



### **Youth Lunch and Cake Auction**

**Sunday, March 29**

**immediately following the 10:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday combined worship service**

**Sponsored by our Student Ministry**

Our youth need your donations of lots and lots of cakes, pies and desserts to be auctioned off. The money will go for Youth missions! A Spaghetti Lunch will be furnished by our Youth!

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## **Boynton United Methodist Church**

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Mission: *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

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### **March 2020**

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With the mark of ashes on our foreheads as a visual sign, we began the season of Lent. Lent is a season of repentance, of reflection, of preparation, as we anticipate Easter.

Our sermon series during this season is Markers of Our Lives. Just as the mark of ashes identified us as followers of Jesus, what we do and how we act are markers of who we are, revealing our priorities and what we value. They are external indicators of our internal selves. They are the evidence! So during Lent, we will look at different markers, to understand ourselves a bit better, so that we find how God can be at work in us.

We number 40 days for this journey, remembering Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. During this particular time Jesus prepared for his ministry, and then held steadfast as he was tempted by Satan to turn away from what was right.

We can use this season of Lent to prepare us to be able to hold fast to what is good and true and desired by God.

During Lent we often give up something or commit to something as a daily reminder of the great love of Jesus. I would invite each of us to examine our own selves, as week by week we travel together. Just as ashes are an external mark of an internal belief, let our actions be markers of our lives transformed by Jesus.

Blessings of this season of Lent,  
Pastor Nena

<b>March</b>	
Tuesday 3/3	Wesley Class Lunch at Logans 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday 3/4	Birthday Party at Pruet's Nursing Home 10:00 a.m.
Thursday 3/5	Prayers & Stitches- Koinonia classroom 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3/10	Stephen Ministry in Koinonia Class 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/16	Keenagers at Portofino's in East Ridge 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday 3/17	UM Women in Heritage Hall 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 3/22	UMW Lenten Day Apart in Sanctuary 2:30 p.m.
Sunday 3/29	UM Men Breakfast in Heritage Hall 7:30 a.m.
Sunday 3/29	Combined Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday 3/29	Youth serves lunch in HH at 11:30 a.m. followed by Cake Auction

**Our Holy Communion Offering  
is for UMCOR Offering**

**Sunday, March 1, 2020  
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special UMCOR Sunday offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope.

Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

Because we keep operating costs under 10% of our total budget, undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR's administrative needs. When that happens, your support is channeled to underfunded programs, where they're most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised.

Because of your donation on UMCOR Sunday, we're ready to respond in times of crisis.



**Sunday, March 8  
Daylight Savings Time Begins  
GENEROSITY**

*"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds,  
and to be generous and willing to share."  
1 Timothy 6:18*

Generosity never stands alone. It is always associated with other traits. It is a symptom, not an independent entity.

Find a generous person and you will find contentment, gratitude, humility, love and compassion. The person cannot help but be generous because everything he is and has is tied up in relation to God. The generous person, for example, might be so thankful for the family van that a natural expression of their stewardship would be loaning it to the youth group for a weekend outing.

Contentment is a key factor to generosity. It walks hand-in-hand with gratitude because only when a person no longer desires for self is generosity perfected. Maybe that's why Paul is speaking to the rich in this passage. In the preceding verse, Paul instructs Timothy, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." The product of arrogance and trusting in riches is to hoard wealth and continue to be greedy. It is so easy to want more and more, isn't it? That's why Paul commands the rich to adjust their behavior and elevate their motives because greed, to any degree, closes the door to generosity.

I encourage all of us to be content and grateful. May generosity overflow from our cup of humility, gratitude, contentment and love. Let's take hold of life that is truly life!

From your Financial Secretary

**Financial Report January, 2020**

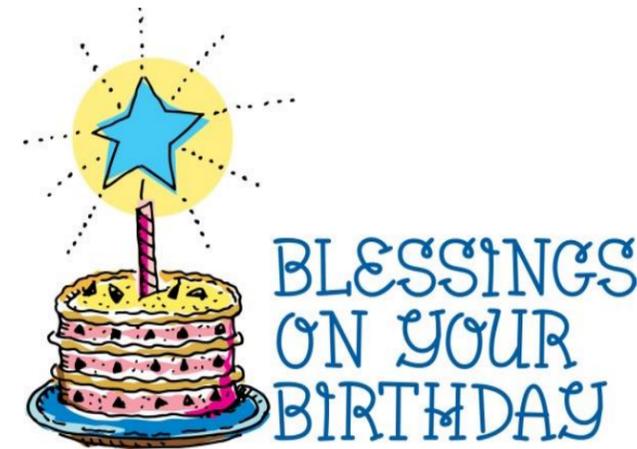
Income: \$17,321.55  
Expenses: \$18,842.88

Did you know that Boynton United Methodist's average heating gas bill for the winter months (November through March) is \$732.20?

