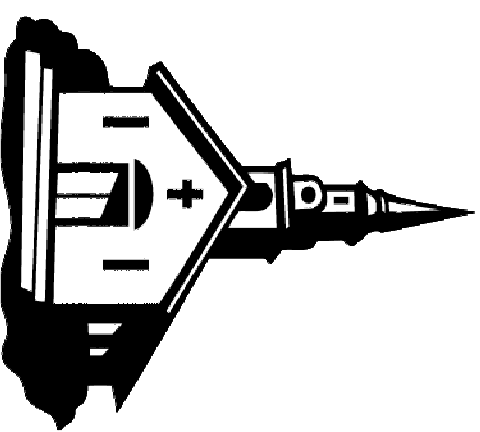


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Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday

6:30 P.M. Saturday night

Sunday School 10:45 A.M.

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Pastor Ponderings

Friends,

The calendar above my desk is reminding me that "the most wonderful time of the year" is soon before us. There are a lot of tasks and chores to do before we get there, some more pleasant than others. We will choose the next president of the United States, and other elected officials, as we are currently subject to the barrage of absolute horrible things being said about each one. I have read on more than one media outlet that the number one location in the country for police calls reporting a variety of crimes are Walmart stores, because folks are not able to behave themselves. I read on the front page of the Post Gazette this past Sunday, of the dilemma the Catholic Church is facing in Pittsburgh and across the country: all these beautiful church buildings that were once full but are now mostly empty, and what do they do with all this real estate? I think of the old WWJD slogan that was supposed to help Christians almost a generation ago stop and consider "What Would Jesus Do?" when faced with a choice or life dilemma. But in a self-centered society, so many have justified their own actions of "It's my way or the highway", to be the words and actions of Jesus and maybe that has helped erode our world from what it could really look like with God in control. I keep hearing the words audibly or see the actions displayed on social media: "But I'm entitled to my own opinion!" Although that may be true, there is an accountability factor we are desperately lacking in our day to day walk. There are consequences for voicing one's own opinion that we don't want to accept, so the circle continues as we point our finger at our neighbor's faults, or we envy what they have, and we longer need a place to refocus or seek guidance, direction or forgiveness because after all "I'm entitled to my own opinion!"

Would you like to submit an article?

It is encourage that each ministry team within the church submit an article. If your group is able to do so please submit by 12th of the month.

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In person: Please drop off in office

Paper: Please drop of in the office

It seems to me the slippery slope has gotten slipperier and our social-, moral- and Jesus- compass needs recalibrated to true Truth. Society as a whole has either forgotten or felt betrayed, bewildered, or confused by the institution called church because their own individual needs are not being met, by their own personal Savior who came into the world just for them. We listen to a variety of music while in the car depending on who's driving and who's in the car. I like country, maybe WSSH or 3WS but mostly when Laura and the girls are in the car we listen to K-Love Christian music. But recently our girls also like to listen to the pop stations, (teen music for a better term) and there are a few stations they switch back and forth to when going to music, horse or dance lessons. They seem to know the tunes, and some of the words, so as a good dad this week while riding alone, I tuned to their stations to listen for words. What are these songs saying?

Some good. Some not so good. Some really not good! The overall theme for the majority of the songs I heard was "I'm entitled to my own opinion, I can do what I want!" It was stated using differing words, tunes, rhythms - some quite catchy, but I found myself saying more than once "Did that singer just say what I thought he did?" and that was not a good thing. Laura and I value the thoughts, feelings and opinions of our girls and as their parents we are held accountable for their social, moral and faith foundations that are either built or dismissed at the family level in their formative years. As a pastor, I am called to shepherd God's people, to help guide, counsel and care for the spiritual and temporal affairs of the church and its members. As citizens of the United States of America, we have the right to cast our vote and also the responsibility to perhaps use WWJD as a way to make decisions in our country that still affirm "In God We Trust." There is accountability for good and bad behavior, opinions that are expressed, and lives that are lived that are reflected in the events that mark the holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas, "the most wonderful time of the year!"

Agape Pastor Richard

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE

whatever **GIFT**
you have received

to **SERVE OTHERS**

AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF

God's GRACE
IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS 1 PETER 4:10

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH at 9:30 AM is the service for Hanging of the Greens. The signs and symbols of the trees, ornaments, candles all point to our welcome of the Christ child at Christmas. There's a part for everyone! We are looking for readers; please see Laura today for your participation part. Hallelujah

Worship Service

...his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth. – John 4:24

Between Wrights and Edwards Chapel we offer three worship opportunities every weekend:

Sunday @ 9:30 AM – Family Worship at Wrights Children's church is available following the Children's message

Sunday @ 11 AM – Family Worship at Edwards chapel children's church is available following the Children's Message.

