



# Living the Adventure at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

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## Pastor's Ponderings

Greetings my beloved siblings in Christ,

This is a beautiful time of year. So many things are blooming, growing new life, and the air is getting warmer. It is a time for renewal and rebirth. Spring is in the air, and God is shining through everywhere. School is winding down for the summer, and of course vacations are being planned. It is amazing!

It is a season for growth and renewal here at Bunker Hill UMC as well. We are looking for new ways to grow our congregation and affect our community. We want to show the love of Christ in new and amazing ways. We need everyone to lend a hand, or an ear, or even an opinion. This church is a wonderful home for so many of us, but there are those who don't know about us. You can spread the word, join in activities, and share ideas to assist in our endeavor.

As you spend time preparing for summer, perhaps you could ponder the following questions: What is your favorite thing about Bunker Hill UMC? If you could change one thing, what would it be? How has my life been impacted by Bunker Hill UMC, and what would I like to share with others? Please feel free to have conversations with me or with each other over these things.

Take heart this glorious month, relishing the growing flowers, budding trees, and warm days. Behold God in the air around you! You are beloved and blessed!

*"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."  
-Isaiah 40:31*

In Christ's Amazing Love,  
*Pastor Katy*

## May 2023 Events

**Wednesday, May 3.....7:00 PM**  
**UWF Meeting**

**Friday, May 5.....4:30-6:00 PM**  
**The Table**

**Sunday, May 7.....4:00 PM**  
**Confirmation Class (each Sun.)**

**Sunday, May 7.....5:30 PM**  
**Youth Group (each Sunday)**

**Tuesday, May 9.....6:00 PM**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 9.....7:00 PM**  
**SPRC Meeting**

**Sunday, May 14.....9:30 AM**  
**Mothers' Day Donuts**

**Monday, May 15.....Noon**  
**Newsletter Deadline**

**Tuesday, May 16.....6:00 PM**  
**Trustees Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 16.....7:00 PM**  
**Church Council Meeting**

**Friday, May 19.....4:30-6:00 PM**  
**The Table**

**Saturday, May 20.....5:00-7:00 PM**  
**Youth Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction**

# Join Us At The Table

Free Family Meal

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm-6:00 pm**

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This will be a drive-thru meal.



*Needed For*  
**THE TABLE**

**ALUMINUM PIE PANS**

*8"-9" Size*



We will be serving quiche for dinner on May 19th's The Table Meal

We are looking for donations of 8"-9" aluminum pie pans.

We are excited to have arrangements with EPEC and some local families to receive food from this mission! We like to send these meals in recyclable or disposable containers for them to eat together family style.

If you have any donations, please have them to the church by May 14th.

Thank you for your support!



# Can You Help?



**MONUMENTAL**  
CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

Bunker Hill UMC will be hosting  
**Vacation Bible School**  
July 17<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>

If you would like to volunteer to help lead, please see Tiffany King, Shelly Hughes, or Pastor Katy





# UMW Green Moment

Here are some tips to salvage pencils as the school year closes:

1. Pencil shavings are an enhancement for compost piles or mulch.
2. Start a bonfire with pencil shavings.
3. Recycle Dixon pencils- a free service with that pencil manufacturer.
4. "Pencils for Kids" is a nonprofit that collects pencils in West Africa.
5. Make pencils last longer by not over sharpening them.
6. Rotate pencils as they are sharpened and used; otherwise dulling occurs.
7. Invest in a pencil extender for short pencils.
8. To protect the tip of a pencil, cap it with old, unused pen caps.
9. Fact: the average pencil has enough graphite to write 45,000 words.

~Alyssa Mertes, April 13, 2023

## May is Scholarship Month!

The month of May is when the Crusaders Class encourages scholarship candidates to apply for their \$1,000 scholarships. Interested collegiate, of any age, are urged to indicate their intent to secure more details. Check with Crusaders members who gather around the table in the social room any Sunday morning at 9:00 am in May.