**Youth Summer Mission Trip**

Our mission trip is planned for June 5 – 8 at Epworth by the Sea. We are accepting

monetary donations, individual drinks such as Gatorade, Capri Suns, bottled water etc. and snacks for the trip. Thank you.



**March**

- 3 Rickey Howard
- 5 Claire McCullough
- 5 Lois Dunn
- 7 Hallie Byrd
- 22 Deborah Craft
- 27 Noah McGaughey
- 29 Richard Doyle
- 29 Robert Castleberry



- 3 Matthew & Jessica Settle mire
- 18 Tom & Wanda Harris
- 20 Brett & Sharon Aalfs
- 21 Harvey & Amy Williams
- 29 Berry & Becky Cooke



- March 4 Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert.
- March 11 Pork tenderloin, cabbage casserole, green beans, bread, and Shamrock Cake.
- March 18 Irish Stew, Shamrock Gelatin Salad, Pretzel Bites, Bread Pudding
- March 25 Chili, green beans, butter noodles and Dessert.**

**Remember each cook buys the food for their meal. Please pay if you sign up so that they don't run short.**

**Servants for March**

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

- 1 Nancy Bunch / Tina Holt
- 8 Sandra Smith
- 15 Lois Nix
- 22 Wanda Harris
- 29 Tina Holt

**Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m.**

Greeters

- 1 Tom & JanElle Mooney
- 8 Wanda Harris
- 15 Barron Dietz
- 22 Matt & Jessica Settle mire
- 29 Combined Worship Service

Host/Hostess

Howard & Glenda Thomas 423-902-4321

Head Usher

Jim Cosper 706-956-8454

**Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.**

Greeters

- 1 Jim Cosper / Patty Bishop / Lisa Huskey
- 8 Kay Harper / Dennis Sims / David Humble
- 15 Fay Peters / Jarrett & Sheri Eschenfelder
- 22 Steve & Sally Abercrombie / David Humble
- 29 Jim Cosper / Sandra Smith / Nancy Bunch

Acolytes & Holy Communion Stewards

- 1 Deborah Levin - Acolyte/Holy Communion Steward; Jarrett & Sheri Eschenfelder – Holy Communion Stewards



Church community

Sherma Addington – health concerns  
 Charlie Ball – lymphoma  
 Jan Ball – multiple sclerosis / lupus  
 Tom Billington  
 Neil Bird  
 Dale Burwitz – health concerns  
 Barbara Chambers  
 Audrey Crow  
 Iris Eaves  
 Dot Gilbert  
 Janice Harding  
 Wanda Harwood – recovering from shoulder replacement  
 Tina Holt – recovering from surgery to wrist  
 Rickey Howard – other issues, Deborah Levin’s son  
 Jimmey Hughes – caregiver of Barbara Chambers  
 Lisa Huskey  
 DeAnne Huskey  
 Barbara McCroskey – recovering from shoulder surgery  
 Jan Elle Mooney – health concerns  
 Tony Nix – kidney cancer  
 Nancy Perry – stage 4 kidney disease – recovering from surgery  
 Theo Pinkston  
 Cathaleen Rivers – seizures  
 Lamar Stone  
 Chuck Thacker  
 Sadie White – recovering from back surgery  
 Harvey Williams – home  
 Sue Williams  
 Annie Wyatt  
 Steve Wyatt

Cancer

Fred Baer – lung, requested by Julie Dietz  
 Bill Beagan - multiple myeloma, friend of Howard & Glenda Thomas  
 Bill Bradley – multiple myeloma, Ann Orr’s brother-in-law  
 Ann Brooks – lung with hospice care, Haley McCullough’s grandmother  
 Russell Chambers – throat, nephew of Barbara Chambers  
 Gaye Coker – lymphoma, friend of Debbie Craft  
 Jerry Creason – inoperable growth between heart, lungs and spine, cousin of Claire McCullough  
 Scott Eldridge, Claire McCullough’s cousin  
 Cecil Geter – father of Carolyn Bonner  
 Danny Gibbs – bladder, uncle of Lisa Huskey  
 Lawrence Levan – Dot Gilbert’s brother  
 Howard Mathes – lung, uncle of Lee Shirley / Sharon Guffey  
 Co-worker’s husband –liver and pancreatic, co-worker of Claire McCullough  
 Terry Oliver – friend of Holt family  
 Kristen Peters – breast, granddaughter of Fay Peters  
 Heidi Dietz Pursley – breast, sister of Barron Dietz  
 Family of Rev. Ron Ragon– pastor at Fairview UMC  
 Carla Ramos – tumor, co-worker of Debbie Craft  
 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  
 Chris Wolfe – prostate, friend of Barron Dietz

