



## THE MESSENGER

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In a recent sermon, I was teaching about the woman at the well, the Samaritan woman who was approached by Jesus, asking for water, (John 4). Jesus revealed to the woman that He knew some things about her, some intimate things no stranger could have possibly known! And she had to have wondered to herself, "Who is this man?"

Ultimately, it's a question we must all ask. "Who is this Jesus?"

I was studying Architecture at Georgia Tech as a twenty-year old sophomore when I really wanted to know, "Does this Jesus have anything to say that is relevant to me? Does He have anything to offer me? Who is this Jesus?"

As a student in Atlanta, Georgia, I invited Jesus into my life. It was then that I began to spend time with the Lord in worship, reading the New Testament, and praying a little bit each day. And within a few short months I began to experience the inner assurance that God's promise of eternal life belonged to me!

That's been a long time ago! It was shortly after that I felt God calling me into ministry, and I have never doubted His call to serve Him.

Along with you, we are now preparing for a new season of transition! Changes in the Church can be difficult – from the children who have grown so accustomed to "their minister" to those who have been emotionally comforted, counseled, and instructed by a caring, sensitive spiritual guide like Pastor John Sauvage.

And so you wait to see who's next in the long line of ministers who have graced the community in Barboursville. Anxiously we wait to see how the connection that is our United Methodist Church links us with new faces, a new presence, as we continue in the mission to serve God and to witness to neighbors – near and far!

Kim and I come with excitement and energy for the move to Steele Memorial United Methodist Church! While we prepare our heart-felt farewells to friends in Mineral Wells, we know that we are being welcomed into a new town. And while we honor and remember the leaders of our past, we believe, too, that God has a vision for all of us, carved out by the saints who have come before and shaped by the gospel message that always remains vital, "Go and make disciples of all nations...!"

This continues to be the power behind who I am and my call to ministry, to make disciples of Jesus Christ "so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life!" I pray that the gospel message continues to resonate with us all as we serve the Lord together!

Pastor Kevin Lantz

### BIBLE STUDY

I am currently preparing for our mid-week Bible Study in the Letter of *James* from the New Testament. Let me invite you to join me by reading what is a brief letter to the universal Church, but a letter with keen spiritual insight and wisdom!

**ESTHER/RUTH CIRCLE** will **NOT** meet in July, but will meet on Thursday, August 13, 6:00 at Karen Turman's house for the annual UMW Picnic. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** - Details to follow in July's church bulletins.

**UMW MISSION SUPPORT** (for the summer) will be collecting school supplies for the Greater Barboursville Community Outreach Dinner, which will be held at our church in August. Please bring backpacks, or any other type of school supplies, to the church (donation basket in the hall) or to the Fellowship SS Classroom.

**THANK YOU** for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, the designated giving channel of The UMC 100% of your contribution will go to Undesignated – UMCOR Advance #999895. Your gift received on May 8, 2015, of \$125.00 is supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced and respond to disasters.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Ladies and gentlemen, mark your calendars for Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> for the annual UMM Golf Tournament at Esquire Country Club. Tee Time is 8:00 AM. Cost: \$50.00 per person and includes Golf cart, Prizes and Lunch afterwards. This tournament helps support our scouting and youth ministry at our church.

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** If you would like to place flowers in the church on a Sunday, please call the church office at 304-736-4583. The altar flowers are \$35.00 and a center arrangement is \$15.00.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during the recent death of my brother, Ben Hale Jr. It meant so much to know others were praying for my family and me during this very difficult time. Louetta Jimison

The **GREATER BARBOURSVILLE COMMUNITY OUTREACH (GBCO)** meets in the First United Methodist Church in Barboursville on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. A variety of churches provide a free monthly community meal which is hosted on the last Saturday of the month from 3 to 5 PM. The Girls of Faith of Steele Memorial will be hosting the August Community Outreach Dinner at our church on August 29. If you are interested in helping or making a contribution to this activity, please contact Becky Damron at 304-939-1682.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** WV's Annual Conference was June 11-14. This year Annual Conferences had the privilege and duty of electing clergy and lay delegates to attend next year's General Conference (the world-wide gathering to The United Methodist Church that takes place every four years) as well as delegates to attend next year's Jurisdictional Conference (the regional gathering of United Methodist from West Virginia to Maine that takes place every four years).

