



Boynton Methodist's BKidz Day Out
Program has spots available.

We're a program that promotes children's socialization skills, a "school-like" routine, becoming less dependent on guardian presence, group activities, and communication of feelings with Christian values.

Tuesdays/Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Early drop off at 8:15 a.m.
\$25 Registration Fee
\$90 for part time - \$150 for full time

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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January 2021

Happy New Year!

If we ever needed to hear that, it's this year. Again, 'Happy New Year.' For we are hoping that this year will be dramatically different than 2020. We are hoping that threats of virus will not guide our lives. We wish that this will all be over soon. Stacks of toilet paper for purchase, people in masks, and large crowds hold a new significance in our lives.

We recognize that things will never be the same. We have all suffered in some ways. Some overwhelmingly by illness and death, some by job loss and financial difficulty, some from loneliness and depression, some with interrupted education, from curbed opportunities to be with family and friends. We need to recognize that it has been tough. We need to heal and recover. We need make plans for this new year, not knowing for sure what it will be like. Healing takes time, healing takes presence, healing requires giving up our way to God's way.

The new year is always a good time for a reassessment, and especially this new year. For we have a new appreciation for being together - in worship, with friends, for gathering around the table. We have a new appreciation for our faith, for how could we have endured this last year without knowing the peace and presence and promise of God?

I think we've had an opportunity to learn things:

Life can change 'on a dime.' We felt invincible until 9/11, and now again with COVID.

We have a responsibility to the people around us - to be careful and safe.

We appreciate times to be together - worshipping and eating and fellowshiping

About our abilities to work or learn from home, how we tolerate being alone, how required quarantine feels.

We have an opportunity to begin anew and find how we can grow in faith, how we can be faithful in service, how we continue to be the church. For churches across our country are concerned that people will not come back to worship. As we continue our FB Live services, do not let that be your default. Everyone I talk to says watching on FB is not the same - and it's not. Return to church in person as soon as you are safe - the right thing to do.

Maybe our New Years' Resolutions will be a bit different this year: Pray for the virus to be resolved. Plan to intentionally get together with others when safe. Reexamine personal changes to be made. Be people of prayer.

For times of challenge are times to test our mettle, and to show who we are. And I hope this past year has revealed that as Boynton UMC, we have continued to be 'people of blessing.'

Blessings for this New Year,
Pastor Nena

January

Thursday 1/7 Prayers & Stitches Cancelled
 Tuesday 1/19 UM Women in Heritage Hall 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday 1/24 Church Council via Zoom 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday 1/24 Trustee's via Zoom 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 1/31 UM Men Breakfast in Heritage Hall 8:00 a.m

Our Holy Communion Offering is for Human Relations Offering

Sunday, January 3, 2021



Church Office will be closed
December 28 to January 1, 2021

Willingly

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have."

2 Corinthians 6:12

Many people see tithing as a requirement - the "Christian thing to do." Paul, however, begins with "if the willingness is there.." and not "this must be done." Mark 12: 41-44 relates the story of the widow's offering. "James said, 'I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.'" Jesus' emphasis on the widow's willingness to give all she had despite her poverty indicates to us it was the desire of the widow to give, not the amount of the gift that's important to God. Ananias, in Acts 5 has much more to give financially, but withheld part to keep for himself. He was not judged on his gift, but rather on the deceit in his heart. As Christians, we should model the willingness in our hearts to share what God has so generously given to us.

Asking God for "extra" money to share bypasses the point of willingness. Our prayer, rather, should center on the words of David in Psalm 51, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love...Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:1,10)

A pure heart and steadfast spirit will lead to the willingness to give, without the worry of how much.

As we start a new year, pray about increasing your gift (tithe) to God and church. Perhaps with as little as \$5 or \$10. If we all did this, we could accomplish much for our ongoing ministries.

Ann Orr
Financial Secretary

Financial Report November, 2020

Income:	\$19,736.06
Expenses:	\$19,605.59

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Praise Report – As of November 30, 2020, income has exceeded our expenses by \$8,401.88. We have also been able to pay our conference apportionments in full before December 2020. 2020 has been a challenging year, but God provided all we needed and more!

The Upper Room devotionals for January / February are here at the church to pick up on Sunday located on the table in the back hallway and portico entrance 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 January / February copy of the Upper Room so you can read your devotional each day.



