

We will be having our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30 from 4 to 6:00 p.m.

at Boynton UMC- let's invite our friends!

To stay within the CDC guidelines we ask that you decorate your trunk and put the candy in individual baggies. If you would like to dress up that would be an added bonus for the kids!! We need donations of Halloween Candy which can be placed in the boxes in the hallway.

Hot dogs will be served.

If you would like to sign up for a trunk please let Tracy Cruse know – her cell phone is 423-315-3848 or email: tracypcruse@gmail.com

We appreciate your support!

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

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October 2021

I remember when I was in kindergarten, we would each take turns sharing something with the class, and my mother taught me to say, "Boys and girls, I have this to share with you today." And I would show something that was fun or important to me, or something that we got on vacation, to the other children. It was a way of sharing who I was and what I had with others.

Sharing is one of the early lessons we learn – share your toys! And it is a gift that we hopefully develop over our lives.

But our world has been upended over the last year, and we are more hesitant to share, because of COVID. We have always been careful to not share our colds or chicken pox, but this is new, for it has changed our feelings about being together.

We are hesitant to gather, we look at others as possible danger, we keep to ourselves. We hold back handshakes and hugs. We have put up invisible (or plexiglass!) walls between us. We step back in caution and fear.

I remember a professor I had in nursing school. She was wonderful, a good teacher and encourager, but she often invaded personal space during conversation. It was only by a few inches and I'm sure for her it was just part of being in a one-on-one conversation. But often one felt like stepping back a few inches, that we were too close for comfort.

Now, our personal space has become 6 or more feet. We don't feel comfortable sharing our space or our air or touching or handling things others touch. We are in an atmosphere of withdrawing, right now when there is a world that needs touch and care and comfort. It's all around us, the virus sure, but also the people. We have quite a challenge of being disciples and being the church, for all those that need to experience and hear the good news that we have.

Certainly, let's be careful, but there is some risk in being followers of Jesus, and we need to weigh that as we are faithful as God's people. God has been so faithful to us.

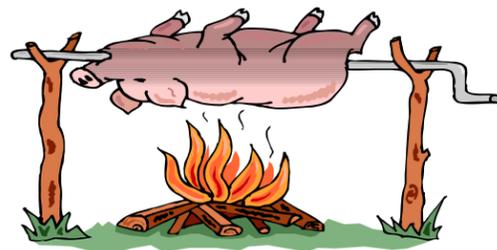
Pastor Nena

October

Thursday 10/7 Prayers & Stickers – Koinonia 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday 10/7 Stephen Ministry – Wesley Class – 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 10/17 Church Council in Heritage Hall 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 10/19 UM Women in Heritage Hall 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday 10/21 Christmas at the Farm meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Friday 10/22 & UM Men Pork Butt Sale
 Saturday 10/23 Pick up between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon
 Saturday 10/30 Trunk or Treat at Willow Tree Farms
 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 10/31 UM Men Breakfast in Heritage Hall 8:00 a.m.
 Sunday 10/31 Charge Conference Zoom Meeting 3:30 p.m.

**Our Holy Communion Offering
 is for World Communion Sunday
 Sunday, October 3, 2021**

World Communion Sunday is one of the six special offering Sundays in our denomination. Our special offerings on World Communion Sunday provide "leadership scholarships" for national & international UMC graduate students; undergraduate "ethnic scholarships" for national and international UMC students within the U.S.; and "ethnic in-service training (non-degree)" scholarships for UMC racial and ethnic students from around the world. In other words, we provide financial support for the education of United Methodist student leaders who would otherwise struggle to find the finances they need. We are given an opportunity to support education, just as John Wesley did, and just as Methodists have always done!



United Methodist Men's Pork Butts Sale on October 22 and 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please contact Jim Cospers 423-834-2798, Tim Holt 423-596-1678 or the church office 706-866-2626 if you would like to order pork butts. Cost is \$40.00 each. Deadline to order is Sunday, October 17, 2021.

The Blessing of Giving

*"Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble. The Lord will protect him and preserve his life; he will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes."
 Psalm 41:1-2*

This passage deals with where our hearts are for the many needs among God's people, and the blessings in store for those who use their time, talents, or gifts to minister to those in need. John 13:35 says, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We are the disciples of today.

Paul echoes the comments of the Psalmist when in Galatians 6:9-10 he calls, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers". Christ calls us to give ourselves away in ministry to others - this is a mark of a healthy Christ-follower.

