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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

FULL OF HOPE

Most of you know that I tend to be a “glass is half full” type of person. I usually try to look at things from a positive or hopeful perspective. Frankly, I am a hopeful person. It takes a lot to get me truly feeling negative about a particular thing – whatever it may be. Generally, I don’t get to up or down because *I know it’s going to be alright in the end.*

Certainly, the last year has tested this facet of my personality and faith. When we had to go to virtual-only worship in March of 2020, I hoped we would be back to normal by the summer. In the summer, we planned our full slate of fall activities assuming surely we would have turned the corner on the coronavirus by then. In the fall we spoke with confidence that surely by Christmas we would have our regular Christmas Cantata – definitely the virus would be gone by then. Each time I hoped. And each time my hopes were dashed. Yet still, today I hope. I hope that the vaccine is safe and effective and I hope we might yet finally return to some sense of normalcy by the late Spring or summer. I hope.

As hard as it is right now, to hope for something is a distinctive of Christian faith and life. We hope for justice. We hope for peace. We hope for joy in the midst of trial. We hope for resurrection and new creation. We hope for the Kingdom to come quickly. And we hope that, daily, we are being made perfect for that Kingdom. It’s what I do. It’s what we do. Hope. The reason we hope is because, ultimately, *we know it’s going to be alright in the end.* Keep hoping friends, this also will pass.

-Pastor Brian

Come Holy Spirit!

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PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- Ruth Brock – 165 Brock Dr., Troy, SC 29848
- Jane Cox – Brooksdale Room 102 – 1408 Parkway Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Irene Deason – 401 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Gin Glace – P O Box 516, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Carroll Hagood – 1694 Cedar Springs Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Linda Himes – 36000 Campus Drive Apt. 508, Westland, MI 48185
- Bob and Mary Hipsher – 100 Pineview Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Petra Jones – 502 Church St., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Col. Bob Lander – 5 Frank Pressley Dr., Due West, SC 29639
- David Littell – 107 Hillcrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- John and Cam Marchi – 108 Sunset Dr., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Rowena Parkenson – 306 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Harold and Marion Prince – P O Box 699, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Leon & Patty Thompson – Wesley Commons Assisted Living – Apt. 6117 – 1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Jane Williams – 257 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Marjorie Wilson – 1500 Greenwood Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Beverly Wilson – 2623 Stevenson Road, Abbeville, SC 29620

Joys & Concerns

Please let the church office know of any joys or concerns of our church family

Prayer Requests

We pray for and intercede on behalf of:
Helen Speer; Jane Williams; Jane Cox; Ruth Brock; Irene Deason; Kathy Bernard; Julie Williams; Shane Lee; Mary Elizabeth Land; Kevin Bosler; Wayne Wilson; Alana Taylor; Linda Himes; Ted Hawthorne; Leon and Patty Thompson; Gary Greeson; Bryan Baughman; Susan Johnson

Please let us know individuals needing prayers or requested to be on Prayer list.



U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Ann Moore Circle TBA

Agnes Rogers Circle TBA

Lovely Lane Circle will not meet until further notice.

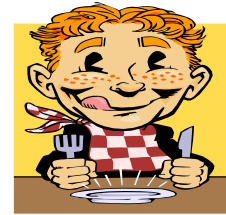
Susannah Wesley Circle will not meet until further notice.

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

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will meet on
February 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the
Greene Center



Dates Still Available



The **2021 Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin board in the Education Building. Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the chancel in 2021. **Dates still available: April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; June 13; 11; August 1; September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 24; November 21.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



Children News

Youth Meetings

The youth meet each Sunday night at 5 pm in the Youth Building.

Upcoming Events This Month

Valentine Dinner will not be held this year due to Covid-19.

Shove Tuesday Pancake Supper will not be held this year due to Covid-19

We will have
Ash Wednesday
Service
February 17
7:00 pm

Administrative
Council
will meet Tuesday, February 16, 2021, in the Greene Center at 7:00 pm. All members of these Committees are encouraged to attend. If you will be unable to attend, please call the church office. **All committee reports should be emailed in by February 10th.**



Notes from the Choir



Trivia question for you: What is one of the most frequently sung hymns from *The Cokesbury Hymnal* (old precursor to our current Methodist Hymnal)? This hymn is also one of the most requested to be included in a new hymnal because it is not currently included in *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989) or *The Faith We Sing* (2000). Kenny Rogers did a secularized version of this song with the same title in 1976, but there was nothing sacred about his song. Name that hymn!

And the answer is: “Love Lifted Me.” This hymn is in our red *Songs of Faith and Praise* on page 453. The text of the hymn is taken from two biblical stories. The first is the story of Jesus and his disciples in a boat in the middle of a terrifying storm. The disciples see Jesus walking on the water and Peter begins walking towards Jesus, becomes afraid and begins to sink. Jesus catches Peter by the hand and lifts him into the boat. (Matthew 14:22-33)

The second story from Matthew 8:23-27, is where Jesus is asleep on a boat while the disciples are frightened by a storm. The disciples awaken Jesus and he calms the sea. One of the criticisms of this song is that while the text gives images of someone sinking deep in sin, the melody of the song is a rather joyful, lilting melody that does not paint the same picture. It is, however, a very well-loved hymn. And all church musicians know that, when playing this for a group to sing, there will be a dramatic ritard (slow down) on the word “help” in the last line. “When nothing else can help...Love lifted me.” We are always prepared for it!

