



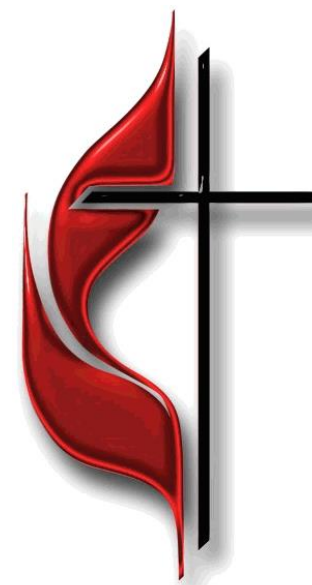
## ***Be a BLESSing!***

**Every Wednesday Night  
5:30 p.m.  
Heritage Hall**

*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.

We will pack close to 100 sacks of food every week to be distributed to students in need at Boynton Elementary School, Heritage Middle School and the Performance Learning Center. **We started back Wednesday, August 26.** Nancy Bunch will be in contact as to which days to come and help pack.

Boynton United Methodist Church  
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## **Boynton United Methodist Church** **- a people of blessing -**

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

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### **PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **September 2020**

No! No! No! It cannot be! We cannot still be struggling with the effects of corona virus. Our times must be up, let us get to the promised place where all is normal.

How those Israelites must have felt wandering for forty years. Following the cloud pillars God provided and Moses, the leader God selected. A generation or two, wandering, wondering when?

The Promised Land in front of them, somewhere, while manna sustained them. They must have been tired of waiting, hoping that maybe around the next bend their journey would be over.

The question always remains, what do you do in the waiting? What do you learn? I would think some of the things they learned were endurance, God's will and way, how to be a people of God together instead of slaves, and how to hold onto hope.

So what are we learning? We want to worship together. We can do small groups. We have learned to not lose hope and God is with us. We have learned to encourage each other even when we can't be together.

As the Israelites grew together as a people, so we have realized how important it is to be together. Maybe the state mandated smaller gatherings can remind us that Jesus travelled with twelve. John Wesley required everyone to be part of an accountability small group.

So, this month, we hope to be together a bit more. First, that we can possibly start in-sanctuary worship again, being cautious. Second, that we find ways to be together in safer, smaller groups. Our UMW and UMM and Prayers and Stitchers are meeting this month, our choir gathers for practice. We are providing food for school children through Bless Sacks. Our youth and children groups are meeting together after a long summer apart. We are starting a Bible study on Jonah, and considering creative Wednesday night suppers, and maybe some occasional times for singing and praying and sharing together.

In the wilderness, God is not done with us yet. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged for God is with us as we are the Church. Blessings, Boynton!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Nena*

## September

Thursday 9/3 Prayers & Stitches in Heritage Hall 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 9/15 UM Women in Heritage Hall 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9/27 UM Men Breakfast in Heritage Hall 9:00 a.m.

### Our Holy Communion Offering is for Wellroot Family Services (United Methodist Children's Home)

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

The Wellroot Family Service formerly United Methodist Children's Home Amazing Grace Offering calls on North Georgia United Methodists to help realize the day when all children live in a loving, compassionate and nurturing home. By collecting this special offering, which is taken once a year across the North Georgia Conference to provide a significant portion of The Children's Home operating income, you will help realize this vision. 100% of your church's offering goes directly to helping children and families! If we are not currently meeting at the church, please mail in your communion offering or drop it off at the church Monday through Thursday, 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Envelope is enclosed.



Jessica Settlemyre is our new BKidz Day Out director.

Our thanks to Gigi Pattison for her years of service as our director. Please let Jessica at 423-243-7354 or the church office know if you have children that you would like to bring to our mother's day out program.

BKidz Day Out is for ages 1 year to 4 years old. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from September to May (when Catoosa County Schools are in session).

If you know anyone who might be interested (friends or neighbors), please have them contact the church office at 706 866-2626 or linda@boyntonumc.org and we can email you a registration packet which will have tuition information.

