

February 17
Service @ 7:00 pm

The Breeze

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ASH WEDNESDAY

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service	Offering	Building Fund
01-03	08	22	47	\$2,042.00	\$ 360.00
01-10	17	29	49	\$1,301.00	\$ 60.00
01-17	32	34	82	\$7,953.92	\$ 440.00
01-24	15	28	63	\$1,971.00	\$ 270.00

Local Mission Support

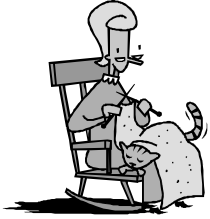


	Month	Yearly
Helping Hands	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
Carpenter’s Corner	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

Last Month’s Mystery Pew Guest

Last month’s mystery pew guest was none other than **BEVERLY ELKIN.** Did you guess correctly? Keep trying and see if you can guess who it is this month.

*Have You Prayed for Your Pastors
Today?*



A Note From Fran

Y'know how, soon as th' words are out uv yer mouth, you know what you did? I ast Zeke how come they wuzn't fender skirts on th' front fenders.....

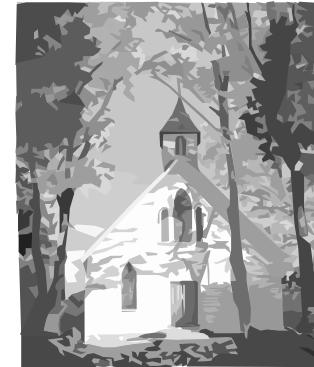
OUR CHURCH

*The walls of stone a bulwark 'gainst the force of
wind and rain;
It stands so tall and sturdy, and its message clear
and plain.
Invincible as God's own word, it reaches t'ward
the sky;
Inviting all to enter in, including passers-by.
A place of love and refuge where hope is born
anew.....
We're thankful Wesley founded it, and God has
blessed it, too!*

*This church is OURS to love and share, so speak
up plain and proud!*

*This church is OURS, so tell the world, and tell
it long and loud!*

Fran



Mystery Pew Guest

Hi Everyone, I know you will not guess who I am? I might call myself "Cheryl".

The year I was born, \$100 then could buy food worth approximately \$1542.45 today.

There are many famous people that I share the same birthday with such as Wayne Gretzky, Anita Baker, Ellen DeGeneres, Eddie Van Halen, Gene Siskel, Angela Davis, Bob Uecker, Paul Newman, and Douglas MacArthur.

I was born in Freeburn, KY. and I attended Freeburn Elementary School. I have 5 sisters and one remaining brother. When I was growing up, my dream career was to become a teacher.

I was married for 20 years and we were married in Clintwood, VA. My first date was going to a movie where popcorn, pop and candy were a nickel each and the movie was twenty-five cents.

My favorite male celebrity is Paul Newman someone that is always giving back to the community, you can see that I'm in good company as we both share the same birthday.

My favorite female celebrity is Carol Burnett, someone that is real and down to earth. My favorite color is any shade of purple. My heroes are philanthropist Bill & Melinda Gates who are not afraid to share their wealth.

My favorite meal is a good cut of petite sirloin steak with mushrooms along with all the trimmings such as a vegetable and baked potato. My favorite dessert is any type of strawberry pie, but my favorite strawberry pie is from Shoney's. The first car that I had was a 1953 green Pontiac Star Chief with those fancy sun visors and to me it was very ritzy.

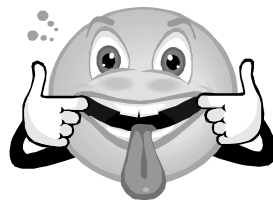
My hobbies are listening to Christian music, relaxing as I eat out, and just enjoying life. I like to shop and I love to help people whenever I can. I have a telephone ministry where I make calls every morning and evening.

One of my most embarrassing moments was when I was a teenager, I had learned to skate and was fairly good at it. Someone ran into me from the back and knocked me down and knocked the breath out of me. I couldn't get up and was extremely embarrassed.

You might not know this about me, but I was actively involved in politics with my husband. He served two terms in the WV legislature, served as County Commissioner and eventually was a Magistrate. I know how to get things done and who to call behind the scenes.

My dream vacation is to take a trip to the Holy Land with a guide that can make this spiritual land come alive and visible to me by using all my senses of smell, touch, hearing, and taste.

I have attended the First United Methodist Church in Beckley for almost 15 years.



A little boy was overheard praying: “Lord if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it – I’m having a real good time like I am!”

One particular four-year old prayed, “And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.”

**What do they call pastors in Germany?
GERMAN SHEPHERDS**

**Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
NOAH – He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.**

**What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
Jehova drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a “Fury”; David’s “Triumph” was heard throughout the land, also, probably a “Honda”, because the apostles were all in one “Accord”**

Worship Helpers Schedule

	Greeters	Children's Moments	Liturgist	Family Acolytes
Feb 7	Peggy Phillips & Don Martin	Pam Shrader	Neal Lacey	Nathan & Logan Williams
Feb 14	Helen Garner & Helen Janney	Children	Children	Amelia & Benjamin Shrader
Feb 21	Don & Susan Allen	Charlie Birkelbach	Midge Sluss	Helen Janney & Bailee

				Hinzman
Feb 28	Betty Sims & Sarah Osborne	Laura Fygetakes	Olivia Porter	Charlie & Isaac Evans



February Birthdays

Reminders from the Church Office



- Deadline for the March Breeze is February 19. If you have a mailbox in the office please empty your box regularly.
- Information for Sunday Bulletins must be to the church office by Wednesday morning at 10:00am.
- Church Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:30-12:30.

