From the Pastor’s Desk

Dear Union Chapel:

“Tank up.” Those were the words Ty Fleming spoke to me as I visited her in the hospital this past week, “Tank up.” Ty attends our early morning worship service and is also the next door neighbor to Harry and Debbie Weiss. Ty is in a real battle for her health, her spirit and soul are as strong as ever! Ty is also an exercise and nutrition instructor, although I am sure there is a much fancier name for it. She has students she teaches, Pat Long being one of them, and she tells them, teaches them to “tank up,” so when that unexpected illness or surgery occurs, your body is ready and prepared for it. Good words and easy to remember.

So in the last few days, three lives have ended on Route 522. Friends, loved ones, neighbors of someone. Maybe you knew them. All of it was so unexpected and tragic. Our prayers are with each family. It was an unfortunate reminder of what Ty has taught, basically, “the unexpected happens, so be ready for it….tank up.” Tank up because none of us is guaranteed a tomorrow. Tank up because the phone might ring. Tank up because brokenness is in this world and it tends to create more brokenness sometimes. Tank up……you get the picture.

It was a picture Jesus wanted us to get too. His words in Luke’s Gospel, Luke 21, have always rung in my ear, 34 “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.” The imagery is powerful…being trapped. Suddenly caught and can’t seem to escape. Oh Lord, keep me from that fate! Jesus begins this part of the text with the words, “Be ready…. Yes, I know we seemingly automatically go to the end of our lives and at heavens gates and we proudly proclaim, “we are ready and right with our Lord, we are ready for the end.” But what about today? What about tomorrow? Next week or next year? There is a commercial that says, “Life comes at you fast….” how true and how well we have been reminded. Lord, help me, help us, be ready for the here and now too, for the reality is, I always need to tank up on more love. More forgiveness. More generosity. More kindness. More understanding. More acceptance. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Each day I am being poured out…” Lord, help us to be tanked up for others, so we have something to give to them, something to offer them, something that speaks of the Well That Never Runs Dry or the Cup That Overflows.

As of today, Ty is still battling. She still needs our prayers, as do the families of those who have lost loved ones. As do so many in our church family at Union Chapel who are facing some serious health issues. So maybe we all need to read some more of our scriptures and have more reflection. Maybe instead of one minute prayers, extend it out a bit to three minutes or even more! Maybe volunteer where we never have. Maybe love and offer grace, even where it may not be deserved. Help more. Give more. Serve more. Be the hands and feet of Jesus more. Whatever it is you do, to tank up and to be ready. When I leave Ty’s room at the hospital, I have to say, I am often more tanked up than when I went in.

Church, don’t get trapped by the anxieties of life, because the sudden happens, the answer is Jesus and His love. Tank up…and then pour it out.

Pastor Mike
An Introduction to Stewardship - Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed market losses, the collapse of companies, political unrest, the uncertainty of tariffs and other economic challenges, and other issues related to the heads of public companies. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty. We live in a society that tells us “you deserve it,” whether or not we can afford it or really need it.

Survey results found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half are worried about providing for their family’s basic needs. Over half of the respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported laying awake at night worrying about this. The survey concludes that, “The state of the nation’s economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide.”

So we encourage you to join us over the next several weeks as we explore together what the Bible teaches us about financial management. There will be a sermon series during worship, a five-week study on Wednesday evenings during the months of September and October, as well as small-group luncheons and dinners at the end of October. These opportunities will allow us to encourage each other, learn and respond to the financial pressures that many experience. At the core of all of this will be material entitled; Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity.

In addition to the events you can attend and be a part of, we will hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week the material will provide practical tools to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our Church for the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the November 10 worship service.

We hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

**Your Finance Committee**

Schedule of Events
Select Sundays in September and October – Sermon series
Wednesday night studies 6:30-8:00 September 18 and 25, and October 9, 16, and 23
Monday and Tuesday October 28 and 29 – Small group luncheons and dinners in host homes
Sunday November 10 – Consecration Sunday
Back To School Safety
By Sheriff K.C. Bohrer

Here are a few reminders and safety TIPS from the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office

- Keep both hands on the steering wheel
- **Do not send text messages or use your cell phone**
- Do not put on make up
- Make sure you leave early
- Obey traffic laws
- Do not run red lights
- Never pass over solid lines in the road
- Do not pass on the shoulder
- Pedestrians do have the right of way
- Do not cut in front of another driver when they are turning
- Stay alert

**Slow Down**

One of the most important school is in session driving safety tips is slow down. Never speed in or near a school. Slow down in residential areas and anywhere there are children walking to school. Most school zones have reduced speeds during school hours. If you see other drivers that are speeding in a school zone, particularly teenage drivers who go to that school, write down the make and model of the car and license plate. Call the school and report the offense. Often, the police will be called in to deal with the offender and a student driver will lose driving privileges to the school.

**School Zones**

School zones are areas marked off near all schools. These areas usually have slower speed limits, especially during school hours. Getting a traffic ticket in a school zone will probably result in a much larger fine. School zone safety laws prevent unnecessary accidents. When school is in session there are kids walking or riding bikes to school, crossing streets everywhere in every neighborhood.
Safety Corner Continued......

Traveling by School Bus

Never step off the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop.
Always use seat belts if the bus if equipped with them.
Do not move around in the bus. Sit quietly in your seat.
When leaving the school bus, stay in view of the driver and always cross the street in front of the bus.
Even though traffic is supposed to stop for a school bus, always check both ways before crossing the street.

Watch for Buses Unloading Children

Watch for school buses that are loading or unloading children in front of houses or schools. When a bus pulls to the side of the road or even stops in the middle of the road, you must come to a complete stop. Do this when you see the stop sign flip outward on the driver's side of the bus. Sometimes children that leave the bus need to cross the street, the bus driver puts the sign out to warn you that a child may enter the street and you are not to pass the bus.

Seat Belts

School is in session driving safety tips begin before you pull your car out of the driveway. Make sure everyone is properly buckled up in their seatbelts.

Pay Attention

When you are in neighborhoods where there are a lot of children walking to school, be alert to children darting out into the street or riding their bicycles.
Be very careful when backing out of your driveway to look for children that may suddenly run across your driveway or are too small to see out of your rear view mirror.
Watch for signs that indicate school is in session.
Watch for crossing guards holding signs up indicating you need to stop and wait for all pedestrians to be out of the crosswalk.
Combined Worship
Sunday September 22nd

Worship 10am - New Member Sunday (If you would like to become a member of Union Chapel please talk to Pastor Mike)

Church Picnic 11:30am - Cacapon State Park, CCC Pavilion. (Bring a chair, a dish to share, main dish and paper products supplied)

Baptisms 1pm - Cacapon State Park, swim area / beach. (If you would like to be baptized or renew your baptism, please join us. Also, please let Pastor Mike know in advance)

Simeon and Anna Squad
Union Chapel
United Methodist Church

Some of you may wonder about the announcements that you see from time to time about a group referred to as Simeon and Anna. We are a non-denominational group open to the public for the purpose of devotional study, Inspirational discussion and fellowship. We are sponsored by Union Chapel and meet in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday at 1PM.

The group conducts Christian missions and outreach throughout the county and surrounding areas. Just since 2014 this group has raised funds and made purchases to benefit the church of just over $20,000. Simeon and Anna has spent over $10,000 for appliances and upgrades in the kitchen and fellowship hall alone. We have also shared in other expenses saving the church budget another $10,000.

We support Camp Joy by feeding the kids at their annual camp. We take van trips or just car pool together to see Christmas lights, eat fish at the Road Kill Café, and crabs at Ft McHenry. We have provided numerous meals for families in grief after funerals. Sick and recovering members of the congregation can always look forward to home cooked meals or snacks being delivered. We have arranged several trips to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA to take in some great Christian shows. We will be taking reservations shortly for a trip to see the Story of Queen Esther in 2020.

