



## SMALL GROUP

A young adult small group will start back on Wednesday evenings with a group dinner at Fratelli's Restaurant on September 6, 6:00 p.m. – knowing that some of you may arrive later. Any of our young adults who are interested are invited to come! (6007 US Route 60, E; Barboursville)

The study will begin Wednesday, September 13, using the book, "A Purpose Driven Life: What On Earth Am I Here For?" by Rick Warren. This is a change from what had been previously announced. The group study will take place at the Church with child care available!

## HOW TO HELP: Hurricane Harvey

Financial contributions will continue to be the most efficient method of donating to the relief efforts from Hurricane Harvey, one of our worst national disasters effecting hundreds of thousands of people. Cash donations offers voluntary agencies the most flexibility in obtaining needed resources and pumps money into the local economy to help businesses recover.

Donate through a trusted organization such as our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). You can make a designated contributions through our Sunday offerings, including a notation on your pew envelope or check memo for Texas Relief or UMCOR: Hurricane Harvey.

Those who are interested in taking part in a work team should strongly consider volunteering with an existing organization before going to the disaster area. Contact and affiliate with an established organization to ensure that you receive training to respond in the most effective way. Our United Methodist Conference

will have information relating to opportunities such as this. Be safe. Do not self-deploy. Wait until it is safe to travel to volunteer sites and authorities identify opportunities to help. Be patient. There will be volunteer needs for many months, often years, after the disaster.



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## RECOVERY 4 A CHANGE

Recovery 4 a Change is a regional event to celebrate National Recovery Month as the community is invited to an evening at Riverfront Park in Huntington on Friday, September 15, 5-8 p.m. The events of the evening include a time to recognize our *First Responders* and thank them for saving lives within our community! We celebrate all that the community is doing to reach those who are caught in cycles of addiction.

Among other things, you will find good music and plenty to eat from local vendors!

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

The ministry team wants to shout out: Thank-you to all who have helped prepare meals for the group gatherings on Tuesday evenings! You make our ministry work! We love you!

## RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Our church is relaunching the RightNow Media enrollment. This will give every Church participant access to an extensive new video library of over 16,000 offerings – FREE! Kind of a "Netflix of Video Bible Studies," with faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you like – on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV.

As a church staff, we are always looking for ways to help you develop and strengthen your faith. We believe that RightNow Media is a tool that will serve to assist you to live out your faith at home, at work, and in your neighborhood. RightNow Media has videos for everyone – kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults and working professionals.

You should have received an official invitation email to give you free access to RightNow Media. **If you are new to our Church, we want to enroll you in this program, too! Please contact the Church office if you need help connecting!**

Once you find the email, simply click the link and sign up as a participant and you're all set to explore the thousands of resources. We think you will be impressed with the many familiar Christian contributors as well as short devotionals available for every friend and member of our church.

## PASTOR OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Kevin will be attending the American Association of Christian Counselors **Global Gathering** in Nashville, TN near the end of the month. As a time of continuing education, Pastor Kevin will be attending sessions on marriage and family relationships as well as the many plenary sessions offered for all participants.

## HUNGER WALK

Rev. Kerry Bart is once again putting heart and "sole" into our third annual walk through the Barboursville Community. The 1-Mile Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, at 2 p.m., starting from Steele Memorial UMC.

Monies raised will be divided four ways between our Greater Barboursville Community Outreach, ECCHO, (the Eastern Cabell County Humanities Outreach), Facing Hunger Food Bank, and Church World Service to alleviate hunger close to home and across the globe.

This is a straightforward and compassionate way to come to the aid of others in need! Collect sponsorship for your walk or run and contact the Pastor to purchase a T-Shirt for the event!

## THE WAY FORWARD – and a Time of Prayer!

The United Methodist Church has been engaged in a process called **The Way Forward** to find a way through conflicting ideas represented by the variety of expressions connected to the gay, lesbian, and transgender culture in our world.

The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church.

After its meeting in April of this year in Washington, D.C., members indicated they were leaning toward a simpler structure with clearer processes for decision-making and accountability for the United Methodist Church in its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Conversations at that meeting showed a commitment to finding a way forward that honors the complexity of the global denomination and the unity of a shared faith in Christ.

