

Living the Adventure at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

As we enter into April, I am thinking about the Resurrection and what that means to us not only at Easter, but all year long. The spring is the perfect time to see renewal and regrowth, a resurrection of the earth for us to enjoy. I am always amazed at the beauty in budding plants, the spots on new fawns, the noise of nature all around me, and I am thankful to God for all of these blessings.

In order for things to grow strong and healthy, we must clear away the dross. The stuff that is not helpful in cultivating growth, and in fact causes harm. Weeds do this in gardens, bugs can also affect plants, and so we must neutralize them and remove them. Then there is space and good air, nutrients, and sunlight that allows things to flourish.

Our relationship with God and with each other need the same type of clearing out. Too often, we allow hurts and resentments to sit with us, to weigh upon us, and in some cases, to overtake us. We get lost in our own pain and shut others out. Perhaps now is a good time for us to take inventory of our resentments, and weed them out. We need to let go of things, offer forgiveness—even to ourselves, and resurrect relationships with family and friends. Or, we need to make peace, and let go, so the pain is not dragging us down, giving us burdens.

I have never been successful in gardening, but I believe that is because I know so little about it. I have been speaking to people with knowledge of gardening, and I hope to have a successful little garden this year. I cannot do it alone, though, I must turn to those with more knowledge and experience. We can all turn to God to help us grow our relationships as well. One thing I know helps is plenty of Living Water, basking in Sonshine, and getting rid of the dross! With man, everything is impossible, with God, All Things Are Possible. I love you all, but Jesus loves you more, and there's nothing you can do about it!

In Christ's Amazing Love,
Pastor Katy

April 2023 Events

Sunday, April 2.....10:00 AM
Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 2.....4:00 PM
Confirmation Class (each Sun.)

Sunday, April 2.....5:30 PM
Youth Group (each Sunday)

Wednesday, April 5.....7:00 PM
UWF Meeting

Wednesday, April 5.....7:00 PM
Pastor Katy @ The Mission

Thursday, April 6.....7:00 PM
Maunday Thursday @ BHPC

Friday, April 7 & 21.....4:30-6:00 PM
The Table

Friday, April 7.....7:00 PM
Good Friday Worship @ BHUMC

Sunday, April 9.....6:30 AM
Easter Sunrise Service with
Breakfast to follow @ BHPC

Sunday, April 9.....10:00 AM
Easter Sunday Worship

Tuesday, April 11.....7:00 PM
Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 16.....10:00 AM
Youth Sunday

Monday, April 17.....Noon
Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, April 23.....10:00 AM
Pulpit Exchange

Saturday, April 29.....7:00 PM
Upper Room

Join Us At
The Table

Free Family Meal

April 7th

April 21st

4:30 pm-6:00 pm

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This will be a drive-thru meal.



Meet Us
in the
Upper Room

Come and worship without a sermon.
Real people, with real testimonies,
sharing real life issues.

