



# **Winfield United Methodist Church**

**March 2022 Newsletter**



Greetings Winfield United Methodist family,

The days are getting longer, we're starting to see a few more warmer days, and it seems as though Spring is just around the corner. I've not made it a secret that February is my least favorite month, and so I am thrilled that the month of March has begun!

In the month of March, we begin our season of Lent, journeying with Jesus on those 40 long days in the wilderness. There, Jesus was tried and tempted by the devil, who urged Jesus to abandon the way of the Cross and the way of God. On Ash Wednesday, we are marked on our foreheads with the sign of the cross and hear those words based in Genesis: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent remind us of how fragile life is, and our complete need for God in the midst of an uncertain world. For it is by God's grace that we are more than dirt and ash. Through the anointing and blessing of God, we were created and made God's beloved children. If this pandemic has reminded us of anything, it's just how fragile things are. So much of life that we take for granted is not nearly as strong, reliable, or certain as we thought. Like the ash and the dust, they can be blown away. So why not take this Lent and reflect on those things that truly matter? Take this Lenten season as an opportunity not to take for granted the blessings we have and to give God thanks. Just as importantly, take this time to focus on those things that endure. As Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:13: "And now these three endure: faith, hope and love."

Let us take this Lenten season and devote ourselves to sharing faith, hope, and love with one another and with the world. Let us recommit ourselves to being people of faith, hope, and love. For these are the acts, no matter how small, which will carry on for eternity.

I encourage you to check out our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter schedule that you will find in the newsletter. Please share with friends and neighbors about our Easter egg hunt and our community breakfast. These are small ways we can share faith, hope, and love with others. As always, you can reach me at (304)646-9597.

Grace and Peace,

+Pastor Chris

# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Ash Wednesday Service: 7:00 PM	3	4	5
6 Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	7	8	9 Spark Kids: 6:00 PM Bible Study: 6:10 PM	10	11	12 Food Pantry: Winfield Nazarene Church 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
13 Children's Ministry Team Meeting: 12:00 PM Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	14 United Methodist Women 6:00 PM	15	16 Spark Kids: 6:00 PM Bible Study: 6:10 PM	17	18	19 Community Breakfast: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Administrative Council: 10:30 AM
20 Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	21 Team Meetings: 7:00 PM	22	23 Spark Kids: 6:00 PM Bible Study: 6:10 PM	24	25	26
27 UMCOR Sunday Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	28	29	30 Spark Kids: 6:00 PM Bible Study: 6:10 PM			



Jane Heitz	1	Jess Hartley	7	Brian Johnson	13
Jeannie Davis	2	Michael McWhorter	7	Scott Winter	15
Dylan Pauley	4	Noah Jarrell	8	Jake Burns	18
Doris Rogers	5	Elizabeth McWhorter	10	Paula Shafer	18
Patti Ruebush	6	Glen Stevens	10	Percilla Bailey	18



Jim & Cindy Cloxton	8
Eston & Karen Kuhn	18



# 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.

# 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](http://winfieldumc.net) > Online Giving  
or <https://www.ezekielgiving.com/App/Giving/winfpo284>

# Children & Youth Programming

## Sunday School

Sunday School  
All Grades



Sundays:  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

## SPARK

Spark  
Grades PK-5



Wednesdays  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

## YOUTH GROUP

GRADES  
6 - 12

SUNDAYS  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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

# COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**3rd Saturday of  
the Month**

**8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

*All are welcome!*



# GLOW HUNT

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH 8:00 PM

PK-5TH GRADE

BRING A FLASHLIGHT & A BASKET

# Volunteer Information

## Sunday Worship Service Volunteers

### **Ushers:**

Early Service: Glen and Carol Stevens

Late Service: Hess Family

### **Greeter:**

Late Service: Reva Capehart

### **Front Door Greeter:**

Late Service: Gayla Terry

### **Communion Assistants:**

	<b>Early Service</b>	<b>Late Service</b>
6	Glen & Carol Stevens	Hess Family
13	Keith & Jerrie McClanahan	Al & Patti Ruebush and Reva & Kyle Capehart
20		Hess Family
27	Clyde & Pat Legg	Tom & Jane Workman and Bill & Phyllis Stinnette

### **Nursery / Children's Church**

6: Gayla Van Horn + Cindy Hess

13: Gayla Van Horn + Kim Porter

20: Gayla Van Horn + Reva Capehart

27: Gayla Van Horn + Gayla Terry



## Winfield United Methodist church

### Administrative Council Minutes- February 28, 2022, 7:00 PM

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

The Winfield United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting was called to order by Al Ruebush at 6:56 PM on February 28, 2022.

