



Winfield United Methodist Church

May 2022 Newsletter



Greetings Church,

It was truly a joy to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with you in 2022. For me, this is a season of gratitude and thanksgiving. The season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are by far the busiest for pastors. Yet I am not the only one who works hard to make this all possible. So, I want to take a moment in this letter to THANK YOU. Thank you for joining the choir for Easter, the first time in years we've heard them sing together. Thank you for preparing meals and setting the table for Maundy Thursday dinner worship and for the community breakfast. Thank you for all you did for the MASSIVE glow-in-the-dark Easter egg hunt and connecting with the community during the Lion's Club Easter egg hunt. Thank you for packing bags for Backpack Buddies and for brightening up our community during roadside cleanup. It's been said a great many times, but bears repeating, WE are the Church together. What I see is a church that is dedicated to serving, giving, and sharing of your time, resources, and talents in the Lent/Easter season and the whole year through.

On another note, I'm fascinated in this Easter season with the stories of the disciples encountering the risen Jesus. Jesus doesn't just show up once to prove that He is alive. Rather, He shows up for His disciples again and again. Whenever they are hiding behind locked doors, trapped by their fears, Jesus meets them and brings them peace. When they've fallen back in a familiar but fruitless routine, Jesus meets them and fills their nets. The truth is, we need Christ to show up for us again and again. It is the risen Christ who meets us whenever two or three are gathered in prayer, worship, and service. It is the risen Christ that shows

up in the midst of our fears, our questions, and our doubts. In this season of Easter, let us expect resurrection.... In our lives, in our hearts, in our relationships, and in the church. In this Easter season, keep your eyes open to resurrection and new life among you.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you want to pray, chat, or grab lunch or coffee. I'm at McDonald's on Tuesdays from 12-1 pm, and I'd love for you to stop by. You can always call or text me at (304)646-9597.

Grace and Peace,
+Pastor Chris

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Native American Ministries Sunday Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	2	3	4 Spark Kids: 6:00 PM Bible Study: 6:10 PM	5 Senior Exercise Class: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	6	7 Goodbye and Great Blessing for Kim Porter: 3:00 PM
8 Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	9 United Methodist Women 6:00 PM	10	11 Spark Kids: 6:00 PM Bible Study: 6:10 PM SPRC: 7:00	12 Senior Exercise Class: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	13	14 Food Pantry: Winfield Nazarene Church 9:00 AM - Noon
15 Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	16 Team Meetings: 7:00 PM	17	18 Spark Kids: 6:00 PM Bible Study: 6:10 PM	19 Senior Exercise Class: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	20	21 Community Breakfast: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
22 Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	23 Administrative Council: 7:00 PM	24	25 Spark Kids: 6:00 PM Bible Study: 6:10 PM	26 Senior Exercise Class: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	27	28
29 Youth: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	30	31				



Rita Downey	2	Roddy Burns	11	Cindy Hess	18	Denny & Connie Sansom	16
Ethan Shortridge	5	Sam Shafer	12	Becky McDonald	19	Keith & Jerrie McClanahan	26
Gary Bailey	7	Judy Pauley	15	Debbie Orrison	25		
Adam Dunn	7	Bess Burns	16	Ken Willard	26		
Jessica Shortridge	8	Jonni Winter	18	Barbara Karastury	29		

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

If your faithfulness in tithing was reflected in your credit score, what would be the effect on that number?

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.
gaylaflora@gmail.com / 304.690.1590

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**3rd Saturday of
the Month**

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

All are welcome!



Adult Sunday School Preview

May 1: Leviticus 25:1-13

To perceive the world as God's economy and to ponder our role as cohabitants.

May 8: Deuteronomy 14:22-29

To encourage tithing as a stewardship practice.

May 15: Job 38

To humble ourselves before Creator God as a recognition of God's sovereignty in the world and to examine humankind's impact on creation.

May 22: Joel 2:18-26

To celebrate God's redemptive work in creation.

May 29: 2 Corinthians 9

To honor God through acts of generosity that witness to our faith in Christ.

As you can see, our May lessons deal with stewardship. This not only include financial but ecological stewardship, as well. Our butterfly garden, started last year to honor God's creation, is a step our church has taken. Pastor Chris has advocated for a community garden. Let's discuss new ideas and previous ideas during class to help us stay in awe of our Creator and enjoy the gift of Earth He has given us.

-Marcia Pauley

Butterfly Garden

The garden was established in 2021 as a place of beauty and source of food for butterflies and other pollinators. It is the small plot to the left of the entrance of the church. It is not only a place to observe nature but also a place to pray and meditate.

The garden qualifies as a Monarch Way Station; a place to eat, rest, and lay eggs as they migrate between Canada and Mexico. In order to qualify wild native milkweed must grow there. The Monarchs have declined 90% in WV and becoming endangered.

