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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

For the past several years, I have tried to keep you abreast of the happenings at the denominational level of the United Methodist Church. At this point, it is impossible to summarize the happenings of those years succinctly. So if you'd like a summary, call or e-mail me! Last year, in May 2019, a special called General Conference of the UMC was held in St. Louis. Delegates from around the world considered 3 main plans on how we might move forward as a denomination despite the impasse over issues of human sexuality. The plan which was adopted at this conference was the "Traditional Plan." The Traditional Plan maintains the church's current official stances on homosexuality, which declare the practice of homosexuality "incompatible with Christian teaching," preclude clergy from officiating at same-sex unions and prohibit the ordination of self-professed practicing gay clergy. This plan also emphasizes accountability and enforcement of relevant church law.

Despite having a called General Conference for the expressed purpose of finding a way forward, the special called General Conference simply highlighted how much we as a denomination are divided over this issue. It now seems more apparent than ever that the denomination will split – the question is how? Recently, several major news outlets reported on a proposed plan for separation which was agreed upon by persons from a diverse group of perspectives and opinions. However, this is just one of many plans which will be considered by our 2020 General Conference and is in no way official. In many ways, we are still at the same place we were this time last year and I will continue to keep you updated about the latest. With that in mind, you may already know what I am about to say....

While we wait, we work! The denomination will do what it may, but by God's grace, Main St. UMC will continue to do Kingdom work!

Pastor Brian

Come Holy Spirit!

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PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- Ned & Mary Barnette – 5 Frank Pressley Dr., Due West, SC 29639
- 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
- Carroll Hagood – 1694 Cedar Springs Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Ned and Linda Himes – 307 HillCrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Bob and Mary Hipsher – 100 Pineview Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Petra Jones – 502 Church St., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Col. Bob Lander – 110 Wilewood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Harvey Lansing – Abbeville Nursing Home Room 111 – P O Box 190, Abbeville, SC 29620
- 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
- Paul 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: Claudette Kitchens; The Persecuted Church; Petra Jones; Rowena Parkerson; Harvey Lansing; Irene Deason; Jayne Hagen Davis; Ruth Brock; Eric Moats; Ned and Linda Himes; Ned Barnette; Paul Williams; Martin Huggins; Rose Gray; Alice Nixon; Elbridge Wright; Carolyn White family; Todd Walter, Jr.; Deirdre Collins; Mary Elizabeth Land; Allison Addis; Sharlla Burton

Deployment – Jacob Arnsmeier; Clayton Hall; Brad Baughman; Marshall Dukes

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

**Persons on the Prayer list will generally stay for 2 weeks but may be renewed as long as needed.*



IN MEMORIAM

CAROLYN RICE WHITE
FEBRUARY 9, 1927 – JANUARY 15, 2020



U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Ann Moore Circle will meet Tuesday, February 4th, at 6:30 pm in the Greene Center. Guest speaker will be Bob Koch on hiking the Appalachian Trail, "A Walk with God". Everyone is invited to come.

Agnes Rogers Circle will meet Monday, February 3 at 6:30 at the home of Gene Butler.

Lovely Lane Circle will meet Tuesday, February 11, at 3:30 pm, at the Main Street Coffee Shop. Chaney Wilson will have the devotion.

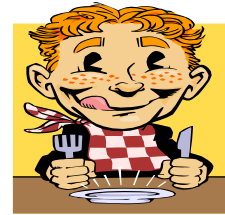
Susannah Wesley Circle will meet Monday, February 3rd, at the home of Ann Davis at 12 noon.

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

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will meet on
February 2, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the
Greene Center



Dates Still Available



The 2020 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Education Building. **Dates Available: April 19, 26; May 3; July 5; August 30; September 20, 27; October 18, 25; November 22**

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



Children News

With the increase in children we are in the process of rearranging the children Sunday classes and ages for each group. The children will have games at 5:30 on Shove Tuesday, February 25.

Youth Meetings

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

Upcoming Events This Month

Valentine's Day Dinner

Friday, February 14
6pm in the
Greene Center
Please let church office
know if you are planning to
attend by Wednesday,
February 5

Shove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 25
5:30 activities for kids
6:00 supper

Ash Wednesday Service

February 26
7:00



Notes from the Choir



One of the choir anthems during the month of February is a two-part arrangement of “Simple Gifts.” “Simple Gifts” is often referred to as one of the most popular American religious folk songs. It has been widely used in both secular and sacred settings. This song was written by a Shaker church leader, Elder Joseph Brackett Jr in 1848. Although it has been referred to as a Shaker hymn, it was originally written as a “quick dance.” It was meant to be sung and danced at a lively tempo in their worship service. (Our choir anthem will only include singing and will not include any dancing.)

The tune was also used in Aaron Copland’s ballet score, *Appalachian Spring*. The song has been arranged by many composers and folk musicians. It was also used at the inauguration of three presidents – Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. The text describes a simple life free from material possessions and worldly concerns meant to help prepare us for our heavenly home. If the tune sounds a bit familiar to you, you may recognize it as the tune of the hymn “Lord of the Dance.” We hope this special music helps enhance your worship during the month of February.

(Source: www.americanmusicpreservation)

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February's Birthday

1	Brandy Baughman
2	Walter Wilson
3	Will Addis
	Tommy Hite, Jr.
4	Emily Blackmon
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
19	Samantha Horne
	Toni Herndon
21	Lori Glace
	Susan Hagen
	Nancy DeLoach
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

February Acolyte

2	Ivy Arant
9	Baylee Wilson
16	Jakob Wilson
23	Lucy Kollmann

Please put the above date on your calendar. This is the Sunday you are to be an acolyte for the morning worship service.

If you cannot be acolyte on your day, PLEASE find a substitute or swap Sundays with someone.

Please come to Parament room no later than 10:45 a.m. on the Sunday morning you are to be acolyte.



2020 Loose Change Sundays clip and save for reference

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

Missions News



Loose Change Sunday

Loose Change Sunday is February 23rd,
we will be collecting for the
**Tracy Jackson Summer
Food Program**



Please join our
Main Street Church Family
as we celebrate the wedding of

**Julianne Hershberger &
Tripp Smith**

Sunday, February 16, 2020
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Greene Center
Main Street United Methodist Church
Abbeville, South Carolina

*Registered at Target, Zola, Fig, and Bed, Bath and
Beyond and colors are Green, White and Gold.*

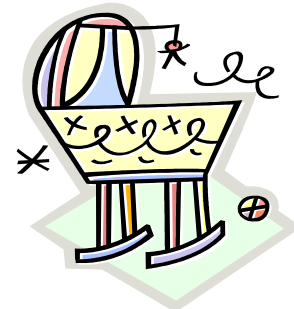
February Scripture Readings

- 2 Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12
- 9 Isaiah 58
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20
- 16 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37
- 23 Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9



Nursery Schedule for February

- 2 Kaylor Arant, Pamela Wilson
- 9 Julie Boggs, Lucy Kollmann
- 16 Caroline Calvert, Allison Dunlap
- 23 Tracy Bowie, Baylee Wilson





The Meals on Wheels Bags of Love Gift Project will be collecting items for senior citizens for Valentine's Day. I, William Arnold, am going to be collecting things for this project. Christmas is a time when much is given, but gifts and visits are important to senior citizens all year. February is usually a dreary month and this remembrance on Valentine's Day brightens them up.

There will be a box on a table in the Education Building for the items. I will be collecting from Jan. 1 through February 6 at the church. You can bring the items to the Senior Center until February 7.

Suggested items: Small or individual size Kleenex, tooth paste and brush, pump, liquid or bar soap, handwipes, lotion, wash cloths, individual snack items such as bars and crackers, tea or coffee, candy, Q-tips, AAA or AA batteries, mini-flashlight, band-aids, kitchen towels, crossword or word find puzzles, envelopes



Valentine's Day Dinner

Make plans to attend the Valentine Day dinner on Friday, February 14, at 6:00 pm in the Greene Center. Candlelight, music, festive fare and fellowship are the order of the evening.

Please return the form to facilitate planning by Wednesday, February 5th. Return these via the offering plates, the church office, or Dawne Hershberger.

Donations to defray expense will be accepted.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____



Shrove Tuesday

February 25, 2020

5:30 pm – Activities for Children

*6:00 pm - Fat Tuesday Pancake/ Sausage Supper
Greene Center*



Ash Wednesday Service

February 26, 2020

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.



SCHOOL BOX FUND VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER

The Agnes Rogers Circle will be holding a Valentine's fundraiser for the School Box Fund. This fund supports students throughout Abbeville County schools with items such as clothing, field trip fees, class and extracurricular activity dues, etc. While Agnes' Closet has been our biggest fundraiser in the past, the sale will be taking a hiatus until further notice while we concentrate on more worthwhile projects.

Tickets may be obtained with a \$5 donation for ONE ticket or \$20 will get you SIX tickets.

The giveaway will be a Valentine's Day-themed gift basket valued at over \$200 that includes gifts from local businesses including a night's stay at the Belmont Inn, Opera House tickets, and Village Grill gift certificates, just to name a few. Tickets will be available at the church office during normal office hours and immediately after Sunday services Feb. 2nd & 9th. The winner will be announced at the Valentine's Day dinner Friday, February 14.

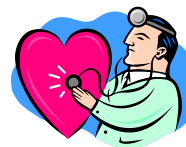
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!



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 10-15 minutes after SS. 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.



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.

Collecting Items for Deployed Military Personnel



The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a project to collect items to be shipped to deployed military personnel. Eric Shepard has agreed to pack & ship the items. There is a marked barrel in the hall of the Sunday School Building for these items. The types of items to be collected are snack foods such as trail mix, peanut butter, jelly, and beef jerky. There is a complete list on the church bulletin board.

A note From Eric Shepard

The average weight of a box is 15 pounds. The average cost what is inside the box is just under \$25. It costs \$18.45 dollars to mail each box. (The post office agent shook his head at one of the boxes being over 18 pounds). The contents of the boxes are primarily food. Where it is extremely hot where our personnel are stationed, we send a 4.8 pound canister of powdered Gatorade. This ministry gives our military a big present each month. We have no idea whether they like what is in the box, but bartering takes care of dislikes.

These latest boxes had pictures from children's Sunday School classes.

How can you participate? One of our adult Sunday School classes has donated \$200.00. This money will pay the postage for 10.8 boxes. The UMW is donating items from the list. We need more funds to continue mailing a box each month to each person. Filling and mailing 6 boxes a month is going to cost \$260 per month.

Please be generous.

Eric Shepard

Lunch and Learn

Wednesday
March 25, 2020
12 noon.

Can You Hear Me Now



Understanding Hearing Loss and Dispelling Myths about Hearing Loss

- Impacts of hearing loss
- Common Myths about Hearing Loss
- Technology Levels and Expectations

Presented by Greenwood Ear, Nose & Throat

To register call Ann Davis at 378-2315 or email at AnnJefferies@wctel.net. Or call the church office at 366-2367.

Free lunch provided

New Church Directory Coming

A new church directory is coming. Soon we will be requesting church members to upload a family photo, or someone will be available to take photos before and after church on several Sundays. These photos will be published in a printed directory and will be available in an online directory that you can see through a free app. Greg Potts will be the administrator of this online directory.

Over the next few months we are going to print sections of our Safe Sanctuary Policy so that everyone can become familiar with the provisions. Anyone who works with children, youth or vulnerable adults must follow these rules set out in this policy. Contact the church office if you want the entire policy emailed to you.

Safe Sanctuary Policy

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church, in April 1996, adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child sexual abuse in the church. The adopted resolution includes the following statement: Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to the little ones, the children. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church state that “children must be protected from economic, physical, emotional and sexual exploitation and abuse” (para.162C).

God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from sexual and physical abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong (*The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church—2000*, Nashville, TN: The United Methodist Publishing House, pp.180-81).

Purpose

The leaders of Main Street United Methodist Church are committed to providing an environment which is as safe as possible for children and youth who attend church or any church sponsored activity or event; and to take the necessary precautions to protect church leaders, staff, and volunteers from allegations of abuse. These policies are written to demonstrate our total commitment to the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of all our children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Thus, in covenant with all United Methodist congregations, we adopt this policy for the prevention of abuse of children and youth in our church.

Continued next month!!!!!!



Keep the Music Flowing

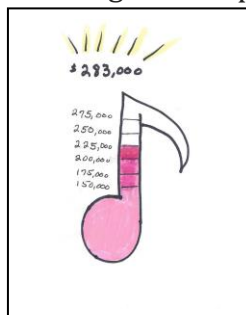
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A Campaign to Replace and Restore the Organ

UPDATE

We have raised \$227,230 for the organ as of January 26, 2020. That is 80.29% of the total cost of \$283,000. The remainder is being collected over the remaining 2 years of the faith promise campaign and the \$175,000 loan is being repaid.

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



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