## United Women of Faith's New Territory



When the UWF assemble in the social room on Wednesday, May 3rd for their regular 7:00 pm meeting, they will host Carrie Smith, RN and SANE coordinator from Berkeley and Jefferson Memorial Medical Centers.

SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse

Examiner) is a new program for most lay people. Smith will explain how she leads a team of specially trained forensic nurses as they deal with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence locally. All women are invited to hear this important information.

## Move Aside COVID!

Bunker Hill's Mother's Day Reception is back! On Sunday May 14th the Crusaders Class will be entertaining everyone in the congregation for a Mother's Day treat in the social room. A long time tradition on Bunker Hill's calendar, this affair features fellowship, donuts, coffee, and milk. Be sure to plan time to be a part of this event.



# Celebration Station!

## He Is Risen!

We're so grateful to see our little people excited to join together in their Sunday School room each week! THANK YOU to all those who have stepped up to make this time special for the kids while learning about Jesus! Pictured here is leader Shelly Hughes with Andrew and Isla on Easter Sunday!



## Whispers of the Lord

~ Shannon Tackett

The Lord whispered to me, "I love you so,"  
 "Come follow me, my child, high places we will go."  
 The Lord knelt beside me at an altar in prayer,  
 He wiped my tears and took away my despair.

"Come follow me, my child,"  
 the Lord whispered to me,  
 "There will be no more pain  
 but oh so much to gain."

He said, "I forgive you now for all you've done.

Now it's time to receive  
 the love of God's only son."

His love was so warm, so bright and so true,  
 I could not believe my soul he had renewed,  
 He repaired myself from the inside out.

It was then and only then  
 I knew what love was about.

The cleansing power that fell over me,  
 Was the love of the Lord as he carried me.

"Come follow me, my child,"  
 the Lord whispered to me,

"In that sweet holy land someday you will be.

You will see the Lord's face  
 at those big pearly gates,

Where loved ones embrace and angels await.

Come follow me, my child,"  
 the Lord whispered to me,

"I will love you always, your protector I'll be."

## 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!



# Easter EGGstravaganza

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped make our Easter egg hunt a success! Pastor Katy read those in attendance a story about Easter, they completed crafts, dyed eggs, enjoyed snacks, got to meet and hold animals, and of course sought out some plastic, candy filled eggs! Thank you to all who helped plan, donated to, and helped execute this fun event!



**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**





## Bunker Hill Youth News

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 15 youth and adults will be embarking on a 7-hour drive to Bell County, Kentucky. There they will join with other church groups in working on local houses to make them warmer, safer and drier. These disciples of God will be the hands and feet of Christ in that community and will also experience community with many of God's children. There are many things you can do to assist, as we have several more fundraising opportunities and of course we need prayers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Katy.



### Typical Work Day

- 7:00am-8:00am**- Rise and shine, devotions, breakfast
- 8:30am-4:30pm**- Work day with noon lunch break at the work site
- 5:00pm-6:00pm**- Crew check-in for project updates, supply requests, etc.
- 6:00pm-7:00pm** Dinner
- 7:00pm-10:30pm**- Center clean-up; Evening Gathering (a time of fellowship, reflection, sharing, singing, playing, sometimes with a guest speaker, local musician or artist, or other special event); free time
- 10:30pm-11:00pm**- Quiet time; settle in for a well-deserved sleep
- 11:00pm**- Lights Out



We have 6 young people being confirmed on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 am service. Please join us as we celebrate them.

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| Mason Hughes*  | Kadyn McCarty*     |
| Dylan King     | Mackenzie McNamara |
| Connor Martin* | Mason McNamara     |

There will be refreshments following the service in the social hall.