Opening prayer by Pastor Chris Scott

Educational Session-Pastor Chris presented a hand out on the 3 places to find new church leaders. Al Ruebush discussed how many items were accomplished from our strategic plan. Pretty much everything we set out to accomplish was successful. Would like council to think about the most important things we need to do as church for 2022 and discuss it at next meeting.

Steve Burdette made a motion to move the Administrative Council meeting in March from Monday, March 28 at 7 PM to Saturday, March 19 at 10:30 AM. Motion voted on and approved.

Minutes from the January 24, 2022 meeting were read. Motion to accept minutes made by Kathy Burns. Motion voted on and approved.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT-</u>	Beginning Balance	65,519.33
	January Income	13,275.42
	January Expense	20,282.74
	Ending Balance	58,512.01

#### COMMITTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES- Trustees met. Patio door has been installed at the parsonage and was fully funded by a donation. Denny Sansom will contact Affordable Steam Cleaner to get dates to finish stripping and waxing floors. Sink spray nozzle in kitchen sink has been installed and working well. Kathy Burns made a motion for Denny Sansom to continue as Chair of Trustees. Motion voted on and approved. Will need to fill vacancy left in trustees by the passing of Arbie Webb. It is time to sign HVAC maintenance agreement with Abston and Sons. Estimates and replacement for a new fence at the parsonage is a project priority for 2022.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE- Met February 9, 2022. Gayla reported on youth/children's programs. SPRC will meet once a quarter, with the next meeting being May 11, 2022 at 7 PM. Chris made a report on his duties. Kim Porter informed committee that she will be moving to Pennsylvania by years end and her position on the committee will need to be filled.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM- Children's Church has been restarted during the 11 service. Combining nursery and children's church workers so there will no longer be 2 workers in the nursery throughout the late service. Doing Lent programs at youth and SPARK. Easter Egg Glow Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 9 from 8-9 PM. All kids in the community will be invited. Will need several volunteers. Discussing possible VBS options. Meeting again March 13 at 12:15.

FINANCE COMMITTEE- Did not meet.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN- No meeting in February. THE UMW have adopted a local nursing home in Buffalo. For February, gave the residents t-shirt necklaces. For the March meeting, they will be making an Easter Celebration Basket for residents. They will be also be making Easter wreaths for the resident's doors. The UMW will meet March 14 at 6 PM.

MISSIONS TEAM- No report.

MEN'S GROUP- No meeting.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM- Replaced Hotspot from Sprint to a T-Mobile one. Working fine. Will look into a lower data plan, as we do not use as much as our current plan provides.

MARKETING TEAM- Did not meet, but discussed sending out a survey community wide, not just to the church, to get the communities opinion on church attendance in general.

PASTORS REPORT- Holy week plans are in place. There will be a sunrise service on Easter Sunday. We will provide breakfast snacks/drinks following both the sunrise service and the 8:30 service. Ash Wednesday service is in 2 days. For those that cannot attend that evening, Pastor Chris will have ashes set up and available 10-2 that day. Restarting Burgers and Bibles next Tuesday at Wendy's instead of McDonald's. Attended a district wide meeting held by the Bishop. Pastor Chris was asked to sit on an unofficial conference communication team. Following Ash Wednesday, will finish up the 7 signs of Christ for Bible Study. Completed Pre marital counselling and performed a wedding for John and Christy Killian on 2/22/22.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- Denny made a motion to no longer require masks in the church except in cases where you are working with children 5 and under. A discussion was had about phrasing, since masks were not required previously only strongly encouraged. Steve Burdette made a motion to change the wording "no longer required" to "make masks optional". After some final discussion, Denny made a final motion to make mask wearing optional unless you are working with kids that are unable to be vaccinated (5 and under). Marcia Pauley seconded the motion. Motion voted on and approved.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Steve Burdette 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 April issue, please send your article to Reva Capehart or Gayla Van Horn by Monday, March 28th.

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