## From Your Financial Secretary

*"But just as you excel in everything - faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of healing."*  
2 Corinthians 8:7

Paul loved the church in Corinth as a parent loves a child. He witnessed the outpouring of God's gifts upon the whole believing community. They had been given salvation in Christ, an articulate testimony, knowledge, faith, and spiritual gifts that continued to enrich the community. It seems they lacked nothing. Even in the area of material and physical needs, the Corinthian community was very comfortable.

Yet, just as any loving and committed parent would, Paul continued to lead, teach, and advise the Corinthian community. Paul encourages the believers to identify themselves with the greater ministry of the early Christian church. Paul recognizes their past support and yet admonishes them to continue to support the ministry going on in Jerusalem. He encourages them that their practice of generosity should match the same standard of excellence they demonstrate in other areas of their walk with Jesus. Specifically, they should count God as the owner of all they possess and give from that posture.

An individual who does not truly count God as the owner of all they have can never be truly generous. **Generosity flows from a posture that sees everything as owned by God.** Who owns your life possessions, and wealth?

### Financial Report July, 2020

Income:	\$20,342.08
Expenses:	\$24,951.04

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Did you know...due to the generosity of the church body, we were able to pay two full apportionment payments in July to the North Georgia Conference. Thank you!



Since school has started back our youth and children will be meeting every Wednesday night with social distancing either in the church or outside.



## September

3	Sara Grist
5	Nolen Dietz
5	Donna Prouty
7	Dot Gilbert
7	Jarrett Thacker
8	Debi Williams
9	Travis Aalfs
9	Ed Huskey
11	Charlie Ball
12	Tina Holt
12	Jerry Noland
13	Allie Logan
14	Rod Huskey
14	Ronald Brock
14	Maddox Barrett
14	Mason Settlemyre
15	Lisa Huskey
18	Linda Davis
19	Melanie Gentry
20	Andrew Stone
21	Gene Huskey
21	Summer Brogden
22	Rob Waters
23	Wanda Harwood
23	Trey Holt
24	Cassidy Mashburn
24	Harvey Williams
25	Dale Littlefield
25	Sally Abercrombie
25	Theresa Waters
26	Barbara Pulver
27	Rebecca Barrett
28	Carol Kelley
30	Jeff McGhee
30	Jenni Wilson



6	Mike & Patty Bishop
30	Jeremy & Kelly Jones



Just to let you know - we are working on starting back Wednesday Night Suppers. We are thinking about 30 people each Wednesday night by reservation allowing different people to come each dinner. Check the weekly Blast to see when we will be starting.

### Servants for September (as conditions allow)

#### Combined Worship 10:30 a.m.

##### Greeters

13	Jarrett & Sheri Eschenfelder
20	Fay Peters / Kay Harper
27	Jim Cospers / Sandra Smith

##### Host/Hostess

Jim Cospers	423-834-2798
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##### Head Usher

Richard Doyle	423-667-8907
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### Prayers & Stitches



Prayers & Stitches will start meeting again on Thursday, September 3, 2020 in Heritage Hall with social distancing.

A shawl can be requested by calling the church office or talking with any member of our group, Prayers and Stitches: Patty Bishop, Sandra Smith, Lisa Huskey, Ann Orr, Pastor Nena Jones or by contacting Glenda Thomas at 423-902-4321 or email me at [gthomas346@comcast.net](mailto:gthomas346@comcast.net)





#### Church community

Sherma Addington – health concerns  
Bertha Baker – recovering from a fall  
Charlie Ball – lymphoma / fell & broke ribs  
Jan Ball – multiple sclerosis / lupus  
Tom Billington  
Neil Bird  
Dale Burwitz – at home  
Ida Burwitz — at home  
Barbara Chambers  
Family of Audrey Cooper  
Nancy Dutto – congestive heart failure  
Iris Eaves  
Dot Gilbert  
Janice Harding  
Wanda Harwood  
Rickey Howard – other issues, Deborah Levin’s son  
DeAnne Huskey  
Lisa Huskey –recovering from knee surgery  
Jill Lindey’s son Kyle  
Jan Elle Mooney – health concerns  
Nancy Perry – stage 4 kidney disease – recovering from surgery  
Theo Pinkston  
Judy Plemons – ultrasound on knee  
Cathaleen Rivers – seizures  
Wayne & Rebecca Shaw - bronchitis  
Lamar Stone  
Chuck Thacker  
Judy Thornton – reovering from surgery  
Rob & Theresa Waters – Covid 19 (living in Savannah, GA)  
Sadie White  
Harvey Williams – home  
Sue Williams  
Steve & Annie Wyatt