If your Birthday or Anniversary has not been listed in the Breeze at the appropriate time, please let me know so I can add your name and you can be added to the "Birthday Bulletin Board". Thank you.

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| 02-08 | P.H. Calfee |
| 02-13 | Eddie Williams |
| 02-14 | Ilene Bleigh |
| 02-14 | Amelia Shrader |
| 02-14 | Benjamin Shrader |
| 02-14 | Frank Wood |
| 02-17 | Bryce Ford |
| 02-17 | Katelyn Paquet (Phillips) |
| 02-19 | JoAnn Whitman |
| 02-21 | Laura Fygetakes |
| 02-23 | Jack Ambrose |
| 02-23 | James Love |
| 02-25 | Amanda Ford |
| 02-26 | Sam Bird |



February Anniversaries

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| 02-11 | Brian & Amanda Ford |
| 02-14 | Marshall & Sharon Norman |
| 02-20 | Woodrow & Dolcie Connor |



JANUARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrate Recovery; Dr. Bob & Family; Pastor Dave & Family; Our Church; Don Ceppi; Marti Miles; Shirley McKenzie; Tim & Debbie McKenzie; Patricia Wiseman; Charlotte Janney ; Dr. Bob's parents- his mother fell at home; Logan & Nathan Williams; Travel mercies for the Cowan family; Richard Williams in Afghanistan; Shannon (Stoddard) Conforti; Barbara Dickerson; Kaitlyn Paquet (Peggy Phillips granddaughter); Janet Norman; The Stalans family who lost their home in a fire; Collin Woods; Kelli Bradford Scumaci; Terry Lynn; Pastor Tom traveling to Africa on Jan. 18th; Thaddaus Breckenridge; Leah Kidd; Rashida Dickerson; Charles Phillips; Our military and Red Cross effort in Haiti; the people of Haiti; the rescue workers in Haiti; Family of John Smith (husband of Mariel Wooddell Smith); Mari Walker; Phillips Family; The relief workers in Haiti; Comfort those who suffer loss; Linda Reed (our custodian); Faye Branson



Beware of 'Terrorists Groups' in Church

Latest news reports are that **five terrorist cell groups** have

been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: **Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin.** Their leader, **Lucifer Bin Workin,** trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name **Bin Prayin** is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the **Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along. Bin Prayin** does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the **Bin Prayin** cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have **Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin** for their **Master, Jesus Christ** to return.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Christian Resource Center is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday February 6, 2010 from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

who she thinks God is – or isn't. An invisible Santa that disappointed us some Christmas morning? Some Pez-like love dispenser that ran out before we got our share? Just a crutch that is only for the weak and imperfect?

I am not sure I understand what their question is. Do they believe there is no God, or just no God as they imagine God would be if He was who they thought he was in the first place? Which of course he isn't. Heck, *people* are certainly not who we thought they would be. Not our spouses – not our children – not our friends – not even the one's we thought we didn't like so much. Non-believers appear to stand on the premise that there are rules of how things work. Gravity is gravity. Winter is cold. Trees are Trees. Babies are born. Life is predictable and there is no room for the super natural. They deny there is a God because when they test him by asking him to break the rules as they understand them, he does not. God, if you exist, move this salt shaker. See, the salt shaker did not slide unassisted across the table, therefore: no God.

So, who is God? My prayers become the question. Getting my own assumptions out of the way opens me up to the possibility that I will hear the answer. The answer lies in my giving up my wants, my desires, my needs, my presuppositions. I miss God because I am so busy noticing what he is not doing, that I miss out on what he is doing.

God, my prayer today is only to understand that in each moment of my tears, my terrors, my uncertainties, that I understand you are in the midst of it all. And I can't believe even an unbeliever would not want that assurance.

All to Jesus, I surrender, all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence, daily live.
United Methodist Hymnal 354

DAILY RULES FROM GOD FOR 2010

- 1. WAKE UP!!** Decide to have a good day. *'Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.'* **Psalms 118:24**
- 2. DRESS UP!!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. *'The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart.'* **1 Samuel 16:7**
- 3. SHUT UP!!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. *"He who guards his lips guards his*

soul.' **Proverbs 13:3**

4. STAND UP!! For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. *"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..."*

Galatians 6:9-10

5. LOOK UP!! To the Lord. *'I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.'* **Philippians 4:13**

6. REACH UP!! For something higher.. *'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.'*

Proverbs 3:5-6

7. LIFT UP!! Your Prayers. *'Do not worry about anything; instead **PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING**'* **Philippians 4:5**

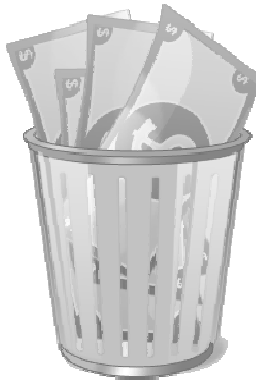
Church. With the weather being bad we will have low attendance on Sunday, but our expenses keep coming.

The Buck-It Program for extra money for Apportionments is still in operation. We need to get some extra money to help with the apportionments. If we start giving some extra now we can avoid needing to raise a lot of money at the end of the year. Also, I thought you would like to know that we collected and sent a total of \$702 for the Haiti relief fund!

Keep the Church's finances in your prayers.

Dave Cook
Finance Committee Chairman

Report from the Finance Committee



As we move into 2010 we have a big challenge ahead of us in the finances of The Church. Please try to keep current with your giving, even if you can't get to