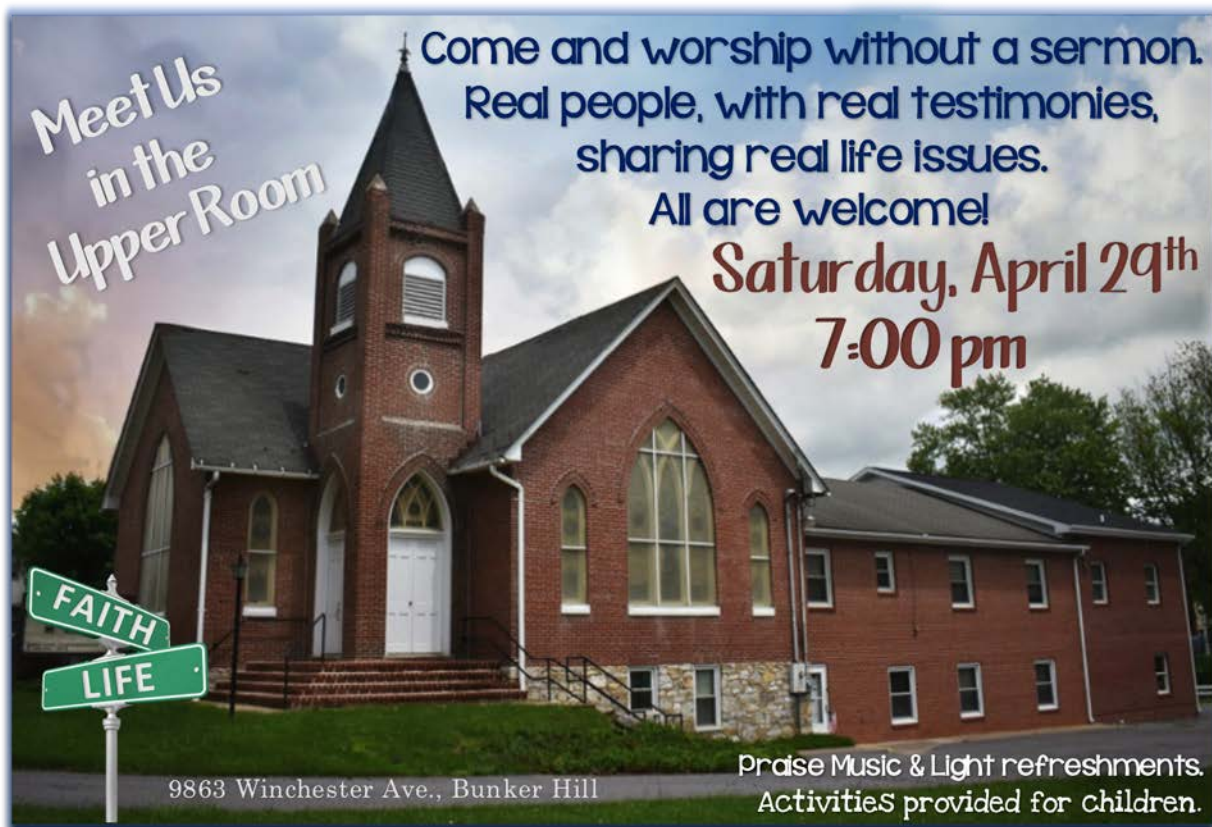
All are welcome!

Saturday, April 29th
7:00 pm



9863 Winchester Ave., Bunker Hill

Praise Music & Light refreshments.
Activities provided for children.





UMW Green Moment

“What Can and Cannot Be Recycled?”

By GLAD

Recycling paper is highly desirable, but not shredded paper. Shredding decreases paper’s recycling value because it shortens fibers. It is best to leave your paper intact. Otherwise, use shredded paper for packing materials, animal bedding, or compost.

UMF: New “Lights” and Old Highlights

On Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm, the United Women in Faith will gather in the social room to re-connect with Angel Saverio so that she can reacquaint the women with Berkeley Senior Services where she serves as Life Enrichment Manager. Located at 217 No. Hight Street, Martinsburg, the facility focuses on activities for seniors over 60. Angel reaches out to folks who want to gather for social activities like monthly birthday parties, line dancing, table games, crafts, and work out routines.

Angel is a friend of BHUMC and is anxious to educate the women about all the magic that she directs at the local center. Everyone is invited to hear her story and to bring their curiosities and questions for a time of reawakening.



Ahead on The Calendar

We are looking forward to these events in the life of the church.

May: The Crusaders will be promoting their campaign to award scholarships for collegiates connected with the Bunker Hill congregation. Watch for the information; remember collegiate are not always youth.

May 14th: Return of the Mother’s Day “Coffee and Donuts” to Bunker Hill’s Calendar will occur at 9:30 am in the social hall hosted by the Crusaders.

May 21st: Berkeley County’s Baccalaureate Service; details will be available soon.

“Hooray” for a New Book

Within the last few months Bunker Hill’s library (upstairs around the corner from the restrooms) has received a new book for the collection. With almost 700 pages The Complete Book of Hymns: Inspiring Stories of About 600 Hymns and Praise Songs by William J. Petersen and Ardythe Petersen is a valuable reference tool. Arranged by themes such as “Hope and Heaven,” “Christmas,” “Children and Youth,” each section (organized further by the titles alphabetically) contains scriptural notions. Most entries have lyrics; readers will appreciate that the book covers many styles of Christian music with accompanying stories,

This soft back volume with helpful indexes in the back is a gift from Elaine Magee and is available to be checked out using the honor system.

