



# The Clarion Call

*Love God, Love Everyone,  
No Exceptions*



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## Take a moment for Christmas safety

“Merry Christmas” everyone. Christmas is here in a few short days and there are lots of activities going on which can act as distractions to our work. “Did that present we order arrive on time?” “Did we forget to invite anyone to Christmas dinner?” “What was I supposed to bring to that Christmas party?”

It is a challenge to stay focused during this time of year. **So, this is when it is especially important to take four seconds for safety.** When you find yourself working away and your thoughts running wild with all the plans and activities of Christmas, **STOP**, take those four short seconds to look around and come back to the present moment. Look for a hazard in the middle of your activity. Are you standing on a ladder? Are you in an awkward position or about to trip on something lying on the floor? Hazards do not go away. Only our awareness of the hazards goes away. And when we ignore hazards, we tend to get injured.

Christmas injuries tend put extra stress on everyone. Imagine yourself sitting around the Christmas table in a leg cast because you fell off a ladder or tripped over something. Unfortunately, these stories are more common than all of us might admit. Injuries at Christmas seem to magnify how many people are affected by an injury to one person. How many people count on you each day to come home safely? If you add them all up you might be surprised.

**Taking four seconds for safety** may seem unimportant to you yet it is the one activity, the one action you might take during a busy and distracted day which will have the most benefit in keeping you safe. Think of it as your Christmas present to yourself. In fact, you can think of each of those people who would be affected by an injury to you every time you take four seconds to refocus.

Think about this when you are about to drive away to some gathering this Christmas. The noise, the excitement, the distraction! Take a moment, take a big breath, count slowly to four, then drive away. Chances are that you will arrive safely once you focus for those four seconds.

**“Merry Christmas” to everyone from Your Safety Committee. May God’s Blessings of this season warm the hearts of you and your families.**

### Mission Monthly

The last Sunday of each month the Homeless team, usually 4 to 6 folks, makes the trip to Washington DC leaving Union Chapel around 3pm and meeting up with a group from Faith UMC to guide us through DC. Our goal is to deliver meals, water, men's and women's clothing, health kits, underwear, socks, coats, blankets, shoes, etc. to the homeless in parks and on the streets of DC. As we try to give our homeless friends a blessing by our gifts and God's love, we usually find that we are the ones receiving a blessing from God.

#### Participants Role

Many different roles: making meals, organize clothes, find clothes, etc. through yard sales etc. to give to the homeless. Load the church van on Sunday trips, organize clothes, and then organize clothes some more, prayers, money to purchase items for homeless and making the trip our Sunday.

----- Giving from the heart ----- Prayers

#### Frequency

Monthly trips on the last Sunday of the month. Organizing clothes and looking for clothes for the homeless – daily.

#### Contact Person(s)

Arnie Stotler (304) 433-1222 cell or (304) 258-7040 work  
Vickie Miller (304) 279-7103 cell (meals)

### DC Homeless Mission

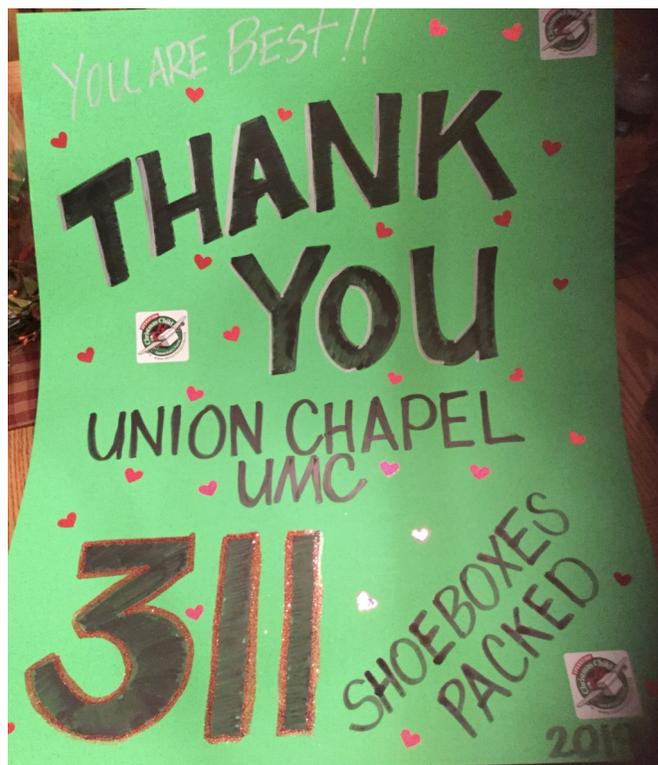
Cooler weather approaching we will be needing these items for the homeless men and women, light weight jackets, jeans, blankets, sheets, backpacks, small carry bags on wheels and shoes. We will soon start our glove collection for the winter months. Thanks for all you do to make these trips possible. 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



