

MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER

Meadowview United Methodist Church

Where Christian Caring Comes to Life

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The Pastor's Pondering:

The president has issued a statement that worship centers are essential and should be allowed to reopen. But Bishop Taylor has the final say over the United Methodist Churches in Holston Conference, thus we are not ready to reopen yet. We commend her and the cabinet and task force for maintaining a position of caution and care for us in Holston Conference.

Meanwhile, Meadowview and Shady Grove are endeavoring to put all the pre-precautions in place prior to reopening. There will be masks, sanitizing stations and gloves. We will practice "social distancing" while worshipping. We will worship in the fellowship hall because there are fewer surfaces to keep sanitized and a greater opportunity to practice "social distancing" with chairs than with pews.

In the coming days we will get more information and will distribute all that we are doing and how it will affect you, the parishioner. We thank you for your patience and understanding. I invite you to continue to listen on Facebook, if you have access. I will continue my Facebook ministry even after we return to sanctuary. So if you are unable to attend worship in person or feel safer at home, you will still have the opportunity to hear and worship.

Furthermore, it is my prayer that you continue to do well and feel well. However, if you are not well, please consider staying home when we reopen. This is for your safety as well as for others. If you do not feel comfortable reentering sanctuary, please stay home. Your safety and well-being are our top priority.

We are in the Pentecost season. The fire of the Holy Spirit came in like a "mighty rushing wind" and consumed everyone present. Many were from other places but they heard and received the Spirit as well. Why did the Spirit penetrate the hearts of all that were there? Everyone there that day wanted what God had sent. They had been waiting for it. They were all in one accord that day. Although there were people from every nation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, they became one.

If I were a wishing person, I would wish today that we were all in one accord. I would wish we were more like the image of God from which we were created. I would wish that "little Black boys and little Black girls would walk hand in hand with little White girls and little White boys", to quote Dr. ML King. I would wish Black men could survive in a racist and hostile environment and not have to worry about being brutalized by the hatred of others because of the color of their skin. I would wish that Black mothers and Black fathers and just innocent people, would not have to stand by and watch as these atrocities are happening. I would further wish that others would speak out about these injustices and stand up for what is right and speak out against what is wrong.

The Holy Spirit ushered in a new era. Acts 2: 43-47- "Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles; All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to ALL, as any had needed..... And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were saved". It is time for us to become one in Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Barbara

Calendar for June 2020:

02	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
03	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
04	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
09	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
10	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
11	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
16	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
17	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
18	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
23	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
24	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at MUMC
25	5:00-6:00 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 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		

**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)*

Expressions of Sympathy:

Family of Arthur “B” Neese – died on 05/21/20

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

Sunday & Special Worship services

While we are all abiding by the “stay at home” order (due to the COVID-19 coronavirus), Pastor Barbara will be presenting a message on Facebook “live” **each Sunday morning at 9:30.**

Activities Temporarily Suspended:

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

Volunteers needed:

Volunteers are needed to teach the children’s sermon.

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