

# MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER

## Meadowview United Methodist Church

Where Christian Caring Comes to Life

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### *The Pastor's Pondering:*

#### Changing Seasons

Let us fall into the season of autumn with a mug of hot chocolate. Let us step outside and smell cool brisk air and fill our lungs to capacity with the pure mountain air. Take in the beauty of the fall leaves before they all fall to the ground. So much beauty! Don't miss it!

Autumn is a transforming time of year. Isaiah 40:8- *"The grass withers, the flowers of summer are fading but the Word of God still stands."* This is a season drenched in tradition. It is the perfect time to reflect on and embrace change.

Galatians 6:9- *"And let us not grow weary of doing well, for in due season we will reap a harvest, if we do not faint or give up"*

These times of COVID-19 are uncertain. From one Sunday to another we don't know where or if we will worship face to face or not. We may not be sure of many things but one thing we do know: if we continue to hold on to God's unchanging hands, we will reap a good harvest.

We leave the summer heat and high temperatures behind. The blooming flowers have all withered under the frost and cool nights. And they are replaced with crisp brown leaves that ever so majestically fall to the ground, creating a bed of golden-brown padding.

Spiritually, we await the coming of All Saints, (this year the election), Veterans Day and most of all, Thanksgiving Day. This year it may seem as if we have nothing to be thankful for. But again, don't get weary because if you don't give up, you will reap a harvest. Thanksgiving is celebrated every day with family and friends and even people we don't know. We celebrate life, love and happiness. We celebrate family and friends and deeds done in the name of Jesus.

Then there is Advent when we anticipate the coming of our Lord. This year the invitation is more sincere than years gone by. For we say, "Come Lord Jesus, Come! Heal our land. Heal our bodies. Rid us of this awful virus!" So, we began to prepare for His coming. Wreaths are hung, ceremonies are conducted, rituals are carried out and more talk about Christ.

Anticipation fills the air. Fall gives way to winter. Daylight saving time ends and darkness descends early. And although we have been quarantined for some time this year, the darkness makes isolation even starker. But those of us who walk in the light of the Lord know that darkness cannot over-shadow light.

Finally, people are transformed and began to see the probabilities of the darkness to come. Long evening walks become shorter; nevertheless, we are still able to walk. The air is no longer warm but we still have our being and can still feel the crispness of the air on our cheeks and know the Lord is still near. And, though we become more home bound, we are still able to enjoy the goodness that is our Lord.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22- *"For everything there is season, and a time for every matter under the heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; (we recognize all our saints who have gone to the Church triumph in 2020). A time to plant and to pluck up what has been planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to breakdown, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing."*

It is my prayer that you will embrace this time; that you will not allow the circumstances of life to dictate how you will live. I pray we will all take every precaution to stay safe and keep those around us safe. And most of all, I pray we will embrace the love of Jesus Christ and pass the love on to include loving our neighbors as we love ourselves.

God bless! Happy Thanksgiving! Welcome Advent!

Pastor Barbara

**Calendar for November 2020:**

**10** 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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**Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family**

Anita Coulthard		Joanna Dennstaedt
Skeeter Yeatts	Peggy Bolling	Dale Carter
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	Tony Smith
Diane Mash Jones		Christina Reynolds
Sandra Warmoth		Margaret Carter
William & Doris Quintana		Wayne Rector
Hannah Moore		Judith Faris
Dave Henderson		Rev. Doyle's daughter
Carl McKinney		Peggy & Sammy Vaughan

**Expressions of Sympathy to:**

*\*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)*

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**Sunday Worship services**

Pastor Barbara will be presenting a message on Facebook “live” **each Sunday morning at 9:30.**

From Nov. 1 and forward – until further notice, all face-to-face worship will take place **OUTSIDE only**, either under the shelter (**Meadowview @ 10:30**) or under the tents (**Shady Grove @ 11:30**). **Reasons for NO in-person worship are:** temperature less than 50 degrees, snow, sleet or freezing rain. In those cases, worship will be via Facebook **only**.

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**2020 Charge Conference:**

Sunday, Nov. 08 @ 2:30 p.m. – Abingdon UMC

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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 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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