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Saturday, December 8
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Willow Tree Farms, 607 Post Oak Road, Ringgold GA 30736

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DECEMBER 2018

Dear Friends,



Many of us remember Christmas times when we were growing up. From time to time I also think about those days. I remember going with my father to pick out a Christmas Tree. It had to be just right – full all the way around with no gaps or broken branches. In Augusta, GA where I grew up, it was worth the trip downtown to go to Fat Man's Corner, which was a store that had the most Christmas decorations ever! And also there were toys there for kids to look at and dream.

The picture has my four older brothers in it. I'm the little fellow with my back to the camera and wearing a plaid shirt.

Enjoy Christmas this year. Enjoy all the decorations, special events, etc.; and review the birth stories of Jesus as a part of your gratitude and thanks for God's grace.

Thank you.

Randy Walworth

December

Sunday 12/2 UM Men's breakfast in Heritage Hall 7:30 a.m.
 Tuesday 12/4 Wesley Class/Keenagers Lunch 11:30 a.m.
 Wednesday 12/5 Nursing Home Birthday Party 9:30 a.m.
 Thursday 12/6 Prayers & Stitches in Koinonia room 6:00 p.m.
 Friday 12/7 Ringgold Christmas Parade 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 12/8 Christmas at the Farm 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday 12/9 Christmas Open House at Parsonage 2-4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 12/18 UM Women in Heritage Hall 7:00 p.m.
 Monday 12/24 Christmas Eve Service in Heritage Hall 4:00 p.m.
 Monday 12/24 Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.
 Monday 12/24 Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary 11:00 p.m.

**Holy Communion Offering
 is for Nicaragua Mission Trip
 Sunday, December 2 – 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**



Monday, December 24

**4:00 p.m. Casual, Family Christmas Service
 (Heritage Hall)**

**6:00 & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Worship
 (Sanctuary)**



**Christmas Festival of Music
 Sunday, December 16 – 6:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary**

Our choir will be singing the cantata *Night of Miracles* by John W. Peterson. This is a wonderful invitation opportunity, so bring your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

The Manner of Giving: Sacrificially

"As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 'I tell you the truth,' he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'"
 Luke 21:1-4

Sacrifice. Does the word conjure up an image of a lamb or a goat being slain and offered on an Old Testament altar? Or do you see Jesus on the cross - the ultimate sacrifice of all time? Do you think of the time you gave up that fishing trip to take your wife to the mall? Or do you remember the time you passed up lunch with a friend to accompany 30 first graders on an all-day field trip?

Sacrifice hits us where we live. Whether it be time, service, assets, or money, it requires us to give up something we hold dear. Why is sacrifice difficult? We are prone to an attitude of entitlement. Our society encourages individualism and success, often at the expense of others. The first step in becoming a truly sacrificial giver is to recognize that all we have comes from God and belongs to Him. Without Him, we would have nothing. A second step to being able to give as this widow did, is overcoming our fear of not being able to provide for ourselves and our loved ones. Giving beyond our means, however, is not to be confused with living beyond our means. As seen in this example and in the example of the widow who provided for Elijah and never ran out of flour and oil, when we give all we have back to God, He will provide for us beyond our wildest imagination.

Let's take God at His word. We've seen how He blesses those who give from a heart that recognizes the great sacrifice God made for us and that we can trust Him enough to provide all we need. Can we love and trust Him that much?

Have a Blessed Day,
 Your Financial Secretary
 Ann Orr

Mission Trip



Next trip to Nicaragua will be January 12 through 19, 2019. This is the first time we can go to Nicaragua since the unrest in that country. If you would like to know more about this trip, please contact Jarrett and Sheri Eschenfelder at 615-336-5508.



December

- 2 Mary Beth Walworth
- 3 Allison Craft
- 3 Conner Robey
- 7 Alex McCroskey
- 7 Kristin Mashburn
- 8 Tootsie Owens
- 8 Stacy Mashburn
- 11 Kristy Elrod
- 12 Annie Wyatt
- 13 Patty Bishop
- 13 Michelle Rambin
- 14 Randy Huskey
- 14 Audrey Crow
- 16 Brett Aalfs
- 20 Amy Stone
- 20 Christopher Aven
- 20 Jon Forgey
- 20 Tristan Philips
- 25 Dale Burwitz



- 18 Tim & Tina Holt
- 20 Mike & Varen Thacker
- 28 Jim & Susan Wooten



December Menus

- December 5 Arizona Skillet Dinner, green beans, slaw, rolls and apple dessert with ice cream
- December 12 Worschester Chicken, 16 beans, broccoli, layered salad and peach short cake
- December 19 Honey Baked Han, sweet potato casserole, butter peas, roasted veggies, rolls and cinnamon streusel cake.
- December 26 No Wednesday Night Supper due to Christmas and New Year's Holidays
 January 2

Servants for December

Sunday Nursery (9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

- 2 Wanda Harris
- 9 Tina Holt
- 16 Mary Martin
- 24 Fay Peters
- 30 Barbara McCroskey

Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m.