The team started to prepare an initial draft plan for review at the July meeting. The commission's ultimate assignment is to present its report to the Council of Bishops for action at the Special Session of General Conference set for February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Each of the "Conferences" throughout the United Methodist Connection are encouraged to pray for the mission and the future of the Church. **The West Virginia Conference is assigned the first week of October to pray for "The Way Forward."** More information about this week of prayer will be forthcoming.

## 2017 BISHOP'S SUMMIT ON DIVERSITY & INCLUSION:

In October, the Bishop's Summit on Diversity will provide meaningful and safe places to address racism,

diversity and how we can better relate with one another as Christ followers and Kingdom builders.

**Beginning Friday, October 6, at Noon and ending on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. the Bishop's Summit on Diversity and Inclusion will be held at Cedar Lakes, near Ripley, WV.**

This year's Summit on Diversity and Inclusion will include a second phase of training in the area of Intercultural Competency. A special focus will include training in the area of ministry with persons with disabilities. We will be led by *Giovanni Arroyo*, who serves our church as team leader for Program Ministries for the General Commission on Religion and Race, and *Bishop Peggy Johnson*, who serves our church as the Episcopal Leader of the Philadelphia Area which includes the Penn-Del and Eastern PA Conferences. We will also enjoy the Martin Luther King Jr. Men's Chorus and the Steel Drum group from St. Marks United Methodist Church in Charleston, WV.

People can register by following the link:  
<https://www.wvumc.org/event/bishops-summit/>

## DISASTER SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING

A critical incident can be defined as ANY event that has a stressful impact sufficient enough to overwhelm the usually effective coping skills of an individual. Disaster spiritual care is one of the most unique and profound tools that can be used when a crisis takes place. It is critically important that those in the helping field are able to provide disaster spiritual care according to best practices, while following local incident command protocols.

Thanks to the generosity of the West Virginia Council of Churches, WV DHHR Behavioral Health, WV VOAD and KPCC Counseling, there is no cost to attend training offered this month. Lunch will provided. Registration is required to attend. This training is for clergy and laity!

When: September 18-19, 2017

Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm, both days Christ Church United Methodist; Charleston, WV



## Fall Fest: UNITY PROJECT

Last year the Churches of the Barboursville "sponsored" the UNITY PROJECT, which was a larger-than-life community yarn sculpture of sorts on the hillside across from the old Brady Hardware, during Fall Fest.

With poles placed in the ground, each pole was labeled with an identifying tag that could describe any number of our neighbors or friends. With a large ball of yarn in hand, each participant weaves a web, connecting the labeled poles describing themselves.

To picture this, check out

[www.FirstChurchBville.com/unity-project.html](http://www.FirstChurchBville.com/unity-project.html)

Volunteers are needed to assist community members with the UNITY PROJECT during Fall Fest this month. Volunteers would explain to others how to participate in the project. Won't you consider signing up a 1 or 2 hour shift, especially during peak times of Fall Fest on Friday afternoon and most of Saturday.

## KID'S DAY – RADIO-CONTROL FLYING [This one is from Chris Jarvis!]

The Ona RC Club – Radio-Control Aviation Day and Hot Dog Roast will be hosting families on Saturday, October 14, from 1:00 p.m. to Dark

- Open Flying for all current AMA members
  - Beginner Flight Training – for everyone attending
  - Hot Dog Cookout with drinks and side dishes
  - Covered Dishes are welcome
  - Free Prize drawing giveaway to participating youth
  - Night Flying after dark with Fireworks display
- A special emphasis on buddy box flight training for the youth in our local churches. Learn how to fly with a pilot by your side and a radio control in hand. All this at the Ona Airpark and Speedway. For more information, contact Chris Jarvis from our Church.

## BUSY BEES

Hello Steele Memorial Family! We are excited to begin another school year here at The Hive. We appreciate your prayers as we continue to settle in to our new classrooms and new routines. This month's Bible story is Creation. Our Bible verse is "2 John 1:6 Walk in obedience to God's commands." This month we will have a Celebrate America Parade, when we wear America colors and parade around the church grounds. We will have Fancy Fun On The Farm Day, when all of our bees can dress Fancy or like a Farmer, or both! We will also participate in the Barboursville Fall Fest Parade. Thanks to everyone for your love and support of our little school!