If you are available on Wednesdays, come out and participate. Don’t just sit at home saying there is nothing to do. Pastor Mike leads some truly great discussions and our group adds a lot of life experiences. So, you can sit in your pew, or come out with us. Did I mention we have a table at the Truck Stop every Wednesday after our meeting for “Linner” or “Lupper” or whatever you want to call it. See you Wednesday.
SHOEBOXES
For the Month of September
Games

NOT ALLOWED—Breakables, food products, chocolate, medicine, liquids, candy, toothpaste, body wash, lotion, used or dirty items, money (except $9 shipping), war-related toys and games, pocket knives, paint sets, bubbles, hand sanitizer, balls with glitter liquid inside, drink mixes, seeds, If you would like the opportunity to serve with this ministry, please contact Debbie Weiss, 304-258-8831. Also we are always looking for ways to raise money for this mission. Won’t YOU be a part of this heartwarming mission to bring children all over the world, closer to God? You won’t be disappointed.
Please Remember to Bring Empty Shoeboxes for us to use.

“Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.”
PSALM 96:3

Mark your calendars
Two opportunities for fellowship, service and a meal are fast approaching.
The Men’s group fall Fish Fry is coming up on Saturday September 7 and our folks from Simeon and Anna are planning the 6th Annual Apple Festival dinner on Saturday September 28th. Please come out and support these fundraisers, and order an Apple Cobbler or two.

Our church supports the local Starting Points Community Kitchen for two evening meals. One of the groups that provides help for this activity has been hit hard with a loss of folks due to various reasons. If you are available to help with cooking, serving or just enjoy washing dishes and cleaning the kitchen please see Georgia Long or Janet Staples.

Nurse's Corner Sept. 2019

Another month come and gone again. Children settled into school now. I hope this is a safe year for all schools and students. Each month I look up what medical awareness is for that particular month and try to address that condition in the newsletter and the bulletin board. This month there are quite a few medical awareness conditions. September is Blood Cancer Month, Childhood Cancer Month, Ovarian Cancer Month, Prostate Cancer Month, World Alzheimer's Month, Sickle Cell Anemia Month, Celiac Disease Month, Atrial Fibrillation Month and the list goes on. I'm sure most of you know at least one person with one of these conditions. Please take time to pray each day this month for those you know who are affected by one of these conditions. It is sad but there are many children who suffer from childhood cancers. These young, innocent, children suffer through chemotherapy treatment, radiation, and other treatments to try to stop this disease. It's tough enough on adults going through treatment but think about these little ones and what they go through and their families as well. Please say an extra prayer for these brave little ones. Have a wonderful month.

Blessings, Kim.

God understands our prayers even when we can’t find the words to say them.
Recycle your Upper Room and Daily Bread booklets. There is a labeled container in the Narthex for the used booklets. They will be included with meals for the homeless when the church members visit DC each month.

To join the Church’s e-mail prayer chain, or to submit your own prayer request for a friend, family member, or neighbor, contact Darlene Unger (304) 671-0340 atlantaplus5@aol.com

“SAVE THE GIRLS”
“SAVE THE GIRLS” Help ladies who need: bras – new or fairly new, underwear – new or fairly new, Always pads, tampons. There will be a collection box for donations of these items in the Narthex. Cash donations will also be gratefully accepted. May God Bless You Contact Joyce Kline 304-258-5199

MISSION MONTHLY
Holiday Meal
The Monthly Mission for September is the Holiday Meal. This is a meal planned, prepared and served to the community between Thanksgiving and Christmas and especially focused towards those who live alone or those with little or no family. All are welcome.

ATTENTION—
If you see any areas of the Church that need attention, either inside or outside, please contact Dave Fink at: dave.finkucumc@gmail.com or Harry Weiss at: harryweis-sucumc@aol.com or any members of the Union Chapel Board of Trustees

The United Methodist Church: www.umc.org
Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church: www.bwcumc.org
Western Region of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church: www.bwcumc.org/westernregion

CHURCH USERS
If you raise or lower the temperature in the space you are using, please read the posted temperature settings located under each thermostat throughout the Church. Thanks, Your Board of Trustees

ATTENTION
FELLOWSHIP HALL USERS
When you leave the hall please ensure that the blinds are left open. This is necessary so that the Sheriff and the Deputies can see in when responding to a security issue here.
Thank You, Your Board of Trustees

Kathy Zeigler, our Administrative Assistant will be working in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please email her at ucumcwv@gmail.com with Newsletter information and Bulletin information.

