

MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER
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The Pastor's Pondering:
"Thankfulness"

As I begin another year at Shady Grove UMC and Meadowview UMC, I am once again grateful for the love of God and His faithfulness toward me. The Lord has blessed me in many ways since arriving at these two churches. You, the faithful people of God, have been the blessings I cherish the most. Not only helping me minister to those who need to be ministered to the most, but also by providing for my needs as well as your friendship and fellowship. The fellowship of true believers is truly a blessing to me. I am always thanking God for your presence, your gifts and most of all your love and support. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians in First Corinthians 1:4- "*I always thank my God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus.*"

This past year was a devastating year, to be sure. With the onset of a pandemic from COVID 19 to the closure of churches across Holston Conference and all throughout the world, there were challenges we had to face we never thought possible. During those dark days, I relied on God to lead and guide me through. God provided me with the ability to turn to social media as an outlet for the Gospel. At first, I was hesitant about Facebook, but I soon got the hang of it and with a few missteps, I am still on Facebook every Sunday. It was only by the grace of God that I did what had to be done.

Thank you to both churches for your support during Facebook time. God used you and me to see us through this crisis and allowed us to share the Word of God in ways never considered before. Facebook has allowed the word to be spread further than just Abingdon and Meadowview; it has spread as far as London, England. Praise God! All these things are to the glory of God. God's faithfulness toward us all was, and still is the key component to the situation we have experienced.

I want to express my deepest and most heart-felt gratitude and appreciation to each of you for your faithfulness! Shady Grove and Meadowview minister to the souls of mankind and to the ministry of the church by your giving, your prayers, and your service to God and the church and to this your humble servant. I pray God will forever watch over you and keep you. I pray the love of God and the Holy Spirit will abound with each of you always. Know that you are in my prayers always. I truly feel the utmost of blessedness being able to return for another year of ministry with Shady Grove and Meadowview Churches.

Blessings for the journey ahead. With love always and forever, Pastor Barbara Doyle

The remaining Holston Annual Conference Schedule is as follows:

- Memorial Service: First Broad Street UMC - August 27 @3:00 pm
- Ordination Service: First Broad Street UMC - August 27 @7:00 pm
- In-Person Annual Conference: Meadowview Conference & Resort Center (Kingsport, TN), August 28 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

From Jane Taylor, DS of Clinch Mountain District:

Beginning September 1, 2021, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will take over the episcopal duties for Holston in addition to her role as bishop of the North Alabama Conference. This will not combine the conferences. We will simply be sharing a bishop. Our beloved Holston Conference will remain proudly Holston Conference as we continue doing God's work in Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee and the northern-most tip of Georgia.

Choir Director for Shady Grove: Part-time, salaried position, music knowledge required.

Responsibilities: planning weekly choir practices, selecting hymns, providing musical leadership for all musical events in the church, working closely with pastor in coordinating and planning special musical events, such as Easter, Christmas. Contact Sandra Stephon@ Sandra.martin74@yahoo.com SPPR Chair.

Altar Flowers - anyone interested in supplying altar flowers on a Sunday, please see Patsy Henegar.

Altar Flowers 2021

Jan: Patsy Henegar (628-7321)	Jul: Denise Sadler-Chapman (780-4414)
Feb: Janice Cornett (698-9956)	Aug: Cherie Henderson (698-8535)
Mar: Margaret Carter (628-6948)	Sep: Anita Taylor (944-5565)
Apr:	Oct: Susan Pennington (944-3146)
May: Mary McFarlane (356—5385)	Nov: Susan Hayter (944-4509)
Jun: Kathy McKinney (944-3613)	Dec: Wayne Rector has flowers for Sunday before Christmas (need someone until poinsettias appear)

Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family

Lynn Baggett; Wade Blevins; Peggy Bolling; Mack Boyd; Judy Briscoe; Dale Carter; Margaret Carter; Haley Charlton; Joanna Dennstaedt; Rev. Doyle's daughter; Judith Faris; Trish Foster; Diane Mash Jones; Wanda Kealey; Adeline Littleton; Linda Martin; Christine Puttock; William & Doris Quintana; Susan Rasnick; Wayne Rector; Tony Smith; David Swiney; Peggy Vaughan; Sandra Warmoth; Jeremy Weaver; Skeeter Yeatts; Donnie Mutter (kidney failure); Wendell Smith, Elizabeth Gray

Remember our service men and women wherever they serve

**If changes need to be made to the prayer list, please contact Annette Sumrell at shadygrove_umc@yahoo.com or 276-206-3243 (call or text)*

Normal (repeating) schedule:

Sunday: Worship @ 9:30 a.m. – Facebook live
Sunday: Worship @ 10:30 a.m. (-11:15)

Sunday Worship services

We have been back to face-to-face services at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of the church since Feb. 21, 2021. Pastor Barbara is still presenting a message on Facebook “live” **each Sunday morning at 9:30** for those who are unable to attend.

Birthdays in July:

Caroline Price	2 nd
Susan Hayter	7 th
Anita Taylor	22 nd
Carli Hatch; Scott Rector	26 th
Ann Wallace	29 th

Anniversaries in July:

Bill & Missy McFarlane	7 th
Bill & Judy Faris	8 th
Scott & Diane Rector	11 th
Dale & Nancy Carter	14 th
Joy Scruggs	25 th
Matt & Sheena Henderson	31 st

- July 11, 3:00 p.m. - Trustee/Church Council meeting-Meadowview UMC.
- **Half Century Lunch:** Milano’s in Abingdon – Wednesday, July 14 @ 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Nancy Latimer if you plan to attend: (virginialilacs@centurylink.net)
- Pastor’s vacation: August 30 - September 10, 2021.

Bible Study:

We will NOT be meeting during the month of July.

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