## WOMEN OF STEELE

Looking for a fellowship of believers to help strengthen and deepen your individual spiritual growth? Then come join one of the circle study groups. We meet ONCE A MONTH, and share a wonderful fellowship and time of discussion and study.

### LYDIA CIRCLE:

Meets at the church on the second Thursday of each month. They will begin a new study in September entitled, IT'S GOOD TO BE QUEEN, by Liz Curtis Higgs. This study involves a journey to live boldly, seek the truth, encourage others, receive graciously, and above all-honor the Lord.

### ESTHER/ RUTH CIRCLE

Will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 in the evening. Their current study is BEFORE AMEN by Max Lucado. The author states that the purpose of this study is "to deepen our spiritual life and relationship with God so that we will pray boldly, pray expectantly, and pray faithfully. Remembering that prayer is just a heartfelt conversation with God." So we invite you to COME, bring a friend, join us in our journey to strengthen our personal relationship with God and serve Him together in a mighty way!

## BACK TO SCHOOL - BACK TO CHURCH – BACK TO CIRCLE

Esther/Ruth Circle will meet on the THIRD Thursday, September 21, 7:00 in OFH at church. We will be discussing fall activities and fall mission support. Our book study by Max Lucado, BEFORE AMEN, will continue with Chapter 4, "I Need Help". Hope to see you there!

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SEPTEMBER MISSION SUPPORT

Thank you to all who generously supported the school supplies donations for ECCHO; and to all who helped with the 'packing of backpacks' (especially Brenda Chapman and Peggy Fillmore). Our support for September will be needed items for ECCHO. Please put donated items in the ECCHO closet in the narthex.

## Post Card from Jeff and Barbara Allen

Dear Steele Brothers and Sisters, We're so thankful to have had a few days of vacation with our German disciples in SE Germany! We have slept and walked and enjoyed God's creation to the fullest! Thank you so very much for your recent \$200.00 contribution! We are truly grateful for how you partner with us to meet many refugee needs and needs of the international community. So much is happening with Muslim students right now and God is turning their hearts to Him! Many Blessings! Jeff and Barbara Allen

## CHURCH WIDE MISSIONS REPORT

We know that Steele Memorial is truly a blessed church because as we continue to give to others, we remember what Paul recounted in Act 20:35 that Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Singles & More class generously collected 12 backpacks with 70 school items for local school children, donated 10 homemade cakes for Recovery Point, and helped with our July ECCHO collection on shampoo.

The Pennington class continued their monetary support of the Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital, ECCHO, Moriah Sharp, and were a huge help with our July ECCHO collection of toothpaste. Thanks also to the Fellowship class for a very generous donation to the outdoor picnic shelter.

Our support of ECCHO's needs continued in July with 33 bottles of shampoo and 60 tubes of toothpaste. Thanks to everyone who gave!

## BOOK CLUB

As we continue to grow in our Christian fellowship with others, we are starting a monthly book club. Our plan is to meet in the church parlor at 1:00pm on the first Monday of each month. Our first meeting will be on Monday October 2nd and the book selection is "Shelter" by Robin Merrill.

'She had begged God to rescue her. He said, "GO". So she headed out into the blizzard. When she runs out of gas and ends up in a small weird little town in Maine - it is there, in a weird little bathroom in a weird little church that Maggie Hansen finds herself. And as God would have it, she finds a lot more than that.' The book is available (paperback & Kindle) from Amazon.

If you love to read, join us; if you know of others who love to read, invite them as well!

For more information, please contact Kay Ratcliff (304-736-8320).



