

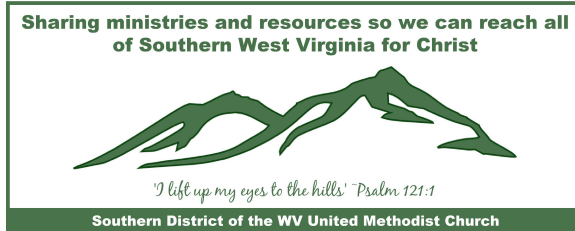


Grace Notes

October, 2025

Official Newsletter of Raleigh Shared Ministries, Raleigh County WV

Including Beckley Community, Mabscott and Sophia United Methodist Churches



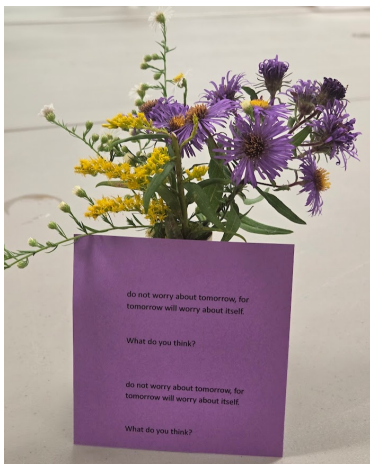
Dear Southern District Friends,

I hope this note finds you all in good spirits! We're thrilled to invite everyone, both pastors and laity, to our upcoming Southern District Day with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett on October 8th from 5-7pm at the Lewis Christian Community Center in Oak Hill, WV. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a district family, share in fellowship, and celebrate the work that God is doing among us.

We'll have a time of worship, a shared meal, and a chance to hear from Bishop Debra as we look ahead to our mission together. We'll also be recognizing some of the amazing folks who have been nominated for their contributions to our shared vision of healing Appalachia through God's love.

We'd love to see as many of you as possible. To help us make this event as impactful as we can please let us know you are coming by registering here: District Day - Southern
Looking forward to gathering with all of you.

Grace upon Grace,
Chip



West Virginia Conference
The United Methodist Church

DISTRICT DAY

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

OCTOBER 8

5:00 PM - 7:00 pm

**Oak Hill UMC - Lewis Christian
Community Center
469 Central Ave, Oak Hill, WV 25901**

**DINNER / CELEBRATION
CONFERENCE UPDATES
RESOURCE SHARING**

RSVP www.wvumc.org

PANCAKES AND PARABLES KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 27

The new dinner church initiative, Pancakes and Parables, kicked off Saturday, September 29, in the fellowship hall at Beckley Community UMC. We served delicious pancakes prepared by Bill and Lynda Eads and Pastor Don to around 20 people. At 6, Ann Cline brought the message from Matthew 6:25-34 regarding not worrying about tomorrow because tomorrow will take care of itself. We had a good discussion with those who stayed for the program and closed with prayer by Pastor Don.

Come on out to the next installation of Pancakes and Parables on October 25! You'll be glad you did!!

A View from the Pew.....

LAITY SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2025

Laity Sunday in the United Methodist Church is traditionally celebrated during the month of October. This year, Beckley Community UMC will celebrate the laity of the church on October 26.

The theme of the service will be "Everyday is an Opportunity". The opportunities are endless, ranging from Faith Sharing, Learning, Caring, Loving, Praying, Serving.... you get the idea!

With one of the highest number of Lay Servants in a congregation of the WV Conference, some of Beckley Community UMC's Lay Servants will be bringing the message that day while others will be involved in every aspect of the service. You do not need to be an official "Lay Servant" as designated by the WV Conference to participate!! This is a celebration to highlight the contributions the laity bring to the church and hear the message from a lay perspective.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to bring a message, lead worship, read scripture, offer a prayer, or participate in any other way! If asked, please prayerfully consider saying "YES".

After the service, there will be a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall. The start time for the dinner is 12:30 to allow Sophia UMC members time to get to Beckley Community UMC. United Women in Faith is hosting the dinner and will be having a bake sale at the same time. The money being raised is for a special Christmas project.

Come on out to the service and dinner!

Grace and Peace,

Martha Wilkinson



**United
Women
in Faith**



United Women in Faith of Beckley Community United Methodist Church will be hosting a Fall pot luck Gathering on October 26 at 12:30 in the social hall. All churches of Raleigh Shared Ministries are invited. We're also having a bake sale with proceeds going towards a special Christmas project. Bring a dish and join us for an afternoon of fellowship

COME AND SEE!!



VIM Alaska Mission Journey presentation!

OCTOBER 19, 2025

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Beckley Community United Methodist Church

***Hear first hand stories, view photos
and videos, ask questions and
enjoy some refreshments!!
All are welcome!!***



COME AND SING!!

The Beckley United Methodist Temple Celebration Choir along with the Beckley Community Chorus would like to invite any and all singers to participate in a Christmas cantata scheduled to be presented at United Methodist Temple on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 3 p.m.

The Cantata is titled "The Poetry of Promise," by Joseph M. Martin. Rehearsals have just begun and are scheduled each Sunday at 2 p.m. The singers will be accompanied by instrumentalists from the surrounding area. This cantata is a colorful tapestry of carols, original seasonal songs, scripture, and poetry. The music visits treasured melodies and reimagines them for Advent before surrendering to the joy of the incarnation. For more information, call Daniel Spurgeon at 304-252-6213.

RALEIGH SHARED MINISTRIES CHARGE CONFERENCE OCTOBER 5, 2025

5:00 PM

SOPHIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2025



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday

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5 World Communion Special Offering 5:00 Charge Conference @ Sophia	6 7:00 Adult SS Class w/Bill Eades/Zoom	7 10:00 Bible Study @ BCUMC 5:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Bell Practice	8 9:00 Quilters 5:00-7:00 pm District Day with the Bishop – Lewis Center Oak Hill	9	10	11
12 Undie Sunday	13 7:00 Adult SS Class w/Bill Eades/Zoom	14 10:00 Bible Study @ BCUMC 5:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Bell Practice	15 9:00 Quilters	16	17	18
19 Children's Sabbath	20 7:00 Adult SS Class w/Bill Eades/Zoom	21 10:00 Bible Study @ BCUMC 3:00 LWE @ BCUMC 5:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Bell Practice	22 9:00 Quilters	23	24 November Newsletter Deadline	25 5:00 – Pancakes & Parables @ BCUMC
26 Laity Sunday/ Reformation Sunday 12:30 Ral. Shared Harvest Gathering Luncheon	27 7:00 Adult SS Class w/Bill Eades/Zoom	28 10:00 Bible Study @ BCUMC 5:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Bell Practice	29 9:00 Quilters	30	31	