Mother’s Day Celebration Is Returning to Bunker Hill

It is official! Bunker Hill’s tradition of “coffee and donuts” (plus milk for kiddos) to honor this special day will be returning to the social room on Sunday, May 14th at 9:30 am (between Sunday school and Worship). Sponsored by the Crusaders Class, we invite everyone to be on hand for this happy interlude that has grown to be loved at Bunker Hill.



Pulpit Exchange

Sunday, April 23, 2023

We welcome Pastor Scott Summers to Bunker Hill as Pastor Katy shares the message at Beddington UMC

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Matthew 18:20

HOLY WEEK 2023

CHURCH SERVICES

06

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY
WORSHIP**

BH PRESBYTERIAN | 7:00 PM

07

APR

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

BH UNITED METHODIST | 7:00 PM

09

APR

SUNRISE SERVICE

BHUMC PAVILION | 6:30 AM

09

APR

EASTER WORSHIP

BUNKER HILL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH | 10:00 AM

Bunker Hill UMC - 9863 Winchester Ave
BH Presbyterian - 9802 Winchester Ave

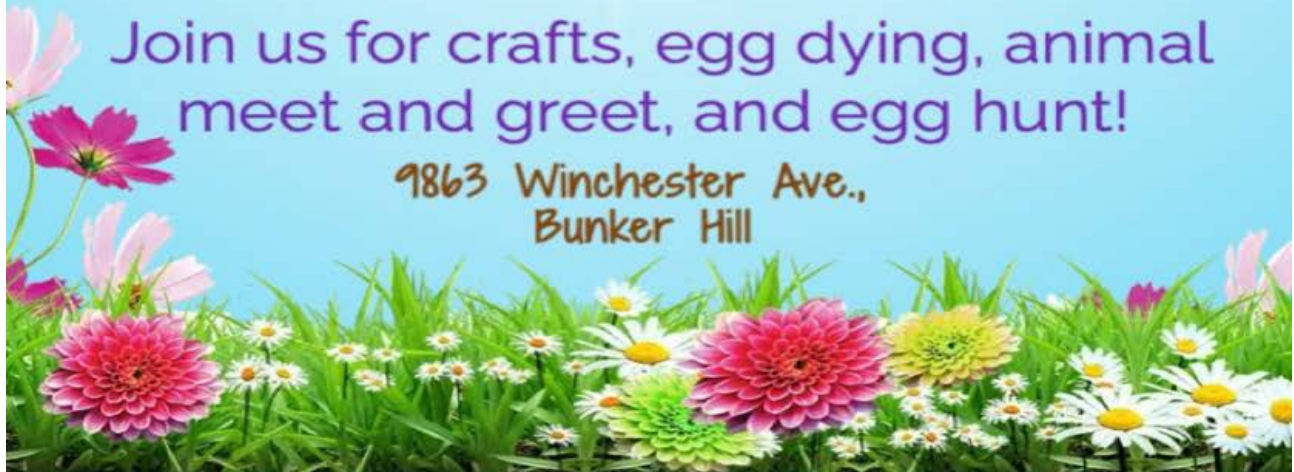
**Bunker Hill
United Methodist Church
is Hosting an**



**Saturday, April 8th
1:00-3:00 PM**

Join us for crafts, egg dying, animal
meet and greet, and egg hunt!

9863 Winchester Ave.,
Bunker Hill





BHUMC
Youth Being Resourceful



We caught youth Kadyn and Dylan finding a resourceful way to help around the church. The boys noticed some scotch tape remnants on the metal poles in the social room. Dylan gave Kadyn a 'lift' so he could handle the situation.

Many thanks to Morgan Wright for your watchful eye!