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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Becky Damron Nancy Lipsey	15 Sandee Damron 16 Abby Triplett
2 Sarah Damron	17 Logan Lingenfelter
3 Malinda Adkins Connie Gesner Natalie Stinehour	18 Sara Allman 21 Buena Cole Steve Triplett
4 Carole Johnson	22 Vickie Short
5 Anabella Godfrey	24 Tenny Crockett Denise Justus
8 Russell Prichard Reba Swann	Jean Mays
9 Rhett Hoover Brian Lingenfelter	25 Amanda Holbrook Amy Reiter
10 Megan Mc Kinney	27 Denise Eagan Jaedon Prentice
11 Linda Bowman Dianna Burton	28 Charlotte Crandall
12 Nathan Davenport John Griffith Carla Snell	30 Pat Holt Devon Nease
14 Karen Turman	

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 Robin & Tim Mays
4 Bitner & Peggy Ballard
Dave & Jessica Brier
5 Delora & Roger Call
22 Dave & Debra Turley
26 Kim & Mark Adkins



3: Kim Stanley    Donnie Barbour

10: Larry Dickens    Tony Ryder

17: Kelly McGuffin    Mike McClung

24: Pat Cornwell    Gary Cox



WEEKLY EVENTS	
Sunday---	Wednesday---
8:45 Early Worship	5:30 Youth
9:45 Sunday School	5:30 All Stars
10:45 Morning Worship	6:45 Bible Study
6:00 Youth	7:45 Choir Practice
6:30 Evening Worship	
Monday----	Thursday---
6:30 Sea Scouts	7:00 M. Call Gym
7:00 Cub Scouts	
7:00 Boys Scouts	
Tuesday---	Friday---
6:30 Celebrate Recovery, SFH	Saturday---
	8:00am Men's Bible Study

SEPTEMBER 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Office closed	5 7:00 Trustee Meeting	6	7 7:00 Finance Meeting	8	9
10	11 7:00 Administrative Council Meeting	12	13	14 1:00 Lydia Circle	15	16
17	18 7:00 SPRC Meeting	19	20	21 7:00 Esther/ Ruth Circle	22	23 9:00am to 11:00am Vision Team OFH
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

2017 NUT AND CANDY ORDER

ITEM	COST	ORDERED	TOTAL COST
Pecan Halves	10.00	_____	_____
Pecan Pieces	10.00	_____	_____
Light Walnut Pcs.	9.00	_____	_____
Blk. Walnut Pcs.	10.00	_____	_____
Deluxe Mixed Nuts	10.00	_____	_____
Whole Cashews	10.00	_____	_____
Whole Almonds	8.00	_____	_____
Wasabi Almonds**	8.00	_____	_____
Praline Pecans	9.00	_____	_____
Heart Healthy Mix	8.00	_____	_____
Tropical Blend	8.00	_____	_____
Sweet/Salty Trail Mix	7.00	_____	_____
Milk Choc. Pecans	9.00	_____	_____
Milk Choc. Cashews	9.00	_____	_____
Milk Choc. Raisins	6.00	_____	_____
Mixed Yogurt Raisins**	6.00	_____	_____
Milk Choc. Almonds	8.00	_____	_____
Milk Choc. Peanuts	6.00	_____	_____
Malted Milk Balls	6.00	_____	_____
Mixed Choc. Cranberries	7.00	_____	_____
Gummi Bears**	5.00	_____	_____
TOTAL ORDER		_____	

\*\*NEW ITEMS

**ALL ORDERS TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE – CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
STEELE SINGLES. \*ALL PRODUCTS ARE ONE POUND PACKAGES.**

STEELE MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

2017 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

It is time for our Annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser. Prices remain the same as last year and remember all profit will be applied to the Building Fund Principal and you enjoy the delicious products.

We have three new products added to our list this year.

\*\*WASABI ALMONDS -- our regular whole roasted almonds blended with wasabi seasoning -- a spicy kick sure to wake up your taste buds!

\*\*MIXED YOGURT RAISINS -- Tangy natural vanilla, strawberry and blueberry yogurt surrounds giant raisins.

\*\*GUMMI BEARS – back by popular demand for small kids as well as ‘big kids’. Each little chewy bite bursts with flavor.

All orders must be paid in advance. Please make checks payable to Steele Singles & More and return to Connie Gesner by Sunday, October 1. No checks will be deposited until October 10. Your order will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

Don't forget these products also make great gifts for the holidays. All products freeze well, so order plenty to last the entire year and help our SMUMC Building Fund!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

NUT AND CANDY SALE 2017 Order forms and details will be in Sunday, September 3rd Bulletin.