There are many instances in Scripture where Jesus dropped what He was doing to restore someone. In this manner, we should be striving to be more like Jesus and to live and work as parts of the Body of Christ.

May we respond to His call and example.

More like the Master I would ever be,
 More of His meekness, more humility;
 More zeal to labor, more courage to be true,
 More consecration for work He bids me do.
 -- Charles H Gabriel

Ann Orr
 Financial Secretary

Financial Report August, 2021

Income: \$19,380.25
 Expenses: \$26,106.89

Thank you for your faithful giving.

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 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 September / October copy of the Upper Room so you can read your devotional each day.



October

- 1 Dennis Jones
- 4 Iris Eaves
- 7 Varen Thacker
- 8 Howard Thomas
- 13 Margie Merritt
- 13 Leldon Wilson
- 15 Janet Price
- 15 Judy Thornton
- 17 Jim Cospers
- 17 Alan Grist
- 18 Steven Burchard
- 22 Mike Bishop
- 23 Don Cardwell
- 25 Milton Rosser
- 30 Margie Bird



- 22 Mike & Deborah Craft
- 25 Carl & Nancy Bunch
- 25 Nick & Rebecca Barrett
- 29 Steve & Sally Abercrombie



Wednesday Night Suppers cost will be \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children and max family cost will be \$25.00. Reservation envelopes will be available on the table at the portico entrance. Deadline for reservations is 12:00 noon on each Monday.

Plan on staying for a moment for "after supper".

October 6	Hot Dogs with Chilli and Slaw, Chips, Cookies for Dessert
October 13	Lasagna, salad, bread and pie.
October 20	Two kinds of Chili with fixins', Sweet Cornbread, Waldorf Salad, and Pecan Pie.
October 27	Smoked Sausage Alfredo, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli Casserole, Bread and Cake.

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

Servants for October

Combined Worship 10:30 a.m.

Greeters

- 3 Howard & Glenda Thomas
- 10 Fay Peters / Kay Harper
- 17 Jarrett & Sheri Eschenfelder
- 24 Jim Cospers / Sandra Smith
- 31 Patty Bishop / Lisa Huskey

Host/Hostess

Lois Nix 423-322-8449

Head Usher

Steve Abercrombie 423-505-6070



Church community

Sherma Addington
Bertha Baker
Charlie Ball – lymphoma
Jan Ball
Neil Bird – on hospice
Ida Burwitz
Jimmy Darraj – recovering from knee replacement surgery
Nancy Dutto – health concerns
Iris Eaves
Jarrett Eschenfelder
Dot Gilbert
Wanda Harwood
Rickey Howard – other issues, Deborah Levin’s son
Jill Lindey’s son Kyle
Linda McGhee – fibrosis of the lungs
Jerry Noland
Tootsie Owens – health concerns
Nancy Perry – stage 4 kidney disease
Hank Smedema –, son of Amy Williams
Lamar Stone
Chuck Thacker
Howard Thomas
Judy Thornton
Jim & Sadie White
Harvey & Amy Williams
Sue Williams

Cancer

Fred Baer – lung, requested by Julie Dietz
Bill Beagan - multiple myeloma, friend of Howard & Glenda Thomas
Family of David Bell – brain, friend of Nancy Dutto
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
Joe Holt – colon, cousin of Tim Holt
David Humble, lung – former member
Jo Jackson – pancreatic cancer, former pastor family
Katie Littlefield – breast, daughter-in-law of Jan Blazejewski
Howard Mathes – lung, uncle of Lee Shirley / Sharon Guffey
Burl Mizell – lung/cellabellum, friend of Howard & Glenda Thomas
Chad Moore – throat, friend of Howard & Glenda Thomas
Mark Peters – prostate, son of Fay Peters
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 Service
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
Our BUMC staff and their families: Linda, Carl, Daniel,
Joe, Diane, Ellen, Tracy and Jessica
Our church, our community, our nation, our world
Our New Building and Renovated Sanctuary Project
The United Methodist Church

Other requests

Ouida Barnes – major stroke, mother of Claire McCullough
Judy Creswell – heart surgery, neighbor of Mike Harris
Sammy Darraj – recovery, son of Jimmy & Maggie Darraj
Jimmy Gilbert – Parkinson’s, son of Dot Gilbert
Janet Kanitz – heart surgery, sister of Howard & Glenda Thomas
James Kennedy – age 86 at NHC with Hospice, Barbara McCroskey’s brother
Robert McNeese – COVID critical condition, Tom & Wanda Harris’ neighbor’s son
Amy Pedigo – COVID, daughter of friend of Linda Lowery
Lucille Spence, age 98, a former neighbor of Barbara McCroskey is at NHC.
Melvin Steele – on dialysis – needs kidney transplant, requested by Mike Harris

Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ
rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers
to “go and make disciples of all nations”
and you remind us that through our
Baptism
we are made sharers in the mission of
the Church.
Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to be courageous and zealous
in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that the mission entrusted to the
Church,
which is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious expressions
that bring life and light to the world.
Help us make it possible for all peoples
to experience the saving love
and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen

-Submitted by Mike Harris, Prayer Chair



Adult Sunday school class
in Koinonia classroom on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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

Prayers & Stitches



Prayers & Stitches will be meeting Thursday, October 7,
2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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 gthomas346@comcast.net or 423-902-
4321.

Nicaragua Update

After the long delays in travel to Nicaragua, finally we
have been able to visit our mission areas on a limited
basis. Travel there is still very difficult with many of the
covid restrictions still in place for international travel. We,
at Bienestar Nicaragua, are pleased to report that we are
and have been operating a feeding center for children at
La Paz Centro with great success. The combined efforts of
Bienestar and Twelve Churches are supporting the
program that feeds 35 children a nutritious, healthy lunch
5 days a week, every week. We visited this center as well
as numerous other feeding centers around Leon,
Nicaragua with the possibilities of supporting more
children’s feeding centers in the future. It is all possible
thanks to the generous donations from you. With the
combined efforts of our organizations, approximately 500
children are being fed every day, 5 days a week. A few
pictures are attached to show what is happening at our La
Paz Centro center which is administered by Pastor
Domingo Estrada at the church.

Children Ministry

Coming together for gathering every
Sunday morning and Wednesday evening!

Nursery

Our nursery remains open but we are not going
to staff it until we have children coming
to the nursery.

We would appreciate everyone being aware
and available if a need becomes
apparent on Sunday.

Youth Ministry

Coming together for gatherings every
Wednesday evening!



**We will be repairing the lighting of our
cross in our sanctuary and would
appreciate donations to help cover the
cost.** You can mark your check ‘cross repairs’
or make a donation using your Vanco app.



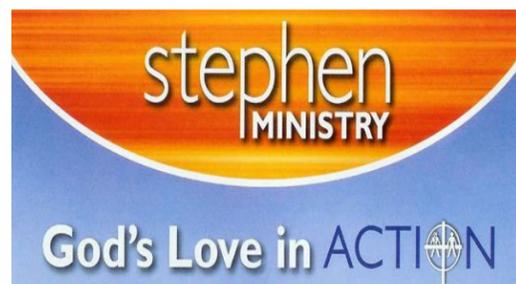
Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission is in need of **canned or dry beans, canned greens and spinach** during the months of September/October. Please leave the items under the mailboxes in the hallway across from the women's restroom or place on the altar on Sunday, October 31.



Next Men's Breakfast
Sunday, October 31, 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. Come help us pack during an After Supper event at 6:45 p.m. each month.



Over the next few months this space will address several questions related to *Stephen Ministries*.

If you are someone considering becoming a *Stephen Minister*, please read this information and speak with any *Stephen Minister* with questions.

This month's question – IN WHAT TYPE OF SITUATIONS DO *STEPHEN MINISTERS* PROVIDE CARE.

Stephen Ministry is appropriate for people experiencing: grief, divorce, cancer, hospitalization, physical rehabilitation, long-term care, chronic illness, terminal illness, job loss or home, military deployment, the onset of a disability, spiritual crisis and any other life struggles.

Stephen Ministers are: Claire McCullough, Mary Martin, Maggie Darraj, Mike Bishop, Tina Holt, Tim Holt and Wanda Harris.



We had a great time at our September meeting. Lisa Huskey brought delicious snacks for us to enjoy while we discussed upcoming events.

Continuing with our monthly World Thank Offering, October is putting in \$.50 for each computer you have access to. Reminder, our September offering was for each child you love put in \$.10.

Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. This is great time for fellowship with others. Find out what is going on in everyone's life. We start at 7:00 p.m.

Blessings,
Ann Orr
UMW President

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth SS 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	4	5	6 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper in HH 6:45 p.m. After Supper 6:30 p.m. Youth / Children 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice	7 6:00 p.m. <i>Prayers & Stitches</i> Koinonia Classroom 6:00 p.m. <i>Stephen Ministry</i> Wesley Classroom	1/8	2/9
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