

# MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER

## Meadowview United Methodist Church

Where Christian Caring Comes to Life

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### *The Pastor's Pondering:*

#### **Passionate Worship**

In order to have a productive and less boring and routine worship, one must be engaged to the point of being passionate about worship. The Spirit of the Lord has to be alive and well to be enjoyed by worshippers. Worship loses its passion when things are done without regard to how the worship experience is presented and how it is received.

If parishioners are apathetic and uninterested toward worship, if the music and hymns are lackluster and presented without a spiritual presence at a lackluster pace, worshippers will come out for worship out of obligation, rather than having a passionate desire to serve the Lord.

Worship should express our sincere devotion and our love for the Lord Jesus Christ. This passion should spill over on to others. Passionate worship describes an intense desire; an ardent spirit, strong feelings, and the sense of heightened importance. Passionate worship speaks of worshipping together, experiencing God together. Passionate worship speaks of a relationship between those that attend regularly and those who are just visitors and God.

Worshipping passionately connects with people and subsequently connects people with God. Whether 100 hundred members or 20 members, passionate worship should be authentic, fresh and engaging. Worshippers who are honest before God and open to God's presence, truth, and his will, are intentional about worship. All these things invite the worshipper into an experience that will compel a sense of belonging to the body of Christ, the Church.

Passionate worship can take place anywhere God is present. If we intentionally invite God into our worship and into our midst, He will come and bless those who are worshipping, for He does not consider one more than the other. God loves a worshipping congregation. Scripture said, (Matthew 18: 19-21), *"Truly, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything, then ask for it; it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, I am with them."*

In Passionate worship, songs and hymns resonate more beautifully. Passionate worship will immerse the worshipper into a perception of God being the head of the worshipping. It proclaims God as the worship leader. It seals and solidifies a relationship with the worshippers and God, self and neighbor.

The fruit of the Spirit will manifest itself with greater expression of self: love, grace, joy, hope, forgiveness, compassion, justice, and self-control. All these provide a greater connection between God and those who are worshipping. Passionate worship changes the way people experience the whole worship experience and it changes lives, for the worshipper comes away with a sense of a new thing taking place through Christ Jesus.

So come, let's passionately worship the Lord Jesus Christ, this Sunday!

Rev. Barbara Doyle

**(Excerpts from Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations: Revised and Updated by Robert Schnase.)**

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**Calendar for August 2019:**

- 14 12:00 p.m. Emory Half Century @  
Milano's (Abingdon – Exit 14)  
25 2:00 p.m. Memorial service for Rev.  
Harry Hight

**Normal (repeating) schedule:**

Sunday: Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday: Choir practice @ 9:00 a.m.

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**Emory Half Century**

We will be meeting at Milano's in Abingdon on  
August 14 at 12:00 p.m.

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**Memorial Service – August 25**

There will be a memorial service for the Reverend  
Harry Hight at Meadowview UMC on Sunday,  
August 25 at 2:00pm. Harry was the pastor at  
Meadowview in the 1980's.

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**Committee meetings 08/18/19:**

**1:00 to 1:45** - Worship , choir, evangelism

**1:45 to 2:30** – Trustees

**2:30 to 3:15** - Pastor parish

**3:15 to 4:00** – Finance

**4:00 until ??** - Church Council

**Changes as of July 1, 2019:**

On July 1, Pastor Doyle assumed the role of pastor of  
two churches: Shady Grove UMC and Meadowview  
UMC. She is preaching at Meadowview UMC at  
9:30 a.m. and at Shady Grove UMC at 11:00 a.m.  
On Fifth Sundays, the two churches will worship  
together.

**Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family**

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| Anita Coulthard   | Joanna Dennstaedt  |
| B Neese           | Skeeter Yeatts     |
| Peggy Bolling     | Jon Odum           |
| Doris Quintana    | Wade Blevins       |
| Judy Briscoe      | Lily Mehl          |
| Georgia Moore     | Wanda Kealey       |
| Malcolm Nutter    | Susan Rasnick      |
| Linda Skeen       | Mack Boyd          |
| Christine Puttock | Jeremy Weaver      |
| Beulah Stringer   | Haley Charlton     |
| Lynn Baggett      | Tony Smith         |
| Brien Shirey      | Adeline Littleton  |
| Diane Mash Jones  | Christina Reynolds |
| Nairn Family      |                    |

\*If you need to add someone to the prayer list or are  
ready to have someone taken off, please contact  
Annette Sumrell at shadygrove\_umc@yahoo.com or  
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“Pastor Barbara” or “Pastor” or “Pastor  
Barb.”