General Conference is the highest body of The United Methodist Church, and is the only body

authorized to enact changes in United Methodist policies. One of the things that happens at Jurisdictional Conference is the election of bishops. Preacher John and Jan, along with Jack and Claren Perkins were all voting members from Steele Memorial UMC. Pray for our church, our conference, and our denomination as we all seek to live out our mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

## **ASBURY WOODS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAMP**

### **SUMMER CAMPS 2015**

#### **Middle School Camp June 28-July 3**

Completed Grades: 6th—8th

Registration: Sunday, June 28 3:00 pm

Cost: \$225

Early Bird Price: \$170, if paid by May 1

\$190, if paid by June 1

Deans: Gayla Van Horn (304) 690-1590 &

Brooke Halstead

#### **Senior High Camp July 5-10**

Completed Grades: 9th — 12th

Registration: Sunday, July 5 3:00 PM

Cost: \$225

Early Bird Prices: \$170, if paid by May 1

\$190, if paid by June 1

Deans: Leann Haines (304-488-1 527),

Steve Hensley (304-668-0939)

#### **Day Camp K-2 August 3-6**

Contact Steven Hensley for more information:

304-522-0357

[Hensley.stephen.l@gmail.com](mailto:Hensley.stephen.l@gmail.com)

### **DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY July 1, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

**"Meet and Greet" Church-wide Dinner**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu: Barbeque ribs, Baked beans, Slaw, Rolls, Lemonade cake

#### **Reservations must be in by June 29 in the AM.**

Place reservation form in the offering plate or call 304-736-4583

# Birthdays and *Anniversaries*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 William Howard	2 Holly Fannin <i>Rob &amp; Teresa Blake</i>	3 Jacob Lingenfelter	4 Emily Lingenfelter <i>Chris &amp; Rita Kelley</i> <i>Ed &amp; Patty Peckham</i>
5	6 Butch Morning <i>Nate &amp; Suzanna</i> <i>Davenport</i>	7	8 Rob Blake Janice Young Courtney Cremeans	9 Dewey Ballengee	10	11 Callie Nease <i>Danny &amp; Sherrie</i> <i>Childers</i> <i>Jeff &amp; Carla Snell</i>
12	13 Rebecca Holton	14	15 Phil Herrold	16 Peggy Hicks Eldon Paugh <i>Buck &amp; Cathy</i> <i>Conard</i>	17 Lee Blake <i>Vernon &amp; Lillian</i> <i>Peyton</i> <i>Carl &amp; Cheryl</i> <i>Sullivan</i>	18 Mary Frances Burns Lois Silling
19 Ron Foss Jim Allman Allen Dutton Myrtle Neil	20	21 Makenna Bowen <i>Buddy &amp; Lillian Dick</i>	22	23 <i>Todd &amp; Kathy Lester</i>	24 Kati Call	25 Buck Conard Gina Crews
26	27	28 <i>Rodney &amp; Georgann</i> <i>Holbrook</i>	29 Pete Kelley <i>Phil &amp; Bonnie Herrold</i>	30	31 Dick Jimison <i>Greg &amp; Gina Crews</i>	

## *Parking Lot Greeters*

7-5-15	Pat Cornwell	Gary Cox	7-12-15	Kelly McGuffin	Donnie Barbour
7-19-15	Larry Dickens	Kim Stanley	7-26-15	Tony Ryder	Mike McClung



## July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Church-wide Welcome Dinner 6:00 -Bible Study 6:45 -Choir Practice 7:15	2	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day
5 Early Worship 9 AM -Sunday School 9:45 -Morning Worship 11:00 -Youth Group 6:00 -Evening Worship 6:30	6 Sea Scouts 6:30 -Boy Scouts 7:30	7	8 Youth 5:30 -Bible Study 6:45 -Choir Practice 7:45	9 Troop 88 7PM	10	11
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26 Early Worship 9 AM -Sunday School 9:45 -Morning Worship 11:00 -Youth Group 6:00 -Evening Worship 6:30	27 Cabell Prin. Luncheon 11:00 -Sea Scouts 6:30 -Boy Scouts 7:30	28	29 Youth 5:30 -Bible Study 6:45 -Choir Practice 7:45	30	31 Set up gym for Town Pageant	Barboursville Town Pageant in the gym all day