### Operation Christmas Child

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS SUCESSFUL MISSION



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

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## Union Chapel Ladies' Ministry

DECEMBER 2019

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE HOLIDAY DINNER. WITH YOUR HELP UNION CHAPEL WELCOMED OVER 200 TO CELEBRATE A WONDERFUL DAY OF GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. A very special thank you to Penny Yost for her vision and continued leadership in this mission.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD season is over. *THANK YOU* to Debbie Weiss for sharing this mission with our Union Chapel families. Her devotion and leadership have inspired so many of us to help brighten the lives of so many children around the world. Debbie wishes to thank everyone for their contributions, their time, for helping to pack shoeboxes, and shopping for special gifts for the children; and most importantly for the prayers that are delivered daily for these children. Debbie asks us to think about next year's fundraisers to support this mission.

Just a few reminders on our regularly scheduled events-

CRAFT WEDNESDAYS are held from 10:30- 12:00. POC is Debbie Weiss. Bring whatever you are working on or just come and sit a spell.

LADIES FITNESS is at 10:00 on Tuesday and Thursday. POC is Ratih Hughes.

As the days are getting colder and shorter, the walk will begin at 10:00 at Cacapon State Park Tennis Court Parking Lot.

On days that the temperature is below 35 degrees or snow/rain please meet at the church for indoor walk. The indoor walk will be with videos of "Walk at Home- The Miracle Miles" by Leslie Sansone and/or "Classical Stretch" by Miranda Esmonde-White.

Please call Ratih at 443-822-3899 with any questions.

Please sign up to bring food for SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SNACKS following our 8:45 service. We need your help to provide a healthy snack or drink. To make it as simple as possible we encourage three families to sign up each week to bring either a dairy, vegetable tray or sweets. Sign up in the Narthex. POC is Becky Miller.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Holiday decorating is Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Please join us as we decorate the sanctuary and Narthex. POC is Jill Leedom.

Holiday Luncheon in Berkeley Springs is Tuesday, December 3 at 11:45.

Ladies are meeting at the Country Inn for a special holiday gathering. 20% of all lunch and dinner tabs will go to a local women's shelter. Sign up in the Narthex.

POC is Terry Freiheit.

During the month of December our Junior Church will be making BLESSING BAGS for some special elders and homeless in our community. We need your HELP to collect small (travel size) toiletry items. Most needed are skin lotions, chap stick, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and socks. These items can be brought to the Narthex "Blessing Bag" container. Our children will be writing cards and assembling the bags on Sunday, December 15

Back by Popular Demand is our LADIES BIBLE STUDY. Please mark your calendar for this two part series as we explore "The Story" of the Bible. Our leaders, Judy Dekker and Nancy Jordan are excited to have you join us for this two-part series. Please mark your calendar for Wednesdays, January 15- February 19 at 10:30 a.m. Part II will be a nighttime study starting in April. Cost will be \$5.00 for materials. Please contact Judy Dekker or Nancy Jordan. Sign up in the Narthex.

**VALENTINE CANDY SALE**- Also back by popular demand. Date for this yummy offering is Sunday, February 9 after each service. More information to follow.

**NEXT LADIES MINISTRY** planning meeting is Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of prayer and discussion as we plan our events for the year. If you are not able to attend please send suggestions to Becky Miller at [rebkmill@gmail.com](mailto:rebkmill@gmail.com) or call 703-927-7169.

# YOUTH GROUP

Special prayers go out to Rose and Ben Seals at the sudden loss of their grandfather in November. As a church family, we "rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15) and support them in their healing process.

The youth went ice skating in Hagerstown on November 27th.

Photos to follow...

