

# MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER

## Meadowview United Methodist Church

Where Christian Caring Comes to Life

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### *The Pastor's Pondering:*

#### **“Welcome Back”**

Our God is a welcoming God. He welcomes anyone and everyone who believes in Jesus into his family. While Jesus lived on earth, He always welcomed anyone into His presence, whether He was preaching or whatever He was doing, people were welcome.

With Jesus as our example, we should never be shy about welcoming others. Whether it's welcoming friends, welcoming strangers or visitors into our church or members back to church. As Christians we should always display a welcoming attitude; an attitude which God himself would display.

Galatians: 3:28- *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave or free, there is no male or female, for all are one in Christ Jesus.”*

Today we received absolute confirmation from Holston Conference that we can return to our sanctuaries, “full steam ahead”. And, although Shady Grove and Meadowview have done that already, I have not officially welcomed you, our congregations, back to the sanctuary. We never stopped worshipping!

So, I officially say, “Welcome back!” Shady Grove and Meadowview UMC members. Many of you may remember the theme from Welcome Back Kotter (the TV show from back in the day). Well, this welcome will use those lyrics to welcome you back. You can sing along if you know the tune. Check it out on YouTube.

*Welcome back, the Covid 19 was your ticket out. Welcome back, to that same old place where we've worshipped before and dreamed about.*

*Well, the names have all remained the same, since we hung around, and those dreams have remained the same and now they've turned around. Who'd have thought they'd lead you back here where we need to be. Welcome Back! Welcome Back!*

*Yeah, we are as happy as can be because we are together again, Welcome Back!!, Welcome Back! Welcome Back!*

*Welcome Back to the place where we love one another, Welcome Back where love being in Christ and being friends. And I smile now that you have returned, Yeah, we are glad you are back. Welcome Back! Welcome back! Welcome Back!!! Welcome Back!*

Welcome Back God's faithful and fruitful servants. Blessings for the journey ahead.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Barbara Doyle

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#### **Holston Annual Conference will be Hybrid this year**

There's been a couple of changes to our Annual Conference schedule, and I wanted to let you know. First, the Virtual Clergy Session has been moved from Monday, June 7 to Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 2:00 pm. The second change involves the Memorial Service and Ordination Service. Both Services will remain on Friday, August 27, but their times have been swapped. The Memorial Service will now begin at 3:00 pm, and the Ordination Service will begin at 7:00 pm. Be sure to check out [ac.holston.org](http://ac.holston.org) for all the latest news concerning our 2021 Annual Conference schedules. (Subject to change).

The new Annual Conference Schedule is as follows:

Virtual Clergy Session: Zoom Webinar - June 8 @ 2:00 pm

Virtual Annual Conference: Zoom Webinar - June 12 @1:00 pm

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.

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**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](mailto:Sandra.martin74@yahoo.com) SPPR Chair.

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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; 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 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](mailto: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 School @ 10:45 a.m.

Sunday: Choir practice @ 9:00 a.m.

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**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.

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

**May 09 - Happy Mother's Day** to all of the ladies. Your mothering/nurturing qualities are appreciated!!  
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**Activities Temporarily Suspended:**

- Half Century outings
- Older Adult outings

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**Bible Study:**

We will restart Bible study Wednesday: May 05, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. @Shady Grove for both churches. We will continue to wear masks and observe social distancing while in the Fellowship Hall. We invite all who wish to join, to join us starting May 05.

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**Clinch Mountain Mission Kits:** Goal for district: 400 kits: **Pack all items in a 2-gallon zip-lock bag.** Mission kits are due May 25-26. Please bring kits to church by **10:00 a.m. May 26.** Pastor will collect them and take to district office in Bristol, VA.

- 1 12" ruler
- 1 small (solar-powered) calculator
- 1 bundle of 10-12 pens (blue or black ink)
- 1 coloring book
- 1 bundle of 10-12 pencils
- 1 pack of erasers
- 1 100-150 sheet pack of notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 1 small dictionary
- 1 24-count box of crayons
- 3 70-page spiral notebooks
- 1 pair flip flops
- 1 poncho (adult size)

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