



THE MESSENGER

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL

With the beginning of school just around the corner, August 10 for Cabell County Schools, our thoughts turn to those who will be along the streets and sidewalks making their way to class. Let's be especially mindful for their safety, allowing the children and school busses right-of-way! Be patient and kind with other motorists nearby.

Parents whose children will be attending school for the first time can be especially anxious – turning their children over to others to counsel and guide them. There are others who will be attending a new school for the first time. Our United Methodist *Book of Worship* includes a prayer for this time of year:

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder.

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We send notices from the Church reminding you of important meetings, a change in schedule, winter cancellations, and urgent prayer concerns. Please let us include you in the loop of communications!

From the Pastor: MAMMA'S REFRIGERATOR

One more from the clippings on Mamma's refrigerator!

Being "rooted" speaks to me about our identity. *Who* do you know yourself to be?

"TO BE ROOTED IS PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND LEAST RECOGNIZED NEED OF THE HUMAN SOUL."

Rooted. Anchored. Secured. Our real identity reaches back farther than the last few years where we've notched out a place in this world for our life. Our roots are planted by the One who made us, the One who defined us with a purpose and brought life and light into our lives!

We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all.

Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self. In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for Your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

THANK YOU, FROM REV. RALPH SAGER

Thanks to one and all for the celebration of my ministry! Your love was expressed in so many ways. The cards, money, gifts, and wonderful meal we shared together was such a blessing. I don't have the words to express my feelings. I pray with God's help I will be worthy of your outpouring of love. Through these 22 years with you, you have been a blessing in many ways. Truly my cup has overflowed from your love. Special thanks to Pastor Kevin and Cathy Conard for the leadership with the special celebration. In His love through Christ.

Steele Memorial would like you to join  remind Church Family!

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When asked that question, we often answer with information about our heritage. "I'm from Huntington, West Virginia!" or "I'm Italian!" Or we might describe something about our career, "I'm an engineer at the plant..." We often use our family makeup to identify ourselves, "I'm a mother of three children who are in Middle School and High School."

We let all these things define who we are; and they're all true! These are all good things that root us in a solid place for our lives. These are some of the things that bring us purpose and meaning; the things that are valuable to us!

But rarely do we get to the real source of who we are.

The Bible says, **You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross!** (Colossians 2:13-14)

Dead! Pretty strong word, isn't it? But that's the reality for those who are separated from the God who loves them! We have been bought by the sacrifice of Christ's misery on the cross! So *that* action defines where I am rooted and to whom I belong!

Max Lucado writes about this, too: "From the perspective of the world, value is now measured by two criteria: appearance and performance. So where does that leave the ugly or uneducated? What hope does that offer the unborn child? The aged? The handicapped? Not much at all. We become nameless numbers on mislaid lists.

"This is man's value system. But it is not God's. His plan is much brighter. In God's book you are heading somewhere! You have an amazing destiny!

"We're being prepared to walk down the church aisle and become the bride of Jesus. We're going to live with Him! Share the throne with Him! You matter to Him. You're valuable.

"Jesus' love does not depend on what we do for Him. If there was anything that Jesus wanted everyone to understand it was this: A person is worth something simply because He is a person. That's why Jesus treated people the way He did.

"You have value simply because you are! You are His!"

Pastor Kevin

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

We are offering a Beth Moore Study "Entrusted" this fall. It is a study of 2 Timothy that is 6 weeks. You may want to just come and watch the video or there is a 5 day study each week to do on your own. We encourage you to do what you are comfortable with. This is a study on mentoring. We need each other. I hope you will consider doing this study with us.

If you are interested please fill out the form below and place in offering or give to me. We will start in September. Thank you for your help with this. Susan Call 304-840-3033

Name _____

Night preferred _____

Day study _____

UMW MISSION SUPPORT FOR AUGUST

During August, please make donations of school supplies for the Girls of Faith (Megan Turman) and/or donations of puzzles, caps, socks, stress balls, coloring books, crayons, sugar-free candy, or sugar-free gum for the Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital. Place these items in Missions basket in the hall adjacent to the Sanctuary.

CHURCH MISSION REPORT

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

The Singles & More class is just one group of cheerful givers here at Steele! In June, the class was able to take the profits from their Nut & Candy sales along with class donations to make a large contribution to the church's building fund principal; they also have donated a picnic table for the new outdoor shelter, and were able to collect 100 pairs of flip-flops and 15 bathing suits for ECCHO.

