesus will get you through anything! Live in the peace of knowing that we have the gift of eternal salvation, and the love that never abandons us, even when we make mistakes, and embrace the joy of knowing that you are cherished, loved, wanted and amazing children of a graceful and loving God.

In the Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy of the Savior,
Pastor Katy

December 2022 Events

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

Wednesday, December 7.....7:00 PM
UWF (UMW) Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11.....2:00 PM
Christmas Caroling

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

Saturday, December 17.....2:00 PM
Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 18.....1:00-5:00 PM
Parsonage Open House

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

Saturday, December 24.....7:00 PM
Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 25.....10:00 AM
Christmas Day Worship- NO Sunday School

Join Us At The Table

Free Family Meal

December 2nd
December 16th
4:30 pm-6:00 pm

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

This will be a drive-thru meal.



BRING YOUR BIBLE AND JOIN US!

WEEKLY

SUNDAY **SCHOOL**

A D U L T C L A S S

EVERY
SUNDAY

9:00 AM
DOWNSTAIRS SOCIAL ROOM

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Youth Group Meetings for December

YOUTH GRADES 6TH-12TH

Are Welcome to Join Us

Sunday, Dec. 4th | 5:30 pm Meal
6:00-7:30 pm Youth

Sunday, Dec. 11th | 2:00 pm
Christmas Caroling
5:30-7:00 pm
Youth Christmas Party



Youth will
resume
January 8th.
Enjoy your
family this
holiday!





UMW Green Moment

Recycling "COLD"

Here is valuable info about safely disposing of ice packs.

- Hard ice packs- place the container with liquid inside the garage.
- Flexible ice packs- thaw the pack, cut it open, squeeze the gel into the garbage *(do not pour contents down the drain). Rinse out the plastic container, dry it, and recycle with plastic bags.

From NAPA Recycling and Waste Services

Little Things Can Mean A Lot

Beginning in late November and continuing until December 18th, the Crusaders Class members are individually purchasing \$5.00 gift cards to fast food restaurants. Their objective is to present them to the administration at the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission as incentives for the homeless men who work at the mission.

Bring cards from places like Arby's, Burger King, Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Taco Bell, and Wendy's to the class.



Blessed By Our Church Family

One Sunday we woke up later than anticipated. I hurriedly woke the boys up and asked them to run get dressed for church while I got ready. When I saw what Jackson (8) was wearing, I was less than thrilled, but I didn't have time to send him back to change. When we arrived, he was disappointed we hadn't made it in time for him to join the kids' Sunday School class. We went into the sanctuary for worship and he wanted to light the candles. I instead sent his older brother who was more appropriately dressed. As I sat in worship, I was convicted. This little boy got himself up and dressed and wanted to come and worship. Did it really matter what he was wearing? His heart was in the right place; who cares what he was



wearing? I allowed him to go up at the end of the service and carry the light of God into the world. I'm so thankful and blessed to have a church family that isn't focused on my son's clothing, but that he wanted to show up and participate in the service!



Not Missing A Beat

On Wednesday, January 4, 2023 the United Women of Faith (formerly UMW) will assemble in the social room at 7:00 pm to map out their calendar for 2023. Already, they have planned an informative interlude with "Stars That Shine." This non-profit organization, a preventative and empowerment agency, serves West Virginia girls ages 12-20 who are at risk. One of their strong passions is distributing feminine hygiene products.

Women across the congregation should consider this note as an invitation to become a part of this dynamic mixture of ladies who want to be mindful of the needs of women, children, and youth everywhere.

Board of Child Care

During the four weeks of Advent the United Women of Faith (UMW) are trusting that folks will remember and support the Board of Child Care with coins, cash, and checks (written to BHUMC- memo Board of Child Care).

Bringing Cheer to Community Shut-Ins

A long-standing tradition of Bunker Hill's United Methodist Women (now United Women of Faith) is their practice of crafting holiday tray favors for clients of Berkeley County's Meals-on-Wheels. For 2022 the women, with leadership from member Elaine Magee, prepared 140 snowmen head ornaments that were built around battery operated votive candles. (See in photo how lighted candle can become the snowman's nose.)

Members Joyce Marchette and Michelle Albert will transport these cheerful remembrances to the agency; each ornament has been tagged as a gift from BHUMC. Meals on Wheels teams deliver this handiwork over the county for us.

What a precious way to bring a smile to the lives of shut-ins across the region!



Welcoming our New Nursery Attendant

We're so elated to welcome Taylor Wilkerson as our new nursery attendant. Taylor loves children and has two of her own. We met her when she brought them to Vacation Bible School this summer. She fit right in and we love having her as a helper! We've been looking for a nursery attendant for quite some time now and are so thankful she's excited to fill this important role within our church. She will be available for 0-2 year olds during both Sunday School and during Worship. Welcome Taylor! We're so glad you're joining us!