January

- 1 Shelby Williams
- 2 Carol Rosser
- 3 Tom Harris
- 3 Brian Gentry
- 3 Elizabeth Smedema
- 3 Glenda Thomas
- 3 Tom Billington
- 5 Alan Shirley
- 8 Becky Cardwell
- 8 Nancy Dutto
- 9 Jim White
- 10 Steve Wyatt
- 14 Olivia Aven
- 14 Bertha Baker
- 15 Nena Jones
- 18 Marlene Bloomer
- 20 Becky Shaw
- 20 Berry Cooke
- 21 Chuck Thacker
- 21 Charlie Byrd
- 29 Neil Bird



- 1 Calvin & Claire McCullough
- 3 Roy & Donna Cooper
- 4 Mike & Huelene Harris



January 6

January 13

January 20

January 27

We are having catered meals for Wednesday Night Supper. The cost will still be \$6.00 a meal. **Reservations and money must be in the church office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday each week.**

We need bakers to volunteer to make desserts and we will pay each one \$10 to cover costs of desserts. Please contact the church office if you would like to make dessert for our Wednesday Night Suppers.

Servants for January (as conditions allow)

Combined Worship 10:30 a.m.

Greeters

- 3 Howard & Glenda Thomas
- 10 Fay Peters / Kay Harper
- 17 Matt & Jessica Settlemyre
- 24 Jim Cospers / Sandra Smith
- 31 Lisa Huskey / Nancy Bunch

Host/Hostess

Lisa Huskey	423-595-7060
Sandra Smith	706-937-4214

Head Usher

Jim Cospers	706-956-8454
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Loving memory of Barbara Chambers

Church community

Sherma Addington – health concerns
 Bertha Baker
 Charlie Ball – lymphoma / fell & broke ribs
 Jan Ball – recovering from heart attack
 Tom Billington
 Neil Bird
 Dale Burwitz and Ida Burwitz
 Donna Cooper – health issues
 Drew Dietz – recovering from shoulder surgery for torn ligament
 Nancy Dutto – congestive heart failure
 Iris Eaves
 Jarrett Eschenfelder – recovering from heart bypass surgery
 Dot Gilbert
 Janice Harding
 Wanda Harwood – recovering from shoulder surgery
 Rickey Howard – other issues, Deborah Levin’s son
 David Humble – lung cancer
 DeAnne Huskey
 Jill Lindey’s son Kyle
 Tootsie Owens – health concerns
 Nancy Perry – stage 4 kidney disease
 Theo Pinkston
 Donna Prouty – recovering from arm/hand surgery
 Cathaleen Rivers – seizures
 Wayne & Rebecca Shaw - bronchitis
 Lamar Stone
 Chuck Thacker
 Judy Thornton
 Sadie White
 Amy Williams – recovering from surgery on broken ankle
 Harvey Williams
 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 – praise – no concern found
 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 & Stitchers
 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
 Dr. Chris Haddock – Covid, requested by Carol Kelley & Carol Rosser
 James Kennedy – age 86 at NHC, Barbara McCroskey’s brother
 Lucille Spence, age 96 at NHC, former neighbor of Barbara McCroskey
 Joan McLeod, recovering from colon surgery, wife of Dr. Keith McLeod at Boynton Baptist
 Amy Whifman, daughter of Virginia Vandiver

We welcome the birth of Nathan & Jenni Wilson’s new daughter
 Carolina Leigh Wilson.

Philippians 3:13-14

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Dear Lord of Hosts, in You there are endings and new beginnings. Often times, our new beginnings can be very uncertain, resulting in fear and doubt. I know that I need to forget what is behind me, and instead press ahead towards whatever You have planned for me. Give me the strength and the courage to move forward toward the goal to win the prize of the upward call of God. In Christ Jesus Our Lord, Amen.

-Submitted by Mike Harris, Prayer Chair



Adult Sunday School Class
 in Heritage Hall on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
 with Andrew Stone teaching the class.

Until our regular classes can meet again –
 this gives
 us an opportunity to study together.

Prayers & Stitchers



Prayers & Stitchers will not meet in January. A shawl can be requested by calling the church office or talking with any member of our group, *Prayers and Stitchers*: Patty Bishop, Sandra Smith, Lisa Huskey, Ann Orr, Deborah Craft, Pastor Nena Jones or by contacting Glenda Thomas at 423-902-4321 or email me at gthomas346@comcast.net



Sunday, January 24, 2020

5:00 p.m. Church Council Via Zoom
6:00 p.m. Trustees Via Zoom

Pastor Nena will be at the church for meetings if you cannot do a Zoom meeting.

CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2021

Lay Leader	Tim Holt
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Amy Stone
Alternate Member	Dennis Jones
Church Council Chair	Theo Pinkston
Pastor (staff)	Rev. Nena Jones
Staff Parish Relations Chair	Jim Cosper
Finance Chair	Tim Holt
Church Treasurer (staff)	Ellen Cook
Financial Secretary	Ann Orr
Trustees Chair	Richard Doyle
Parsonage Chair	Wanda Harris
Missions Coordinator	Andrea Sims
Traditional Worship	Sandra Smith
Contemporary Worship	

Nursery Lay Coordinator	Tina Holt
Nursery (staff)	Janet Mullens
Sunday School Office / Attendance	Howard Thomas
Congregational Care	
Stephen Ministry Leaders	Claire McCullough / Wanda Harris

Church Co-Hostesses	Fay Peters, Lisa Huskey
Wednesday Night Supper	Deborah Craft
United Methodist Men President	Jim Cosper
United Methodist Women President	Ann Orr
Higher Education Chair	Deidre Suggs
B-Kidz Coordinator (staff)	Julie Dietz and Rebecca Barrett

Student Ministry Director (staff)	Katie Byrd and Gigi Pattison
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Student Ministry Member	Allison Craft
Recording Secretary/Charge Conference	Linda Lowery
Membership Secretary	Linda Lowery
Prayer Team	Mike Harris
Bus	Dennis Sims
Technology	Alex McCroskey
Director of Music (staff)	Diane Parsons
Operations Manager (staff)	Carl Bunch
Christmas at the Farm	Jim Cosper
Building Committee Chair	Jim Cosper
Music Leader Contemporary Worship	Joe Logan

Committee on Nominations / Lay Leadership

2021 Deidre Suggs	2022 Tina Holt	2023 Sheri Eschenfelder
2021 Jan Blazejewski	2022 Mike Harris	2023 Judy Plemons
	2022 Nancy Bunch	2023 Wanda Harris

Staff Parish Relations – Chair Jim Cosper

Lay Member of Annual Conference	Amy Stone	
Lay Leader	Tim Holt	
2021 Jan Elle Mooney	2022 Deborah Craft	2023 Jim Cosper
2021 Lois Nix	2022 Howard Thomas	2023 Matt Settlemire
2021 Steve Abercrombie		2023 Barbara McCroskey

Board of Trustees – Chair Richard Doyle

2021 Richard Doyle	2022 Sally Abercrombie	2023 Ken Williams
2021 Lisa Huskey	2022 Barron Dietz	2023 Dennis Mullens
2021 Chris Byrd		2023 Mike Craft
Carl Bunch, Building Manager		

Finance Committee

Chairperson	Tim Holt
Pastor	Rev. Nena Jones
Lay Leader	
Tim Holt	
Lay Member	Amy Stone
SPRC Rep	Jim Cosper
Trustee Rep	Richard Doyle
Financial Sec.	Ann Orr
Treasurer	Ellen Cook

New in **Bold**



Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission is in need of **soups, chili, stews, canned or mixes, and crackers** during the month of January and February. Please leave the items under the mailboxes in the hallway across from the women's restroom or place on the altar on Sunday, January 31.



Next Men's Breakfast
Sunday, January 31, 2021
8:00 a.m. in Heritage Hall
(please note time change)

Building Lives:
Every Snack Sack



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. Please contact Nancy Bunch or Julie Dietz if you would like to help pack the sacks. We start back on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.



We have found a wonderful way to brighten someone's day and get to know them on a more personal level! *Stephen Ministries* has established a new ministry during these difficult times for our church members/attendees and those who are elderly or live alone. We have compiled a list of all those who live alone with their phone numbers. We are asking members/attendees who do not live alone to contact Wanda Harris at 423-316-9584 or email at harrisww@catt.com to receive the name and number of one of these people and call them up for a "chat" at least once a week.

If you know of someone NOT in our congregation who could benefit from this ministry, please give Wanda a call with their name and number.

Blessings will be forthcoming for the recipient and you!



What a joyful time we had at our December meeting. Filling boxes with needed items for the women at the Women's Crisis Shelter and then wrapping them really causes you to be filled with joy that you are able to bring a little happiness in someone's life. We completed 18 boxes with items left over. Tracey Bridges, Director of the shelter was with us and she even helped out by filling boxes and wrapping several.

In November we have a World Thank Offering... This year we have a jar where we put money in every month according to a list of items for the 12 months. In December it was a nickel for each pair of shoes you have. That hit my purse pretty hard - I didn't realize how many shoes I have. This month we have to put in fifty cents for each bathroom in our house. Doing it this way makes us stop and think about how thankful we are for what we have and it's also fun.

We meet the third Tuesday of each month. Right now we are meeting in the Koinoina classroom. We meet at 7:00 p.m. and would love to have more women of the church join us.

Have a Blessed day,
Ann Orr
President UMW

Calendar for January

Boynton UMC January Calendar 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in HH 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live 10:30 a.m. Combined service with social distancing	4	5	6 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper in HH (sign up and prepay required) 6:30 p.m. Children / Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice	7 6:00 p.m. <i>Prayers & Stitches</i> Cancelled	1 New Year's <hr/> 8	2 <hr/> 9
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