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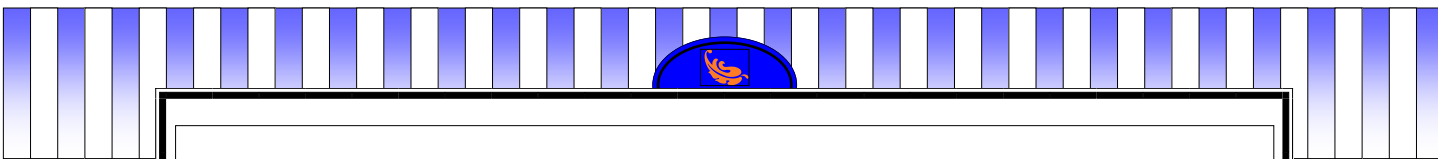
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Joint Maundy Thursday Service
at FUMC
April 18th at 7pm

Community Good Friday Service
at Fayetteville Methodist Church
April 19th at 6:30pm

Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7am on Sunday, April 21st.
The place will be at Adventures on the Gorge.



THE SCROLL

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*Fayetteville & Doggett Chapel
United Methodist Churches*

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Are You Ready?

Easter is quickly approaching, and those are the words I keep hearing. “Are you ready?” I hear these words in my sleep and whispered in my ear during my every waking hour. “Are you ready?” At first, I just thought it was just a little anxiety over preparing services for Holy Week. Was I ready? Well, to be honest, not quite. But I don’t think that was it. “Are you ready?”

I look at the calendar and see we are rushing headlong into Easter! “Are you ready?” The stores have been full of chocolate Easter bunnies and marshmallow peeps since February, so you’ve had plenty of notice. “Are you ready?” Are your eggs colored and ready to hide? Because we all know the story of Jesus and the colored eggs, “Get those eggs out of my sight!” Jesus is rumored to have said. “Put them away, hide them, whatever... just get them out of my sight!” But I hear “Are you ready?” Eggs, chocolates, peeps,... Are we ready?

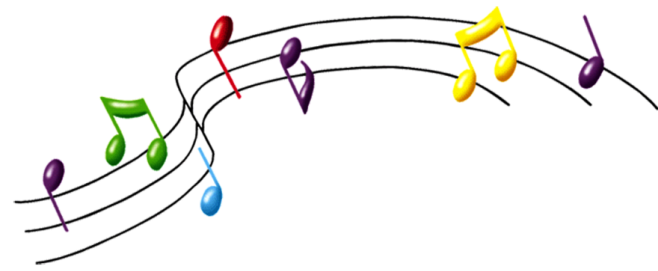
I don’t think this is what the whispered voice has in mind, so let’s look at our readiness level as it pertains to our Christian journey. As we have been traveling through Lent this year, we all know how this story of the death and resurrection of Jesus will unfold. We have heard this story since our childhood, and yet I do have to wonder if we are indeed prepared.

“Are you ready?” Have we properly considered and ordered our lives so that we will be able to endure the dark days after His death? Have we prepared ourselves for this miracle? Have we trimmed those things from our lives that keep our eyes from viewing Jesus and his love for us all in its entirety. Have we fasted from the things in life that shut our eyes to beauty that surrounds us all. Have we feasted on those things that bring us, and the world around us, closer to God?

“Are you ready?” Are you ready to be born anew with our Savior Jesus Christ on Easter morning? Are you ready for the work of the Church? Are you ready to be imitators of Jesus, and love like He does? Are you ready to speak the Word of God boldly to the world this year?

Are you ready?

Love and peace to you all
Pastor Rick



C.O.M.E.

Music in the Mountains

Many many thanks to all who made our 2018 COME campaign a success! Through June, the conference has disbursed \$97,053.54 to 11 different mission projects throughout the WV Conference. Tangible goods brought to the events totaled between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The Southern District collected \$13,393.77 at our event at United Methodist Temple in Beckley and estimated tangible donations were \$3,500.00. Our grand total should be well in excess of \$16,000 as money continued to come in after the event. Again, thanks to all!!