The Legend of the Christmas Spider and Tinsel

~Author Unknown

Once upon a time, there was a poor widow living in her tiny home with her young children. One day, the children discovered a cast-off tree and pulled it into their home for the holidays. The kids were so excited to have their very own Christmas tree, and were so upset when their mother explained that they could barely afford food for dinner for the evening, much less decorations for the tree. The children understood, so they wiped away their tears as they climbed into bed that Christmas Eve.

The tree stood bare in the corner, and the widow shook her head sadly as she herself turned in for the night. But household's spiders had seen the sadness of the children and their mother, so they climbed all over the tree that night, leaving intricate webs in their wake. Early that Christmas morning, the children called out to the widow, "Mother, mother! Come and see what has happened to the tree! It is beautiful!" Their mother rushed in to find that during the bitter night while they slept, spiders had spun magical glittery garlands all across the tree's barren branches.

As the family stood in wonder staring at the beauty before them they realized that they had everything they truly needed. They had each other, and that was more than enough! As their prayers of gratitude for their blessings reached God's ears, he reached down and touched their tree, turning the dusty webs into magical strands of gold and silver, and the grateful family never wanted for their needs again! Since that day, it's a tradition for many to add tinsel to their trees as a way to show their gratitude to God for the many gifts he has bestowed upon them!

Save Your STAMPS

SAVE THE RIGHT END OF HOLIDAY MAIL
(WHERE THE CANCELLED STAMP IS LOCATED)
FOR THE UWF (FORMERLY UMW). DROP
THEM IN DESIGNATED RECEPTACLES IN THE
SANCTUARY AND THE SOCIAL ROOM. EXTRA
FUNDS ARE GLEANED FROM THE SALE OF
THESE STAMPS FOR PURCHASING
EYEGASSES, HEARING AIDS, ETC. FOR
SENIOR RESIDENTS AT ASBURY VILLAGE IN
GAITHERSBURG, MD.

Remembering Our Spooktacular Good Time

We've had so many exciting things happening around Bunker Hill UMC! With the newsletter publication times, we haven't had a chance to look back at our annual Trunk-or-Treat event! We had a WONDERFUL time!



Celebrating Our Veterans

On Sunday, November 13, we celebrated our veterans and their families. In times of war, we rely on those in the armed forces to protect our freedom. In times of peace, we count on them to be ready to handle any threat. They willingly leave their families and communities uncertain if they will return, and so often, when they do, their lives are forever changed. It is our honor to celebrate them all, regardless of age, gender, and branch of service. Thank you to all who serve, for your time, honor, and commitment to us all!



Welcoming New Members

On Sunday, November 20th, we had the joy of welcoming Frances Fortune and Susan Lewis into our family as full fledged members of Bunker Hill UMC. We are looking forward to working together as the hands and feet of Christ. Following worship, we had a wonderful celebration downstairs in the social hall. We thank the Crusaders Sunday School Class for the cake and beverages. A wonderful time was had by all ages!





CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 11th
Meet at the Church at 2:00 pm



Pastor Katy & Rusty
invite you to the parsonage for their
Christmas Open House
Oh, What Fun!
Stop by anytime between 1:00-5:00 pm
 ~ Sunday, December 18th ~
 Their Home~The Parsonage
 9887 Winchester Ave.
 Bunker Hill, WV



Join Us
 as we *Prepare Him Room*



**Christmas Card
 Delivery to
 Church Family**

While addressing your Christmas cards this year we invite you to save a stamp and place your notes for church family in the wrapped boxes in the sanctuary and social hall by December 11th. Mary Lou Linton has graciously offered to alphabetize then this year for distribution on December 18th.



Blue Christmas

A service of remembrance and hope

This time of year can be chaotic and challenging for many people. Mixed emotions can be overwhelming.

Please join us for a service of reflection, comfort and hope for hurting hearts.

