Summer, 2019 – and I have a game of kick-the-can under my belt! A family favorite, a kind of hide-and-seek game, the kids of my old neighborhood could play all day long when we were growing up! That was fifty-five years ago when we first started, and I’ve shared the game with my children and now our grandchildren – and they are all hooked!

The little ones say, “Best day ever!”

And it’s not just that the game is fun! But Mom and Dad and Grandpa, uncles, aunts and cousins all play!

Whether it’s wiffle ball or roasting s’mores at the fire pit, telling ghost stories, or singing camp songs – be intentional with some fun this summer with your family! Family adventures don’t have to cost a lot of money, and you don’t need to travel to a costly resort, though many of us will include that kind of vacation on our summer schedule. But let’s not forget the power of your presence in the lives of your children and your spouse! Whether it’s fishing, hiking, camping, swimming, or shopping the flea markets looking for the best bargain ever, make a plan and communicate some options to the whole family!

God bless you as you enjoy a safe summer!

-Pastor Kevin
FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM

Look at what we are doing!

Thanks to EVERYONE for your generous support of our C.O.M.E. Event this year. Through your faithful giving we were able to deliver paper towels, 29 food items, 87 assorted school supplies, 16 toys, and 37 articles of children’s clothing to Tyrand Cooperative Parish AND 16 food items, 424 diapers/wipes, and 33 articles of children’s clothing to Heart & Hand Outreach. In ADDITION, thanks to the Fellowship Class and members of the congregation, we were able to make a cash donation to each ministry.

The Busy Bees have been super busy - in March they collected 231 pairs of children’s underwear for ECCHO! WOW! Thank you Miss Mary and all the teachers for showing the little ones what a blessing it is to help others!

Speaking of blessings, the Singles & More Class made a contribution of 45 packages of cookies to the VA in memory of Jack Austin. What a wonderful way to honor Jack’s love of the Vets. The class also provided 50 liters of soft drinks in February to Celebrate Recovery as well as delivering cakes to Recovery Point.

Thanks to everybody who continually adds to our ECCHO food box each week. In March we delivered 15 jars of Peanut Butter; and in April we collected 40 cans of assorted canned meats. The folks at ECCHO are so appreciative of our support. The food item need for June is baby food and July is cereal.

Thanks to all who continue to support the Clothes Closet! Donations of new or gently used clothing may be left at any time in the Seekers classroom. Just this week, a homeless couple came in asking for blankets and clothing. It was very rewarding to see them each walk away with bags full! Our drivers took them to the Huntington City Mission.

Look at what we’re planning!

We are adding a new Missions project: The Oncology department at HIMG offers free snacks to many of their patients who don’t always realize that they will be there for a long period of time. We plan to help sponsor this outreach by purchasing snacks (such as crackers, nuts, fruit bars, cookies, etc.) once a quarter. If you are interested in supporting this project, please see Kay or Gina. Also, they enjoy magazines if you have any to share.

Ebenezer in June: We have reached out to Ebenezer to see what might be on their “wish list”. Miss Celes requested water bottles for the children. If you would like to make a donation for these, please mark it “Ebenezer”. The children especially enjoy parties! We are planning to present Moses and the 10 plagues of Egypt sometime in June. Cupcakes, juice boxes and helpers needed! Youth can earn community service hours. Watch the bulletin for more info.

Lily’s Place in July: We will help fulfill their wish list! Also, t-shirts are available for purchase.

The idea of community is the sense of responsibility that we as Christians should have for each other.

“Encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone”

1 Thessalonians 5:14

-Gina, Kay, and the Mission Team
Are you ready to ROAR?

ROAR! Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Ages 3 to 6th grade welcome, all 3 year olds MUST BE potty-trained to attend. We are going to the jungle searching for the King of our life! Plan to join us on this safari ride.

Our Fifth Grade Sunday School class has been recognized for promotion into the Middle School class on Sunday, June 2! We have Brighton Hoover, Ella Fetty, and Ashley Prentice. Congratulations on your graduation and promotion!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Some things your children will enjoy are the camp opportunities at Asbury Woods, our United Methodist Church camp located off Rt. 10 toward Salt Rock. Visit their website or Facebook for more information or camp registration as soon as possible: asburywoodswv.wordpress.com [Be sure you’re in the WV Camp, because there is another Asbury Woods in PA] Camp scholarships are available for campers needing financial assistance.
- Day Camp for Grades K-2: July 1-3
- Older Elementary for Grades 3-5: June 30-July 3
- Middle School, Grades 6-8: July 7-12
- High School, Grades 9-12: July 15-19

"Seek and you will find."
- Matthew 7:7, NIV

WANTED: SERVANTS of GOD!

One of our discipleship opportunities is to lead our Children into the presence of God through worship – and we need help! Our Sunday morning schedule includes a time when our children, ages 4 through Second Grade are excused to attend Children’s Church in a classroom downstairs. We have vacancies on the calendar for adult group leaders to meet with our Children one Sunday a month. If this is a ministry in which you feel comfortable, please contact Pastor Kevin or Janet Foss at your earliest convenience. It may be that you could team up with a friend to share in this role!
Come and experience fitness with not one but two great fitness formats! We will be having a double stuffed class with REFIT® and then REV+FLOW by REFIT®. We will start at 2:00 p.m and have an hour REFIT® class. After a small break to rest and refuel we will jump back in at 3:10 p.m for an hour of REV+FLOW. You are welcome to come for both workouts or just one. This event is free and open for everyone and all fitness levels.

REFIT® is a life-changing group fitness experience that rocks your body, heart, and soul with powerful moves and positive music, to inspire you from the inside out.

REV+FLOW is a dynamic workout that’s easy on joints without compromising the intensity of the workout. It strengthens bodies and sculpts muscles through targeted, music-based movements and resistance training. (You will need a yoga mat.)

For more information and event updates, be sure to like Getting REFIT with Stephanie on Facebook. You can also email me at stephanie_ross33@yahoo.com or call 419-566-7074.

GENTLY USED & SECOND HAND

Steve McComas, a team member with our Celebrate Recovery group, has storage space for gently used furniture for those who may need to furnish a new apartment. If you have items you’re replacing or downsizing, and would like to make a contribution of good household appliances or furniture, please contact the Church office, 304 736-4583.

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

It is May and school is ending for the summer vacation but soon it will be August and the children will be starting back to school. This is just a friendly reminder that our church will be filling backpacks again to help children in eastern Cabell County. Steele Memorial has been very supportive in the past and we hope that you will help again this year.

In July information will be available so that you will know the type of supplies that will be needed to fill each backpack. We will also need volunteers to fill the backpacks around the middle of July.

It is our hope, that a new school year and a backpack filled with new school supplies will help the children begin school on a positive note. We thank you so much for your continued support to each of these children.

- Brenda Chapman & Peggy Fillmore

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED!

Following the recognition of our High School graduating seniors, Sydney Adkins wrote the Church a thank-you! “Thank you and the Church for the wonderful graduation gifts! I will hold Steele Memorial close to my heart as I continue my journey at Marshall.”
YOUTH PASTOR: THE SEARCH GOES ON!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee recently interviewed a candidate for our Associate Minister’s position. Negotiating terms of employment is a very difficult process in these days with such a high cost of health care across the country, and we are a casualty to that trend. The budget under which we are working made it difficult with one candidate, so the search goes on. Please keep the need for a partner in ministry in your prayers, and if you have ideas that may help the Church along the way, you can contact the Pastor or the Chairperson of the S-PRC, Cathy Conard.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM:

The youth of our Church will continue to meet with Becky Damron, our interim leader, on Wednesday evenings, 6 p.m.! We appreciate Becky and her family assisting with this important ministry! Pass the word to others!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Summertime is a prime time to cultivate relationships with our youth and help them accelerate in their faith. We are going to capitalize on the extra time and freedom the students have this time of year. Our goal is to advance the gospel all summer long. When I take on a project, it tends to become a “family affair!” Leading our youth is no different. Tim, Sarah, Katie, and Eli have agreed to be part of my leadership team. We will use the summer months to help our youth stay connected to Jesus! Our goal is to lay the groundwork this summer with the youth by discipling them so they will be ready to hit the ground running in the fall. And of course, we will enjoy summer fun and games too! We’ll just be sure to “gospelize” them.

-Becky Damron
All-Stars 4 Jesus ended the 2018-2019 season with an ALL STAR performance here at Steele Memorial United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 15th and their annual bowling party at the Strike Zone Bowling Center on Wednesday, May 22nd! Have a great summer!

SAVE THE DATE!

STEELE MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

ESQUIRE GOLF CLUB
Saturday, August 3, 2019
8:00 A.M.

The Steele Memorial United Methodist Church Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for August 3rd at Esquire Golf. Tee times start at 8:00 a.m.. Bring your own team or we can put you on a team.

Cost is $50 each, this includes golf cart, lunch and prizes. Proceeds will benefit our Boy Scout Troop 88. For more information please contact John Call at 304-736-5108 or 304-634-1074
Pastor Kevin Lantz and Jack and Claren Perkins will be attending the annual conference session June 13-16, on the campus at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV. The annual session is the meeting place for the nearly 1,000 congregations of the United Methodist Church in West Virginia and Garret County, Maryland. An equal number of lay members and clergy from each of the charges meet to share in the vision and ministry of our great Church! Each year, the conference session includes inspirational worship from a guest Bishop and others among our own clergy family.

This year, the business will include the election of delegates to the 2020 General Conference to be held in Minneapolis, MN from May 5 – 15. The conference will also hear a motion to vote on the increasing costs of health insurance for the clergy families of our conference.

The annual conference also celebrates the ministries of our retiring clergy, as well as welcoming a new class of clergy through ordination, which is held on Sunday morning in Wesley Chapel. This service is open to the public! Near the closing of the conference session is the vote to approve the WV Conference budget for the next year, and the setting of appointments for clergy who are serving Churches, several who are moving into new positions of ministry this year.