Greeters

- 2 Tom & JanElle Mooney
- 9 Wanda Harris
- 16 Harvey & Amy Williams
- 24 Gigi & Beau Pattison
- 30 Barron Dietz

Host/Hostess

- Kelly Jones – 706-937-4676
- Sandra Smith - 706-947-5325

Head Usher

- Jim Cospier

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

Greeters

- 2 Jim Cospier / Patty Bishop / David Humble
- 9 Kay Harper / Dennis Sims / Fay Peters
- 16 Jarrett & Sheri Eschenfelder / David Humble
- 23 Steve & Sally Abercrombie / Lisa Huskey
- 30 Dennis Sims / Sandra Smith / Nancy Bunch

Acolytes & Holy Communion Stewards

- 2 Acolyte/Holy Communion Steward – Lisa Huskey
 Howard & Glenda Thomas – Holy Communion Stewards



Church community

Sherma Addington – health concerns
 Charlie Ball – lymphoma
 Tom Billington
 Neil Bird
 Carl Bunch – recovering from heart surgery
 Barbara Chambers
 Lois Dietz
 Iris Eaves
 Family of Bob Gilbert
 Dot Gilbert
 Dan and Janice Harding
 Richard and DeAnne Huskey
 Johnny Long – looking for job opportunities
 Jerry Lowery – health concerns
 Claire McCullough – untenable work situation
 Katie McCullough – starting new job in Knoxville
 JanElle Mooney needs a job
 Connie Noland – ear problems
 Nancy Perry
 Theo & Nan Pinkston
 Cathaleen Rivers - seizures
 Joyce Roach
 Chuck Thacker
 Jennifer Walworth
 Rob Waters – degenerative disk in back
 Sadie White
 Harvey Williams – heart concerns
 Sue Williams
 Bob Walden – NHC
 Annie Wyatt

Cancer

Fred Baer – lung, requested by Julie Dietz
 Bill Beagan, multiple myeloma – friend of Howard & Glenda Thomas
 Nancy Brock – colon, requested by Julie Dietz
 Ann Brooks – lung, Haley McCullough's grandmother
 Scott Eldridge, Claire McCullough's cousin
 Cecil & Nita Geter – parents of Carolyn Bonner
 Kara Hubbard, stage 4 – niece of Howard & Glenda Thomas
 Lawrence Levan – Dot Gilbert's brother
 Howard Mathes – lung, uncle of Lee Shirley / Sharon Guffey
 Dale McCloud – pancreatic, friend of Brian & Melanie Gentry
 Axton Solberg – brain, 3 year old – son of Toby Solberg, pastor at New Heights Baptist Church in Ringgold
 Glenda Shropshire – pancreatic, friend of Darraj family
 Billy Wallworth, prostate, brother of Randy Walworth
 Bert Workman – cancer, friend of Nancy Bunch

Our Mission Field

For Boynton UMC to reach people for Jesus Christ
 BUMC Worship Services (Contemporary and Traditional)
 Sunday School
 Student Ministry / BKidz Children's Program
 BKidz Day Out Program
 Stephen Ministry
 Prayers & Stitches
 Recovery at Ringgold
 My New Normal (Parents of Special Needs Kids) support group
 Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission
 Nicaragua
 February 2019 Special Called Conference

Catoosa Schools, in particular our partnership schools:
 Elementary: Boynton, West Side, Woodstation
 Middle: Heritage, Ringgold
 High: Heritage, Ringgold, LFO

Homebound/Senior Care Facilities

Bertha Baker, Tom Billington, Margaret Bowman, Martha Dietz, Lois Dunn, Edith Land, Stacy Mashburn

Our Church

Pastor Randy Walworth, Jennifer, Mary Beth
 Our BUMC staff and their families: Linda, Carl, Gigi, Katie,
 Joe, Diane, Ellen, Janet, Julie and Rebecca
 Our church, our community, our nation, our world
 Our New Building and Renovated Sanctuary Project
 The United Methodist Church