Saturday, December 17
2 pm



Glory TO THE NEWBORN King



BUNKER HILL UMC
Welcomes you to our

Christmas EVE SERVICE

Lessons & Carols

SATURDAY
DECEMBER

24
7PM

There will be a Christmas
Day Worship the next day
at 10am

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

FOR MORE INFO: 304 229-8508

Daily Lectionary Scripture for December

Thurs, Dec 1, 2022: Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Is 4:2-6; Ac 1:12-17, 21-26

Fri, Dec 2, 2022: Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Is 30:19-26; Ac 13:16-25

Sat, Dec 3, 2022: Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Is 40:1-11; John 1:19-28

Mon, Dec 5, 2022: Ps 21; Is 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Tues, Dec 6, 2022: Ps 21; Is 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21

Wed, Dec 7, 2022: Ps 21; Gen 15:1-18; Matt 12:33-37

Thurs, Dec 8, 2022: Ps 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10

Fri, Dec 9, 2022: Ps 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18

Sat, Dec 10, 2022: Ps 146:5-10; 1 Sam 2:1-8; Lk 3:1-18

Mon, Dec 12, 2022: Ps 42; Is 29:17-24; Ac 5:12-16

Tues, Dec 13, 2022: Ps 42; Ez 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25

Wed, Dec 14, 2022: Ps 42; Zech 8:1-17; Matt 8:14-17, 28-34

Thurs, Dec 15, 2022: Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Sam 7:1-17; Gal 3:23-29

Fri, Dec 16, 2022: Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Sam 7:18-22; Gal 4:1-7

Sat, Dec 17, 2022: Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Sam 7:23-29; John 3:31-36

Mon, Dec 19, 2022: 1 Sam 2:1-10; Gen 17:15-22; Gal 4:8-20

Tues, Dec 20, 2022: 1 Sam 2:1-10; Gen 21:1-21; Gal 4:21-5:1

Wed, Dec 21, 2022: 1 Sam 2:1-10; Gen 37:2-11; Matt 1:1-17

Thurs, Dec 22, 2022: Lk 1:46b-55; Is 33:17-22; Rev 22:6-7, 18-20

Fri, Dec 23, 2022: Lk 1:46b-55; 2 Sam 7:18, 23-29; Gal 3:6-14

Mon, Dec 26, 2022: Ps 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Ac 7:59-8:8

Tues, Dec 27, 2022: Ps 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12

Wed, Dec 28, 2022: Ps 148; Is 49:13-23; Matt 18:1-14

Thurs, Dec 29, 2022: Ps 20; Jer 31:15-22; Lk 19:41-44

Fri, Dec 30, 2022: Ps 20; Is 26:1-9; 2 Cor 4:16-18

Sat, Dec 31, 2022: Ps 20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19





Amount need per month to reach annual budget: \$12,102.00

During the month of November, we received \$7,112.38.

That equates to \$4,989.62 under budget last month.

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.

Proverbs 11:24-25 tells us: There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.

Between the end of the year scrambling and the reality of inflation, we are tempted to tighten the purse strings when it comes to giving. Yet there is no amount of giving that can adequately express the magnitude of God's generosity to us, nor of God's expectation of us. I pray that you find peace in the giving of financial support, and that you realize the bounty that will pour itself upon you!

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

Stewardship Lifters

October's 2022 newsletter highlighted three of Joshua Becker's "10 Single Ways to Become a More Generous Person." These tips were to consider:

1. What giving makes your most satisfied?
2. Review the things you are most grateful for.
3. Aim to start "small" with your giving.

Here are the next three tips for those on a 'journey to generosity.' The fourth consideration is what amount to give first when your pay check arrives. Next, decide on one specific expense (like a daily coffee or a weekly lunch) that you can divert to a charity. Last in this segment of tips is to find a cause or charity that you are passionate about (like animal welfare, child nutrition, or the environment). The idea is that you will not miss what you have diverted and you can take pleasure seeing it accumulate for a favorite need.

Read the final four tips in January's newsletter.

Keeping Up with Finances

Following our regular monthly loan payment of \$629.76, plus an additional \$1,000 payment to the principle, our current loan balance is \$39,132.09. Thank you to those who continue to donate specifically to this expense.



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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

Here's BIG NEWS about Loaves and Fishes' 2022 Thanksgiving basket gifting. Officials at the agency have tabulated that 154 baskets of seasonal foods were given away. Bunker Hill assisted with this operation by donating ingredients (pie crust mix, canned pumpkin, and evaporated milk) for pies. See November's newsletter for the final tally; however, during that month the canned milk total went from 68 to 72 cans. What a glorious response from BHUMC.

For November we collected all purpose flour and/or white sugar. Bunker Hill's Kenny and Jeanette Feagan's delivered these products plus a bag of English walnuts and the box of canned goods from Halloween's Trunk or Treat judging- ALL for a total of 151.5 pounds of food.

December will find us promoting warm beverage possibilities, like ground coffee, teabags, and hot chocolate mix. Small amounts and regular or decaf are welcome. The food items will be memorable gifts for those who need a warm, thoughtful "hand-up."

Loaves & Fishes
December
Emphasis:
Warm Beverages
Ground Coffee,
Tea, Hot

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YOUR DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER