

Come Grow With Us

Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

*Coffee & Fellowship
(Coffee Only)*

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Kids' Klub

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

WEAR A MASK,

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES!!!!

From the Pastor's Desk

Hello friends,

As always, I pray in the name of the Risen Christ that you are all safe and healthy. I also pray that you and your families are doing well and remaining hopeful as we have begun this new year of 2021.

That's where we left off at Christmas, in our last newsletter, I was talking about Hope. How we are hopeful that 2021 will be a much better year for us all. It's so hard to believe that the month of January has now come to a close, and that Christmas and New Year's are in the past. How does time move so quickly when we are living in a time of fear and pandemic?

For us as Christians, trust in our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a peace that some do not have. Our faith in Christ Jesus is what guides us and helps us to process things in a way that those who do not have faith are not able to deal with. There's an old saying, 'God is still on the throne.' For the unbeliever, they have doubts about that; they only see the chaos of this world. As we move forward into this new year of 2021, let us remember that God is still in control. Let us place our Hope and Trust in He who is greater than anything this world can put in front of us. If we do so, then the things that are going on in our life, will be much easier to handle and deal with. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that we will not have dark and cloudy days in 2021. What I say to you is this; when we choose to focus on the light, and not the darkness or noises of the world, then each day becomes easier to get through and we then begin to live a life of peace. Jesus is our "Prince of Peace" and I feel, and maybe this is



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The deadline for articles to be submitted for the March issue is **March 01**

If you would like to contribute information to the newsletter, please send the information to fburgumcnewsletter@yahoo.com

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Disclaimer: If any news, articles, or information was printed incorrectly or left out, it was done inadvertently. Please accept my apologies.

Liz

FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED

just my personal opinion, if Christ is the prince of peace of our heart and lives, then we can go about each day with a peace of mind that those who don't know Christ will never be able to have.

During Advent and Christmas, I spoke to you of the Hope that the coming Christ child brings us, so that you would not lose focus on what your faith in God gives you. Now, as we move on from January into February, I offer to you his peace. The peace in knowing who Jesus Christ is and what He has done for you upon the cross.

As we move into the new month of February, I encourage you to consider becoming more involved with your church and church family. We are trying to get our ministries going once again, like Kids' Klub and Sunday School, coffee time and fellowship, and Ash Wednesday and Lent are just around the corner. I hope that you will consider getting involved in one of these areas. But I also encourage you to get involved with your church family by calling and visiting with someone over the phone. By being aware of the birthdays and anniversaries that are posted in this newsletter and wishing those of the church a 'happy day.' Or, by even reaching out to a neighbor or family member whom you feel may be waiting for someone to invite them to come to church, or come back to church. We have opportunities in this community that we pass up that could possibly lead someone to Christ. Let us work more faithfully so that we don't miss those opportunities. Also, let us not forget those in our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Let us extend the love of Christ to them so that they will know that they are loved and not forgotten.

Lastly, it is very encouraging to hear how the nation and our state and local counties are working to get the COVID vaccine circulated and that some of you have already received the first dose. This is good news! There is Hope on the horizon for us now. But please, just because more and more people are getting vaccinated, it doesn't mean that we are now free of wearing our masks. Not yet anyway. So many still refuse to wear masks and social distance and until everyone is vaccinated, the virus will still be with us. It's amazing to see how many will not wear a mask. Just go to Wal-Mart and you'll see what I'm talking about. I feel that our diligence of wearing masks at church have helped keep us from having a break out amongst our church members. So, it does work! And we will continue on with wearing our masks so that no harm is done to anyone.

There is a light at the end and it is our Lord Jesus. He is there leading us as we go about each day, helping us to endure this difficult time. Don't lose Hope! Trust in the Lord and hear these words from John 16:33,

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart, I have overcome the world."

Take care of yourself and stay healthy.

I pray that the Lord blesses you and keeps you, that his face shines upon you and gives you peace. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings,

You are loved. Go in grace and love your neighbor.

Pastor Greg

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Galatians 2:20

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITY SCHEDULE

Date	Reader	Cleaning
February 07	Jewell Dill	Carolyn Wood & Margaret O'Brien
February 14	Theresa Gentry	Jewell Dill
February 21	Jana Tipton	Ethel Griffith & Theresa Gentry
February 28	Carolyn Hawk	Liz Johnson

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

February 2

Community Game Day with Lunch 10:00 a.m.

February 3

Kids' Klub Returns **5:30 p.m.**

February 7

Sunday School & Coffee with Fellowship Returns

February 10

Kids' Klub Gathering & Dinner 5:30 p.m.

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 16

Community Game Day with Lunch 10:00 a.m.

February 17

Kids' Klub Gathering & Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service **7:00 p.m.**

Beginning of Lent

February 21

"Bring A Can Sunday" for FUMC Food Pantry

February 23

Community Game Day with Lunch 10:00 a.m.

February 24

Kids' Klub Gathering & Dinner 5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 2021 STATS

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Designated Offering</u>
January 03	21	\$1,503.15	\$17.12
January 10	23	\$1,103.00	\$750.00
January 17	26	\$2,610.00	\$50.00
January 24	27	\$1,197.00	\$0.00
January 31	27	\$2,471.00	\$200.00
Monthly Totals	124	\$8,884.15	\$471.00
Monthly Average	25	\$1,776.83	

GOD'S VALENTINE GIFT

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs

Happy Birthday

February 1

Mary Whatley

February 14

Dixie Gregg

Rosemary Reynolds

February 26

Garrett Johnson

February 27

James Baber



Happy Anniversary

February 4

Dawna & Tony Vann

February 8

Margaret & Gerald O'Brien

February 22

Virginia & Doyle Lynch



Prayers & Praises

Judge David Allen

John & Vivian Brim

Pat Parr

Brian & Stacy Hudspeth

Family of Joe Byars

Jy Roberts

Sheree & Jim Bob Roberts

Denise Robinson

Sierra Jones

Family of Tommy Richardson

Family of David Nixon

Family of Al Keith

Family of Rose Barton

Donna & Charles Samek

Family of Eddie Thompson

Family of Darlene McCord

Kenneth Lynch

Billie Perot

Darlene Downe

Margie Hess

Debbie Reynolds

Della Samek

Rev Larry Coleman & wife,
Sharon

Toni Andel

Skip Mann

Jeanie Reasure

Bobby Freeman

Veronica Edwards

Kathy Guier

Karen Martinez

Glen & Mary Whatley

Helen Ellzey

Don & Judy Farrell

Harriett Nauert

Rosemary Reynolds

Jim & Virginia Gafken

Doyle & Virginia Lynch

Gerald & Margaret O'Brien

Carolyn Hawk

Robert & Jacque Hensell

Joyce Kenas

Jerry Cody

Betty Dunn

Our Nation

Our new President & First Lady

Our former President & First
Lady

Our Military Men & Women

Our Law Enforcement

Our World

Our Government Officials/
Decision Makers

Our Schools



Blessings

Healings

Family

Friends

Children

Grandparents

Grandchildren

Great Grandchildren

Veterans

Answered Prayers



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*The mission of the Forestburg United Methodist Church
is to joyfully praise and worship the Lord;
while unconditionally sharing God's truth, grace,
and love with everyone God puts in our path.*