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

Homebound/Senior Facilities

Tom Billington, Margaret Bowman, Charlie Ball, Lois Dietz  
 Lois Dunn, Stacy Mashburn

Our Church

Pastor Nena & Dennis Jones and Inez Geisler, Nena’s Mother  
 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

Valerie Barnes – second small stroke, Claire’s sister-in-law  
 Ruth Bennett – recovering from partial kneed replacement, mother of Diana Doyle  
 Christopher Brown–ACS ins.refusing IV meds, Jimmy’s 16 yr old nephew  
 Lamar Brown – triple bypass surgery, brother of Theresa Waters  
 Dennis Doyle – Richard’ brother – medical concerns  
 Heath Green – surgery for orbital fracture, cousin of Julie & Rebecca  
 Alex Hullender – ICU, Jennifer Holdaway’s brother  
 Baby Olin Isip – home from NICU, relative of Diana Doyle  
 Mike Jenkins – former member, surgery on tumor behind eye  
 Nikhoma Johnson, recovering –niece of Jennifer Walworth  
 Ray Johnson, stroke – Jennifer Walworth’s brother  
 Patrick Johnston’s dad  
 James Kennedy - older brother of Barbara McCroskey  
 David Mahon – good recovery from bypass surgery, father of Jerry Noland’s nephew, Michael – stroke, Jerry & Connie Noland  
 Marty Robertson – aneurysm, cousin of Lamar Stone  
 Rhonda Robinson – balance problems, friend of Noland’s  
 Judy Plemon’s 13 year old nephew – serious health problems  
 Karen Small – car wreck – broken bones, co-worker from WSE  
 Melvin Steele – needs kidney transplant, friend of Mike Harris  
 Marilyn Struthers – who needs healing after losing her husband  
 Krystal Vander Sys – total hip replacement, friend of Gigi Pattison  
 Michelle Vandusen – surgery 3 brain tumors, neighbor of Tom & Wanda  
 Aminah & Elias Willerson dealing w/divorce, grandchildren of Darraj’s

*We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal live. 1 John 5:20 NIV*

**Love our God**, we turn our faces to you and plead with you to come to us earthly and often tormented people. May we find strength in the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom redemption is promised to us all. May your kingdom at last be revealed and everything change for the better even though we do not see it yet. May we always honor your name above all others, for you are our Father and we want to hold fast to your grace that lets us call you Father. In our troubled times we want to have enduring faith that you can bring a new time when good shall at last emerge from all the distress. Grant that every broken and needy person may experience your help, your grace, and your salvation, and may know that these always surround us, of only our eyes are open to see and recognize them. So we want to thank and praise you at all times, and at last know the joy of eternity, to your glory and honor. Amen

-submitted by Mike Harris, Prayer Chair

**An Invitation to join the Agape Class for a Lenten Study**

- If you are one of those Christians who want to give something up for Lent as an act of sacrifice and spiritual discipline...  
AND
- If you are tired of giving up something you really like...
  - Chocolate
  - Desserts
  - Television
  - Salt
  - Cream and Sugar (I can’t drink black coffee!!)

**Then join us as we study: GIVE UP SOMETHING BAD FOR LENT**

We will begin the study on April 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Study will end on Easter  
 Class time: 10:40 – 11:20ish  
**(everyone is welcome!**

**(Even if you need to slip out for Traditional Service) Books are available via Amazon or at Cokesbury**



The January mission trip to Nicaragua had an amazing team. All worked hard and consistently. When they saw a need they took care to fulfill that need with compassion and love.

MMC saw over 1,200 patients. The Dentist saw 124 dental patients.

Pastors Nena and Mike Shearon opened the clinic each day with a devotional and prayer.

Nena, Wanda, Gary, Davey and Mike manned a table for intake. They initiated the paperwork, took blood pressures and listened to heart tones.

We fed over 720 meals. Each of the six communities were served lunch for 120 plus. Our team participated in serving the meals to the children first.

Sam, John, and Joe organized the children for the day with many games and activities along with Bible stories.

Our team participated in giving out the backpacks at the end of each clinic. It was an exciting time for the kids. We had 300 backpacks to give away each filled with school supplies.

Thanks to each and every one of you at Boynton UMC for your support through prayers, time and gifts. Thank you for the beautiful crosses we shared with the people of Nicaragua. Thank you for the financial support that made it possible to supply the backpacks with school supplies.

Next mission trip: June 13 to June 20. We are beginning to fill the team roster and would love to have Boynton UMC members join us. If interested see or email me for information.

