

Vacation Bible School Steller: Shine Jesus' Light

June 12, 13 and 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheet is on table at portico entrance. Volunteers needed!

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June 2023

Let this note be the beginning of my goodbyes to you, for this will be my last month serving as your pastor. And as I say goodbye, I will say thank you. Thank you for the generous ways you have accepted Dennis and me into this community of faith, thank you for your patience and understanding as we travelled through the unique experiences of COVID, thank you for your response and help during the times that were easy and well as those that were difficult, thank you for the faithful work that you do here. We have appreciated the mutual love and care of you all and have been truly blessed.

And I believe the best is always yet to come. As you welcome your new Pastor - Rev Jane Nugent and her husband Rev Mark and daughter Hannah, I can trust that you will welcome them as you have us. Your new pastor will bring her own gifts and calling for God's work here at Boynton UMC.

Be forward looking people to what God will do next. We will be thinking of and praying for you.

Blessings, Pastor Nena and Dennis

<u>June</u>

Thursday 6/01 Sunday 6/04

Monday 6/05 June 12,13,14 Monday 6/19 Sunday 6/25 Tuesday 6/27 Prayers & Stitchers in Koinonia 6:00 p.m. Church Council in Heritage Hall 5:00 p.m. Trustees in Koinonia classroom 600 p.m. Gospel Bible Study – John in Koinonia 7:00 Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Keenagers at O'Charley's in Fort O. 11:30 UM Men Breakfast in HH 7:30 a.m. Monthly Book Club 7:00 p.m.

Our Holy Communion Offering is *Bishop's Special Offering to Annual Conference / UMCOR and Conference Disaster Response*

Sunday, June 4, 2023

In 2023 tornadoes have caused significant damage across North Georgia. When multiple tornados struck in January, UMCOR approved a solidarity grant in less than 24 hours, allowing the Conference to respond immediately. This spring our Conference launched its first long-term recovery effort in Griffin and surrounding communities, even as our response continues in West Point and Troup County after a devastating tornado in March. Half of the offering will be used in our Conference tornado recovery efforts as UMCOR guides us in our own local disaster response. Half of the offering will go directly to UMCOR. As the humanitarian relief and disaster response arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally and locally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR and our North Georgia Conference trained ERTs (Early Response Teams) are at work in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Kentucky. Working alongside established partners, UMCOR has distributed more than \$2 million in humanitarian aid to support the Ukrainian people. UMCOR is at work in Turkey and Syria and in Madagascar and Mozambique. Our giving to UMCOR and Conference Disaster Response makes God's love tangible to survivors of all kinds—be it from war or conflict, hurricane, famine, earthquake, flood, or tornado. And 100 percent of gifts go to the response for which they are designated.



BE AN EXAMPLE

"The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly." 1 Chronicles 29:9

This chapter of Chronicle records the pledge drive and fundraising efforts for the building of the temple of Solomon to the Lord. King David provided all the resources from the public treasuring of the building. He also pledged incredible wealth from his personal treasures to the Temple. This model of generosity inspired families, leaders, commanders and officials of the people of Israel to "Give willingly" of all they had to the Temple fund. The people rejoiced at the demonstration of giving to the Lord, recognizing that all gifts originated with God and so they belong to God.

This chronicle of God's people illustrates many important themes in Christian giving. First, the giving was deliberate, not by spontaneous accident. Secondly, the giving was done "willingly, freely and wholeheartedly" and not out of half-interested obligation or guilt. Thirdly, the giving was done in praise to God with humble acknowledgement that all gifts are of God. The central theme in 1 Chronicle 29 is that the people rejoiced at the response of giving demonstrated by the leaders. This, in turn, caused David to rejoice.

David's example motivated the others to give because giving is infectious. Those who lead us must model giving and we, in turn, must provide the example to those we lead. This theme requires application in our church and in our homes. If we, as leaders in our church, home and community, hope to praise God through giving, we must first step out by modeling giving, demonstrating our heart of thanks to the Lord.

Will you Be An Example for God?

Financial Report April, 2023

Income: \$19,472.00 Expenses: \$15,505.17

Our income exceeded the expenses in the month of Aprilthough we normally pay the yearly apportionments in ten equal payments allowing us to have November and December free for additional end of year and worship expenses. As of May 20, 2023, we have only paid three payments of ten, when normally, we will have paid five out of these payments.



June

- 1 Jan Ball
- 5 Andrea Sims
- 7 Calvin McCullough9 Jeanne Thacker
- 9 Joe Logan
- 15 Ann Orr
- 18 Nathaniel Johnston
- 21 Cerise Grist
- 22 Drew Dietz
- 24 Kelly Jones
- 24 Katie McCullough
- 24 Fay Peters
- 27 Dennis Sims
- 28 Inez Geisler



10 Barron & Julie Dietz



Our thanks to our cooks Nancy Bunch and Wanda Harris, Ann Orr and Dennis and Nena Jones. We appreciate the delicious meals you served us this past year.

We will not have Wednesday Night Suppers during the summer months.

We will begin again when school starts in August.

Servants for June

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

Greeters

Howard & Glenda Thomas
 Fay Peters / Kay Harper
 Jarrett & Sheri Eschenfelder
 Saundra Smith/Jim Cosper

Head Usher

Richard Doyle

423-667-8907

<u>Hostess</u>

No one has volunteered to Hostess for June



Church Council Meeting Sunday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

Trustees Sunday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Koinonia classroom.



