



Winfield United Methodist Church

September 2021 Newsletter

Greetings Church!

Blessings to you in the name of Jesus Christ. As Labor Day fast approaches, the summer season ends, and fall begins. While the weather might still be as hot as ever, the days will get shorter, and families will find themselves busier than ever. As the school year begins, I think it's a great time to remember the way Jesus embraced children, youth, and families:

"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:13-14).

Churches often urge parents and families not to neglect faith and church involvement as school, sports, and other extracurricular activities ramp up once again. Yet I would challenge each and every one of us to find ways that we can be involved in the life of children, youth, and families. You don't need to have school-aged children or grandchildren to volunteer in children or youth ministries. If we desire to reach the next generation for Christ, it will take all of us to be mentors and leaders in big ways and small ways.

We are blessed by the work of dedicated leaders and volunteers, who hosted events for children and youth throughout the summer, as well as a "Back to School Fest" which welcomed over 20 kids. We need your help to build upon the success we've had over the Summer. First and foremost, we can pray for school children, staff, and others as they begin the school year. As you know, children under 12 are unable to receive the vaccine. There are also cases of "breakthrough" COVID cases, and as school begins again, we will undoubtedly see COVID cases rise. Pray that the Lord protects our students,

families, and school staff. Pray for wisdom and courage for school administrators and our local school boards, that they might do what is right and necessary to protect us. Second, I encourage you to become a “Preschool Partner” to children and families this year. If you choose to participate, you will be paired with a child and family who attend our preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. Your level of involvement is up to you and their family, but it will include simple birthday and Christmas cards, letters of encouragement, and perhaps small gifts as you are able. It’s one small way that we can be involved in the lives of families with children. I would also encourage you to connect with Gayla Van Horn, our children and youth director, to find other ways to get involved. She can be reached at gaylaflora@gmail.com

Finally, please check out the information about our upcoming “Beyond Faith: Harm Reduction and Recovery Town Hall” on Tuesday, September 28 from 5-8 pm here at Winfield United Methodist Church. In 2020, West Virginia had 1,179 opioid overdose drug deaths. We have also become a national hotspot for HIV and our hepatitis C rates are five times the national average. Undoubtedly you know a person or family affected by the opioid epidemic. The first hour of the town hall will be a time to mingle and connect with agencies who are tabling at the event. At 6 pm, there will be a training to combat stigma against people with substance use disorder. At 6:30 pm, a panel of faith leaders, health leaders, and community leaders will participate in a speakers panel. All are welcome to attend!

Please know that I am always around for visits, phone calls, and prayers. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (304)646-9597 or at christo.scott@gmail.com.

Grace and Peace,
+Pastor Chris

SEPTEMBER

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|----------|--------|---|
| | | | 1 Bible Study: 6:10 PM | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Children's Ministry Team Meeting 12:15 Youth 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | 6 Church Offices Closed Labor Day | 7 SPRC Meeting 7:00 PM | 8 Save a Life Day 9:00 AM - 600 PM Bible Study: 6:10 PM | 9 | 10 | 11 Food Pantry: Winfield Nazarene Church 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM |
| 12 Putnam County Homecoming No 11:00 AM Service Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | 13 United Methodist Women: 6:30 PM | 14 | 15 Bible Study: 6:10 PM | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | 20 | 21 | 22 Bible Study: 6:10 PM | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | 27 Administrative Council: 7:00 PM | 28 Beyond Faith Recovery and Harm Reduction Town Hall 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM | 29 Bible Study: 6:10 PM | 30 | | |



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| Gayleen Smith | 2 | Bob Legg | 7 | Tammy Barton | 19 | Chris Scott & Kendra Sullivan | 1 |
| Wayne Bennett | 3 | Shane Dunn | 9 | Stephen DeBord | 20 | Alan & Beth Handley | 2 |
| Sally Summers | 5 | Kara Jarvis | 10 | Nik McWhorter | 24 | Bill & Phyllis Stinnette | 5 |
| Linda Legg | 7 | Kathy Burns | 16 | Steve Fisher | 26 | | |

Worship with Us

Join Us for Sunday Worship

We have two Worship Services on Sunday, with the same message. There will be many styles of dress at both services. Come as you are!

8:30 AM: Early Service

Small, traditional service with relaxed atmosphere

11:00 AM: Late Service

Larger service but is still relaxed, a blending of traditional and contemporary touches.

