



**This Week**  
at our church

**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 – Early Worship  
9:40 –Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 - Worship Service  
3:00 - Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball will meet with laity of the United Methodist Church at Forrest Burdette UMC , Hurricane, WV

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 – Early Worship  
9:40 –Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 - Worship Service  
6:30 - No Evening Worship

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

New Year's Eve (Office Closed)

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Happy New Year! (Office Closed)

**Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 - Men's Study



**Thanks**  
for a **great year**

**STEELE MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**December 30, 2018  
WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is a time to share the work of the Church and recognize the community of believers as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship the Lord!

**\*HYMN** No. 246 ( vs. 1-3)

*“Joy to the World”*

**CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

1 Samuel 2:18-21, 26

This is the Word of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God!**

**MORNING PRAYER**

with **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*HYMN** No. 251

*“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”*

**SERMON**

Luke 2: 39-52

Pastor Kevin Lantz

*“Growing In Wisdom and Stature”*

**\*CLOSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**WEEKLY GIVING REPORT**

December 23, 2018

Amount Received  
\$16,165.67

Amount Needed Per Week  
\$8, 849.84

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Web Address: [www.steelememorial.com](http://www.steelememorial.com)

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Ralph G. Sager

Last Sunday Attendance

Morning Worship:174

Early Worship:30

Sunday School: 130

Christmas Eve Worship: 220

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 5<sup>th</sup> - Evangelism/Reaching New People Meeting

January 6<sup>th</sup> - Removing of the Greens

January 9<sup>th</sup> - Creed Study Begins

January 10<sup>th</sup> - Trustees Meeting

January 13<sup>th</sup> - Seamless Study Begins

January 14<sup>th</sup> - Administrative Council Meeting

**CHURCH STAFF**

**Minister: Every Member**

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Youth Director: Megan Turman

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Pianist: Lynette Call

Organist: Becky Chenoweth

Lay Leader: John Call

Church Office: 304-736-4583

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Dorothy Abbott	Rosemary Chapman	Emma Marshall
Sue Ballengee	Buddy & Lillian Dick	Keith Ross
Earlene Bannister	Dana Godfrey, Sr.	Sandy Rupert
Rosetta Blake	Lori Childers Godfrey	Essie Thornton
Linda Bowman	Monica Jackson	
Shirley Bowen	Whitt/Virginia Keefer	

### FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Tommy Dickens	(Brother of Larry Dickens)
Christy Holly	(Daughter of Vicki Ray Buell)
Sam Perry	(Step-Father of Todd Lester)
Joshua Potts	(Cousin of Bryan Collins)

**THE ENGAGE TEAM** and the Fellowship Sunday School Class are making available in the vestibule after church Blessing Bags. These small baggies are filled with a card that asks a blessing for the receiver and several pieces of candy. They are an ideal reminder to those who receive them that Christmas is about Christ. We would ask that you take two or three and pass them out to harried clerks, wait staff and other retail workers for whom the Christmas season is often stressful and filled with people who have forgotten (or don't know) Christ's message of love and hope for all.

**"SEAMLESS"** Megan Turman has been participating in a Bible Study called "Seamless," taking the learners on a 7-week bible study that connects the Bible as one complete story. Angie Smith is the video instructor and does a great job sharing insights on stories of the Bible that you may know only on a surface level. Angie helps each student dig deeper into the stories with thought provoking questions and summaries that gives real meaning to the lessons! Megan is leading the series beginning the **13th of January at 6:00 PM**. Books can be found online at Amazon, Lifeway or in stores at Lifeway at the mall. If you're interested in joining us, contact Megan Turman. This will be for all ladies including those in high school. Megan is excited to share this new adventure with others! Stay tuned for more details

**United Methodist LAITY TO MEET WITH BISHOP STEINER-BALL** On January 6th at 3pm at Forrest Burdette UMC, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball will meet with the Laity of the Western and Midland South Districts for worship and holy conversation. This is an opportunity to listen and ask questions concerning **"A Way Forward."** All Laity are encouraged to attend.

**ADAM HAMILTON BIBLE STUDY:** You are invited to join a study on the Apostle's Creed using Adam Hamilton's book *Creed: What Christians's Believe and Why.*

Adam Hamilton believes that powerful answers to many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' *Creed*, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In *Creed*, he explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters, which in turn leads readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs and go beyond reciting the Creed's familiar words.

The study will be held on Wednesdays at 1 PM starting January 9th and continue each Wednesday through February 13th in the Fellowship classroom. Books for the study are \$13.00 for regular print and \$14.00 for large print. Please call Jack: 304.710.0038 or Claren: 304.710.0277 if you would like to join the study.

**PATHWAYS FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION** Here are several spiritual disciplines we can practice in 2019 in order to better discern God's calling:

- Cultivate a regular and consistent prayer life
- Be open daily to seeking God's influence in your life
- Read the Bible regularly and thoughtfully
- Seek the wise counsel of others
- Develop a genuine desire to be in God's will
- Take part in periods of fasting, not just from food, but from many things
- Repent of any habits or sin in your life that may distance you from God
- Practice biblically-based contemplation and silence, focusing on God and His truths
- Unclutter your spiritual lives so God has room to move

**THE POINSETTIAS** on the altar today are placed in memory of Willard Feese and Edna Brown by Roxie Feese.

**THE LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet the second Thursday of every month at 1 PM in the Parlor.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** New offering envelopes for 2019 are available on the table in the Church hallway. Those interested in starting a new process for contributions can receive a boxed-set by contacting the Lisa in the Church Office, 304.736.4583.

