



The Clarion Call
Love God, Love Everyone,
No Exceptions

February
2020

Dear Parents:

Good morning parents, first, thank you for allowing your children/youth to participate in the youth ministries at Union Chapel. It isn't always easy to direct our children to church events and groups that we know will be good for them, sometimes they push back, so again, thank you.

I wanted to take a much needed opportunity to address some new things on the horizon for our youth at Union Chapel and to correct some misinformation that seems to have been shared among some of our parents. As always, I encourage you to balance information shared that raises questions and concerns with me. I am at virtually all meetings, a part of virtually all discussions with committee leaders, and I am usually the best source at clarifying information that may trouble you. And I welcome those calls, emails, texts and conversations, always.

First some clarification. It was reported to me that some of our parents were told that there *"is no funding for the youth group."* In reality, our Finance Committee and the Church Council actually doubled the amount of funds available for youth and children's ministries, from \$3,000 in 2019 to \$6,000 in 2020. Why? Because we didn't want the youth spending their time doing a lot of fund raising, but rather enjoying and participating in events that build faith and maturity. While it is true Union Chapel determined, after many meetings and discussion by several committees, we could no longer financially afford to fund the salary of a youth leader(s), our funding for the actual youth ministries has doubled. Also, our youth leadership has actually grown, not diminished. Reidonna King and Debbie Melson continue to help plan, implement, and give leadership to the youth program. In addition to those great ladies, myself, Jill, Kevin and Christy Duckwall, and Jim & Jeri Mahan have all been attending, planning, and overseeing the Cooperative Youth Group meetings and upcoming events. So our youth leadership has actually grown. Lastly, I know Reidonna is already looking into a summer "big" event for our youth. While plans have not yet been made, I know a quality big event for them will happen once again. All of this, I believe, is very good news for our youth program. So please, share the good news with others joining us and praying for this huge and exciting undertaking!

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Children's Ministry at Union Chapel. Within the next couple of weeks Becky Miller and I will begin laying the groundwork for a mid-week ministry to children ages K through 6th grade. We hope to work with the Morgan County School system in bringing (busing) those children to Union Chapel, once a week, in order to provide a safe place to learn about Jesus and his love, eat a nutritious snack, build relationships, help with homework and build relationships with families in our community. We will need many helpers, I hope you will consider

Youth Ministry at Union Chapel. In December of 2019, we began a discussion with other churches about supplementing each local church youth program with a gathering of youth groups once a month and naming it the Cooperative Youth Ministry Group. Since that time roughly 15 adults and young people have been praying, planning, organizing, and now this Sunday, January 26th at 6pm, will be our first event at The Blue, in Berkeley Springs, WV. Remember The Blue is a facility owned and operated by First UMC and built and designed just for youth! Inside is a facility to gather, play music, watch movies, play pool, ping pong, foosball, "gaming," full kitchen, rest rooms and even an outdoor pavilion and classrooms. Wow. We have heard feedback from our youth that when they gather with other youth, "it is fun and exciting." We are excited about this new opportunity not only for our youth, but all who join us. The Cooperative Youth Group will only supplement what we are doing locally with our youth at Union Chapel. Reidonna has been busy planning those Union Chapel events.

As always parents, we need your support, involvement, your prayers, and your help in order for these ministries to be a success. The first line of discipleship to our children is always parents. Union Chapel is there to help provide a way of doing that, along with you, as partners with you, as we all seek to provide safe and good and fun ways of becoming and growing in discipleship. Remember, those who are providing leadership to these programs are doing so on a volunteer basis; their time, energies, resources, concern and care, given to our young people. It is important to thank them and encourage them for their great work. Too often it becomes easy to simply criticize. So again, thank you for all you do and will do, and thank you in advance for seeking me out for clarification on matters concerning youth funding and leadership. Blessings,
Pastor Mike



Be Prepared to Stay Safe and Healthy in Winter

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead. Prepare your home and cars. Prepare for power outages and outdoor activity. Check on older adults.

Although winter comes as no surprise, many of us may not be ready for its arrival. If you are prepared for the hazards of winter, you are more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall.

Take These Steps for Your Home

Staying inside is no guarantee of safety. Take these steps to keep your home safe and warm during the winter months.

Winterize your home.

- Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows.
- Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.
- Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.

Check your heating systems.

- Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- If you do not have a working smoke detector, install one. Test batteries monthly and replace them twice a year.
- Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.
- Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies.
- Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.
- Learn symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

Take These Precautions Outdoors

Outdoor activities can expose you to several safety hazards, but you can take these steps to prepare for them:

- Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: wear a tightly woven, preferably wind-resistant coat or jacket; inner layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.
- Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches.
- Learn safety precautions to follow when outdoors.