The Resurrection
~ © M.S. Lowndes

We hold so close to our hearts
The cross where Jesus died,
But so much more than the blood-
stained cross
Is that Jesus came back to life

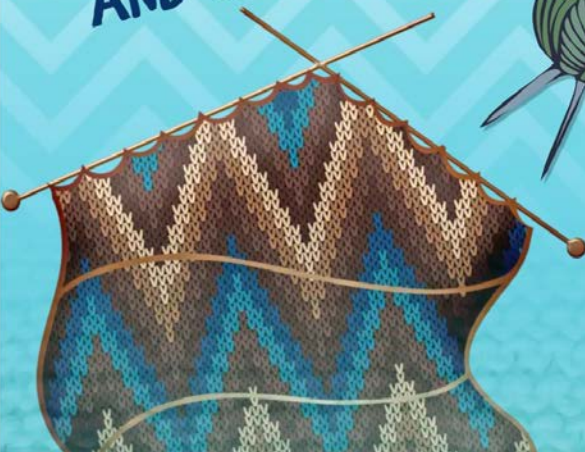
The stone's been rolled away;
The tomb lay open and bare-
They looked for Him,
and then the angel said
That He is no longer here

Oh what joy they must have felt
To see Him just once more,
To eat with Him to drink with Him,
To receive Him back as Lord

So much did He accomplish
Through His death upon the cross
And in His rising from the dead,
He reconciled us back to God

Nothing else could bridge the gap
That sin had wrenched apart-
Now we can freely go to God
And receive Christ in our hearts.

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS
AND CROCHETERS...**



WE'RE LOOKING FOR FOLKS WHO WANT TO TURN THEIR LOVE FOR KNITTING OR CROCHETING INTO A NEW MINISTRY. WE ARE STARTING A PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. WE WILL BE MEETING ONCE A MONTH TO WORK TOGETHER AS WELL AS BRING THE ONES COMPLETED FOR PRAYERS AND PACKAGING. THESE WILL GO TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT NEED PRAYER.

If this sounds like you, please see Susan Lewis!



There Is Power in Gratitude

Bereavement meals following the passing of Bunker Hill loved ones have become a meaningful tradition in the life of the congregation. Here are expressions of gratitude that two families have recently sent to us.

Thank You

JUST A NOTE TO THANK
EVERYONE AT THE BH UMC
FOR YOUR KINDNESS AT THE
DEATH OF OUR FATHER.

The Colles Family



In moments of *Sorrow*,
it's *Family & Friends*
who bring
Love & Peace.
Thank You Sincerely.

Denny, Kathye, Janie, + Drew
+ families

*The Family Of
Martha Jean Place*

Thank you so much for the delicious
luncheon following Mom's funeral. It
was fantastic. The decorations
were gorgeous. The book markers will
be cherished. Thank you. The
love was felt.



Bunker Hill UMC,

3/9/23

Thank you for hosting my Mammaw's (Martha Place's) post-burial reception. I know she would have been very pleased & impressed with all the time, detail and love that went into the food and decor.

