Grace Notes

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Including Beckley Coummunity, Mabscott and Sophia United Methodist Churches

FRIENDS, THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE!

December is quickly approaching and with it, the opening of the Warming Center. The community has been very generous with donations of pillows, blankets, hats, gloves, socks and coats. The pictures below are a testament to that generosity. All the donations need to be sorted and organized so that we can see what we have and what we may still need.

On Saturday, November 21, at 10:00, we will gather in the fellowship hall to get the donations organized and ready to be distributed this winter.

Bedding packs will need to be made. Health kits will need to have toothpaste added. Coats will need to be hung up. Socks, hats and gloves will need to be sorted and placed in bins with the excess stored in the cabinet in the 3rd floor Warming Center storage room.

This would be a great opportunity to involve our youth or the youth groups from other churches in the mission of the church.

We look forward to seeing YOU on the 21st!!

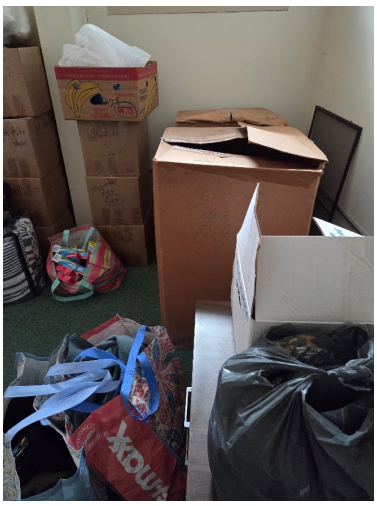


LEFT: Items temporarily stored on stage include donations from Perry Memorial UMC and new cots.

RIGHT: Various items stored in the choir room include donations from the community.



RIGHT TWO PICTURES: Donated items from the community and New Vision Depot located in the storage room on the 3rd floor.





DATES TO REMEMBER

November 5 - 6:00 pm Volunteer meeting for Beckley Warming Center at Beckley Community UMC

November 14 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sophia Holiday and Hot Dog sale

November 15, 22 & 29 - 4:00 pm Raleigh Parish float construction for Beckley and Sophia Chirstmas parades109 Pershing St. Beckley

November 19 - 5:30 pm United Methodist Men at BCUMC

November 17 - 3:00 pm United Women in Faith Van Meter Room BCUMC

November 21 - 10:00 am Warming Center work day at BCUMC

November 22 - Hanging of the Greens at BCUMC right after Worship Service

November 26 - Thanksgiving Day

December 13 - 3:00 pm Community Christmas Concert United Methodist Temple

December 16 - 5:00 pm Caroling with United Methodist Women - BCUMC



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL MEETING

Wow just WOW is how I would describe last weekend. For the WV Conference of United Women in Faith, every October brings our annual meeting, a time to gather, worship, fellowship, and enjoy one another while also taking care of the important business of our organization. This year's program was hosted by the Little Kanawha District and held at Wayside United Methodist Church. Our featured speaker was Deaconess Mollie James-Vickery from the national office, along with other speakers who shared valuable information about missions and social issues affecting communities throughout our state.

The theme for the weekend was "Being God's Image to Everyone." Deaconess Mollie offered a meaningful message that challenged us to reflect on what this theme truly means in our everyday lives. As United Women in Faith, we are called not only to speak about God's love but to demonstrate it through the way we treat others, serve our communities, stand alongside those in need, and welcome people with compassion and grace. Our time together served as a reminder that being God's image does not end when the annual meeting is over. It is a calling we carry with us into our churches, homes, communities, and everyday encounters with others. Thank you Little Kanawha District and Wayside United Methodist Church for hosting us. You just had to be there to understand what a truly amazing weekend we had. I encourage you to plan to attend our next event. We hope to see you at Spiritual Growth Retreat in April.

Conference President,
Melissa Corbett

RIGHT: Deaconess Mollie James-Vickery speaks to meeting attendees.





Love a parade?

Join the UMCs Christmas Parades Event!

106 Pershing St., Beckley, Sundays, Nov. 15, 22, 29, 4 p.m.

Build a float for the Beckley Christmas Parade (Dec. 5) and the Sophia Christmas Parade (Dec. 12)

Fellowship with church family from Raleigh County UMCs
and our shared outreach through Hope in the Mountains, Star of Hope Family Services, and New Vision Depot

Share Christ's love with our communities!

This is one of the ways United Methodist churches in our area are exploring opportunities to collaborate — because we can reach more people for God's kingdom when we work stronger together!