Source: www.umcdiscipleship.org, Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church

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February's Birthday

1	Brandy Baughman
2	Walter Wilson
3	Will Addis
	Tommy Hite, Jr.
4	Emily Blackmon
	Palmer Anne Webb
6	Bexlyn Glace
7	Mike Sprouse
8	Hanna West
10	Beverly Wilson
12	Amy Glace
16	Dawne Hershberger
	Marion Prince
18	Marty Cann
	Kaylor Arant
	Clark Atkins
19	Toni Herndon
21	Lori Glace
	Susan Hagen
22	Mike Calvert
23	Chaney Wilson
	Libby Blanton
	Maddie Nelson
	Robert Moberg
	Knox Brooth
26	Mike Herndon
27	Jane Cox
	Ryan Morris
	Billy Wilson, Jr.
28	Lisa Morberg

LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

(Click on this link while holding down the control key)



February's Anniversary

1	Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tilley
2	Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bowen
3	Mr. and Mrs. Greg Horne
5	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin
7	Mr. and Mrs. Don Hershberger
14	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Glace
	Mr. and Mrs. Ed Evans
24	Mr. and Mrs. Don Nelson



Friday, February 5, 2021 National Wear Red Day

National Wear Red Day seeks to raise awareness about heart disease. This day encourages wearing the color red as a sign of solidarity against the fight against heart disease and stroke. It aims to generate awareness and initiate change.

2021 Loose Change Sundays

(clip and save for reference)

January 24 - UCMAC Emergency Assistance Ministry
February 28 - Tracy Jackson Program
March – April Easter coin cards: 1/2 goes to UCMAC and 1/2 goes to Tracy Jackson
May 23 - Salkehatchie
June 27 - Faith Home
July 25 - UMCOR
August 22 - UCMAC Free Medical Clinic
September 26 - Red Bird Ministry/Henderson Settlement
October 24 - UCMAC Food Pantry
November 21 - Haven of Rest

February Scripture Readings

- 7 Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39
- 14 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9
- 21 Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15
- 28 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



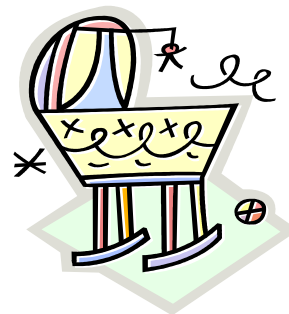
Missions News



Loose Change Sunday

Loose Change Sunday is February 28th,
we will be collecting for the
**Tracy Jackson Summer
Food Program**

No Nursery Schedule for February





Baby Gift Card Showers



The Nurture Committee would like our church to help celebrate with these new parents on their upcoming births with a Card Shower. Due to Covid we will be doing Card Showers instead of in-person showers. We will have a designated place at church for you to leave them or you can drop or mail them to the church.

Riley and Abby Addis – Baby Girl Due in April - Cards from Target, Amazon or Walmart.

Alexa and Roxies Saunders – Baby Boy Due in April - Cards from Target or Amazon.

Greg and Michelle Potts – Baby Girl Due in May - Cards from Amazon or Walmart.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Has been cancelled



Ash Wednesday Service

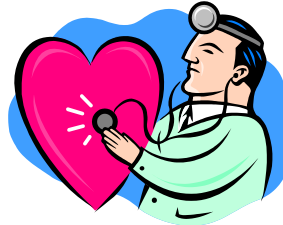
February 17, 2021

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

The traditional Imposition of Ashes, an optional observance, again will be offered. Make plans to attend this meaningful Worship Service that begins the Lenten Season.



February is American Heart Health Month



Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.

Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Learn the signs, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out. Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1. Emergency medical services (EMS) staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. EMS staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. It is best to call EMS for rapid transport to the emergency room.

COVID-19 Vaccine

People age 70 and over can now make an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine by calling your health care provider. Even with the vaccine it is important to continue following all safety measures and community members are strongly encouraged to continue wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing, frequently washing their hands and staying home when sick. These are proven ways to slow the spread and will be essential to ending the pandemic, even as vaccinations begin.



Just a reminder from your Trustees- the trustee of the month will continue to lock all exterior doors except the front door at the narthex when the service begins. If you will help us, it should not be a hassle to anyone and we will keep the doors locked for security. If you are late getting to church, please use the front door of the sanctuary. If you need to leave before church is over, please exit the Greene Center, the bell tower door or the front door. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

*A Campaign to Replace and Restore
the Organ*
UPDATE

As of January 24 we owe \$59,742 on the organ loan and have \$32,472 in the organ fund.

The remainder is being collected over the remaining year of the faith promise campaign and the loan is being repaid.

Thank you for your participation in this campaign to keep the music flowing. Keep praying, keep working and keep giving.



NEW PIANO

The Worship Committee was recently notified by a professional piano tuner that the Sanctuary piano can no longer be tuned to standard pitch due to issues within the piano. We are looking at options for replacing the current piano (which is 30+ years old) with a newer model. After some investigation, the committee decided a new piano would be a better investment than a used piano.

The selection has been narrowed down to an upright piano for \$15,000 or a baby grand for \$16,500. Members of the committee prefer the baby grand; however the choir loft will have to be modified to accommodate a baby grand. The committee is now looking into the cost of these modifications.

A fund has been started if anyone is interested in donating funds or giving memorials towards the purchase of a new piano. As of January 24 we have \$1,665.00 in the piano fund.

--- Worship Committee

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