- Work slowly when doing outside chores.
- Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation.
- Carry a cell phone.



Jan. 5, youth and children enjoyed an afternoon of lunch, bowling and celebrating a birthday.



Jan 26, some of our youth helped some ladies at Cacapon State Park with unpacking luggage and supplies. Then after a quick stop at McDonald's for refueling, it was on to the Blue for an evening of fun, snacks, fellowship and a short devotional. Everyone had a great time. The next event at the Blue will be Feb. 23, 6 - 8PM. Youth are encouraged to invite a friend and spread the word to other youth. The events are open to all youth grades 6 through 12. Valentine's dinner hosted by the youth will be Feb. 15 at 6 PM. Come and enjoy good food, good service by the youth and good fellowship. Please sign-up in the narthex to reserve your seat. Questions-- see Debbie

We desperately need teachers for Sunday school and junior church. Please see Pastor Mike, Reidonna or Debbie M if you can help. Just once a month would make a big difference. It is a rewarding experience.





We had our first Youth @ The Blue event on Sunday, January 26th. A total of eleven youth and about the same number of adults gathered from Union Chapel, the Alpine Charge, Mt. Zion and First UMC. We played basketball, pool, and air hockey. We ate snacks. We did a really cool “ice breaker” to get to know one another. We watched and listened to a devotion that included a movie scene and how it relates to the power of Jesus’ sacrificial love for us. We prayed together. We listened to feedback and ideas from the youth for future planning. It was an awesome evening! Our next Youth @ The Blue event will be February 23rd from 6pm to 8pm. Spread the word!

DC Homeless Mission

With Cooler weather here, 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

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)

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.

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www.bwcumc.org

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www.bwcumc.org/westernregion



Women's Ministries

Ladies Ministry Lunch/Dinner Dates

Feb 25th Tuesday - Charlotte's Cafe 12pm

Encouraged to car pool as parking is limited. Nancy Jordan will be at Food Lion back parking lot at 11:30am and will will 11:40am sharp to drive those single drivers who wish a ride over. Questions contact Nancy 813 230 3773

March 24th - Tuesday Cacapon State Park 6pm contact: Nancy

April 28th - Tuesday Morgan on Main 12pm - contact: Joyce Kline

May 26th - Tuesday 6pm Pot Luck at Lee Harden's home bring side dish or dessert

Sign up sheets will be in the church lobby during each month.

Valentine Candy Sale

Valentine Candy - last year this was a big hit and we sold out at the first service. We hope to not have that happen again and need your help. Do you have a candy you make that you can bring to help for our sale? If you do please bring it to the packing/pricing day or contact Nancy Jordan 813 230 3773 to make an arrangement to meet. Any help is truly appreciated. <3

February 7th Friday - 10am at church will be packaging and pricing Valentine Day Sale candy

February 9th Sunday - VALENTINE DAY CANDY SALE - money raised to go to Santa's for Senior's, Operation Christmas Child, Ladies Ministry and the Church

Lenten Dinner

Ladies will be taking lead on one of the Wednesday's Lenten dinner.

Exercise Group

Ladies walking/exercise group is taking a winter rest

Ladies Bible Study

February 5th, 12th and last meeting 19th.
Bible Study to begin again April 15th at 6pm
Contact: Judy or Nancy if you need a book

March - Ladies Bowling/Lunch - date to be announced Contact - Sandy Vandemark

We are thinking and would love help with any ideas for an evening outing. Contact Nancy Jordan 813 230 3773

Next Ladies Ministry meeting will be in April following one of the Ladies Bible Study meetings. TBA



**Simeon and Anna Squad
Union Chapel
United Methodist Church**

**SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP
QUEEN ESTHER – 17 JUNE**

Simeon and Anna will once again conduct a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Ronks, (Strasburg) PA. This year will be a new production of **Queen Esther**. Come with us for a day of fellowship, fun and food. Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament. Enjoy magnificent music, acting, voices, sets, special effects and the wonderful live animals.

Our trip is scheduled for the **17th of June, 2020**. The cost is the same as last year; \$130 per person. This includes the bus transportation, breakfast in a bag and refreshments on the bus, tickets to the show, dinner at the delicious Hershey Family Restaurant and games, prizes and fellowship on the bus.