Masks are to be worn in accordance with CDC guidelines. If you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask while indoors.

Social distancing must be observed.

Tithes and Offerings

If you are unable to worship with us in person, or want an alternative way to give your tithes and offerings, you may mail your donation to:

Winfield UMC
PO Box 391
Winfield WV 25213

Or give online at:

winfieldumc.net > Online Giving
or <https://www.ezekielgiving.com/App/Giving/winfpo284>

Children's Programming

We had a great summer hosting 3 Wacky Wednesdays throughout June and July and wrapped up the season with a Back to School Bash on August 11th!

Thank you to all of our volunteers and parents for sending their kids out to enjoy fellowship and learn about Jesus!

Fall programming is coming soon, be sure to look for future announcements on Facebook.

Children's programming is open to grades PK-5.

Youth Programming

We had such a good time watching and discussing *The Chosen* that we are doing it again! If you missed out on the first viewing, please join us for round 2, beginning Sunday, September 26th.

September's service project is making care packages for the Winfield High School Marching generals.

Youth currently meet on Sundays from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM and is open to all students in grades 6-12.

If you would like to volunteer with our children and youth programs, or have any questions, contact Gayla Van Horn.
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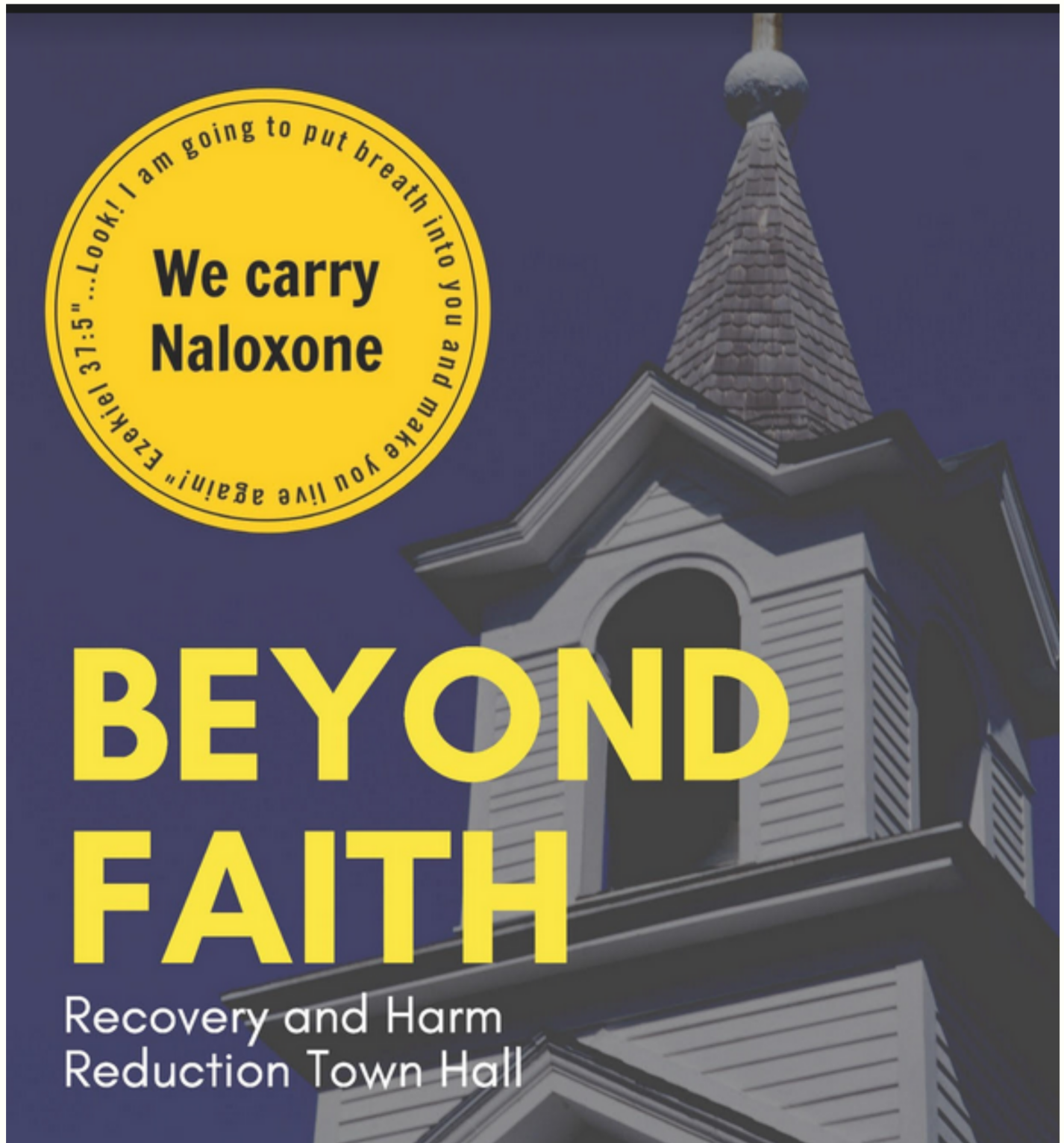
Upcoming Events