Saturday Night Faith Café is held 6:30 PM. Check calendar for Selected dates.

*INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US
FOR WORSHIP*



Venetia School 90th Anniversary

Calling all former students, teachers & Support staff to a drop-in reunion during Venetia Lite Up Nite Friday Dec. 2nd 630-830pm. Come thru the school see the train display, the restored 1920's classroom. All while browsing thru the Authentic Red Bird Appalachian Crafts in support of their school, hospital & shelter in Beverly Kentucky.

RSVP 724-348-5718

Visit with Friends & Memories



Coming soon....

- Saturday *November 26 @ 9:00a* Deck the Halls– We are looking for volunteers to help with the physically putting up decorations for Christmas. Be a part of the team that transforms our church from fall colors to evergreen and red .
- Sunday *November 27 @ 9:30a* Hanging of the Greens– The signs and symbols of the trees, ornaments, candles all point to our welcome of the Christ child at Christmas
- Friday *December 2 @ 6p* BEGINS Village Lite Up Weekend There will be trees, trains, food and crafts. Actives to begin your Christmas season.
- Saturday *December 3 @ 9a* DARE Model Railroad Club display, Nativities from around the world display, Red Bird Crafts
- Sunday *December 4 @ 12p* Soup & Stroll Colonial Christmas, Red Bird Crafts

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Finleyville Interfaith News

The Finleyville Interfaith Council of Churches brings together the pastors and congregations of Wright's UMC, First Baptist of Finleyville, First Presbyterian of Finleyville, Mingo Presbyterian, and St. Francis Catholic churches. Together through worship, fellowship, and hands on mission we are able to minister to our communities. In May 2016, Pastor Richard was elected as president of the Interfaith Council.

On September 14th, the council met to set the following dates for ministry opportunities:

- Thanksgiving Nonperishable food collection-
Sunday, Nov. 6th and Sunday, Nov. 13th.
- Thanksgiving Community Worship Service-
Sunday, Nov. 20th at 7PM- Mingo Presbyterian
- Thanksgiving Community Thanksgiving Dinner-
Thursday, Nov. 24th 12PM at St. Francis. T
- This dinner is free & open to anyone who wishes to attend.
- Good Samaritan Monetary Offering-
Nov. 27th and Dec. 4th.

The food collected during food collection and the money collected during Good Samaritan will be distributed to help local



October

December

- 1 Lou 'Bugs' Kernen
- 2 Connie Walters
- 5 Carol Thropp
- 7 Dave Marlett
- 9 Gary Kovach
- 13 Kris Thropp
- 16 Crystal Simmons
- 28 Doreen Franks

If your name is not on our list, or if the wrong name, date, or month is listed, please call the

HCR ManorCare

McMurray Manor Care

December 15th.

The Witness team will be taking donated items to McMurray Manor Care. A basket will be in the narthex. The following list of items can be donated:
Tissues and tissue holders, lotions, toiletries, Vaseline, combs, brushes, socks, shawls, blankets, Christmas decorations (no glass), large print books, crossword, or word find books, magazines, puzzles, board games, pens, stamps, greeting cards, calendars or Christmas pins.

No liquids, breakable items, or food.

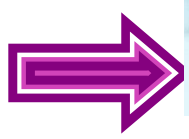
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Kids Korner

Something fun to do with the kids



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Liturgist for December:

Greeter for December:



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Your Wright's United Methodist Women have begun a new year of monthly meetings and district events. We would like to thank you for your generous donation of UMCOR health kits for victims of the flooding in West Virginia. They were taken to our District Annual Meeting, September 2.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of December 2, 3, and 4. Wright's UMW will again be hosting the volunteers from the Red Bird Mission Craft Store in Beverly, Kentucky. The Red

Bird Mission is a United Methodist mission. If you were unable to attend last year, please come and check out the beautiful handmade crafts that include pottery, wooden toys, baskets, jewelry and much more—a one-stop Christmas shopping experience! We will continue our support of the Ruth M. Smith Center with the collection of box tops and labels. Thanks to all who continue to help with this mission.

Please consider becoming part of our group. Come and get to know us and learn what United Methodist Women is all about. Remember, you do not have to be a member of UMW or of Wright's Church to come and join us. All women are welcome.

