

# MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER

## Meadowview United Methodist Church

Where Christian Caring Comes to Life

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### *The Pastor's Pondering:*

#### Spring

Welcome Spring with these refreshing verses!

**Isaiah 55:1-13** - *"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor." Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."*

**Isaiah 61: 11**- *"For the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seed to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.*

Spring is coming!! Where is it? I know that is what you are saying. It is cold and raining and the sun has stopped shining; where is spring? IDK!!

Springtime is a season of renewal, new growth, and enlightenment! After a long winter, spring is most certainly welcomed. It is interesting that Scripture often talks of this season like a welcoming rain shower that nourishes the ground and soothes the parched land. Are you feeling parched and dry?

Drink from the fountain that is Jesus Christ. Come to the waters, be baptized, and drink from the fountain of salvation. Drink and be refreshed. Soak in the fresh air of God's breath. Allow him to breathe on you and be refreshed and renewed. Relent and grow in the love and beauty that is Jesus Christ.

Because it is spring means it's time for change. There will be more sun light to warm the earth and our bodies. More sun light means a time to plant, for Ecclesiastes tell us that there is a season for everything. Now is the season of renewal and newness.

It is time to open the earth and plant and watch as the toil of our labor begins to take on the form of producing. A time when we can witness the fruit of our labor as the vines begin to fill up with all we have sown and produce a harvest.

Spring: the time when April showers bring May flowers. Spring, when we celebrate Lent into Maundy Thursday and on into Good Friday and our final destination, Easter or Resurrection Sunday. This is the sure sign of spring. When we celebrate our Lord's return from the grave. A time when we can sing Hosanna to the King. When we can

say "He Arose, "Up from the grave He arose" or because He lives, I can face tomorrow" with a newness of life. Because that is what spring is, thus leading into the Resurrection Sunday when newness takes on a brand-new meaning. The newness of a resurrected Lord. When we are raised to the status of following Jesus. Don't you just love springtime? Don't you just love being renewed in the presence of Jesus Christ? What can be more refreshing than being in His presence?

All these things are what makes spring, spring. Rejoice and be glad in the newness of life in spring and in Jesus Christ! Amen.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace."

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**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; Cherie Henderson; 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 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 March 2021:**

**09** 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.

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**Sunday Worship services**

We are now back to face-to-face services at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of the church as of Feb. 21, 2021. Pastor Barbara is still presenting a message on Facebook "live" **each Sunday morning at 9:30** for those who are still hesitant or physically unable to attend.

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**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

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**Activities Temporarily Suspended:**

- Bible Study
- Half Century outings
- Older Adult outings

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**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 the second and fourth 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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