 **SAVE A LIFE** 
FREE NALOXONE DAY

SEPT. 8, 2021

**NEW
DATE!**

KANAWHA AND PUTNAM



BEYOND FAITH

Recovery and Harm
Reduction Town Hall

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 | 5:00-8:00 PM
WINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
20 RADWIN DRIVE, WINFIELD WV

What can People of faith, and all of us, do in response to the opioid crisis?
How is the Spirit calling us to be people of healing, hope, and justice?



Winfield United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes August 23, 2021, 7:00 PM

Members present – Al Ruebush, Chris Scott, Steve Burdette, Bill Davis, Phyllis Stinnette, Marcia Pauley, Denny Sansom, Gayla Van Horn

The Winfield United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting was called to order by Al Ruebush at 7:00 PM on August 23, 2021.

Opening prayer by Pastor Chris Scott

Education Session- Pastor Chris passed out a paper entitled “Digital Worship Myths”

Minutes from the July 26, 2021 meeting were read. Motion to accept minutes made by Phyllis Stinnette. Motion voted on and approved.

COMMITTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES- Trustees had a special meeting on Sunday, August 22. Will discuss during Finance Team report.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE- Will meet Tuesday, Sept 7.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TEAM- Wednesday summer activities completed. Received contact information for several new families that attended events. Next meeting Sunday, September 5.

FINANCE COMMITTEE- Received the invoice from the Winfield High School Football Boosters for field banner (\$150) renewal. During the Trustees meeting, it was discussed the church has been \$22,000 short in the general fund (offering vs expenses) so far this year. Expecting roughly \$37,000 by end of year. Using Heron Fund money to cover shortfall. The Heron endowment has had a good growth. It is \$580,000 now. Finance and Trustees have approved moving money from Heron Fund to Huntington Federal. Bill Davis makes a motion that \$50,000 (profit) from the Heron Fund be put into Huntington Federal, where it will not be in jeopardy of losing funds from investments, and can be utilized for future shortfalls for the church. Motion voted on and approved. Finance Team also voted to not have any increase in church employee salaries for next year.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN- UMW sponsoring church wide picnic on August 29 following 11 service. Providing all food and drinks. Sent out 34 invitations to members that haven’t returned to church in a while.

MISSIONS TEAM- Backpack Buddies will start up in September. Food will have to be sorted and packed like last year before being taken to the school.

MEN'S GROUP- No meeting.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM- No report

PASTORS REPORT- Blessed backpacks at the Back to School bash. Going to start up a preschool partner program with the congregation. A member will partner with one of our preschoolers for the year. Signs have been made to welcome back the preschoolers. Beginning a new bible study series on Wednesday's on praying with Paul. September 1 is Save A Life Day from 9-6. Can come, receive Naloxone and training. On September 28 participating in "Beyond Faith" a harm reduction and recovery Town Hall from 5-8. Checking in regularly with several congregants that have been diagnosed with cancer. In the future, may occasionally ride along with the Putnam County QRT (quick response team).

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- Should we think about eliminating 8:30 services to help with financial problems (less heat/electric expenditure)? Would it help? Something to think about. No 11 service on September 12. The church will participate in the Putnam County homecoming community church service at 10:45 that day. There will be the 8:30 service. Youth TV broke. Will see if anyone has one or how expensive to replace.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Bill Davis to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,
Reva M Capehart, Church Secretary

The Winfield United Methodist Church Newsletter is published monthly. If you would like to contribute to the October issue, please send your article to Reva Capehart or Gayla Van Horn by Tuesday, September 28th.

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