

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA): It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the FCA Spring Banquet with former Penn State and Indianapolis Colts defensive lineman Leo Wisniewski on Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 PM at the St. Mary's Conference Center, Rahall Room. Coach Bob Pruett and a couple of students will also be speaking. Tables and individual seats are available at a cost of \$50.00 per individual or \$400.00 per table (8 people per table). To reserve your table or seat, call 304-730-2851 or email andyconner@fca.org. You may also contact Judy Hayes at 304-638-5409.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday, May 29

9:00 Early Worship Service
 9:45 Sunday School for all Ages
 11:00 Morning Worship Service
 6:00 Youth
 6:30 Evening Worship Service

Monday, May 30

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

Tuesday, May 31

6:30 Celebrate Recovery Picnic
 Barboursville Park

Wednesday, June 1

5:30 Youth
 6:45 Bible Study
 7:45 Choir Practice

Thursday, June 2

7:00 Missions Committee

Saturday, June 4

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday, June 5

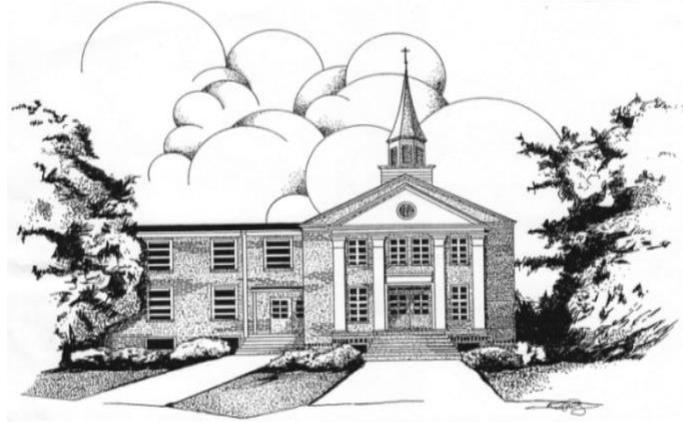
Promotion Sunday
 9:00 Early Worship Service
 9:45 Sunday School for all Ages
 11:00 Morning Worship Service
 6:00 Youth
 6:30 Evening Worship Service

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Early Worship Service: 28 Sunday school: 133
 Morning Worship Service: 179

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Amount Received: Amount Needed Per Week: \$8,497.00
 May 1, 2016: \$13,397.00
 May 8, 2016: \$6,346.30
 May 15, 2016: \$7,944.42
 May 22, 2016: \$5756.38



The purpose of Steele Memorial United Methodist Church is to enable people to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to nurture them in their journey of faith; to offer opportunities to express their relationship with the living God through love, example, and service.

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**STEELE MEMORIAL
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

May 29, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a time to share the work of the church and recognize the community of believers as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship the Lord.

STORY FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We've come to that time in the service when we collect the financial offerings and tithes. Your financial commitment sustains our many vital ministries. May God bless you, the giver, and your gift in the up-building of God's kingdom.

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 94

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

Children ages 4 through 2nd grade may exit for Children's Church and go downstairs to the 1st-2nd grade Sunday school classroom

ANTHEM

Choir

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SERMON

Pastor Kevin Lantz

"Why Is It So Hard To Forgive"
 James 4:1-10

***INVITATION HYMN**

"Change My Heart, O God"

***BENEDICTION**

"Something Beautiful, Something Good"

***POSTLUDE**

Prayer Concerns

Canzaza Arkle	Al Baker	Rosetta Blake
John Call	Danny Childers	Don Damron
Lori Godfrey	Amy Jarvis	Clay Johnson
Shawn Kelley	Megan Turman	Don Williams
Janice Young		

Friends and Relatives

Baby Sophie
 Ethan (Grandson of Peggy Hicks)
 Kiersten (Student of Megan Turman)
 Pollyanne (Sister of Rev. Sager)
 Diana Bell (Daughter of Louetta Jimison)
 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)
 Nancy Lipsey
 Ava Olson's Grandmother
 Roger Redmond (Friend of Chris Jarvis)
 Randall Ryder (Father of Tony Ryder)
 Ron Toy (Father of Jason Toy)
 Alice Triplett

SERMON SERIES: SERMON SERIES

Pastor Kevin's sermon series for the start of summer focuses on *Forgiveness*. Week 1, we were reminded that our ability to forgive comes because of God's willingness to forgive us!

Be reminded that you are able to receive a copy or recording of the Sunday teaching by contacting the Church office at 304 736-4583.