Pastor Kevin will be attending the Sunday Ordination and Worship, and we will have John Call as our lay preacher at Steele Memorial UMC on Sunday, June 16, which is Father’s Day!

Pentecost, one of our lesser known Christian holidays, is called the "Birthday of the Christian Church!" This is the day that the Holy Spirit came into the lives of the believers following the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ! With the filling of the Spirit, the disciples went into the streets of Jerusalem with courage and boldness, telling the world about the power of God in the resurrection of the dead Savior! (Read Acts, chapter 2 in your Bibles!)

June 9th is our Pentecost celebration and we’re asking worship attendees to wear something red!

Pentecost Dinner: A Church-wide fellowship dinner is a part of our calendar for Pentecost Sunday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. Bring something to share with the group, whether a casserole, meat, vegetables, fruit dish, or dessert! The Church will provide drinks and rolls.

No-Tie July

NO-TIE JULY ...and August!

During the hot and humid days of summer, we give permission to our men to be relieved of their neck ties on Sundays! And without the restraining ties, let us sing praises like warblers!
SUMMER CELEBRATIONS!

JUNE 1
Pat Parker

JUNE 2
Jayme Chapman
Brighton Hoover

JUNE 6
Janet Foss
Kasen Merritt

JUNE 7
Vicki Smith

JUNE 10
Delora Call
Roger Call
Jon Hoover

JUNE 12
Buddy Beckett
Helen McClure

JUNE 14
Haleigh Berry

JUNE 15
Kyler Fannin

JUNE 17
John Call

JUNE 21
Elijah Chapman

JUNE 22
Eloise Baumgardner
Jim Boggess
Nancy Lovett

JUNE 23
Taylor Call
Josh Roy

JUNE 27
Russ Witten

JUNE 29
Rosetta Blake

JUNE 30
Rita Kelley

JULY 1
Ryan Berry

JULY 2
Holly Fannin

JULY 8
Rob Blake

JULY 13
Rebecca Holton

JULY 16
Peggy Hicks
Eldon Paugh

JULY 17
Lee Blake

JULY 18
Mary Frances Burns
Lois Silling

JULY 19
Jim Allman
Ron Foss

JULY 24
Kati Higdon

JULY 25
Buck Conard
Gina Crews

JULY 29
Peter Kelley

JULY 31
Richard Jimison

JUNE 1
Glenn & Lilly Smith

JUNE 2
Ron & Janet Foss

JUNE 5
Keith & Malinda Ross

JUNE 7
Rick & Lorri Jones

JUNE 10
Jim & Kim Schmidt

JUNE 12
Mike & Susan McClung

JUNE 13
Russ & Debbie Lingenfelter

JUNE 15
Bill & Pam Dutton
Richard & Peggy Fillmore

JUNE 16
Tim and Becky Damron

JUNE 19
Carl & Rosemary Chapman
Nathan & Ashley Kinker
Rod & Sally Whitt

JUNE 20
Jim & Nancy Allman

JUNE 24
Ben & Mildred Maynard

JUNE 25
Jack & Clareen Perkins

JUNE 30
Eric & Stephanie Fett
Chip & Julie Merritt

JULY 2
Rob & Teresa Blake
Chad & Molly Fisher

JULY 3
Jamie & Sara Allman

JULY 4
Chris & Rita Kelley

JULY 6
Nathan & Suzanna Davenport

JULY 11
Jeff & Carla Snell

JULY 16
Buck & Cathy Conard

JULY 19
John & Sue Cummings

JULY 21
Leland & Lillian Dick

JULY 23
Todd & Kathy Lester

JULY 25
Raymond & Rosetta Blake

JULY 31
Greg & Gina Crews

May 23rd
Mary Howard
Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV

Velois “Whit” Keefer  
January 6, 1931 – May 5, 2019

Charles Raymond Hart  
November 18, 1926 – May 11, 2019
NEWS FROM THE HIVE

The Bees have had a lot of fun during our last few weeks of school! The kids have enjoyed water activity days and fun games in our classrooms. The older Bees showed their appreciation and kindness by baking cookies and brownies then delivering them to our church family and neighborhood partners. The Bees also had an amazing Graduation Program where we celebrated twenty bees going to kindergarten in the fall!

There are still a few openings for fall for students who will be two years old before September 1, 2019.

Prayers for a blessed summer for our Steele Memorial Family.

-Mary Howerton
## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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JOSHUA 24:15, NLT

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Ashley Kinker

June 9th
Aimee Merritt

June 16th
Stephanie Fetty

June 23rd
Becky & Sarah Damron

June 30th
Lorri Turman

JULY

July 7th
Vacant

July 14th
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July 21st
Stephanie Fetty

July 28th
Becky & Sarah Damron

PARKING LOT GREETERS

June

June 2nd
Larry Dickens/Pat Cornwell

June 9th
Donnie Barbour/Kelly McGuffin

June 16
Tony Ryder/Mike McClung

June 23rd
Terry Wooten/Larry Dickens

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