Other requests

Bob & Ruth Bennett – health concerns, Diana Doyle's parents
 Lamar Brown – triple bypass surgery, brother of Theresa Waters
 Rick Bryant family – friend of Tim Holt
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 Mary Byington – needs new liver, Anna Williams' Mimi
 Anna Williams grandmother and mom's family – keep them safe
 Patrick Chandler, CF needs lung transplant, requested by Mike Harris
 Dennis Doyle – Richard' brother – medical concerns
 Mary Ann Dyer & Family, previous Asst. Principal at West Side Elementary – husband passed
 Patrick Johnston's dad
 Claire McCullough's co-worker's father
 Jerry Noland's nephew, Michael – stroke, Jerry & Connie Noland
 Terry Oliver- friend of Holt family
 Marty Robertson – aneurysm, cousin of Lamar Stone
 Rhonda Robinson – balance problems, friend of Noland's
 Saylor Ruis – health issues, 8 yrs. old, Jack & Reba Love
 Judy Plemon's 13 year old nephew – serious health problems
 Karen Small – car wreck – broken bones, co-worker from WSE
 Stacey Smith – friend of Lois Nix
 Gail Townsend – stopping all chemo treatments, requested by Barrett's
 Jimmy & Sue Walworth – recovering, brother of Pastor Randy

Christmas Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You dear heavenly Father for sending the only begotten and eternal Son of Your love – the Lord Jesus Christ to be born as a tiny baby in such humble conditions, so that the fallen race of mankind could be redeemed from their sin and be made sons and daughters of the Most High God – through faith in His name.

How we bless Your holy name for all the goodness and loving kindness that You have extended to us and to all the fallen race of humanity. Thank You that He set aside His glory to be dressed in human flesh so that in the fullness of time, those that trust in His name might be made Your sons and daughters and joint heirs with Christ Himself.

Thank You that You never gave up on mankind but have allowed us to regain fellowship with Yourself, simply by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us we pray the light of Your love in our hearts this Christmas time and the opportunity to tell of the good news of the gospel of Christ to those that are perishing. Draw many into Your kingdom we pray so that Your name may be glorified and to You be all the praise and honor and glory and thanks – for You alone are worthy.

Amen and Amen.

-submitted by Mike Harris, Prayer Chair

A Way Forward/Special General Conference in February

We have had a prayer effort for some months now for the Special General Conference that will be held in February 2019. It is on the church prayer list and the Koinonia Class has kept it on their prayer list as well.

In October I attended a meeting at Ooltewah United Methodist sponsored by the Holston Annual Conference which was led by two of their delegates to General Conference. They did a very good job of explaining what the proposals are that will come up in February.

In essence there will be three proposals presented to the Special General Conference to choose from. In these studies it has been found that most everyone has definite opinions & has strong feelings. United Methodists are divided on this topic. The proposals are focusing on how to maintain unity in the midst of all this. In short these do not force a different way of believing on a church.

ONE CHURCH PLAN – This proposal lets each individual church choose which way they believe. Each pastor will also choose how they believe. Traditionalist pastors will be sent to Traditionalist churches; for example.

TRADITIONALIST PLAN – This plan maintains our current stance (While we believe LGBT persons are of sacred worth to God we also believe that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with the scriptures). This plan strengthens this stance.

CONNECTIONAL CONFERENCES PLAN – Within the United States this plan does away with having regional annual conferences such as North Georgia, Holston, South Georgia, etc. Instead there will be just three conferences in the USA. The Traditionalist Annual Conference will maintain the current denominational stance. The Progressive Annual Conference will allow same sex unions. The Centrist Annual Conference will allow their individual churches and pastors to decide for themselves as in the One Church Plan. All U.S. churches would each decide which conference they prefer to be in.

I thought the best way of getting the information to you at this time would be to offer some links below:

Videos:

1. This is a great Youtube video of delegates explaining the three proposals that will be considered in February:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dR1eriGpJM&feature=youtu.be>

2. In this video, the Council on Bishops discuss the One Church model:

<https://vimeo.com/277331100/3d399afb04>

3. Bishop Sue of the North Georgia Conference speaks about THE WAY FORWARD at the 2018 North Georgia Annual Conference:

<https://vimeo.com/276351658>

4. Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball of West Virginia gives an overview of the proposals in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yX8CeDy5FHY>