#### Cancer

Whitney Adkins, niece of Wanda & Tommy Harris  
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  
Gaye Coker – lymphoma, friend of Debbie Craft  
Scott Eldridge, Claire McCullough’s cousin  
Cecil Geter – father of Carolyn Bonner  
Danny Gibbs – bladder, uncle of Lisa Huskey  
Anne Heiling – intensive care w/infection, cousin of Claire McCullough  
Nancy Howard & family – Hospice (lung), grandmother of Amy Levin & Rickey Howard (Deborah Levin’s mother-in-law)  
Lawrence Levan – Dot Gilbert’s brother  
Jill Lindey – tonsils – just finished treatments  
Howard Mathes – lung, uncle of Lee Shirley / Sharon Guffey  
Co-worker’s husband –liver and pancreatic, co-worker of Claire McCullough  
Helton Phelps – lung, (in Hospice Care) pray to grow closer to God, brother of Connie Noland  
Heidi Dietz Pursley – breast, sister of Barron Dietz  
Carla Ramos – tumor, co-worker of Debbie Craft  
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, Rebecca and Jessica  
Our church, our community, our nation, our world  
Our New Building and Renovated Sanctuary Project  
The United Methodist Church

#### Other requests

Prayers for those infected with coronavirus  
Randall Franks – recovering from hip surgery  
James Kennedy – age 86 at NHC, Barbara McCroskey’s brother  
Lucille Spence, age 96 at NHC, former neighbor of Barbara McCroskey

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Heavenly Father,

Thank You Lord for keeping me through the month of August. Lord I am grateful to see the new month of September.

I declare the month of September as my month of miracle and breakthrough. I receive every blessing tied to September for my life. I declare September as my seasons of joy and celebrations I shall dance with joy and celebrate all of your blessings for my life.

Father God, I will operate under an open heaven and your blessings shall overtake me and my family. Amen. Grant me wisdom and uncommon ideas for breakthrough on every decision I have to make.

Lord, I pray for your peace to reign in our world today, and to grant the world leaders, wisdom to walk side by side in peace in Jesus name amen.

Lord, make this month a September to remember. AMEN

-Submitted by Mike Harris, Prayer Chair



## Bienestar Nicaragua News

Bienestar's mission in Nicaragua is to bring hope and the love of Christ to all. We do this by partnering with pastors from many different denominations. We assist each church by partnering with the pastors on helping those in their community. We help each pastor to assess the needs in the community and support with education and financial aid.

Our newest endeavor is a feeding program for children as I noted in the last newsletter. We will serve 35 children a nutritious meal five days a week.

The pastor and the cook staff attend meetings and learn about proper nutrition. The pastors and cooks meet with other churches that have the program and learn from each other and problem solve. These meetings are also for prayer and to support pastors as they meet the spiritual needs for the community.

We did have to adjust the cost per child to \$17 for one month. This will include a salary for Yami to do the education and monitoring of the different feeding centers. We make the seventh feeding center being run by 12 churches.

Our second mission is to help the elderly in the communities. The lack of food is critical in this group of people. As pastors assess each community's needs for the elderly we will support financially for the pastor to tend to the needs of the elderly.

Third is our mobile clinic to give long term aid physically emotionally and spiritually. The gift of the MMC is the ability to treat chronic conditions.

Because of Covid we will start slowly. La Paz Centro is our first community to come on board. As this comes together and is running smoothly we will look to add a second community for feeding the children and elderly.

Unfortunately for now the mobile clinic will not be able to restart. We have a goal of January for a restart of the clinic. Bienestar needs help financially to increase the help we give. I thank those who gave so generously last month from the bottom of my heart.