Sheri Eschenfelder  
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 Cell 615-336-5508





**Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission** is in need of **spaghetti, pasta, noodles, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce** during the months of March and April. Please leave the items under the mailboxes in the hallway across from the women's restroom or place on the altar on Sunday, March 29.

Share & Care Mission still needs plastic bags. Please bring them when you bring food items.



**Next Men's Breakfast  
Sunday, March 29, 2020  
7:30 a.m. in Heritage Hall**

Boynton United Methodist Men are asking every man in our church to support North Georgia Conference fundraising campaign. The Campaign theme is One Man-One Dollar. Every man in every church in the conference is asked to contribute \$1 to the mission of the UMM Conference. Please submit your donation to any member of UMM in our church. Thanks.

Jim Coper  
UMM President

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*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). The Children's Ministry will pack the *Bless Sacks* on the following dates: March 25, April 22 and May 13.



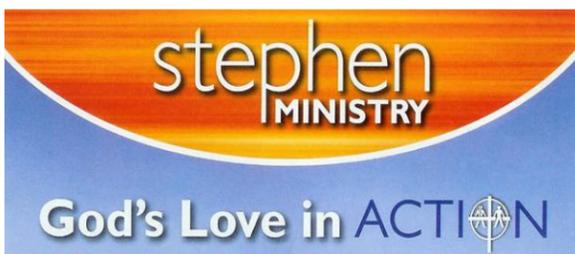
We will host the District Annual Lenten Day Apart service, Sunday March 22 at 2:30 p.m. We have a wonderful speaker lined up, so join us as UMW members across our district come together for a very special day in the life of United Methodist Women.

We are in the final stages of planning our annual Women's Luncheon.

We have three ladies attending the District Spiritual Growth Retreat in the mountains at Hinton Rural Life Center.

The next UMW meeting is March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Ann Orr  
UMW President



*Stephen Ministry* is an independent, not-for-profit Christian educational organization. Its main activities is the training of Stephen Leaders who then train others in their parish to be *Stephen Ministers*. Founded by Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk for the purpose of caring for people in distress. Stephen Ministry is now in 13,000 congregations since 1975. More than 1 ½ million people have had a *Stephen Minister* to walk with them, providing one-to-one Christian care during tough times.

We currently have 2 male and 4 female *Stephen Ministers* in our congregation. We recently said goodbye to one of our *Stephen Ministers*, Theresa Waters, who has moved to Savannah, Ga. We are grateful for her service to the *Stephen Ministry* of this church.



# Boynton United Methodist Church

## March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Sunday School (Kidz, Students, Adults) 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:30 a.m. Wesley Class Lunch at Logan's in Fort O.	<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. Birthday Party at Pruett's Nursing Home 5:30 p.m. <i>BLESS</i> Sacks 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper 6:45 p.m. Traditional Choir 6:45 p.m. BKidz Children 6:45 p.m. Student Ministry	<b>5</b> 6:00 p.m. <i>Prayers &amp; Stitches</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Recovery</i> (RUMC)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Sunday School (Kidz, Students, Adults) 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry in Koinonia Classroom  6:30 p.m. Lions Club Heritage Hall	<b>11</b> 5:30 p.m. <i>BLESS</i> Sacks 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper 6:45 p.m. Traditional Choir 6:45 p.m. BKidz Children 6:45 p.m. Student Ministry	<b>12</b> 6:00 p.m. <i>Recovery</i> (RUMC)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Sunday School (Kidz, Students, Adults) 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	<b>16</b> 11:30 a.m. <i>Keenagers</i> lunch at <i>Portofino's</i> in East Ridge	<b>17</b> 7:00 p.m. UM Women Heritage Hall	<b>18</b> 5:30 p.m. <i>BLESS</i> Sacks 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper 6:45 p.m. Traditional Choir 6:45 p.m. BKidz Children 6:45 p.m. Student Ministry	<b>19</b> 6:00 p.m. <i>Recovery</i> (RUMC)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Sunday School (Kidz, Students, Adults) 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 2:30 p.m. UMW Lenten Day Apart in Sanctuary	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30 p.m. <i>BLESS</i> Sacks 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper 6:45 p.m. Traditional Choir 6:45 p.m. BKidz Children 6:45 p.m. Student Ministry	<b>26</b> 6:00 p.m. <i>Recovery</i> (RUMC)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 7:30 a.m. UM Men Breakfast 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Combined Service 11:30 a.m. Youth furnishes lunch followed by a Cake Auction in HH	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	5:30 p.m. <i>BLESS</i> Sacks 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper 7:15 p.m. Traditional Choir 6:45 p.m. BKidz Children 6:45 p.m. Student Ministry	6:00 p.m. <i>Recovery</i> (RUMC)		