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Greetings in the name of Christ!

It's only the second week of advent and already I am so far behind that I'm almost ahead. As always, the season of Advent is a busy time for us all, and this year will be no different in that aspect. I would like to ask though, that we all strive and prayerfully consider what each our Christmases will look like this year.

Many of the things that we will find ourselves busy with will seem to be unavoidable, and perhaps they are. Presents under the tree, Christmas open houses, decorations to put up at home and church, advent bible studies, every where we look are signs and commercials telling us that this is the Hap-Hap- Happiest time of the year! I hope that in remembering the birth of our savior, it is indeed a happy time for you all. We would be remiss however if we assume that this time of year is hap-hap-happy for everyone.

For some, the added pressures associated with the Christmas season are nearly too much to bear. Please remember, as the saying goes, the "Reason for the Season". Our response to those in which this season is a struggle, is one of the most important pieces of our discipleship journey. Let us share this season the merriment that comes from knowing that God walked among us, in the form of his son Jesus Christ. THAT my friends is all the reason to be hap-hap-happy this advent season.

Peace and Love to you all

Pastor Rick



*Come and join us at FUMC for our
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24th
7 pm*

GABRIEL PROJECT

of West Virginia, Inc.
Fayetteville Center

Dear Friends,

December 3, 2019

Once again, I come to you seeking help for the babies of the Gabriel Project. But first, thank you very much for your support of The Gabriel Project in the past and for any support you give in the future. As of the writing of this letter, the Fayetteville site has received 774 client visits and given away almost 1200 packs of diapers and pull-ups, 873 packs of baby wipes, 47 Pack-N-Plays, 48 car seats, and many others baby items in 2019 through your generosity and that of many other supporters. We see an average of 36 different families each time we are open and have seen at least five new families at each opening. We have assisted 174 different families thus far in 2019.

A client visit is anytime a family comes to us for help. Some of these families have multiple children, but only count as one client visit when they come to see us. Several of our families have three children in our age range, two years or younger.

At this time, I am asking for your help with a special Christmas gift for our clients. We would like to give each family a boxed meal at our December 23 opening. We've done this the last couple of years and many of you helped. Although I'm sure that several clients probably took advantage of the situation, many were very, very appreciative. In fact, at least three separate mothers came to me in tears and said that they did not know what they were going to prepare for Christmas Dinner when they arrived at the center that day.

Here is a suggested list of what to include in the meal and we ask that you place this in a cardboard box for our ease of distribution.

3 lb. canned ham	Corn (1 or 2 cans)	5lb. Bag of Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes (1 large can)	Green Beans (1 or 2 cans)	
Bag of Mixed Fruit (apples & oranges)	Bread (loaf or rolls)	
One package of diapers any size		

The statewide Gabriel Project is conducting a diaper drive in December so we ask for your help with that. We also do a toy giveaway that day so any toy donations would be appreciated and will be placed in that.

I will be collecting any donated boxed dinners on Dec. 21 from 5-7PM on the town side of the church beside the Pastor's Study sign. The church is located at 401 W. Maple Avenue in Fayetteville.

Again, thank you very much for your help in the past and for any help in the future. Please consider this endeavor and do remember our clients and our site in your prayers. We invite you to become a Gabriel Volunteer and help on opening days, the second Monday and fourth Saturday of each month, and also would be happy to show anyone around the center if you would like to visit us. We are located in the basement of the Fayetteville Presbyterian Church.

Thank you,
Roy W. Milam
Site Director



Jenna Weatherford	3 rd
Travis Price	7 th
Aiden Wilhere	8 th
Rick Nugen	11 th
Elizabeth Clay	12 th
Stephen Wheatley II	15 th
Damien Iannamorelli	16 th
Ethan Tomlin	16 th
Margaret Sodder	16 th
Margaret R. Grose	20 th
Whitney Faith Worthington	21 st
Trevor Trofy	22 nd
Laura O'Neal	22 nd
Bill Lanham	27 th
Charlie Garvin III	28 th
Joel Rodgers	28 th
Mary Jane Caldwell	31 th



Keith Donald & Linda Mitchell 9th



The United Methodist Women will be sending Christmas Greetings
to the patients at Fayette Continuous Care.

Tuesday, December 17th at 12 noon.

Please join us in the celebration.

We will meet at the church at noon to car pool and travel to the
nursing home to wish those there a blessed Christmas.

For more information please call Nancy McKown at 304-719-7632.



Christian Sympathy is extended to the
family and friends of
Denise Price
who entered eternal life on November 25, 2019

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.*



Caroling at Doggett Chapel

*Come and enjoy an evening of
Christmas Carols, cookies and hot coco
Saturday, December 21 at 6 pm*



We are gathering information for the January newsletter. If you have any announcements or articles you would like to add, please call the church office, or leave it on office desk, or e-mail them to the church at fayettevilleumc@frontier.com by **December 26th.**

**Fayetteville Community Chorus Concert
Sunday, December 15th
4:30 PM
Oak Hill United Methodist Church**



Everyone welcome!

In January we will be printing the 2020 Church Directories for both congregations. Please check your 2019 directories and call or e-mail the Church office with any corrections or updates. We'd especially appreciate cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

We would also like to have your Birthdays and Anniversaries.

We are still collecting 2lb bags of pinto beans for the December Food Pantry.

If you are able to participate in this food drive there will be a box in the Narthex for you to put the beans in. Thank you for your help!





***West Virginia Conference
District Leadership Training
Event***

Group Training
District Officer “know your job” break-out sessions
Fun and Fellowship

**March 7 First UMC Buckhannon
March 21 First UMC Beckley**

Registration: 9:00-9:30
Lunch: 12:00-12:30
Wrap up: 3:00

Open to anyone interested in putting Faith, Hope and
Love into Action!

At Fayetteville United Methodist Church
We seek to bring others into the family of God by
LOVING SERVING WITNESSING
and following Christ where He leads us on our Spiritual journey.



***Free Community Lunch
Saturday December 28th
11:00 am – 1:30 pm***

This month we will be serving soup, sandwiches and dessert.

*Join us for Fellowship & Nourishment for your body and soul.
All served with the Love of Christ*

Erin's Closet

December 19th
10:00 am - noon
and
December 28th
10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Erin's Closet



One Call Now

Most of you seem to like One Call Now to keep up-dated with current activates and concerns happening within the church. This service is costly and if you would like to help with the cost your contribution would be appreciated.

