Christmas at the Farm

Petting Zoo ◊ Santa ◊ Hayride ◊ Snacks ◊ Kids’ Activities ◊ Firepit ◊ Lights

Saturday, December 8
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

A gift to the community from Boynton United Methodist Church and Boynton Baptist Church

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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

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

Sunday 12/2
UM Men’s Breakfast at Heritage Hall 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday 12/4
Wesley Class/Teenagers Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Nursing Home Birthday Party 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 12/5
Prayers & Stitchers in Kinmen room 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 12/6
Rogaland Christmas Parade 6:00 p.m.

Friday 12/7
Christmas at the Farm 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Open House at Parsonage 2-4:00 p.m.

Saturday 12/8
UM Women In Heritage Hall 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 12/11
Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.

Monday 12/17
Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 12/23
Christmas Festival of Music
Monday 12/24
Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service in Heritage Hall 11:00 a.m.

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.

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 come 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

Christmas and New Year’s Holidays
Christmas Eve Service
Monday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Casual, Family Christmas Service (Sanctuary)
6:00 & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Worship (Heritage Hall)

December Menus
December 9
Arizona Skillet Dinner, green beans, slaw, rolls and apple dessert with ice cream

December 12
Worchester Chicken, 16 beans, broccoli, layered salad and peach short cake

December 19
Honey Baked Ham, 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

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.
2 Tom & Janie Mooney
9 Wanda Harris
16 Harley & Amy Williams
24 Gigi & Beau Patterson
30 Barron Dietz

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.
2 Jim Cosper
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

Anniversary Blessings
Blessings on your Birthday

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

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

2018 Mission Trip 
18 Tim & Tina Holt
20 Mike & Varen Thacker
28 Jim & Susan Wooten

2019 Mission Trip 
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20 Mike & Varen Thacker
28 Jim & Susan Wooten

2020 Mission Trip
18 Tim & Tina Holt
20 Mike & Varen Thacker
28 Jim & Susan Wooten
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 Church 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 Plan was and what 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 this all. 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 will do 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 some sex unions. The Central Annual Conference will allow their individual churches and pastors to decide for themselves as in the One Church Plan. All U.S. churches will each decide which church their ministers will be a part of.

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=
2. In this video, the Council on Bishops discuss the One Church model: https://www.ymw.org/27731000/0d39fbd4
3. Bishop Sue of the North Georgia Conference speaks about THE WAY FORWARD at the 2018 Special General Conference: https://vimeo.com/276351668
4. Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball of West Virginia gives an overview of the proposals in this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycx8Cd04kYH

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 United Goodwill Coats 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 3-year-old 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 Stitchers 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 Scraps, at no charge, for anyone needing a Special Prayer. If you would like to learn to crochet, we have everything you need to get started. If you crochet and would like to crochet at home, let me know and we will provide the skeins of yarn. Those receiving these shawls/scraps 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, Saundra Smith, Lisa Orr, Ann Orr, Susie Bostick, or by contacting me at 423-902-4321 or Email me at gthomas346@comcast.net

-submitted by Glenda Thomas

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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 circumstances. You allowed us to regain fellowship with Yourself, simply by allowing Your Son to be dressed in human flesh so that in the fullness of time, those that trust in His name made be 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 more love for You and Your work here 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

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Catossal Schools in particular our partnership schools:
Elementary: Boynton, West Side, Woodstock
Middle: Heritage, Ringgold
High: Heritage, Ringgold, UPO

Homebound/Senior Care Facilities
Berta Baker, Tom Billington, Margaret Bowman, Martha Dietz, Lois Dunn, Edith Land, Stacy Mabforn

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 Reinveted Sanctuary Project
The United Methodist Church

Other requests
Bob & Samantha Bennett – health concerns, Diane Doyle’s parents
Lamar Brown – triple bypass surgery, brother of Theresa Waters
Rick Bryant family – friend of Tim sweet
Lamar Brown – triple bypass surgery, brother of Theresa Waters
Mary Byington – needs new liver, Anna Williams’ mini
Anna Williams grandmother and mom’s family – keep them safe
Patrick Chandler, CF needs lung transplant, requested by Mike Harris
Dale McCloud – Richard brother – medical concerns
Mary Ann Dyer & Family, previous Asst. Principal at West Side Elementary – husband passed
Patrick Johnstone’s dad
Claire McCloud’s co-worker’s friend
Jerry Noland’s nephew, Michael – stroke, Jerry & Connie Noland
Terry Oliver – friend of Holt family
Mary Robertson – ex-nanny, cousin of Lamar Stone
Robin Robinson – balance problems, friend of Noland’s
Saylor Ruis – health issues, 8 yrs. old, Jack & Reba Love
Judy Remmon’s 13 year old nephew – serious health problems
Karen Small – car wreck – broken bones, co-worker from WSE
Sherry Smith – friend of Lois Nix
Gail Torrington – stopping all chemo treatments, requested by Barrett’s Jimmy & Sue Walworth – recovering, brother of Pastor Randy

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Prayer Requests

Church community
Sharma Addington – health concerns
Charli Bell – lymphoma
Tom Billington
Neil Bird
Carol Bird – recovering from heart surgery
Barbara Chambers
Lori Dietz
Iris Eaves
Family of Bob Gilbert
Dot Gilbert
Dan and Janice Harding
Richard and Deonne Hudson
Johnny Long – looking for job opportunities
Terry Lowery – health concerns
Claire McCullough – uninvolved
Kate McCullough – starting new job in Knoxville
Jan Elle Mooney needs a job
Connie Noland – ear problems
Nancy Perry
Theo & Nan Prinston
Cathaleen Rivers – seizures
Joyce Rauch
Chuck Tracker
Jennifer Walworth
Rob Waters – degenerative disk in back
Sadie White
Harvey Williams – heart concerns
Sue Williams
Bob Walden – NHC
Annie Wyett

Family
Bill Beagan, cancer, friend of Nancy Bunch
Cancer
Calvin Beier – lung, requested by Julie Dietz
Bill Beigan – multiple myeloma – friend of Howard & Glenda Thomas
Nancy Brock – color, requested by Julie Dietz
Ann Brooks – lung, Haley McCloud’s grandmother
Scott Ellridge, Claire McCloud’s cousin
Cecil & Nita Geter – parents of Caralyn 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
Dave McCush – pancreatic, friend of Brian & Melanie Gentry
Anto Solberg – brain, 3 year old – son of Toby Solberg, pastor at New Heights Baptist Church in Ringgold
Gilberto Shapecly – pancreatic, friend of Danai family
Bill Walworth, 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 & Stitchers
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
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.

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).

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 Koinonia 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

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