We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the church office unless otherwise noted. There will be no meeting in December because of the Christmas holiday. United Methodist Women - turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and

SOUTH HILLS PET RESCUE



Will be at Lite Up Nite Dec 2nd 630—830p

Wish List

Purina One Chicken and Rice Dog Food Grain Free Dog Food Espree and Microtek Dog Shampoo Blankets, Towels, Newspaper Martingale Collars of all sizes Rope Slip Lead Leashes Squeaky Toys, Jolly Balls, Tennis Balls, Kongs

Gift Cards are also welcome to help purchase needed items.

Stop by and meet our adoptables! 15 Old 88, South Park 15129 We are open Sunday – Friday from 1pm-7pm. We are closed Tuesdays. Saturday hours are 11am-5pm.

Interested in volunteering?

SHPRvolunteers88@gmail.com

Finance

Copies of the monthly Finance report are available in the Narthex.

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Advent Sermon Series—Bah Humbug—Scrooge 930 AM

A Christmas Carol—The Classic Dickens Talk of Past, Present & Future is the Biblical Tale of Redemption for you & me. Interestingly “Ebenezer” is a Hebrew word meaning “Stone of Help”. Come and explore the Hope for all Mankind—hidden in this Literary Classic



WOW! 46 Farm Animals

Thanks to our Women of Wrights leading the outreach of collecting \$2716.00 to provide 46 farm animals to international families in need. 28 farm animals, 12 small animals, 1 pig & 5 ducks

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

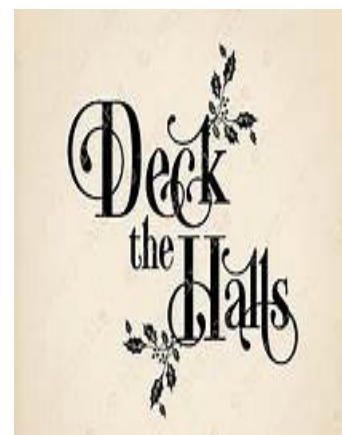
“Live From Bethlehem” a dynamic pageant for all ages presented Sunday December 11th 9:30Am,

Please see the Pastor or Laura for parts! Only one rehearsal Saturday December 10th @ 6pm, including pizza. Break A Leg Cast!

Saturday, November 26 @ 9a-12p

We are looking for volunteers to help with the physically putting up decorations for Christmas. Be a part of the team that transforms our church from fall colors to evergreen and red, as we put up the tree and tinsel and bows to welcome visitors to the manger in

Bethlehem.



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“Christmas at the Village of Venetia” ⁷

Friday, December 2 at 6:30-8:30 PM

Lighting of the 35 ft. Christmas Tree

- *Red Bird Mission Appalachian Craft fair*
 - * Traditional Christmas Carol Sing*
 - * S'mores and hot chocolate around an open fire*
 - * Children activities and fun!!!*
 - * South Hills Pet Rescue Dogs*
 - * Opening of DARE Christmas Railroad Display*
 - * Venetia School 90th Anniversary/Reunion*
- *Lots of Food: Hot Sausage, Walking Tacos, Funnel Cakes and More*
- * 7:30- 8:30 “Live Christmas at the Opry”*

Saturday, December 3 at 9-11 AM

Frozen Princess Breakfast

9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

- * DARE Christmas Railroad Display*
- * Nativities from around the world display*
 - Red Bird Appalachian Craft Fair*

Sunday, December 4 noon to 5 PM

- * Soup and Stroll through Colonial Christmas \$8.00 adults, & \$5.00 children.*

At the Historic Wright House and Museum

- * Red Bird Appalachian Craft Fair*

Venetia Community Center, Heritage Society

Wrights United Methodist Church

The Open Restaurant

The Wright House and Museum of Western Expansion

Call 724-348-5718 or 814-758-1385 and ask for Rev. Roberts

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2016						
4 Second Sunday Advent 9:30AM Communion Sunday 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School Soup and Stroll thru Colonial Christmas 12PM – 5PM	5 Trustee's 7pm	6	7	8 SR Christmas Lunch	9 Children's choir Caroling PPG 5-7PM	10 Pizza rehearsal for Christmas Drama 6pm Faith Cafe
11 Third Sunday Advent 9:30AM Sunday Live From Bethlehem Christmas Pageant 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School	12	13	14	15	16	17 Edwards Christmas Caroling 1-4pm Faith Cafe
18 Fourth Sunday Advent 9:30AM Sunday 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School Edwards Christmas Pageant 6pm	19	20	21	22	23	24 Candle Light Christmas Eve Service 700PM
25 Merry Christmas 9:30AM Sunda 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve



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