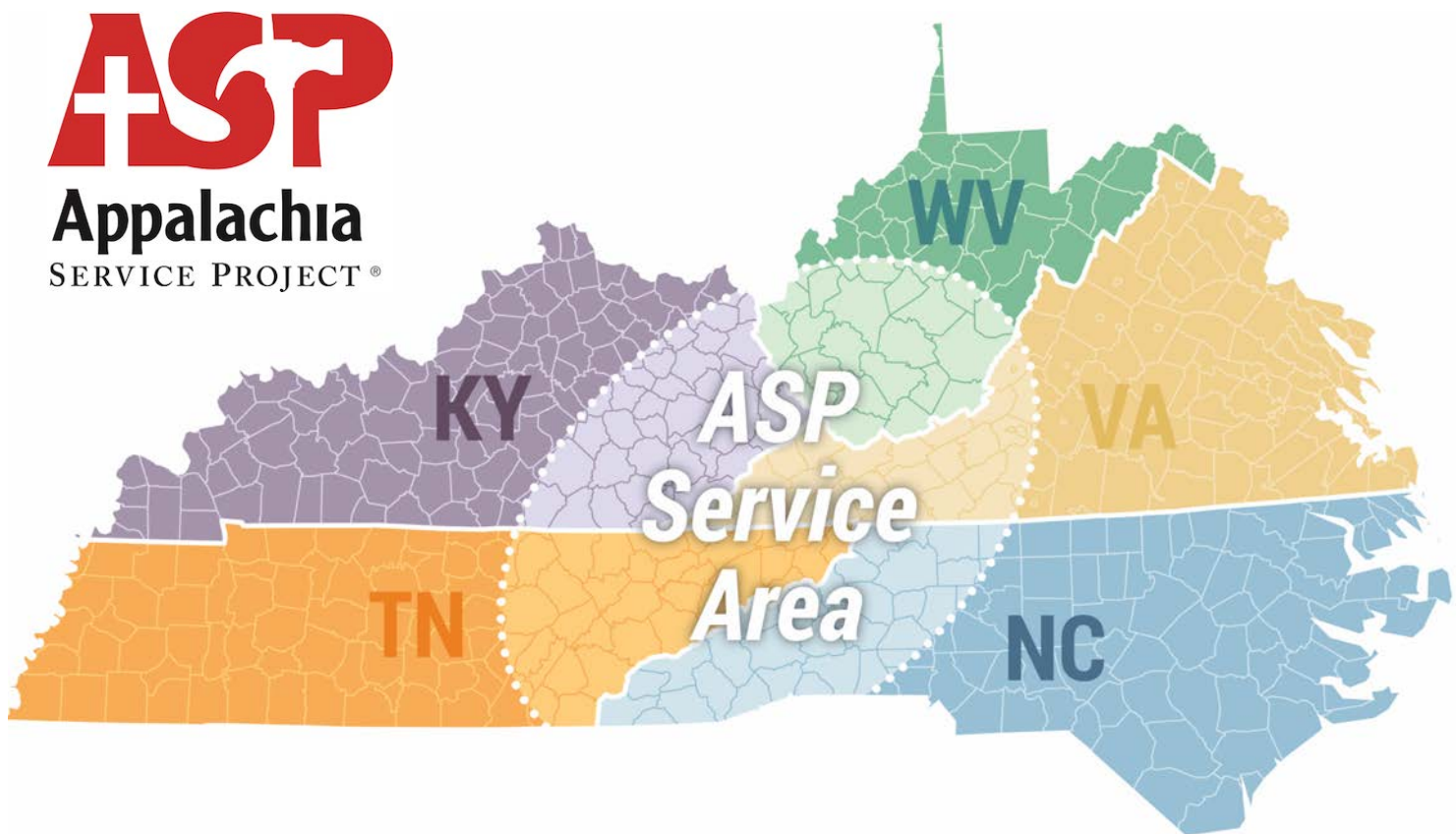
I can remember many Sundays spent at Mammaw and Grandpa's favorite place - the church. The community they have at BHUMC is such a blessing!

Thank you and God Bless,
Lauren Place

Youth Headed to Help

As many of you have heard, Bunker Hill United Methodist Youth and their sponsors will be traveling to Appalachia this summer to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The youth are preparing their hearts, minds, and finances for this trip. They've already had a pancake supper with wonderful support. They are currently selling Country Meat Sticks throughout their friends and family circles to raise money. Ahead in May, they will be hosting a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. They are looking for individuals or local business that would like to donate items toward their silent auction. Donations could be a complete 'basket' or individual items, gift cards, or services the youth could put up for auction.

As of now, they do not know where they will be headed. The map below shows the area in which Appalachian Service Project serves. They know that there are not currently any hubs in North Carolina, but they could be in any of the remaining states. They are anxious to hear where they'll be headed, what kind of projects they will be working on, and what kind of accommodations they will have. Pastor Katy has been talking about what an eye opening experience this will be for all in attendance. All are excited to participate! We greatly appreciate your support!



Upcoming Opportunities to Support This Trip

May 20th- 5:30 - 8:00 pm- Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

June 10th- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm- Dog and Car Wash

While financial support is very much needed and appreciated, we THANK YOU for your prayers as we prepare to be the representatives of Bunker Hill UMC in Appalachia!

Bunker Hill UMC Youth Are Selling **COUNTRY MEATS**



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During the week of June 18-24th, the youth of Bunker Hill will be traveling to the Appalachian Mountains to repair homes, enrich a community, and learn local customs. There will be opportunities for fellowship and ministry and growing relationships with Christ. This fundraiser will help them achieve the financial ability to go. The cost will be over \$5,000, plus gas and food. Thank you for your prayers and support!