The garden is a reminder that God left man as caretaker of the earth.
Genesis 2:15

A prayer for the garden:

Dear Father,

You created the beautiful world with all things working together to provide all we need to survive. We confess our human desires and greed are destroying it. Grant us the wisdom to care for the earth for the good of future generations. Watch over our garden and use it for your glory.
Amen

The butterfly garden was the suggestion of Noah Jarrell who has studied the Monarch disappearance throughout North America.

-Barbara Edens

Volunteer Information

Sunday Worship Service Volunteers

Ushers:

Early Service: Glen & Carol Stevens

Late Service: Bill & Phyllis Stinnette

Greeter:

Late Service: Denny Sansom

Front Door Greeter:

Late Service: Reva Capehart

Communion:

Early Service: Glen & Carol Stevens

Late Service: Tom & Jane Workman, Bill & Phyllis Stinnette

Nursery / Children's Church

1: Gayla Van Horn + Cindy Hess

8: Gayla Van Horn + Reva Capehart

15: Gayla Van Horn + Gayla Terry

22: Gayla Van Horn + Cindy Hess

29: Gayla Van Horn + Reva Capehart



Winfield United Methodist church
Administrative Council Minutes April 25, 2022

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

The Winfield United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting was called to order by Al Ruebush on April 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Opening prayer by Pastor Chris Scott

Educational Session- Presentation of “facts” about Pastors, most of which was discussed as true for any leadership role.

Minutes from the March 19, 2022 meeting were read. Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Bill Davis. Motion voted on and approved.

<u>TREASURER’S REPORT-</u>	Beginning Balance	54,128.47
	March Income	14,854.00
	March Expense	19,688.69
	Ending Balance	49,293.78

COMMITTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES- Trustees met. Completed projects are as follows: Lighting replaced in both stairwells. CD player was donated and replaced in sanctuary. New laptop purchased, donated and installed in sanctuary. Gas leak finally located and repaired with a valve replacement. Valve and regulator replaced on kitchen stove. Upcoming projects: Waxing Hallways/Narthex/Kitchen floors. Never heard back from company that was supposed to do it. Decided to hold off until fall to get it done. Received 3 quotes to replace fence at the parsonage. Trustees would like to go with the Home Depot fencing companies quote. Denny Sansom made a motion to approve the Trustees recommendation and go with the quote from Home Depot (Tomblin Fencing). Steve Burdette seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and approved. Permission was asked to use the church for a senior citizens exercise class. After some discussion, Trustees approved the use of the building. Permission was also asked for use of the shelter for a graduation party. There will be no indoor facility use for the party. Trustees discussed and approved the use of the shelter.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TEAM- Completed the glow in the dark egg hunt. Event was moved inside due to weather. Overwhelming response to event. At least 75 kids participated. Next “event” will expand upon last year’s Wacky Wednesday. Traditional VBS programs are not working like they used to in our area. Will do a parents night out on June 17 and July 22 for 3-4 hours. Pre-registration will be required. In August, team will host a carnival at the church. Team will meet on Sunday May 15 following the 11 service.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE- Will be meeting May 11 at 7 PM. Lucy Hartley has resigned as custodian due to a health issue. Need to find replacement. Reva Capehart has been cleaning since Lucy left. She has offered to continue for \$300/month, a savings over previous salary. Position replacement will be

discussed at upcoming meeting. Pastor evaluation due May 31st. SPRC is asking for comments (positive/negative) about the Pastor's job. All comments are to be directed towards an SPRC member and will be due by May 15. Will be asking Trustees for building use for a game day on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's each month, from 9-1:30.

FINANCE COMMITTEE- No report

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN- Planning a goodbye and great blessings send off for Kim Porter on Saturday May 7 at 3 PM.

MISSIONS TEAM- No report.

MEN'S GROUP- No meeting.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM- No report.

MARKETING TEAM- No report

PASTORS REPORT- Holy week went very well. Maundy Thursday meal was a joy to have. Holy humor Sunday also went extremely well. A small covenant/coffee group getting started with Jeff Jarrell. Will be working with St John's UMC on Wednesday, June 8 for "A Day of Service". Will set up a "block party" and have games, music, snacks, and various informational tables. Looking into holding it at the old Kroger parking lot. If that cannot be secured, may hold in our church parking lot/yard. Have restarted Burgers and Bibles. Looking for suggestions on how to have a "Day at the Park" for young kids/families at Eleanor Park.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- Barbara Edens supplied a list of needs/requested items for the Butterfly Garden. A discussion was held about the list. A decision was made to ask for an itemized list with prices and it will be discussed and voted on at next meeting. A motion was made by Marcia Pauley to name the garden, at Barbara's suggestion, "Noah's Garden". Steve Burdette seconded the motion. The motion was 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 Saturday, May 28th.

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