

Monroe County Historical Society

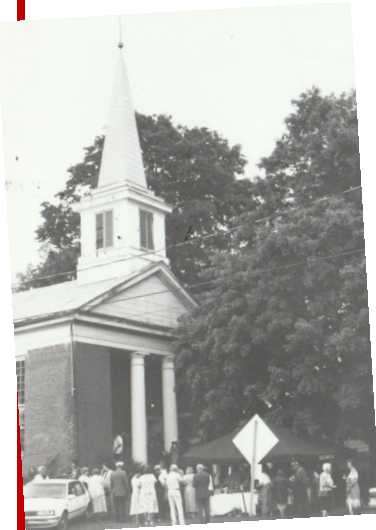
Signs for Two Historic Churches in Union

We were awarded a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council to have two interpretive signs made for the old First Baptist Church on Main Street, and the Ames Clair Methodist Church on North Street. The signs are finished and will be erected this summer. Please send a donation to help pay for our share of the expenses. These two churches were home to African American congregations for over one hundred years.

June 1, 1997

Monroe County Historical Society is deeded the church building from its remaining members.

1917 Meeting of the New River Valley Baptist Association



MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 11

Join us at the Old Rehoboth Church Picnic Shelter

2:00 Sunday Afternoon

We will be remembering the life of Edward A. Patterson, known to many of his friends as "I-Boy". Born Feb. 11, 1934 in Union, he was one of nineteen children. His parents, Homer and Mary Gooch Patterson, served as officers in the First Baptist Church where Edward was baptized.

One of his best friends was Mary Pearl Compton, a reading specialist in the school system, state legislator, and a founding member of the Monroe County Historical Society.

To celebrate Edward's appreciation of books and history, we are having an Adopt-A-Book event after our meeting. These books are no longer needed at the Museum and are free to a good home.

Please bring your stories and memories of Edward to share with us .

A short business meeting will include a vote to confirm three new members of the Executive Board. They will be filling the position vacated by Toni Ogden in 2020 and more recently the positions of Vice President held by Larry Emerson and Member-at-Large held by Tom Bare.

VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR STRENGTH

The Historical Society is a volunteer-run organization. Our volunteers are an integral part of everything we do. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the Museum in Union. The Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10-4. Volunteers usually staff three-hour shifts, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Volunteers greet visitors, give tours, assist with conserving artifacts, and help plan special events and programs.

The volunteers at the museums for Farmer's Day went above and beyond in their ability to manage the crowds. They deserve a big thank you and more. Judy Wagner and Barbara Ziegler were at the Caperton building where 75 guests signed the guest book. Fred Ziegler and Larry Emerson were at the Carriage House, and Toni Ogden, Vernessa Pontius, and a new volunteer Darcy Carpenter were at the log cabins.

If you have time to volunteer for a three-hour shift and you'd like to contribute to the community through volunteering, call Vernessa Pontius at the Museum, 304-772-4449. Please leave your name and number if you get our voicemail. Thanks!

Visitors from June 4 ~ 30 :

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Those who signed in included people who are vacationing here for the first time, family groups visiting relatives, and new residents.