Church community

Family of Sherma Addington Huelene Harris Carol Kelley Lamar Stone Howard Thomas Family of Annie Wyatt

Cancer

Bill Bradley – cancer /heart concern – brother-in-law of Ann Orr Jonathan F. – requested by his friend

Our Mission Field

For Boynton UMC to reach people for Jesus Christ BUMC Worship Services
Sunday School
Student Ministry / BKidz Children's Program
BKidz Day Out Program
Stephen Ministry
Prayers & Stitchers
Recovery at Ringgold
Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission
Nicaragua

Homebound/Senior Facilities

Ida Burwitz, Tom Billington, Margaret Bowman

Our Church

Pastor Nena & Dennis Jones
Our BUMC staff and their families: Linda, Carl,
Joe, Diane, Ellen, Gigi, and Jessica
Our church, our community, our nation, our world
The United Methodist Church

Other Requests

Lisa Edge – stroke, friend of Ann Orr Janet Kanitz – sister of Glenda Thomas

June Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, on your Word we trust, in your Word of eternal life, given us in Jesus Christ our Savior. We build on this Word of life in these days when it seems that everything is losing strength and value, and yet there is so much longing in people's hearts. You will not let our hope be disappointed. What you have spoken must be fulfilled. What is promised in Jesus Christ must come into being, not only for a few but for the whole world, for which he died and was raised from the dead. Be with us. Keep us so fully alive that our lives reflect all the goodness we are allowed to experience and we overcome all the evil which tries to attack us. We thank you for calling us to life and for renewing us again and again. May your name be praised among us forever. Amen.

Submitted by Mike Harris, Prayer Coordinator



BIENESTAR NICARAGUA

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

Heart Saver CPR/AED Class

Dates available

Tuesday, June 6 – 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 8 – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 22 – 10:30 a.m.

Two classes will be availabe prior to Vacation
Bible School so teachers, volunteers,
BKidz Day Out teachers
and our Youth will be able to sign up for
one of the classes.
Please let Tina Holt 423-580-6928 or church
office 706-866-2626 or
linda@boyntonumc.org know if you can
attend.
Classes are no charge

Youth Ministry

It's summertime and we all take a break from some of the normal responsibilities. The kids are out of school and have time to do some extras that they didn't have time for during the school year. Vacations happen. Extra sleep occurs. It's a wonderful time. It's also a time to praise God for all that He has brought about in our lives. It's important to remember all of the things He has done for us — both small and great. Thank Him for family, for feeding us, for friends, for keeping us healthy, for the bed we sleep in, and for His kindness to us (just to list a few). He is generous beyond our comprehension. So, come! Let us sing to the Lord!

Thank-you so much to everyone for making our Cake Auction a success! We raised about \$1,100!!! This amount will go towards the Youth Camp Lookout trip - but it doesn't cover all of the costs. We also need to bring drinks and snacks for the youth during this trip. If you're able to provide a monetary donation or drinks/snacks for this upcoming July trip, we would greatly appreciate it!

- Gigi Pattison





A farewell reception in honor of Pastor Nena and Dennis will be held on Sunday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Heritage Hall Light refreshments will be served.

Come and say goodbye to our pastoral family as they start their retirement this year. We will miss them!



You are invited to a once a month book club of a book reflecting Christian life, fiction or not. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Amy Williams. Please feel free to join us for a wonderful time of sharing and building community. Amy Williams 423-667-5372 952 Gibson Meadows, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421

Prayers & Stitchers

Prayers and Stitchers we meet Thursday, June 1. Come, be a part of this group that blesses others with Prayer Shawls. Contact Glenda Thomas at 423-902-4321 or qthomas346@comcast.net



Adult Sunday school class in Heritage Hall on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Children and Youth Sunday school.



Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission is in need of Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Cereals during the month of June. Please leave the items under the mailboxes in the hallway near church offices or place on the altar on Sunday, June 25.



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.



What a wonderful time we had at our luncheon. The men prepared a delicious meal. Fay Peters' daughter-in-law did a terrific job in decorating the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Beth Sanders talked about mothers and being mothers. We offer a BIG Thank You to all those who made the day a great one.

For our monthly meeting Nena had an inspiring program entitled "Bold Women of Faith". It talked about bold women in the Bible and reminded us of bold women in our lives. We also made bracelets.

We will not be meeting in June. Our next meeting will be July 18th, 7:00 p.m. in the Koinoina classroom. We always meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and we always end with delicious refreshments provided by one of the members.

Blessings, Ann Orr UMW President



Next Men's Breakfast Sunday, June 25, 2023 7:30 a.m. in Heritage Hall



Three Essentials for an Empathy Mindset

Empathy is a powerful way to better understand others, forge stronger relationships, and care for those who are hurting. If everyone empathized with each other more often, it could go a long way toward overcoming the division, isolation, and misunderstanding that are so prevalent today. But empathy doesn't just happen on its own. To see its benefits in our lives and the lives of others, we need to be intentional about putting this skill into action. That means developing and maintaining an empathy mindset.

Here are three essentials for doing that:

1. Be Open to the Other Person's Experiences

Empathizing with someone isn't complicated and doesn't mean putting a great deal of pressure on yourself to say or do the right thing. In fact, the starting point is simply being open to listening to and learning about the other person's experiences and feelings.

2. Be Willing to Make a Personal Connection

Empathy isn't something you can do at a distance without actually interacting with the other person. True empathy only occurs when we make a personal connection – when we directly interact with someone by listening, asking questions to encourage more sharing, and being present as they tell their story.

3. Be Focused on the Other Person

One of the many blessings of offering empathy is that it puts the focus on the other person for a time, letting them know that their feelings are valid, their experiences are important, and someone cares about them.

The Stephen Ministry Team

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June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				6:00 p.m. Prayers & Stitchers In Koinonia classroom	2	3
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 5:00 p.m. Church Council 6:00 p.m. Trustees	7:00 p.m. Gospel Bible Study John in Koinonia classroom	10:30 a.m. Heart Saver CPR AED Class	7 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice	7:00 p.m. Heart Saver CPR AED Class	9	10
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