Today: *Why Is It So Hard to Forgive?*

The Church is often in conflict within itself! The Apostles addressed conflict in their letters because there was conflict in the Church! So believers can have a hard time learning to forgive one another. Why? Because of the talionic impulse, the initial, gut-reaction all of us have to strike out once we've been attacked verbally or hurt.

This message looks at the six phases of what is called "the avionic impulse" so that we might understand the initial impulse that may prevent us from forgiving.

Week 3: *Forgiveness Is A Choice*

This message describes six steps to move us into that posture to forgive. These steps help us even when we don't feel we could forgive! But as we yield our desires to the desires of God, we can begin the work of forgiving those who have hurt us!

Week 4: *The Long Road of Forgiveness*

This sermon reflects on long-range forgiveness, or maintaining forgiveness throughout life. We can be moved emotionally to forgive at a moment in time, but what are we to do when resentment creeps back in to our mind? We learn ten principles to guide us as we would sustain the spirit of forgiveness.

Week 5: *Owner of a Broken Heart*

Using Peter's denial of Jesus on the night He was arrested, this message leads us to understand how we might forgive ourselves for some of the awful things **we** do!

One of the barriers to forgiving our self is the insecurity we may feel about ourselves. We may believe that we deserve to be punished, completely misunderstanding the idea of grace and mercy.

Week 6: *"A Total Eclipse of God"*

This message helps us understand what we need to do with anger we may have toward God. There are times when we feel life has treated us unfairly, and we are angry at God. We can come to a dead-end in our spiritual life with anger or hatred toward God.

Are we to forgive Him? What are we to do with this anger?

Week 7: *Forgiveness: The Heart of Revolution*

This message is a summary of the series on forgiveness using a true, tragic story to illustrate how one family practiced forgiveness through their obedience to the Spirit of God.

ESTHER/RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, June 9, 7:00 in NFH at church. We will discuss summer plans/mission support; and continue our book study HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD, Chapter 10. Hope to see you there!

CHILD CARE NEEDED: The Church is looking for two people who would care for children three mornings a week, during the hours of the Women's Aerobics Class that is held at the Church. The class sessions are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:00 -- 10:15 a.m. Child care would only be necessary if we have participants who bring their children. Payment for the care would be rendered, but is yet to be defined.

INFANT NURSERY CARE: The need for persons to serve the Lord in our *Church Nursery* during worship time has risen. If you can take a turn to assist with infant care, please contact Becky Damron or Jonnie in the Church Office at 304 736-4583. The nursery has speakers allowing care-givers to share in worship.

"Sock it to SUMMER!" - Girls of Faith and All Stars for Jesus would like to invite our Steele Memorial family to join us in this cool way to help the homeless beat the summer heat. This is a community drive to collect socks, sunglasses, sunscreen, and lip balm to be handed out to those less fortunate. Using a new pair of socks, we will tuck a

pair of sunglasses in one and sunscreen and lip balm in the other, connecting with a ribbon and an inspirational message. Voila, you have a summer care package!

VBS HELP! I need several people to commit to baking cookies for the Friday celebration of VBS. If you can make me cookies please call or text Megan Turman at 304-563-3140. Thank you!

MAY 30, 2016: The church office will be closed on May 30, 2016 for Memorial Day.

MISSIONS: Thanks to all the wonderful cooks who provide meals for Celebrate Recovery dinners! They are thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

During the month of June, we will collect for Lily's Place in Huntington. Lily's Place is a residential infant recovery center that serves the tiniest victims of substance abuse, newborn babies. Here is their list of needs: Draft detergent, sensory toys (mobiles, crib mirrors, musical toys, etc.), diaper bags, stamps, Avery address labels, and self-seal envelopes.

FIRST WEDNESDAY DINNER will not be held during the three summer months, June, July and August. We are taking a break.

REFIT CLASS will not meet on Monday, May 30; Monday, June 6; Wednesday, June 8 and Friday, June 10.

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

SAFE SANCTUARIES: April Forkey, the Conference director for Child Protection Training among our United Methodist Churches, will offer training on **June 4, 9:00 – Noon at Forrest Burdette UMC in Hurricane**. This training is important for all members and friends who assist in children's and youth ministries in our Churches. Please plan to attend. Further information will be forthcoming.

THANK YOU so much for all the cards, flowers, food, phone calls and especially the prayers these past two weeks. The Dr. says I am way ahead of schedule and let me up after one week instead of two. We are so grateful for so many friends and great Dr.'s that have made this process go so smoothly. It was a rough week but we are so thankful that vision is returning and it's almost over. You will never know what it means that so many people were praying for me. Thank you -- John Call