We pray that some of you who have been on many mission trips to Nicaragua will consider giving virtually to this program as we cannot go to Nicaragua for now.

Three ways you can donate 1. Designate a check for Bienestar and give to the church. 2. Bienestar Nicaragua Inc website has options for donating thru paypal or credit card and you can send a check to Bienestar to the address on the web site which is my address.

Blessings to all,  
Sheri

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**The Upper Room** devotionals for September / October are here at the church to pick up on Sunday located on the table in the back hallway or you can download them free of charge from the Upper Room at <https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>. Just follow the prompts and you can download the July/August copy of the Upper Room so you can read your devotional each day.

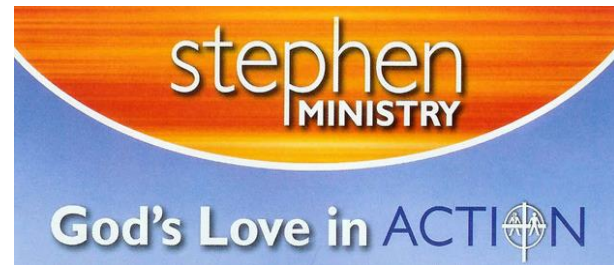
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Nancie Vito, Director of Wellness for Wesley Woods, provides the following tips to care for your well-being during these challenging times:

- **Nourish your body.** Consider healthy foods and get outside every day. If you have internet access, consider online fitness or balance classes.
- **Stay socially connected.** Reach out to at least one person every day.
- **Engage in volunteer activities.** Making masks, donating blood, writing letters, or checking on neighbors are some of the ways you can make meaningful contributions.
- **Remember what brings you joy.** Completing puzzles, playing games, reading books, listening to music, drawing, or baking can help you reset and keep your mind active.
- **Stay informed while balancing your news exposure.** Be mindful of how you feel and when you need to disconnect, turn off the TV, or stop scrolling.
- **Focus on what you can control.** We can do our part by being patient, washing our hands, and wearing a mask.
- **Take time to unwind.** Make space for deep breathing, stretching, devotionals, or meditations.
- **Seek help when needed.** Reach out to healthcare professionals, family, or friends for support. Psychologists, counselors, pastors, and therapists are trained to help us cope.



**Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission** is in need of **canned or dry beans, canned greens, spinach** during the months of September and October. Please leave the items under the mailboxes in the hallway across from the women's restroom or place on the altar on Sunday, September 27.



In what types of situations do Stephen Ministers provide care?

- grief
- divorce
- cancer
- hospitalization
- physical rehabilitation
- long-term care
- chronic illness
- terminal illness
- job loss
- loss of a home
- military deployment
- the onset of a disability
- spiritual crisis
- many other life struggles

If you feel that you might want to be a Stephen Minister and provide care in the above situations, please contact the church office at 706-866-2626.

The *Stephen Ministry* Team



**Next Men's Breakfast**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m. in Heritage Hall**  
**(please note time change)**

**Shoes for Orphan Souls** Our United Methodist Men are sponsoring our yearly collection of athletic shoes and socks for Buckner International to distribute around the world. We have collected over 200 pairs of socks and over 100 pairs of shoes. Thanks to all who contributed.

Jim Cospers  
 UMM President



At the August meeting, we discussed events for 2021, included the annual women's luncheon and possibly holding the District UMW's Annual Lenten Day Apart service. We continue to collect items for our Christmas Boxes for the Women's Crisis Shelter.

We will be ordering items from the Rada Cutlery Co. You can find their catalog in the Koinoina class room. There will be a note pad for you to place your order. We would like to send the order in by September 20th. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 706-937-3353.

Andrea Sims had our program at the August meeting. The subject was sharing our light with the world. Jesus is the Light and we need to share His light. She did a wonderful job.

Please join us at our next meeting, which is September 15.

Blessings,  
 Ann Orr  
 UMW President

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# Boynton UMC; September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 p.m. <i>Prayers &amp; Stitches</i> in Heritage Hall	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live	<b>7</b> Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day	<b>8</b> 6:30 Jonah Bible study	<b>9</b> 6:45 Youth meet 6:45 Children meet	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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