Now, on to 2019. We are continuing with the same format. Each church is asked to sponsor a musical group or other musical performer at a parish hymn sing. This can be a choir, a soloist, small group, combo, anything that represents the music of your church. Some churches may even join together to form one group. Be creative!

The group that raises the most money from each parish per capita based on average attendance of their church (or group of churches) will have the honor of performing at the District Conference on April 28, 2019, at First United Methodist Church in Princeton. The church (or group of churches) that raises the most money per capita district wide will be honored with a banner they can display until the 2020 C.O.M.E.

Our two mission projects that we will be supporting have yet to be announced, so we will let you know as soon as possible once that determination is made and will also send a list of needed items to be collected at the event.

Ideas for fundraisers range from special offerings, bake sales, no-bake bake sales, car washes, auctions, pie auctions, silent auctions, dinners, etc. All money should be raised by your parish hymn sing and sent TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE to receive accurate credit.

DON'T WAIT!!! START NOW!! ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS!!!!!!



Seth Woodrum	3 rd
JoAnn Coy	6 th
Billy Blume	8 th
Bobby Blume	8 th
Gary Jeffries	8 th
Kaiden Schoonmaker	9 th
Alan Comer	10 th
Devon Ivey	15 th
Mary Moses	17 th
Amy Crawford	19 th
Bob Mulligan	20 th
Michelle Cox	20 th
Emily Griffith	21 st
Greg Price	21 st
Donnie Hudspeth	25 th
Olivia Trofy	26 th
Tom Woodrum	29 th



Mary Jane & Duffy Caldwell	7 th
Phillip & Polly Brown	14 th
John & JoAnn Davis	19 th



The United Methodist Women Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30pm.

All ladies are invited to come and be apart of
this ministry.



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UMC.org
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DOGGETT CHAPEL UMC

*At Doggett Chapel we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ by having & practicing
Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors*

Doggett Chapel web site, check it out at
www.doggettchapel.com
& on facebook at:
Doggett Chapel

*Doggett Chapel has a Bible Discussion
Group on the 3rd Wednesday of every
month at 6:30 pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend.*



Peanut Butter/Jelly Ministry For Warm Hands from Warm Hearts



Doggett Chapel is collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly.

For Doggett Chapel please place on the back pew.

For FUMC Please leave in office.

Janette will pick up on the 1st of each month and take to the center.

Thank you.



L&S Toyota is once again running their Facebook contest to give money to charities such as we are. I hope that if you have not already done so, please go online and nominate the Gabriel Project.

Google L&S Toyota and go to the listing for their Facebook page. Click on Recent Posts and find the one from Shawn Ball about the contest, then make a "comment" on it. You don't have to say a lot of stuff but the more the better it might look for us.

Thank you very much!

Roy W, Milam

Free Community Lunch

Saturday April 27th

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Join us for Fellowship & Nourishment for your body and soul.

All served with the Love of Christ



DISTRICT
CONFERENCE

District Conference & Music in the Mountains

April 28th 4:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

Princeton, WV



The Spring Southern District Lay Academy will be on May 4-5 at Oak Hill UMC. The basic Course and an Advanced Course will be offered (along with other interesting courses). The Basic course will also be taught in a seven week course format in Beckley. The Fall Academy is scheduled October 18-19 at Bluewell UMC; the Basic Course and at least one advanced course will be offered. Contact the Southern District for more information (sdumc@suddenlinkmail.com).

Calling All People to be Prayer Warriors for March.

Come **Pray** at Fayetteville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Thursday April 4, 2019 -12:00 noon.

Hope to see you there!! Come and bring someone with you.

A light lunch will be served.



What Happened at the 2019 Called Special Session of General Conference?

