

## **KUMC SEPTEMBER 2023 News**

### **Pastor's Note – September 2023**

“Let the children come to me; do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

Mark 10:14

As I am writing this article for our September newsletter, we, the church, have been praying for a little boy who is terribly sick, and in need of prayers for a full recovery. Not only has the church been praying for this young child, but so have many around the surrounding communities, and even online. The love that has been poured out over little Markai Chandler is nothing short of amazing. Over the next several days, weeks, and months, I know that prayers will continually be lifted up almost every minute for a miracle to happen, and that God will restore this little boy's health.

As I reflect on how this community has rallied together to pray for Markai and his family, I ask that all members of the church and community also lift up all children in prayer. Many children in our area are starting back to school, many have already begun practicing their fall sports, and there is so much transition going on in the lives of our children this time of year.

There is a stain glass window in the sanctuary of Kenova UMC that depicts this very scene from the gospel of Mark when Jesus gathers the little children around them. It is the children that will inherit the kingdom of God, and we, adults, are called to be like children again. Children are innocent beings that fill us with great joy, awe, and wonder. All our children are beautiful, and the beauty of God's creation flows through them. So as a new season is about to begin remember to pray for our children, and let the children know how much you love them, and appreciate them.

Rev. Andrew

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*In Memory Of*

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
REX BUTLER**

- By Bob & Sharon Sparks  
(Olmstead Chestnut St. Property)
- By Rob & Robin Armstrong  
(Endowment)

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**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
LILLIAN "LIL" PATTERSON**

- By Paul & Pat Cline (Gen)
- By Donna Ramsdell (C&S)
- By Rob & Robin Armstrong  
(Endowment)

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**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
JIM RICHARDS**

- By Mike & Emily Stacy (Pastor  
Jim Memorial Endowment)

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**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
ELLA MAE ADKINS**

- By Rob & Robin Armstrong  
(Endowment)

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**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
CECIL WILKS**

- By Rob & Robin Armstrong  
(Endowment)

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**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
LOLA ANN MANSFIELD**

- By Rob & Robin Armstrong  
(Endowment)

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**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
ATHA MILLS**

- By Mike & Gloria Sumner  
(Endowment)

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*In Honor Of*

**GIVEN IN HONOR OF  
PRUDY COLVIN**

- By Rhonda & Barry Scragg  
(Backpack Ministry)

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*In Deepest Sympathy*

is extended to...

... **Jennifer Edwards, Richie Mills & their family** in the loss of their mom, **Atha Mills**.

... **John Turner & family** in the loss of his sister, **Geraldine "Gerry" Tait**.

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**Thank you, Bob Tomblin, and the Spectrum Ministry team for the fabulous "End of Summer Bash". We say a special thank you to Adam Wood, Pat and Paul Cline, Billy and Kelly Rutherford, Kelly Adkins, Sam and Sean Rasnake, Sandra Budden, Pam Wood, Jenni Butler, Y Daugherty, Pastor Andrew and to each person who supported the ministry in any way through prayer, support, or monetary contributions.**

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**Thank you, Lynn Salmons, Children's Director, and Elizabeth Streets, Youth Director, for the wonderful "Last blast of Summer" activity at Malibu Jack's. The children and youth had a blast.**

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**Thank you!**

I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way with Martha’s Markers this year. Because of all of you, we were able to take approximately 100 filled backpacks to CK Elementary School and CK Middle School! I think Martha would be very pleased to know that children in our area will have what they need to start school and be able to make their mark!

Thank you so much, LynnO

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Thank you to the anonymous donor and the Congregational Vitality Grant which provided us with the monies to purchase and install the new TV screens, upgrade the streaming equipment, upgrade the sound system, speakers, etc., and provide training on the new installations and equipment. This has allowed the Facebook live streaming of our services to be improved. Check it out!

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**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN** can be submitted as follows:

- Please call  
**Pam Wood @ 304-544-2243**  
**Church office @ 304-453-1112**
- Email Charles Shumaker at  
**kumcprayers@gmail.com**

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**Thank you to our 2023 – 2024 Sunday School Teachers**

**Nursery:** Donna Akers, Brenda Lyons

**Preschool:** Sarah Mamie White

**Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**  
Robin Armstrong, Mary Leighton, Angela Quaranta

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**  
Kelly Adkins, Billy Adkins

**Middle School:** Faith Wilks

**High School:** Billy Rutherford, Samantha Rasnake

**18 – 20 Something:** Kathy Meredith

**New Wine:** Becky Richards

**Hitched:** Joy Agee, Sonja Money

**Friendship:** Randy Hall

**Wesleyan:** Syd Hanson

**Special Topics:** Bob Tomblin

**Substitute Teachers:** Donna Kiser, Allie Elkins, Julie Tennant

**SS Superintendent:** Pam Wood

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**Mission Statement**  
**In the Love of Jesus Christ,**  
**We Reach ...UP in Worship & Prayer, OVER in Discipleship & Care, and OUT in Witness & Service**

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**INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP and/or BAPTISM?**

Please contact Rev. Andrew Tennant (304-672-0723) or the Church office (304-453-1112).