Tom and Debbie Melson will host the annual Youth Christmas Party at their home on Friday, December 13th, starting at 6pm. There will be great food and wonderful fellowship to celebrate the birth of our Savior and King. Our youth are asked to bring a gift ranging from \$10-15 for a fun exchange game. This will also be a sleepover, so bring your pillow and a blanket. Rumor has it that the Melson's are getting a pool table.

There might be a tournament in the works?



All youth and parents are invited to the Baltimore processing center for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox sorting on Saturday, December 21st at 1pm. Last year the processing center completed all sorting/packing by mid December, so this is not a definite event. Details will be sent to youth and parents by December 15th or you will be notified if OCC cancels our time because they finish ahead of schedule.

We have a wonderful group of Sunday School Volunteers who joined our existing wonderful teachers. The December sign up sheet needs a few more signatures.

First quarter sign up sheets are also in the Narthex. Please sign up to help guide our students "in the way they should go" (Pro. 22:6)

"Why did God call me to teach? Perhaps because I had so much to learn." (Beth Moore)



## Worship Services at Union Chapel

December is a special time to worship together at Union Chapel.

December marks the start of Advent, and the lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Evergreens adorning the sanctuary, and the Christmas Eve services. Below is a list of worship services and times. Please invite someone to church this December to be blessed!

December 24th: Candlelight & Communion at 7 pm and 11 pm

December 29th: Regular Worship Times



*Unto Us  
a Child is Born*



*Joy to the world*



GLORY TO GOD  
IN THE HIGHEST  
AND ON EARTH, PEACE,  
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN!

*Merry Christmas!*

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For  
unto  
you is  
born this  
day in the  
city of David  
a saviour, which  
is christ the Lord.  
Luke  
2:11



The United Methodist Men's Organization  
Invites you to  
The Annual Men's Christmas Party  
Saturday December 21st 6:30pm  
Bring a Covered Dish and  
Your Holiday Spirit  
The Meat will be provided the Men's Organization  
Ugly Sweater Contest  
And Much More Holiday Fun

## Nurse's Corner

Nurse's Corner December 2019



This year certainly has gone fast. I know there have been good times, bad times and sad times in our lives. This church, which is all of you, has made a big change in my life. Being around people who love God and are knowledgeable about His Word has been so good for me. Life has certainly been better for me since coming to this church. I thank you all, a loving, caring, family in Christ. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I wish each of you a blessed Christmas. I wish everyone love, peace, and good health in the New Year.

Blessings and Merry Christmas,  
Kim



Please help yourself to an Angel on the tree,  
on the Fellowship Door,  
in the Narthex.

Take the top Angel, write your name on the  
Angel under it.

The top Angel will then be put on the gift  
after you wrap it.

Put it on your gift gently because we will  
have to remove it again after we log the gift.  
These gifts **MUST** be returned to the church  
by Sunday, 8 December.

Once again, our church is a giving church  
and we will surely

bless these 4 families abundantly.

Thank you church family.

### Important Youth Ministry Meeting among all UMC in Morgan County

December 11th 6pm at the Blue  
in Berkley Springs.

If you need directions, please talk  
to Pastor Mike.

All interested persons and youth  
are encouraged  
to attend.



#### 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](mailto:dave.finkucumc@gmail.com) or Harry Weiss at: [harryweissucumc@aol.com](mailto:harryweissucumc@aol.com) or any members of the Union Chapel Board of Trustees

The Ladies Ministry was able to fill a Christmas wish list for our fellow member Betty Bratton who is at Berkeley Springs Nursing Home.

A Christmas card from the Ladies Ministry along with gifts of clothes, pajama's and books will bring her a smile Christmas morning.

Also: Note from Nancy Jordan with Santa's for Senior's. Thank you for your donations and Deb Elliott's help we were able to purchase a lot of snacks, clothing, crayons, pens, word search books and coloring books to the Berkeley Springs nursing home residents for Christmas morning.

I plan on doing something for  
Mother's Day & Father's Day this year.

**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**

**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

**Holiday Dinner Meeting  
 Monday  
 Dec. 2nd  
 7:00 pm @Church**

**December's Cookies & Packing Party!**



Thank you to each and everyone that helped make this years Holiday Dinner another huge Success!!



