

MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER
Meadowview United Methodist Church
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The Pastor's Pondering:

WOW! What a year 2019! We have witnessed some sinister stuff in 2019. We have also seen the hand of God moving us in various directions for the good. Learning has topped our list of things to do and things we have done.

Moving into a new appointment with new people has been my greatest learning experiencing. Going to a new church is like getting married again, without the sleeping together. I said "I do" and off we went. None of us knew what we were getting ourselves into, or what we were in for. We knew we would try real hard and see what would happen at the end of the year.

So here we are at the end of the year! What now? The honeymoon is over. Christmas is over. What now for real? Now we all roll up our spiritual sleeves and do more work to build God's kingdom here on earth. I keep preaching and the parishioners keep attending, paying tithes, paying district askings and visiting the sick, loving the lost, feeding Jesus' sheep, loving our neighbors and inviting them to worship.

We will roll up our spiritual sleeves and grow our churches. From Shady Grove in Abingdon, to Meadowview in Meadowview and from every street corner and every aisle at the Wal-Mart, we will declare that Jesus Christ is Lord! I was asked why I use Wal-Mart as example all the time. Because that is where most people congregate. And we all go there at least once a month, if not even once a week.

We will be *we*, not *them and us*, but be united against the evil of the world. We will be *one* because it is God through the power of the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ, which holds "us" together. We will prevail and we will make a difference.

Ask yourself this question: "If my church were no longer in the community, would we be missed"? The answer should be "yes" because Shady Grove and Meadowview have made a difference in the lives of the people of the community. People should be welcomed on any and *every* Sunday, not just at Christmas and Easter. Those special days we need to be extra welcoming so the visitors will return.

Shady Grove and Meadowview UMC, it is *time*. Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven, ... a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted". Church, our time has come! It is time for us to plant the seed of love, caring, nurturing, hope, peace, joy, forgiveness, for by doing all these things we exhibit the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22-26). And people will come and visit and some might even stay.

So for 2020 we will let nothing separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus! Romans 8: 36-39, ***"As it is written, "for your sake we are being killed all day long: we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced (I hope you are, too, church), that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, not height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen***

I pray this is the most blessed year ever! Happy New Year!

Calendar for January 2020:

- 8 11:30 a.m. Half Century lunch at 4H Center (Hillman Highway)
- 28 10:00 a.m. Planning meeting for Older Adults outings (Byars Cobb)

Normal (repeating) schedule:

- Sunday: Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.
- Sunday: Choir practice @ 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family

Anita Coulthard	Joanna Dennstaedt
B Neese	Skeeter Yeatts
Peggy Bolling	Doris Quintana
Wade Blevins	Judy Briscoe
Lily Mehl	Linda Martin
Wanda Kealey	Malcolm Nutter
Susan Rasnick	Tony Smith
Mack Boyd	Christine Puttock
Jeremy Weaver	Beulah Stringer
Haley Charlton	Lynn Baggett
Adeline Littleton	Diane Mash Jones
Christina Reynolds	Nairn Family
Sandra Warmoth	Pastor Barbara

*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).

Drivers needed for Meals on Wheels:

Runs are on Monday starting at 9:00 a.m. or Thursday afternoon starting after 12:00 p.m. If you have time to give back to your community and are interested, call Abingdon Community Center at 276-628-3911.

Planning Meeting for Older Adults Group

There will be a planning meeting Jan 28, 2020 at Byars Cobbs United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. Older Adults are encouraged to come and be in on this planning for the year.

Volunteers needed:

Volunteers are needed to teach the children's sermon.

January Half Century Outing

I have arranged our January 8th lunch at the Four H Center on Hillman Hwy in Meadowview. We will be gathering there at 11:30 for a set lunch; the cost will be \$13/ person; the menu will be fried chicken, pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, broccoli, salad, dessert and drink. Please let me know by January 6th if you plan to attend. We like to support our Four H Center and enjoy a totally home cooked meal, so I hope you will make an effort to join us! You are welcome to bring a friend. Nancy Latimer 276-944-4017

Scripture Readers for January:

- 01/05: Michael Hayter; John 1:1-18
- 01/12: (Pastor); 1 Peter 1
- 01/19: Ann Wallace; Psalm 40:1-11
- 01/26: (guest speaker – Jane Blevins)

Bible Study – 2 choices

Pastor Barbara is leading a Bible study on Wednesdays (10:00 – 11:15 a.m.) and on Sundays (4:00 – 5:15 p.m.) Both are being held at Shady Grove. *Sunday sessions resume in January; the Wednesday sessions will resume in February.*

NOTE:

Pastor Barbara will be having eye surgery on Wednesday, January 8th in Johnson City.

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