Prayers & Stitches

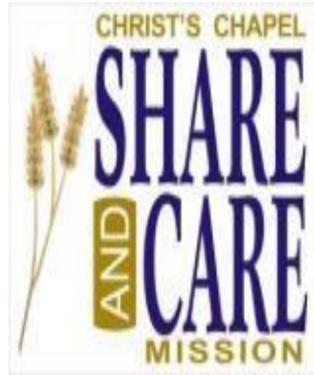


It's **fall y'all** and it's time to start thinking about **gently used or new WINTER COATS** and other clothing items that are needed for **Westside Elementary School Clothes Closet**. New socks and underwear are preferred. Now is the time to start checking yard sales for any size of children's clothing, especially gently used coats and other clearance sales at the area stores. One of our members has jump started our collection and just last week bought several gently used coats at a bi-yearly clothes consignment sale. It's also amazing to find good used clothing items at Goodwill or other local resale stores. If you would like to be part of this mission and do not like to shop, we will shop for you. Please let us know how you would like to help. There are so many needs for these little ones that are from families not as blessed as we are. We will have a collection box setup in Heritage Hall and the back hallway of our Church. Lois Nix, a BUMC member and also a teacher at Westside Elementary School, will help coordinate distribution of these items.

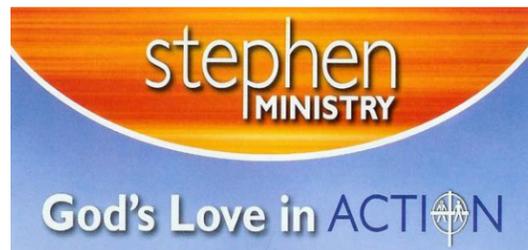
Prayers and Stitches are currently meeting the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Koinonia Sunday school classroom. We currently only have about 5 active crafters. In order to continue this rewarding ministry, we need a few more crocheting with us or crocheting at home. We currently provide **Prayer Shawls or Prayer Scarfs**, at **NO charge**, for anyone needing **Special Prayer**. If you would like to learn to crochet, we have everything you need to get started. If you crochet and prefer to crochet at home, let me know and we will provide the skeins of yarn. Those receiving these **shawls/scarfs** may be in need of strength while undergoing medical procedures; those in need of comfort after a loss; those in need of peace and patience during an illness and recovery. There are endless possibilities! It is truly amazing how being wrapped in an item, which has been prayed over, will offer such comfort. We may never know the impact these items have on those receiving them.

Please continue to pray that we can continue with this amazing ministry. A **Prayer Shawl** or **Scarf** can be requested by calling the church office or talking with Patty Bishop, Sandra Smith, Lisa Huskey, Ann Orr, Susie Bostic, or by contacting me at 423-902-4321 or Email me at gthomas346@comcast.net

-submitted by Glenda Thomas



Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission is in need of **canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and canned vegetables** during the month of December. Please leave the items under the mailboxes in the hallway across from the women's restroom. Or place on altar on Sunday, December 16.



**Next Men's Breakfast
Sunday, December 2, 2018
7:30 a.m. in Heritage Hall**



At the December meeting, December 18, we will be making Christmas boxes for the women at the Women's Shelter. We have done this for several years and it is always a special time for us. If you want to help we will be happy to receive donations of items that we include in the box are toiletries, gloves, small Bibles and books, pens, note paper, candy scarves, socks, calendars, lotion, hats, fleece blankets and any small items that will fit into our boxes. After we fix up our boxes (we usually have 15-20) then we wrap them and add a beautiful bow. Any items we have left, we take them to the Shelter along with the boxes. They can always use these items to help future women. These items can be placed in the Koinoina classroom if you like to help out. Everyone is welcome to join us in the special time for the United Methodist Women.

But before we start all this fun, we begin with a small devotion and everyone brings their favorite finger foods to be enjoyed by all.

We are working on plans to have a Spring Bazaar in March and our annual Women's Luncheon in April.

The District UMW retreat is March 3-4 of next year. This is always a great time to get away and spend time relaxing and meditating on God's word.

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

Blessings,
Ann Orr
UMW President

**The 2018 December Calendar
is the next page down.**



BLESS Sacks is a self-funded program that provides a weekend supplement to local students who receive free or reduced lunches in the Catoosa County School System. Last school year we packed over 3,000 sacks for Boynton Elementary, Heritage Middle, and Performance Learning Center. If you would like to help pack the sacks, we meet every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the *BLESS Sacks* room (located across from the Nursery).



Boynton United Methodist Church

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>7:30 a.m. UM Men Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (Kidz, Students, Adults) 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 1:00 p.m. Put up lights at <i>Willow Tree Farms</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Wesley Class & <i>Keenagers</i> Christmas lunch at Greenbrier Cove</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Nursing Home Party 5:00 p.m. <i>Bless Sacks</i> 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:45 p.m. BKidz Children 6:45 p.m. Student Ministry 6:45 p.m. Traditional Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 p.m. <i>Prayers & Stitches</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Recovery</i> (RUMC)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Ringgold Christmas Parade</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 p.m. <i>Christmas at the Farm</i></p>
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