The General Conference passed the Traditional Plan by a margin of 54 votes. The vote count was 438 to 384. Now what does that mean for local congregations, clergy, and conferences? Here is what did not change:

- We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God. We affirm God’s grace is available to all. We implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons. (§ 161.G)
- All persons, regardless of age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation, are entitled to have their human rights and civil rights ensured and to be protected against violence.
- Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches. (§ 341.6)
- Candidacy for ordination: The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore, self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church. (§ 304.3)
- Marriage is defined as a covenant between a man and a woman. (§ 161.C)
- The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. (§ 120)
- The function of the local church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is to help people to accept and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to live their daily lives in light of their relationship with God. (§ 202)

The following are items that were affirmed either within the Traditional Plan or in addition to the plan. All these items are under review by the Judicial Council. If any of the following items are found not to be in alignment with the constitution of The United Methodist Church, then—even though they were affirmed by the General Conference—they will be ruled unconstitutional and the changes requested by the General Conference will be null and void and will not be added to the Book of Discipline. The Judicial Council will meet in April.

The following changes were passed by the General Conference but must be reviewed by Judicial Council:

1. Wespeth petitions passed. If a Church enters a process to exit the UMC, they must pay their fair share of pension liability. Clergy who exit the denomination retain their pension but pension funds must be converted to limit further liability to the conference.
2. The Traditional Plan passed except for the petition that was previously ruled unconstitutional which would have required certification by annual conferences and bishops that they will follow the Discipline. There is no method for annual conferences to leave the denomination.
3. A number of parts of the Traditional Plan passed that were previously ruled constitutional by the Judicial Council. These will be reviewed again in April by the Judicial Council. If ruled constitutional in April, these parts of the plan would add language to the current wording of the definition of a self-avowed practicing homosexual; instruct Bishops in regard to their actions in relationship to commissioning, ordination, and consecration; institute new instructions for membership selection and the work of Boards of Ordained Ministry; and institute minimum penalties for pastors who perform same gender weddings and are convicted by trial. Also included would be instruction for Bishops in the dismissal of complaints and how Just Resolutions must be processed and would make clear that the church can appeal a decision for egregious errors of law.
4. One additional part of the Traditional Plan passed by General Conference which may or may not be constitutional, awaits a decision from the Judicial Council. This part addresses the work and membership of the Board of Ordained Ministry.
5. An amended exit plan for churches passed that may or may not be constitutional. It would allow for local churches who disagree with the Church position on homosexuality to exit with their property and assets if 2/3 of the members vote to do so and they care for pension liabilities and one year of apportionments.

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Now we wait for the results of the Judicial Council. Legislation is not official church law until 1/1/2020. The General Conference is the highest legislative body in The United Methodist Church. Only the General Conference can make changes to the Book of Discipline and speak officially for the global denomination. The General Conference, half clergy and half laity, are from all over the world. Bishops have no vote in the General Conference.

Impact to Local Congregations and Annual Conferences:

The Legislation passed does not require any action or vote by local congregations or annual conferences.

Potential Impact to Clergy, Bishops, and Boards of Ordained Ministry:

Items with potential impact are named above and under Judicial Council review.

What do we do Now?

Now, our most important work continues and needs our focus and attention. Christ calls us to move on as The United Methodist Church in the West Virginia Conference and around the world to fulfill Christ’s Mission and Commission.

The people of our Conference area need those of us who have accepted and know Christ to be a fresh wind of God’s Spirit. God’s transforming power is needed by the people in our communities and in our churches. People need God’s healing power. People need the life only Christ can give.

There are people who need a cup of clean cold water, food to eat, clothes to wear, shelter, medical care, education, and a way to care for their families. There are people who need our protection from prejudice and hatred. There are people who need to know that someone, somewhere really does care about them. They need the love and care and blessing of Christ. This is something we are called to give. We have been blessed by Christ to be a blessing to others.

Christ continues to call us to love God and to love our neighbor! To that end, we also need to recognize the harm and hurt that these conversations have caused to our LGBTQ community and beyond. We need to pray, to confess, to forgive, to offer ourselves for Christ’s transformation, we need to seek repentance and reconciliation, we need to grow more fully into the image in which each of us are made and seek the unity of Christ.



Christian Sympathy is extended to the
family and friends of
John Michael Sodder
who entered eternal life on March 11, 2019



Christian Sympathy is extended to the
family and friends of
Joseph Freeland
who entered eternal life on March 12, 2019

Joe was the brother of Martha Fish