

MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER
Meadowview United Methodist Church
Where Christian Caring Comes to Life

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The Pastor's Pondering:

Celebration time! How good is God? We are going back into our sanctuary, even if it's just the fellowship hall and I have been reappointed for another year. I am so looking forward to our return. It is good being on Facebook and I will continue being on Facebook but it's like going home after a long stay away. We will get to see family again in person not just on Zoom. How great is that? WELCOME BACK!!

I am sure you have received your "Reopening the church letter" by now. In the letter, you read about the many changes that will take place upon returning to church. I hope you understand the need for these precautions. They are in place for your safety and the safety of your family and others. We ask that these precautions not be taken lightly. You are our greatest concern. So please work with us to ensure we are all safe and stay healthy.

As stated in the letter, we are following the guidelines of the Holston Conference and the State of Virginia. The Governor and the Bishop have been conferring with members of the state and the church to ensure these precautions are strictly adhered to. We will follow the recommendations to the letter. I pray you will as well.

We are so grateful to God for keeping all of you well and safe. As I said, I will continue preaching on Facebook because I know some of you will not be returning soon because of health reasons. I fully understand. So I invite you to tune in to Facebook every Sunday morning at 9:30am. And know that you are still a part of this congregation. God loves you and so do we. We are here for you and we will always keep you in our prayers. We are also praying for a vaccine so you can receive it and return to church.

Blessings going forth in Jesus' name. May the peace of God surround you and keep you in perfect peace. That peace that surpasses all understanding, I pray God gives that to you, now and into the future.

John 14: ***"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me"***. I have heard that "fear not" in the Bible 365 times. Imagine, "a fear not, or don't be afraid" for every day of the year. The text teaches, preaches, and beseeches us not to be "afraid".

But frankly, I have to be honest; there are times when I am scared out of my wits. I fear clowns, snakes, planes, hurricanes, bridges, back stabbing people. I get overwhelmed sometimes, especially lately when I have to wear a mask. I swear I am going to suffocate and faint dead-away. I know I have some serious issues.

But Jesus said, "don't be afraid". Apparently, he meant me when he said "Don't be afraid" because I can't speak for others, but when I hear that or when I think of that, my fears are lessened and I feel calm. ***"The Lord is my light and my salvation, in whom shall I fear, He is the strength of life, in whom should I be afraid"***, the Psalmist said. If the Lord is my all in all, why am I afraid?

This Coronavirus has us all on edge. We don't know who has what or what has who? But I trust God! If we pray, humble our hearts, and seek the Lord Jesus Christ; he will see us through this. There are things that will continue to frighten us, but with God's help we can overcome our fears.

I can overcome my fear of bridges because I have to travel over them to get to my destination on occasion, but I will probably never get over my fear of snakes. That is why I am never going to have any interaction with a snake or clowns or bears. But that does not mean I don't trust God. Because I love the Lord and I know he will take care of me and he will take care of you as well.

God bless! See you soon!! Pastor Barbara

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!!

Calendar for Jul 2020:

02	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
07	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
08	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
09	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
14	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
15	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
16	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
21	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
22	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
23	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
28	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
29	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
30	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC

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.

Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family

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

Expressions of Sympathy

Pastor Barbara & family, in the loss of her cousin, Geraldine

**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)*

Sunday Worship services

While some are still abiding by the “safer at home” strategy (due to the COVID-19 coronavirus), Pastor Barbara will be presenting a message on Facebook “live” **each Sunday morning at 9:30**. For those who decide to venture out, services will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Meadowview UMC from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. and at Shady Grove UMC from 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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 – Wed. @ SG 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
- Half Century outings
- Older Adult outings

Rules for returning to Sunday Worship in person:

- Temperatures will be taken before entering the building
- Weather permitting, worship will be under the pavilion; otherwise it will be in the Fellowship Hall, using the handicapped access
- Masks will be worn at all times
- Hand sanitizer will be available upon entrance and exit
- Nothing will be passed around; offering plate will be at a table as you enter
- No physical contact with one another, such as hand shaking, hugging, etc.
- Social distancing will be followed; families/couples may sit together
- No children’s church or nursery
- No hymnals or Bibles available; bring your own Bible if you want
- No congregation singing; no choir
- Kitchen will be CLOSED; no foods or drinks available. Bring your own drink if you want.

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