So please mark your calendar, get on the list and look forward to a wonderful event. Seats on the bus always sell out quickly so please see Dave Harden or Joyce Kline to confirm your reservation. Payments may be coordinated with Dave, with all payments due by Wednesday the 6th of May.

Checks payable to **Simeon and Anna**. Cancellations may not be made after 20 May, 2020. That is the date our final payments are due for the bus and show.

If you haven't been to **Sight and Sound**, check out their website at www.Sight-Sound.com.

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: harryweissucumc@aol.com or any members of the Union Chapel Board of Trustees

We would like to thank our church family for the wonderful meal after Daddy's funeral. Thanks to everyone who was instrumental in preparing food, preparing the hall, hosting the luncheon and cleaning up afterwards. The luncheon was such a blessing to the whole Shiflet family. We are so blessed to have such a loving and supportive church family.

**God's Blessings to All
– Arnie and Becky**

Nurse's Corner February 2020



February is Heart Month, a great time to learn about your risk for heart disease and what to do to improve your risk. Really we all know what we need to do; eat right, exercise, cut out smoking, limit alcohol and the list goes on. But do we do these things? It's really hard to change your habits and it takes a lot of work. Change is not a bad thing and in the end it can reduce the risk of heart disease. Heart disease doesn't just happen to the older population, it affects younger

people as well. This month's bulletin board will focus on taking care of our hearts. I must apologize for not getting the bulletin board done for January. I was sick for several weeks and was not up to working on it. I hope to do Care of the Caregiver for March. A reminder that flu season is here. Please use good hand washing, cover your mouth when coughing and sneezing. Avoid handshakes and stay home when you are ill.. Get plenty of fluids and rest.

Happy Heart Month.



Blessings, Kim

If you are interested in any information discussed from meetings, minutes are available by printed copy or can be sent via email. Please contact Kathy if you are interested in meeting minutes.

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

VALENTINE'S AT UNION CHAPEL:

On Sunday February 16th, during both worship services, there will be an opportunity for couples to renew their wedding vows. Noting needed, just couples wanting to renew their marriage vows.

"The Flame" will be a special Sunday School lesson, on February 15th, that talks about "love" as we find it in the scriptures. Couples are encouraged to attend this session at 10am.

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.

VALENTINE CANDY SALE



Sponsored by the Ladies Ministry, February 9th after both services

"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

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

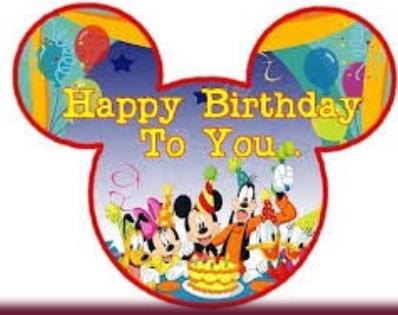


True Love

For God so lo V ed the world,
That He g A ve
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T hat whosoever
Believeth I n Him
Should N ot perish,
But have E verlasting life."
John 3:16

MCEIC-MCEAT
Mission Request
For February
Sliced Beets

Roses are red,
 Violets are blue,
 Somebody loves
 you,
 Here's a clue.
 Read John 3:16



SHOEBOXES
For the Month of February
Dental Hygiene Items
(no toothpaste)

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.

**"Declare His glory among the nations,
 His wonders among all peoples."**

PSALM 96:3

Gene Boyer	2/2
Joyce Hammond	2/3
Betty Lippard	2/3
Joyce Hammond	2/3
Pam Didawick	2/4
Steve Spielman	2/4
Reidonna King	2/5
Mary Forsberg	2/6
Rita Donadieu	2/6
Suzanne Shifflett	2/8
Lee Harden	2/12
Jeremiah Brock	2/15
Edie Jordan	2/15
Kaley Tanner	2/16
Lorraine Canoles	2/17
Nancy Schilling	2/18
Becky Stotler	2/18
Rick Morgan	2/20
Becky Miller	2/22
Ratih Hughes	2/22
Austin Didawick	2/25
John Cox	2/26
Stan Schilling	2/26
Ben Leedom	2/28
Garrett Miller	2/28

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.

Goodwill Fund

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



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9 Ladies Valentine Candy Sale	10 Starting Points 1-5pm Safety Mtg 6:30pm Men's Meeting 7pm	11 Ladies Exercise 10am Trustees Meeting 7pm	12 Crafts 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:30am Simeon & Anna 1pm	13 Men's Prayer Group 8am Ladies Exercise 9am Backpackers	14 <i>HAPPY Valentines DAY</i>	15 Youth Ministry Valentines Dinner 6pm
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