

SERMON Pastor Kevin Lantz
"Redeeming Your Tragedy"
2 Corinthians 1:3-6

***INVITATION HYMN** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 452

***BENEDICTION** "Spirit Song" No. 347 (vs 1)

***POSTLUDE**

Prayer Concerns

Wendell Argabrite	Canzaza Arkle	Al Baker
Rosetta Blake	John Call	Don Damron
Lori Godfrey	Amy Jarvis	Clay Johnson
Shawn Kelley	Janice Young	

Friends and Relatives

Ethan (Grandson of Peggy Hicks)
Kiersten (Student of Megan Turman)
Pollyanne (Sister of Rev. Sager)
Bill Black (Brother of Jack Black)
Dana Godfrey, Sr.
Joan Gue (Sister of Paul Hockenberry)
Walter Harshbarger (Father of Amy Jarvis)
Mary Holley (Mother of Sue Ann Carroll)
Cindy Keefer (Daughter of Whit & Virginia Keefer)
Ava Olson's Grandmother
Randall Ryder (Father of Tony Ryder)
Residents of Recovery Point

SERMON SERIES - Pastor Kevin will be preaching and teaching about the tough topic of suffering for the next five weeks.

Today's Sermon – Pastor Kevin relates a very personal story of their family's pain, dealing with a child who was diagnosed with an eating disorder. Discussing the guilt and the depression that came from that experience, Pastor will describe the journey through faith that delivered them and their daughter.

Week 4 – We discover that God uses adversity – but we often interpret the suffering or trials of life in a different way than what the Bible teaches.

Week 5 – With this final message we look past the tragedy and pain we endure in this world in order to see through eyes of faith to believe in the bigger picture of eternity. We will consider a plan to help us recover from our anger or grief and pain.

NEXT WEEK: Special music next week will come from renowned trumpeter, David Wells. You will enjoy what David brings to worship with us. A love offering will be received to support his ministry.

GRADUATION SUNDAY: May 22, 2016 is graduation Sunday at Steele Memorial. If you have a son, daughter, or grandchild graduating, please contact Jim Boggess at (304) 736-1025 or the church office at (304) 736-4853. The immediate children will be recognized up front with a gift and a picture in the bulletin. The grandchildren's names will be in the bulletin and their names read.

CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT, Saturday, May 14, 2016 is a chance for our congregation to participate in mission. Each of the 9 WV missions is unique in the services it provides, but is the same in the message of Christ's love it spreads to communities. In the mountains of WV, needs abound! There are children who are hungry, families who are homeless, parents struggling to get an education or a job, people suffering from addictions, and abuse. For many, their help comes from these WV missions, through our churches, through you and me. These projects cannot prosper unless we offer our gifts of mercy and love. Through the month of April, your donations will be accepted and delivered to the COME event.

"The only way you can serve God is by serving other people."
-Rick Warren

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: We will be having portraits taken by LifeTouch Family Photography getting ready for a new Church Directory. Photography dates are April 20 - 23.

LADIES TEA - Mark your calendars as UMW are inviting ALL ladies of the church to join us on Sunday, May 1, 4:00 PM in the New Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship. Invite a friend, and make plans to join us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 13th at the Esquire Country Club. More information will follow.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER: Friends in the congregation have inquired about making contributions to the church electronically. The Finance Committee has looked into

this and found that this can be accomplished through the "bill pay" feature of "on-line banking" through your individual bank. The procedure would be as follows:

1. Sign up for "on-line banking" at your bank.
2. Use the "bill pay" feature of on-line banking.
3. Under the bill pay feature, select the account you wish the money to be drawn from.
4. Provide the name and address of the church: Steele Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 346, Barboursville, WV 25504.
5. Decide if you want to make payments of a given amount on a specific schedule or if you want to make one time payments on an "on demand" basis.
6. When a payment is ordered, a check will be written to the church for the chosen amount and mailed to the church. Your bank account will have a record of the contribution and the church will also keep a record as is done with all contributions.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Men of the Church are invited to join together on Saturday mornings, 8 – 9 AM downstairs in the old fellowship hall for a study and discussion group using a simple daily devotion, *Men of Integrity*.

AEROBICS CLASS - Don't forget the aerobics class that is offered at the Church for all women in the community. Our instructor, Stephanie Ross, does a great job challenging the ladies in their efforts! The women get under way about 9:15 AM each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the new fellowship hall.

LOST AND FOUND: The ladies wrist watch that was found several weeks ago in the small kitchen area has not been claimed. If you have lost this watch, please come by the office to identify and claim it.

NEED A GRANT WRITER: If there are any members or friends with experience writing grants, please contact the Church office or Pastor Kevin, 304 736-4583.