**Tuesday, December 17 2019**

**Time: 5:30PM**

**Location: Union Chapel UMC  
 Berkeley Springs, WV 25411**

Join us for Christmas cookies, hot chocolate and packing!  
 For more information please contact Sophia Didawick (304)-673-4949



**Offering Envelopes**  
 If you need offering envelopes for 2020 please sign up on the yellow pad in the narthex or call Bruce Elliott (cell 540.246.4237). If you have unused envelopes from 2019 please use them. The new ones will be available later in December



**"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

**Ladies Exercise Class**  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am at Cacapon State Park  
 Inquiries made to Ratih Hughes 443-822-3899

**MCEIC-MCEAT  
Mission Request  
For December  
Mac & Cheese**

**Have some Free  
Time? Ralph  
Booth at Berkeley  
Center would  
LOVE some  
visitors..In person  
or by phone,  
304-258-1602**



**Tuesday December 3rd Ladies are meeting at the Country Inn at 11:45am for a holiday lunch. December 3rd is 'give back day' with 20% of all lunch and dinner tabs to be donated to starting points family resource center. Remember to support your community by eating out in Berkeley Springs.**

**There is a new 'drawer' in the Narthex for Berkeley County Shenandoah Women's shelter. Please donate microwave food, shampoo, and clothing that is stain free and in good condition (babies, children, adolescents, and women). In addition there is a baby at the shelter so they are also looking for bottles, diapers, bibs, etc. Thank you for your generosity.**

- Mel Teal 12/1
- Nancy Yost 12/1
- Skye Clipp 12/2
- John nMesner 12/3
- Debra Melson 12/6
- Sydney Jarrell 12/8
- Mary Olive Morrison 12/10
- Wes Belcher 12/13
- Henry Twigg 12/13
- Juanita Saville 12/15
- Christy Frenzdel 12/17
- Clarence Horner 12/17
- Clint Saville 12/17
- Dennis Miller 12/17
- Connie Barnes 12/23
- Jen Jones 12/23
- Christy Duckwall 12/25
- Sylvia Thomas 12/26
- Debbie Letz 12/29
- Etta Teal 12/30
- Jeff Hudson 12/30
- Cliff Jordan 12/31

**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



PLEASE do not place empty five gallon water containers outside the kitchen door. If windy conditions exist they end up in our neighbor's yard. Currently there is only one volunteer who returns empty containers and obtains full ones on an adhoc basis. If the bottled water supply is low or out, you are invited to return empties to Berkeley Club Beverages, located at 4 Howard Street, in Berkeley Springs. Where Howard Street intersects with Harrison Avenue. Have the purchase charged to the Union Chapel account.

Sign the invoice legibly so that Bruce Elliott can be assured a Union Chapel member purchased the water.



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**Goodwill Fund**

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

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.



***The Care Pack Ministry***  
***Presents...***

***A Christmas Family Movie  
Night!***

**Friday, December 6 2019**

**6 P.M. - 9 P.M.**

**At Union Chapel UMC 10123 Valley Rd, Berkeley  
Springs, WV 2541**

**Join us for a Christmas Movie, pictures with Santa,  
door prizes and MORE. Food & drinks are available for  
an additional price. PJ's are encouraged!**

**Donations will be accepted at the door. This event  
supports the Care Pack Ministry, which provides  
hygiene products for Morgan and Hampshire County  
students!**



# Union Chapel United Methodist Church

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**2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Ladies Exercise 10am	4 Crafts 10:30am Simeon & Anna 1pm	5 Emmaus at Wesleyan 6pm	6 Family Movie Night 6-9pm	7 Christmas Parade
8	9 Starting Points 1-5pm Men's Meeting 7pm	10 Ladies Exercise 10am	11 Crafts 10:30am Simeon & Anna 1pm	12 Men's Prayer Group 8am Ladies Exercise 9am Backpackers	13	14
15 Blood Pressure Screening	16	17 Ladies Exercise 10am  Cookies & Packing party 5:30	18 Crafts 10:30am Simeon & Anna 1pm	19 Men's Prayer Group 8am Ladies Exercise 9am Emmaus at UC	20	21 Men's Christmas Party 6:30pm 
22	23	24 Services 7 pm & 11 pm Candlelight & Communion	25 	26 Men's Prayer Group 8am Ladies Exercise 9am	27	28
29 DC-Homeless Trip 3pm	30	31 Ladies Exercise 10am				

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