See a Youth Member or Parent to Purchase



Daily Lectionary Scripture for April

Saturday, April 1, 2023: Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-3

Monday, April 3, 2023: Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 4, 2023: Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, April 5, 2023: Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday, April 6, 2023: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 7, 2023: Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 8, 2023: Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

Monday, April 10, 2023: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11

Tuesday, April 11, 2023: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17

Wednesday, April 12, 2023: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10

Thursday, April 13, 2023: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5

Friday, April 14, 2023: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Saturday, April 15, 2023: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20

Monday, April 17, 2023: Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Tuesday, April 18, 2023: Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28

Wednesday, April 19, 2023: Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42

Thursday, April 20, 2023: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12

Friday, April 21, 2023: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16

Saturday, April 22, 2023: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14

Monday, April 24, 2023: Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25

Tuesday, April 25, 2023: Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3

Wednesday, April 26, 2023: Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14

Thursday, April 27, 2023: Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12

Friday, April 28, 2023: Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Saturday, April 29, 2023: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7





"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

~Luke 6:38

Thanks to the generosity of BHUMC members being living examples of God's word, we are actively involved in ministering and sharing God's love to those in need in our community and the world through our time, talents, prayers, and financial gifts. In addition to general operating expenses that keep the church open, your gifts this month have supported the following missions:

- * UMCOR disaster relief: \$385
- * Emergency Fund: \$125
- * The Table: \$183.50
- * Loaves and Fishes: Cans of corn and green beans

In addition, we are supporting our Youth as they prepare to help others in the Appalachian Service Project this summer. We have paid an additional \$250 to the loan principle, and had multiple donations to our memorial fund and flower fund. A special thank you goes to two members of the congregation who provided a special gift of \$6,800 to pay off a credit card bill. Their generosity is much appreciated!

Total giving in March= \$21,301.89. Total expenditures in March= \$23,467, a deficit of \$2,165. In order to meet our monthly expenses, we need \$3,114.75 per week. During the month of March, we averaged \$2,762 per week in the general fund. Our current loan balance= \$36,825.45.

We are waiting to hear from the district regarding the Equitable Compensation Support Grant. We invite you to continue your prayerful support for this endeavor as well your prayerful consideration in how you wish to contribute your time, talents, gifts, and service in the mission of our church.

Sharon Cooley
Finance Chair



Keeping Up with Finances

Following our regular monthly loan payment of \$629.76 and an additional principle payment of \$250, our current loan balance is \$36,825.45. Thank you to those who continue to donate specifically to this expense.

Stewardship Thought

A group of researchers conducted experiments across the globe to look for a universal link between giving and happiness. Overwhelming evidence found that "giving" leads to happiness. The giver's cultural background, social status, or financial situation made no differences. This fact held true for 120 out of 136 countries surveyed.

Silvia, "5 Reasons Why Giving Makes You Happy,"
January 29, 2023



UMCOR Victory in Our Midst

Bunker Hill celebrated UMCOR Sunday on March 19th. It was a time to concentrate on how Methodists move in to help in any crisis worldwide (like fires, earthquakes, tornadoes). Sharon Cooley's solo "Not Too Far From Here" reminded us how we can be a part of relief efforts.

Praise the Lord UMCOR's special offering that day totaled \$335.00 and has received an additional \$50 already! This total can be adjusted if more folks want to give.



Rejoice! Bunker Hill donors dedicated \$385.00 to support UMCOR's mission worldwide.

Living the Discipleship Adventure at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Katy Mossburg

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

The food collection for March has been canned green beans and canned corn in 14-15 oz containers. Bunker Hill's response has been a rousing success. We are waiting to tally numerical results and to determine which veggies seemed to be the favorite among Bunker Hill's shoppers.

Thanks to all donors who think of this community charity when they are at the grocery store. During April the food emphasis will be a "behind the scenes" essential- cooking/vegetable oil- not large containers. FOOTNOTE: Officials at Loaves and Fishes tell us that they service many small families with one or two people. There are only about 25 large families a month that need assistance.

After about 20 years headquartered at St. Joseph's School building, personnel at Loaves and Fishes are reporting their pleasure with the transition to Otterbein UMC in Martinsburg recently. More space enabled them to provide 130 boxes of food in the first 15 days of operation; parking, likewise is plentiful at the new facility.

Loaves & Fishes

April

Emphasis:

Cooking/
Vegetable Oil

(Small containers preferred)

Bunker Hill UMC

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YOUR APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER