

Vacation Bible School

We are excited that we can have VBS this year!

It will be June 7-10 during the day time so that we have lots of opportunities for fun activities.

**Come join us in a great adventure as we Trust God and see how God takes care of us.
Sign up begins May 16 for children and volunteers!**

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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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May 2021

JOY. I know very few people with the name of Joy. But I know quite a few who exhibit joy in their lives, as well, unfortunately, as many who do not.

For me Joy is the ability to find the best in the moment and trust God with it. When you're joyful, you might not always feel happy, but there is an inner belief that God's presence is doing more than we can see.

Joy sounds like angels singing and children laughing, joy looks like colors in rainbows and sunsets, joy feels like love and peace in the midst of circumstances. Joy is a Fruit of the Spirit, and evidence of the Holy Spirit within us.

It seems that joy wells up after a long cold winter as spring unfurls. And that joy is among us as the long pandemic winter melts into the Easter season, and we are able to shed quarantines and masks and isolation.

For we can realize that much is changed: we are more cautious, we gather in different ways, we realize that what we thought could not happen really can. But the love of God remains among us, and there are new and glorious things ahead of us - as people, as a church.

So, I encourage you to find and celebrate the joy within yourself every day. And see what come next!

Blessings,
Pastor Nena

May

Thursday 5/6 Prayers & Stitches 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 5/16 Finance Committee in Koinonia 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 5/16 Church Council in Heritage Hall 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 5/16 Trustees in Koinonia classroom 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 5/18 UM Women in Heritage Hall 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday 5/23 Appreciation Day- Nursery/Children/Youth Leaders
 Sunday 5.30 UM Men Breakfast in Heritage Hall 8:00 a.m.
 Monday 5/31 Church office closed for Memorial Holiday

Our Holy Communion Offering is for Wesley Woods Sunday, May 2, 2021

As Mother's Day approaches, we across the North Georgia Conference remember the special women who have cared for us.

Many of the older adults living at Wesley Woods are women who sacrificed in order for their loved ones to have the brightest futures possible. However, some may now have the gift of a long life but have outlived their finances. Others are overwhelmed by medical bills or need higher levels of care to keep their quality of life and just need caring people like you to help bridge the financial gap.

By taking the Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering this year, these beloved seniors can stay in their Wesley Woods homes, no matter what challenges they may face.

Appreciation Day as we say thank you for the ministries of Rebecca Barrett, Katie Byrd, Julie Dietz, Janet Mullens and Gigi Pattison leading our youth and children over these last years.

Sunday, May 23, 2021

We will have lunch after our worship service!

Becoming Refreshed

"One man gives freely, yet gains even more: another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper: he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

Proverbs 11: 24-25

What we do in the area of giving directly affects our life. If we are generous people we will be rewarded. If we withhold when we are able to give, we will be impoverished.

The consequences of prosperity and poverty are experienced in different ways. Have you been a blessing to others by not only giving financially, but also by giving of your time and talent? Have you been in a position to give either financially or by volunteering your services, but have not done so and felt poverty in your heart? These verses then are speaking to you.

The condition of our heart is very important. To experience heartfelt giving, we must be in constant prayer, asking the Lord for direction, courage, and faith. Our prayers are another powerful form of giving as we speak to the Lord on other's behalf.

Giving of our treasures, our time, and our talents must always be in humble obedience to our Lord. Let us come to the Lord, eager to refresh others through our generosity, thereby being refreshed ourselves.

"Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard." Isaiah 58:7-8

Financial Report March, 2021

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| Income: | \$22,677.94 |
| Expenses: | \$18,751.71 |

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Did you know ... that Boynton United Methodist's average gas heating bill for the winter months is \$911.76 (December 2020 through February 2021 during the pandemic)?

The Upper Room devotionals for May / June 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 May / June copy of the Upper Room so you can read your devotional each day.



May

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| 2 | Matthew Settle mire |
| 3 | Lois Dietz |
| 4 | DeAnne Huskey |
| 5 | Sadie Pattison |
| 8 | Annabel Byrd |
| 8 | Colin Barrett |
| 11 | Nancy Bunch |
| 11 | Jeremy Forgey |
| 11 | Lois Nix |
| 12 | Linda Lowery |
| 12 | Sheri Eschenfelder |
| 14 | Boston Cruse |
| 20 | Steven Holdaway |
| 21 | Kaitlyn Gordy |
| 21 | JanElle Mooney |
| 23 | Mary Martin |
| 23 | Jimmy Darraj |
| 26 | Nick Barrett |
| 31 | Colin Settle mire |



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| 3 | Christopher & Haylie Aven |
| 6 | Richard & Diana Doyle |
| 7 | Ken & Donna Prouty |
| 9 | Pete & Linda McGhee |
| 21 | Andrew & Amy Stone |



May 5
May 12
May 19
May 26

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.

We will have regular Wednesday Night Suppers through May 26. We plan to have some special suppers during the summer months. We will let you know the dates.

Servants for May

Combined Worship 10:30 a.m.

Greeters

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| 2 | Howard & Glenda Thomas |
| 9 | Fay Peters / Kay Harper |
| 16 | Jarrett & Sheri Eschenfelder |
| 23 | Lisa Huskey / Nancy Bunch |
| 30 | Jim Cosper / Sandra Smith |

Host/Hostess

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| Ann Orr | 706-937-3353 |
| Fay Peters | 706-866-9395 |

Head Usher

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| Jim Cosper | 706-956-8454 |
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An opportunity to serve: There is a need in our community to help people with brain dysfunction such as dementia. There are Respite programs in many UMCS which provide love, joy, fun, and activities to help those who are struggling. They are willing to help us begin a program here at Boynton, and we need a leader here. If you have a heart for helping those who are struggling in this area, please contact Connie Noland at [423-580-2487](tel:423-580-2487) or Sheri Eschenfelder at [615-336-5508](tel:615-336-5508), and we will be delighted to share more information with you. We are praying for you as you read this announcement.



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
 Ouida Barnes – major stroke, mother of Claire McCullough
 Jimmy Gilbert – Parkinson's, son of Dot Gilbert
 Patrick Gilbert – recovering from auto accident, great grandson of
 Dot Gilbert
 James Kennedy – age 86 at NHC, Barbara McCroskey's brother
 Gail Pennington and son Gavin – Covid
 teaches with Lois Nix at Westside
 Lucille Spence, age 96 at NHC, former neighbor of Barbara
 McCroskey
 Kash Watkins - son of Todd Watkins, former member, ankle is
 healing and he is taking physical therapy, requested by Mike
 Harris

A Prayer of Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.
 My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.

I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my
 love may go out to my neighbor.

I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and
 am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord help me.
 Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.

I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful
 to the poor.

I am a sinner; you are upright.

With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the
 fullness of righteousness.

Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive,
 but to whom I may not give.

-Submitted by Mike Harris, Prayer Chair

Church community

Sherma Addington – health concerns
 Bertha Baker
 Charlie Ball – lymphoma / fell & broke ribs
 Jan Ball – recovering from heart attack
 Tom Billington
 Neil Bird
 Ida Burwitz
 Donna Cooper – health issues
 Nancy Dutto – health concerns
 Iris Eaves
 Jarrett Eschenfelder
 Dot Gilbert
 Wanda Harwood
 Rickey Howard – other issues, Deborah Levin's son
 DeAnne Huskey
 Jill Lindey's son Kyle
 Lancy Marshall – pancreatitis
 Linda McGhee – fibrosis of the lungs
 Tootsie Owens – health concerns
 Nancy Perry – stage 4 kidney disease
 Theo Pinkston
 Lamar Stone – recovering from surgery
 Chuck Thacker
 Judy Thornton
 Jim & Sadie White
 Harvey & Amy Williams
 Sue Williams
 Steve & Annie Wyatt

Cancer

Randy Adkins – tonsil, nephew of Tom & Wanda Harris
 Whitney Adkins, niece of Wanda & Tom 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
 David Humble, lung – former member
 Shay Love, colon – daughter-in-law of Jack & Reba Love
 Howard Mathes – lung, uncle of Lee Shirley / Sharon Guffey
 Co-worker's husband –liver and pancreatic, co-worker of Claire
 McCullough
 Sherri Parrish – cancer surgery, friend of Mike Harris
 Cathy Penn – lung, cousin of Maggie Darraj
 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



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.

Youth Sunday school in the youth room.
 Children's Sunday school in the children's area.

Prayers & Stitches



Prayers & Stitches will be meeting Thursday, May 6,
 2021.

A shawl can be requested by calling the church office or
 talking with any member of our group, *Prayers and*
Stitches: Patty Bishop, Saundra 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



**Our end of the year celebration will be Wednesday,
 May 26! We will not meet on Wednesday, May 19.**

**We are very excited to welcome two new staff
 members:** Tracy Cruse as Children's BKidz Coordinator
 and Daniel Wright as Youth Director. They will both begin
 May 1 and will be introduced that Sunday.

Tracy is already an active part of our church, coming with
 her husband Brandon, as well as children Beckan
 , Cannon, Malone, Collins and Boston. Besides being a
 mother of five, she home schools, and has experience and
 education in early childhood education. We welcome her
 to this new position!

Daniel Wright comes to us as a previous full time youth
 minister with additional experiences working with young
 people in Hamilton County schools, City of East Ridge,
 YMCA and Children's Home. He is married with two
 children. We look forward to getting to know him.



Continue to be in prayer for
 Bienestar Nicaragua Inc. and
 all of the work they do.





Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission is in need of **crackers, peanut butter, jelly, and cereals** during the months of May & June. Please leave the items under the mailboxes in the hallway across from the women's restroom or place on the altar on Sunday, May 30.



**Next Men's Breakfast
Sunday, May 30, 2021
8:00 a.m. in 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 for Boynton Elementary, Heritage Middle, and Performance Learning Center. **We are looking for someone to pick up food supplies and put in Bless Sacks room. If you are interested, please let Pastor Nena or the church office know.**



What a great time we had at our Annual Luncheon Saturday, April 17. Even though we had to change the date we still had a good turnout. Our speaker, Keri Hughes, told us how God used her and fellow teachers to start a ministry in their community.

The Methodist Men did a wonderful job preparing our meal. We are so thankful that they wanted to do this for the UMW.

Our district vice president, Paula Catoe, was also in attendance. Her daughter, Keri Hughes, was our guest speaker.

We also want to offer a "special thank you" to all of the ladies who attended.

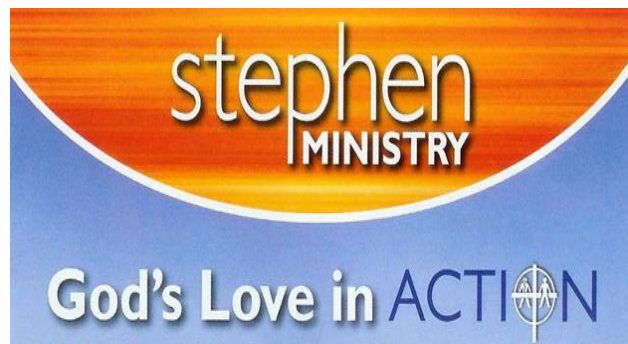
What a great day in the life of United Methodist Women and Boynton UMC.

Our monthly World Thank Offering for May is 5 cents times the size of your shoe. In April we put in 5 cents for each letter of your full name. This is a great way to give to missions.

Our next meeting is May 18. We invite the women of the church to join us and see what we are about.

Have a Blessed day,
Ann Orr
UMW President

Scroll down for May Calendar.



Stephen Ministry developed and publishes books on a variety of topics. These books can be used as caring resources for congregations, equipping tools within your *Stephen Ministry*, other ministry settings and references for personal study and growth. For listing of books go to stephenministries.org.

May 2021 Boynton UMC

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>2</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School in HH 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth SS 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live 10:30 a.m. Combined service with social distancing</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper in HH (sign up and pay required) 6:30 p.m. Children / Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p> | <p>6</p> <p>6:00 p.m. <i>Prayers & Stitches</i></p> | <p>7</p> | <p>1/8</p> |
| <p>Mother's Day 9</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School in HH 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth SS 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live 10:30 a.m. Combined service with social distancing</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper in HH (sign up and pay required) 6:30 p.m. Children / Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School in HH 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth SS 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live 10:30 a.m. Combined service 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee 5:00 p.m. Church Council 6:00 p.m. Trustees</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> <p>7:00 p.m. UM Women in Heritage Hall</p> | <p>19</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper in HH (sign up and pay required) 6:30 p.m. Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School in HH 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth SS 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live 10:30 a.m. Combined service Graduate Recognition 11:30 a.m. Lunch for Appreciation Day for Nursery, Children and Youth Leaders</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper in HH (sign up and pay required) 6:30 p.m. Children – End of year Celebration 6:30 p.m. Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>8:00 a.m. UM Men Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in HH 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth SS 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live 10:30 a.m. Combined service with social distancing</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday</p> | | | | | |