Ladies Exercise Class
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 am at Cacapon State Park
Inquiries made to Ratih Hughes 443-822-3899

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MCEIC-MCEAT Mission Request
For September
Kidney Beans

Have some Free Time? Ralph Booth at Berkeley Center would LOVE some visitors!

People are often unreasonable and self-centered, Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough, Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

“hanging in Gloria and Mark Sheffield's home”

Just a reminder, we email the monthly newsletter in a PDF File, if a paper copy is needed please let Kathy know. Please make sure Kathy has your correct email address for electronic information.

Goodwill Fund
Donations accepted in wooden box at Back of Sanctuary. Goodwill Fund is collected the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each

Backpackers Mission:
2nd Thursday of each month (during the school year)
Starting Points:
2nd Monday of each month from 1-5 pm
4th Tuesday of each month 3-5 pm

Follow us on Instagram
Like us on Facebook

Goodwill Fund

Seth Leedom 9/1
Mike Seals 9/1
Debra Smith 9/2
Cindy Saville 9/4
Ethelene Dawson 9/4
Joshua Rider 9/4
Matt Omps 9/4
Brandon Ridgely 9/6
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Sue Belcher 9/14
Randy Griffin 9/16
Biggs Harrison 9/16
Meredith Omps 9/17
Carson Clipp 9/19
Julia Cottrell 9/19
Shirley Dempsey 9/20
Dave Fink 9/21
Millie Clatterbuck 9/24
Mark your calendar for a wonderful day of worship and fellowship for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22. Our church will celebrate our annual fall Church Picnic after a combined service at Cacapon State Park. We will need help to prepare the shelter for lunch, bring your favorite dish to share, arrange food, ice for coolers, and clean up. Please sign up in the Nartex if you are able to help.

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August was a busy month for the Youth Group as they helped lead the students during Vacation Bible School, To Mars and Beyond. So much fun was had by students and leaders! We had a special visit from famous Astronaut, Mark Apollo, and a wonderful time celebrating final Friday at the Cacapon State Park Lake. VBS would not have been such a success without the contributions and guidance from our youth!

The Youth Group cooked up a meal for Debbie Melson and were able to visit with her during dinner on August 4th. We are thankful she is on the mend.

School started for Morgan and Frederick Counties in August. Please keep our students in your prayers as they traverse school life for another year.

Mark your calendars for lunch on Sunday, September 8th! The students will sale sub sandwiches in celebration of opening Sunday for the Season NFL games! Club Subs, chips and dessert will be available for purchase. Proceeds will go to the Youth Fund.

During our combined service on Sunday, September 22nd, our students will be given the opportunity to share about their summer and what most affected their spiritual growth. Please don’t miss this special time.
OLD FASHION FISH FRY
Saturday, September 7, 2019
Doors open at 4PM

Deep Fried Batter Dipped Haddock
Home Cut French Fries, Home made Coleslaw
Applesauce, Desert, Beverages

Donations at the door
Carry Out is Additional

Union Chapel UMC
Just South of Cacapon State Park
Everyone Welcome

6th Annual
Apple Season Celebration
Saturday, September 28, 2019
Doors open at 4PM

Spaghetti Dinner, Salad, Beverages
Apple Cobbler and Ice Cream

Donations at the door
Carry Out is Additional

Home Made Apple Cobblers for Sale $10.00
Recommend You Order in Advance if Possible

Union Chapel UMC
Route 522 Just South of Cacapon State Park
Everyone Welcome
The church has received a letter requesting a special prayer request for Martha Paszkowski. She has a serious heart illness which has kept her in the hospital since May. She is the mother of Donna Mullins daughter's boyfriend. She has undergone many surgeries since May. She has a long way to go and Donna knows how strong Union Chapel’s prayer group is and she would appreciate prayers for Martha.

DC Homeless Mission

Cooler weather approaching we will be needing these items for the homeless men and women, light weight jackets, jeans, blankets, sheets, backpacks, small carry bags on wheels and shoes. We will soon start our glove collection for the winter months. Thanks for all you do to make these trips possible. If you would like to go see and experience first hand what the DC Homeless Missions is all about just let Arnie or Vickie know and we will save you a spot in the van.

Again Thanks
# Union Chapel United Methodist Church

**Love God, Love Everyone, No Exceptions**

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