The Pennington class continues their support of the

City Mission, Moriah Sharp, and a donation for the Tree of Life in honor of Doris Hutchinson

As a congregation, our support of ECCHO's need continued in June with over 50 canned or packaged pasta items along with 11 jars of peanut butter. May God continue to help us show our love for others as we give "cheerfully" in His name.

BUSY BEES PRESCHOOL

We hope everyone is having a blessed summer! Our staff is getting ready to come back to school soon and we are getting excited! Welcome packets were mailed to all registered families at the beginning of July and first month's tuitions have already begun coming in. Our staff will return the week of August 21 to prepare classrooms.

Our Open House for all enrolled families will be August 24. Special thanks to Rosie Wooddell and the United Methodist Women for hosting a Welcome Reception to engage our families attending Open House. Our first day of school will be August 28. Thank you all for your continued love and prayers.

JOIN OUR TEAM...

All Star Staff is inviting all interested adults to a planning session for the upcoming All Stars Season. All Stars 4 Jesus is our Wednesday discipleship program for children! The planning team will meet:

- When: Wednesday, August 3rd at 5:30pm
- Where: Home of Cathy Conard; 10 Heavenly Place
- What: covered dish dinner (Mexican Theme) To Learn where your talents (Yes, You have talents) can be used in a children's ministry program-"All Stars 4 Jesus"

" Fill your mind with truth,
your heart with love,
your life with service."

Cathy Conard

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

All Stars 4 Jesus Season Opener Wednesday, August 23rd at 5:30pm

Dinner at 5:30 pm (Parents and Kids)

Games and Activities at 6:00pm

"All Stars 4 Jesus" is a weekly children's ministry program for ages 4 to 5th grade. Our purpose is to lay a foundation of helping kids grow in Jesus and get closer to God. Through singing, activity based lessons, crafts, and speakers, our program creates experiences that help kids grow a relationship with Jesus.

See you then, Cathy Conard

United Methodist Women SUMMER 'PICNIC'

Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. for our summer UMW "Picnic". Bring a small appetizer, salad, or dessert to share as we join in welcoming Moriah Sharp for a time of sharing/fellowship. This is a wonderful time to ENGAGE and CONNECT (so invite a friend or neighbor) to Gina Crews home (2 Abby Lane). Hope to see you there!!

United Methodist Women FALL PLANNING MEETING

The Fall Planning Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 13 at 5:30 in the church parlor. All are welcome to attend as we plan our fall activities.

PULPIT EXCHANGE

Sunday, August 20, the Churches of the Greater Barboursville Ministerial alliance will take part in a "Pulpit Exchange!" Rev. Evan Arkell, pastor of the Barboursville Baptist Church will be our morning preacher and Rev. Lantz will be filling the pulpit at Christ the King Lutheran Church!

CHURCH WEB SITE

Visit the new look at your Church's website:
www.steelememorial.com

ESTHER/RUTH CIRCLE-

There is no meeting in August.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS!

We've seen a lot of our friends in the newspaper this past month! Congratulations to all of you!

Caydance Snell – Daughter of Jeff and Carla Snell, Caydance was the recipient of the Summer Essay Contest, 1st-3rd grade.

Kennedy Fisher – Daughter of Chad and Molly Fisher, Kennedy was also the recipient of the Summer Essay Contest, 1st-3rd grade.

Laura Blake – Daughter of Rob and Teresa Blake, Laura was highlighted in the Sports Page as one from our area who is involved in college athletics, Laura is on the track team at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV.

Alexis Bannister - Daughter of Bobby and Mollie Bannister. Alexis was teammate on the Barboursville Girls Softball Team that won the West Virginia Championship and the right to move on the eastern state's tournament.

Alexander Lee – Alex is a new graduate from the Marshall University Music Department, earning his Doctorate degree this summer!

Buddy and Lillian Dick – This fine couple was highlighted in Clyde Beal's weekly article highlighting the experiences of local people who have had a unique life experience! Buddy's story as a World War II Veteran included the testing of the first hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific, at a critical point in the war. Many stories have been told by our local people who have been close to some historical moments.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Barboursville Community lunch for **August will be Saturday, August 26, at the Senior Center, from 3:00-4:30 p.m.** This is a free meal for anyone who would attend, and specially serves those who may be living alone and aren't afforded the opportunity to socialize much with others.

