

MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER

Meadowview United Methodist Church

Where Christian Caring Comes to Life

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The Pastor's Pondering:

Happy New Year

A New Year inspires us to redefine and reprioritize our lives, physically, mentally and especially spiritually. The most outlandish and sincere year ever in our life-time has come to an end. A new day and new year are dawning. Praise God for new days!

So here is to a bright New Year in 2021! And a fond farewell to the old pains and heartaches. Here is to things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold dear and the ones we leave behind. Here is to loved ones who will not be with us into the New Year. Our hearts are sad at their loss but glad they suffer no longer.

Here is to the Lord, who is light that shines in darkness, even in the darkness of death, but the darkness cannot overcome the light. Here's to a Savior, who never leaves or forsakes us. Here's to the God of our salvation, who lives and reigns with God the Creator, in heaven. Just in case you are pondering the situation, God's Got This!

May the blessings of Jesus Christ be always with you. May His presence be felt when you are on the mountain and when you are in the valley; "Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, For the Lord's rod and staff are there to guide through."

May His presence lead you into the future and onward to a higher calling in Christ Jesus. May your life be happy and joyous forever. Wishing you and yours a very happy, healthy and grace-filled New Year. It is my hope that 2021 will be your best year ever; by the grace of God it *will* be.

Happy New Year!!

Pastor Barbara

Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family

Lynn Baggett; Wade Blevins; Peggy Bolling; Mack Boyd; Judy Briscoe; Dale Carter; Margaret Carter; Haley Charlton; Anita Coulthard; Joanna Dennstaedt; Rev. Doyle's daughter; Judith Faris; Trish Foster; Dave Henderson; Diane Mash Jones; Wanda Kealey; Adeline Littleton; Linda Martin; Carl McKinney; Lily Mehl; Christine Puttock; William & Doris Quintana; Susan Rasnick; Wayne Rector; Christina Reynolds; Tony Smith; Beulah Stringer; David Swiney; Peggy Vaughan; Sandra Warmoth; Jeremy

Weaver; Skeeter Yeatts; Donnie Mutter (kidney failure); Wendell Smith, Elizabeth Gray.

Deepest sympathy and most heartfelt sorrow for the Vaughan Family and Meadowview church family on the loss of Sammy Vaughan.

Remember our service men and women wherever they serve

**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 276-206-3243 (call or text)*

Calendar for January 2021:

12 6:00-7:00 p.m. Food Pantry at MUMC
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Normal (repeating) schedule:

Sunday: Worship @ 9:30 a.m. – Facebook live

Sunday: Worship @ 10:30 a.m. (-11:15)

~~Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.~~

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

Sunday Worship services

Due to the surge of COVID-19 cases in our region, face-to-face services were suspended from Dec. 20, 2020 through Jan. 03, 2021. The plan is to re-open our churches on Jan. 10, 2021 (**this is subject to change**). Pastor Barbara is still presenting a message on Facebook “live” **each Sunday morning at 9:30.**

Tithes & Offerings:

Don't forget that the church is still dependent on the tithes & offerings of its members during this pandemic. Keep sending those to: Meadowview UMC, P.O. Box 255, Meadowview, VA 24361

Activities Temporarily Suspended:

- Bible Study
- Half Century outings
- Older Adult outings

Finance Committee meeting:

The Finance Committee will meet **via ZOOM** on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. If you are on this committee, please try your best to be available wherever you are at that time. Joy Scruggs will “host” this meeting.

Note from the Pastor:

“A sincere thank you to the church and church members for all the Christmas gifts, cards, food, songs, letters and everything given me at Christmas.”

Food Pantry

The food pantry at Meadowview has become such a huge success in the Meadowview Community and beyond. People, families, and others are being served and God is getting the praise. This past week there were vegetables, milk, eggs, and other food items. God has been so good in blessing this endeavor. *(If you have egg cartons, save them and give them to MV for eggs)*

Help is needed for the food pantry on Tuesdays 6-7 at MV. Tables are set up outside. Becky McKinney will meet with you and show you what to do if you come. People are needed to stock shelves or pack bags. Becky will also show you that.

Volunteers are needed for delivering food to shut-ins. If you would like to deliver food to shut-ins on Wednesday or any day; the food is left on the resident's porch. See Becky McKinney if you are willing to lend a helping hand to help those in need and our elderly and shut-ins. Thank you, Pastor

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