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## “Weekend Snack” Backpack Program

The “Weekend Snack” Backpack Program will start back up in August. The Program is designed to provide snacks for students who may need snacks over the weekend. The C-K Ministerial Association and the local churches support this program through donations of food and monies. The churches pack and distribute snacks each week throughout the school year to the new CK Elementary School, CK Middle School and some Spring Valley High School students connected to the families being provided snack bags.

Our church will be preparing snack bags on Thursdays at 9:00 am at the Gathering Place on the following dates: Feel free to come and help on any of these dates.

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**Thursday, February 22, 2024**

**Thursday, May 23, 2024**

**Check with Prudy Colvin for deliveries.**

Ways you may help:

- Donate food items for the backpacks.
- Monetary gifts may be given through the church to the Backpack Ministry. Mark checks “Weekend Snack” Backpack Program.
- Volunteer to help pack backpacks at the Gathering Place.
- Volunteer to distribute the backpacks at schools.
- Keep the Snack Backpack Ministry in your prayers.

Individually sized/wrapped items needed for the snack backpacks:

**Breakfast Items:** Cereal-variety pack, Cereal bars, Instant oatmeal – packages, Pop-tarts

**Lunch Items:** Beane Weenees, Chef Boy R-Dee cups, Mac-n-cheese cups/packages, Ramen noodles, Vienna sausage

**Drinks:** Shelf-stable individual milk, Juices

**Snacks:** Cheese cups with edible sticks, Chips/Cheez-its-individual bags, Cookies, Fruit cups, Goldfish crackers, Granola bars, Pudding cups, Raisins (individual boxes), Rice Krispie Treats, Snack cakes, Snack crackers

For more information, you may contact Prudy  
at 304.416.2423 (cell) or 304.486.5803.

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**Giving Opportunities**

**General Budget Offering:**

To support the church and expenditures.

**Special Offering:**

Christian Education Special Offering which provides resources for Christian Education Ministries.

**Shoebox Ministry:**

Catch up month, bring any item that has previously been requested. For example, mittens, gloves, hats, hygiene items, small toys, school supplies, socks, flip flops, or monetary donations to cover the postage. Remember, all items must be able to fit into a shoebox.

**Loose Change Offering:**

Apple Butter (Missions)

**Training Station/Preschool:**

Sponsor a child with a scholarship (\$80 - \$100 per month or any size donation for supplies.

**Chestnut Street Lot Purchase**

If you would like to make a donation towards the Chestnut Street (Olmstead Property) purchase, please place your donation in an envelope and write “**Chestnut Street Lot Purchase**” on the envelope.

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**The Good Samaritan Center**

is asking for donations of snack items (i.e., individual bags of chips, crackers, or cookies, etc.) to go with lunches. Donations can be placed in the Good Samaritan Box in the upstairs hallway of KUMC.

**“In Loving Memory Of” or “In Honor Of”**

donations can be designated for any budget line-item or ministry, such as General Fund, Backpack Ministry, Spectrum Ministry, Children, Youth, Preschool, Caring & Sharing, Music, Bereavement, Kitchen, Apportionments, Pastor Jim Richards Endowment, etc. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one.

**New Giving Opportunity:**

Our Trustees have recommended that the parking lot be repaired, paved, striped, etc. The cost is approximately \$30,000 and although we’ve received approximately half from local businesses, we need your help to fund this project. Please help us by making your donation today. Simply mark your envelope or bank draft with the notation “Parking Lot.” Thank you.

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## **Weekly Opportunities**

Please join us for our various ministry opportunities and invite your friends and family...

**Sundays at 9:45 am** –  
Sunday School for all ages

**Sundays at 11:00 am** –  
Worship (Sanctuary) with  
Children’s ministry – NOAH’S  
ARK (2-PK); *Kids Own*  
*Worship (K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)*  
Live Streaming of worship  
service on our Facebook page.

**Sundays at 5:45 pm** –  
Middle School Youth (Youth  
Room at the Gathering Place)

**Sundays at 6:00 pm** –  
Children’s Ministry (FH)  
Watch the bulletin for when  
Children and Youth activities  
resume.

**Mondays at 7:00 pm** – AA  
meetings (GP)

**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm** - Boy  
Scouts (Scout Building)

## **Wednesdays**

**On-line book study** with  
Pastor Andrew – Posted on  
Facebook

**5:45 pm** – Bible Study “The  
Chosen” (Wesleyan SS room)

**6:00 pm** – Senior High Youth  
Hang Time (Youth Room at  
the Gathering Place)

**7:11 pm** – Chancel Choir  
Practice (Choir Room)

**8:00 pm** – AA meetings (GP)

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## **Additional Opportunities**

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>,**  
**Holy Communion Sunday**

**Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Labor Day (Office Closed)**

**Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> @**  
**9:00 am Training Station 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Day of school** for all classes.  
For registration details or  
additional questions, please  
contact Joy Agee.