\* Will be baptized as well

# Bunker Hill UMC Youth Are selling

# COUNTRY MEATS



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During the week of June 18-24<sup>th</sup>, 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





Bunker Hill United Methodist Youth

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# Seeking Auction Items



Donations Needed by  
**Sunday, May 14th**

BHUMC's Youth are headed to ASP (Appalachia Service Project) June 18th - 24th. To raise money for the trip, they will be hosting a spaghetti dinner and silent auction on Saturday, May 20th. They are looking for donations to be auctioned off. If you, or someone you know, are able to donate, please see a youth or contact us! Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated as the kids work to make residents of Kentucky warmer, safer, and dryer!



Please Contact a Youth Member or the Church:  
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Church, Bunker Hill, WV





**BHUMC Youth  
Spaghetti  
Dinner &  
Silent Auction**

**May 20th 5:00-7:00 PM**

**Bunker Hill United Methodist Church**

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OUR YOUTH ARE  
RAISING FUNDS TO HEAD TO  
KENTUCKY FROM JUNE 18TH-24TH TO  
MAKE HOMES THERE SAFER, WARMER, AND DRIER FOR  
THEIR RESIDENTS. THE TRIP WILL BE OVER \$5,000.



*You're invited to come out and join us for a free-will  
offering meal and silent auction to help our youth help others!*



# Daily Lectionary Scripture for May

**Monday, May 1, 2023:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023:** Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

**Thursday, May 4, 2023:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15

**Friday, May 5, 2023:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16

**Saturday, May 6, 2023:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59

**Monday, May 8, 2023:** Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023:** Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023:** Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38

**Thursday, May 11, 2023:** Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12

**Friday, May 12, 2023:** Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38

**Saturday, May 13, 2023:** Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29

**Monday, May 15, 2023:** Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023:** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023:** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

**Thursday, May 18, 2023:** Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

**Friday, May 19, 2023:** Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7

**Saturday, May 20, 2023:** Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30

**Monday, May 22, 2023:** Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023:** Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023:** Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36

**Thursday, May 25, 2023:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11

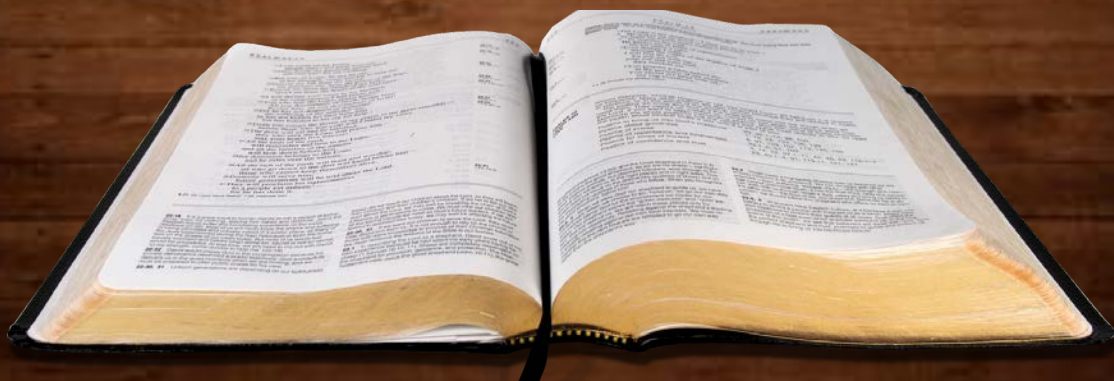
**Friday, May 26, 2023:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17

**Saturday, May 27, 2023:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12

**Monday, May 29, 2023:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39







"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." ~Philippians 4:19

BHUMC members continue to give their time, talents, and gifts to share the love of Christ in our community. We had a great Easter celebration with our neighboring churches, a fun Easter egg Event for the community, and continue with the Table and Loaves and fishes ministries! The youth are working hard to raise funds for their mission trip this summer! We raised \$1,124 so far for various community agencies through our Lenten offering and gave \$462 to the Vanville Church after their fire! God continues to work through the generosity of our members and the ministries of our church!