RECOVERY 4 A CHANGE: A Regional Event to Celebrate National Recovery Month!

Recovery 4 a Change is celebration of recovery organized by many people and organizations working on substance use disorder issues. The event is intended to be a true celebration of the growing recovery community in our area.

Join us for Huntington's second annual **Recovery 4 a Change** event at the Harris Riverfront Park on Friday evening, September 15, 5:00-8:30 p.m. There will be live music, refreshments, vendors, bounce houses, and activities for children, and fellowship for all! This event is a combined effort of many regional organizations working to promote recovery from addiction and welcomes all paths to recovery,

This Event Is Free and Open to Anyone interested in supporting recovery in the community. Please call 304-523-HOPE for more information about this event.

BACK PACKS

A God Sighting occurred on July 21st at Milton United Methodist Church when 22 volunteers from Steele Memorial Methodist Church, Milton United Methodist Church, Bethesda United Methodist Church and Omega Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi came together to fill 244 bags full of school supplies for children K- 12th grade. Back packs and school supplies will be given to children in eastern part of Cabell County who come to ECCHO helping them to enter school on a positive note.

None of this could have happened without the outpouring support from each of you who donated supplies and who volunteered your time to prepare the 244 bags that were filled with the supplies. Thanks to Janet Foss, Rosie Wooddell, Betty Miller, Vicki Smith, Juanita Marley, Amy Jarvis, Evan Jarvis, Becky Chenoweth, Claren Perkins, Ed Chapman and Maddie Chapman for helping to prepare the bags of school supplies.

You (the church) blessed us with school supplies and service, and through these efforts the children of Eastern Cabell County will be blessed. Thank you again!!!

Brenda Chapman and Peggy Fillmore

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3 All Stars Staff Meeting 5:30 at Cathy Conard's	Friday 4	Saturday 5 Kids Pageant All day in Gym
6	7	8	9	10 Lydia Circle 1:00 Cabell County Schools begin	11 Troop 88 Crew Lock In Gym	12 Girls of Faith Chick fil lay UMM Golf Tournament
13 UMW Fall Meeting 5:30	14 SPPRC Meeting 7:00	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Busy Bees Staff returns 9-12 Christian Ed Meeting 7:00	22 Busy Bees Staff 9-12	23 All Stars 5:30 Kick Off	24 Busy Bees Open House for enrolled families 9-1	25	26
27	28 Pre School Opens	29	30	31		



Weekly Events

01 Adam Nease	18 Jack Perkins
02 Brent Kimball	20 Jennifer Bellomy
03 Arvin Canady Evan Conard	22 Kimberly Adkins
05 Brenda Morning	23 Robin Triplett
06 Suzanna Davenport	24 Rosemary Chapman J. K. Fife
08 Don Barbour Katie Damron Lillian Dick	Lorrie Jones Andrea Kazee Laura Smith
09 Bob Chenoweth	25 Johnna Adkins Olivia Lingenfelter
11 Molly Fisher	Casey McGhee Malinda Ross
13 Bill Dutton Claren Perkins	27 Ben Maynard
15 Vernon Peyton	28 Caydance Snell
16 Steve Sebert Paul Short	30 Raymond Blake
17 Brad Merritt Ron Foss	31 Joseph Browning Sherrie Childers Monica Jackson

Sunday—

8:45 Early Worship
9:45 Sunday School
10:45 Morning Worship
6:00 Youth
6:30 Evening Worship

Wednesday—

6:45 Bible Study
7:45 Choir

Thursday—

7:00 M. Call gym

Monday—

6:30 Sea Scouts/Cub Scouts
7:30 Boy Scouts

Friday—

Saturday—

8:00 Men's Bible Study

Tuesday—

6:30 Celebrate Recovery, SFH



*Parking Lot
Greeters*

August

06: Larry Dickens	Pat Cornwell
13: Gary Cox	Tony Ryder
20: Donnie Barbour	Kim Stanley
27: Kelly McGuffin	Mike McClung

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

07 Amy & Seth Adkins
10 Ginger & J.K. Fife
18 Becky & Bob Chenoweth
19 Ron & Rosie Wooddell
27 Eldon & Sherry Paugh
28 Johnna & Willie Adkins