**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Weekly Bible Study @ 5:45**  
**pm** in the Wesleyan/Parlor  
room. Come join us as we  
continue to watch “The  
Chosen,” the TV series about  
the life of Jesus and the people  
who interacted with him.

**Senior High Youth Hang**  
**Time @ 6:00 pm** (Youth  
Room at the Gathering Place)

**Chancel Choir Practice @**  
**7:11 pm** in the Choir Room.  
If you love to sing, come join  
us as we prepare anthems for  
worship service.

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 9:30 am M&Ms Women’s**  
**Brunch**, in the Fellowship Hall.  
Enjoy wonderful food and  
fellowship with guest speaker,  
Deidre Farley, and special  
music by Paisley Maynard. All  
women are invited to attend.

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**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>,  
Grandparent’s Day  
Christian Education Special  
Offering  
Vision Team Meeting**

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Committee Meetings @ 6:00  
pm and Council meeting @  
7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>,  
Caring and Sharing Lunch  
Prep Day and**

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>,  
Caring and Sharing meal  
completion and delivery.**

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> @  
Noon Table for One – Place to  
be announced.** Meet at the  
church at 11:30 am to carpool.  
Please RSVP to Donna Kiser @  
304-544-1512

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Newsletter Deadline**

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Spectrum Ministry Support  
Group Meeting @ 6:00 pm** in  
the Fellowship Hall.  
Questions, see Bob Tomblin

**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>,  
Caring and Sharing Lunch  
Prep Day and  
Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>,  
Caring and Sharing meal  
completion and delivery.**

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**Breakthrough Prayer Initiative  
(Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 24 @ 6 pm)**

In September we are joining  
with other churches throughout  
the WV Conference of the UMC  
and studying “Dynamite Prayer:  
A 28 Day Experiment” by Dr.  
Sue Nilson Kibbey.


“Dynamite Prayer” is a daily  
prayer guide that will show you  
how to begin a practice of  
“breakthrough prayer,” a way of  
praying where we ask God to  
open new doors and reveal new  
possibilities, fueled by the  
Spirit’s power. This 28-day  
adventure will take you from  
feeling stuck, overwhelmed, and  
uninspired to curious and  
expectant as you surrender your  
own preferences and ideas and  
courageously follow the  
miracles God brings into your  
life.

**On Sunday evenings in  
September from 6 – 7 pm,** we  
will meet in the Wesleyan SS  
room for a small group  
discussion of the book and  
discuss each week’s devotional  
and prayer journeys.

We have ordered 25 books and  
you are welcome to pick one up  
when they become available.  
We can always order more, if  
needed. Please join us on this  
adventure.

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Ryen Fraley		18	Claire Shumaker
	Ryan & Isabel Long		19	Nick Elkins
2	Andrew Colvin			Cade Picklesimer
	Erin E. Goodwin		Shelby Riddle	
4	Zionna Blue		20	Albert Jarrell
	Nekhia Blue			Billy Rutherford
5	Bev Edwards		21	Brooks Rich
	Benjy Mosley		22	Anna Phillips
7	Wes Bullington		23	Jamie Curnutte
	Everlee Smith			Mazimo Izquierdo
8	Kaci Picklesimer			Angela Quaranta
9	Steve Johnson			Joe Smith
	Alison Stender			Andy Wood
	Harrison Tufts		24	Abby Chaffins
10	Sarah M. White			Lisa Hibbard-Fraley
11	MacKenzie Caldwell			Tom Knopp
12	Shirley Lewis		25	Dakota Edwards
13	Dusty Mills			Caitlin Null
14	Heath Scarberry		26	Violet Cornwell
	Kent Willis			Kevin Pack
15	Lugene Jarrell			Mason Watts
16	Mark Chaffins		27	Fanny Keyser
	Brynleigh Mosley			Lexie Ratcliff
	Barb Melvin			Gary Ross
17	Nathan Brown		29	Becki Chaffins
	Lesley Shumaker			Sarah Izquierdo
18	Mike Edwards		30	Kent Keyser, II
	Kristin Hayes			

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2, 1961	Jim & Joan West
4, 2000	Bill & Barb Melvin
5, 1970	Randy & Pat Hall
5, 1987	Mike & Sherry Kennedy
5, 2003	Tim & Amanda Knopp
6, 1958	Frank & Tiny Hatten
9, 1961	Bill & Eleanor Miller
10, 1994	Eddie & Krista Marcum
13, 2008	Tim & Jami Edin
15, 1956	Bob & Shelby Riddle
15, 2007	Heath & Leslie Scarberry
17, 2005	Jason & Christie Robbins
18, 2021	Casey & Rachel Amis
21, 2004	Scott Stevens & Helen Hatten
22, 1978	Dusty & Debbie Mills
24, 1983	Bob & Dorothy Long
26, 2015	Jonathan & Courtney Sparks
29, 1984	Bill & Patty Roof