However, the state of our finances used to keep the building and all the programs operating remains a concern. While we do have some funds in endowments, that money cannot be used for general monthly expenses. Designated giving is targeted to the specific account that is designated. For example, the Lenten offering will go to the charitable organizations picked by the clusters. It is from our General Fund that most bills are paid. This fund is very low at the moment. We are currently paying bills weekly as the money is available. Current status of the general fund:

January/February 2023-

Donations to the General Fund= \$24,750  
Expenses from the account= \$39,963

March 2023-

Donations to the General Fund= \$18,826  
Expenses from the account= \$21,875

April 2023 (as of 4/20/23)

Donations to the General Fund= \$7,884  
Expenses to date= \$9,177  
Bills yet to pay in April= roughly \$3,700

The church owes the conference \$3,927 to bring mission shares up to date as of the end of April. We again want to give a special word of thanks to two families who in recent months have provided almost \$13,000 in two donations to help pay back taxes and eliminate a credit card debt! We also want to assure we are being as careful as possible with expenses.

Unfortunately, we have been denied the Equitable Compensation Support Grant from the district conference. However, the district superintendent is going to ask for a reconsideration. Please keep this effort in your prayers!

While finances are a concern, we rejoice in the many things God is doing through the efforts of our church community! We are excited to see God moving in the lives of our congregation and our community! We invite you to continue to prayerfully consider how you wish to support our church with your time, talents, gifts, and service.

As a means of supporting our general fund, the finance committee is just beginning to plan a yard sale event for July. If anyone is interested in helping with organizing this event, please contact Sharon or the church office. Save the date for July 8th! *Sharon Cooley*, Finance Chair

## Stewardship Thought

There is a vegetable in Vietnam pronounced ('hey'). It is in the onion family, looks like a scallion, and is good in soups. The more the plant is cut at the base, the more it grows, the bigger it gets.

This trait is also true with generosity. The more we give, the richer we become in terms of happiness and well-being. STRANGE, but always true...

## Keeping Up with Finances

Following our regular monthly loan payment of \$629.76, our current loan balance is \$36,203.33. Thank you to those who continue to donate specifically to this expense.

## Celebrating the Lenten Fund That Came Our Way

With a deadline of April 30th we are beginning to appreciate the coins, cash, and checks that came our way for seven causes that the three cluster groups highlighted with their Lenten Offerings. To date we have collected a total of \$1,124.40. Here is how we will be dispersing funds to charities selected on Ash Wednesday.

- Bethany House (homeless women/children): \$362.50
- Bunker Hill's General Fund: \$104.60
- CASA: \$95.10
- Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center: \$95.10
- Martinsburg Rescue Mission: \$52.30
- Meals on Wheels: \$362.50
- Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center: \$52.30

\*Isn't it interesting to note that Bunker Hill's clusters made independent choices with no duplicates?

Hooray for such glorious results! The next phase of our giving is finding Bunkerr Hill sweethearts who will deliver these second mile gifts around the community. Let Leslie or Bonnie Brannon know if you want to be on the delivery team.



## Pastor Katy visits the Rescue Mission

Pastor Katy delivered the message for the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission's chapel time on April 5th. It's always a joy to share with the men there.

# 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***

Recapping March's "battle of the veggies", we are pleased to report that Bunker Hill donors delivered 61 cans of beans and 67 cans of corn. It turned out to be a tight race with valuable results.

During April we have been concentrating on cooking oil that will be blessed, counted, and delivered to the local food pantry's new headquarters on North Queen Street. How thankful we are that the grocery shoppers among us are willing to share their purchase power with Bunker Hill on its way to Loaves and Fishes. Looking ahead to May, the need for the local food pantry will be canned pork and beans (baked beans).

Loaves & Fishes  
May  
Emphasis:  
**Canned Pork  
and Beans**  
(Baked Beans)

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YOUR MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER