

### Prayer Concerns

Kimberley Holmes (Sue McGuire's daughter-in-law) Morris Hole Porter

### Birthdays

August 20—Charlotte Lawson, August 22—Lauren Charleville

### Church Calendar

Sunday, August 20	8:00 a.m.	UMM Breakfast and Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Food and Fellowship— Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday, Aug. 23	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer—Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Saturday, August 26	CANCELLED	Sweat to Serve—Back to Church Sunday
Sunday, August 27		Back to Church Sunday
	9:15 a.m.	Refreshments and fellowship Front Lawn
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Gathering— Sanctuary
	10:50 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday, Aug. 30	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer—Sanctuary
Monday, Sept. 4		Labor Day
Tuesday, Sept. 5	9:00—1:00 p.m.	Terrific Tuesdays Together
Wednesday, Sept. 6		UMW Rummage / Bake Sale set up
	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer—Sanctuary
	7:30—8:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Thursday, Sept. 7		Rummage / Bake Sale—Lawsonville Community Building
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting— Fellowship Hall
Friday, Sept. 8		Rummage / Bake Sale—Lawsonville Community Building

### Announcements

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Children's Church will begin for the fall in early September. On two Wednesday evenings each month children from throughout the area are invited to come together in the Fellowship Hall to embrace a relationship with God and Christ through fun and kid focused activities. Each week begins with dinner and continues through crafts, music, games, and learning. Please keep watching for further information. If you would like to help out, have a child participate, or additional information please see Laura Wilson.

**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY:** Sunday, August 27. Do you know someone looking for a church home? Someone that finding fellowship in a church would be a blessing? Know someone who has just gotten out of the habit of attending? Invite them to **Back to Church Sunday: Fellowship, refreshments, music, information about teachers and programs.** Help spread the word!

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** Teachers, administrators, and staff are already going back to work and students will return next Monday. Please keep all of them in your prayers this week. Please prayerfully ask your self how you can support our schools throughout the upcoming year.

**JOHN 3:16**—Fall Small Group Bible Study—Begins Wednesday, September 6 at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Max Lucado helps us gain deeper understanding of John 3: 16, through this word-by-word study. Lucado describes this verse as the "Hope Diamond" of scripture.

**DO YOU NEED?:** We have several items around the church that need a new home. We have about 200 feet of 4 foot high galvanized, soldered fencing. We also have eight of 2' x 4' florescent light fixtures (fits into a grid suspended ceiling) and two ceiling mount 4' - 2 bulb fixtures. Please see Barbara Mabe for further information.

**SWEAT TO SERVE—FOR BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY:** CANCELLED

**UMW RUMMAGE / BAKE SALE:** It's time to begin collecting those treasures around your house that you no longer need. The UMW Rummage /Bake Sale is just around the corner, September 7 & 8. Items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall any time before Sept. 4. All proceeds from the sale are used to support the local, state, national, and international mission projects of the Snow Hill United Methodist Women.

**NORTHERN STOKES FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP:** Every Wednesday, unloading a trailer of food being delivered from the Second Harvest Food Pantry. Call Sandy Hooker at (336)414-6484 to be added to the volunteer list. Help is also needed on the first and third Thursdays of each month between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. distributing food to clients. Please see Joel Moorefield or Tommy Wagoner for complete information.

**SNOW HILL WIFI**—Network: SnowHillPublic-guest, Password: Welcome

### SAVE THE DATES:

Worship at Hanging Rock—Sunday, September 24

Community Chicken / Brunswick Stew Supper—UMM—Saturday, October 7

*Did the Bible live in me today?*

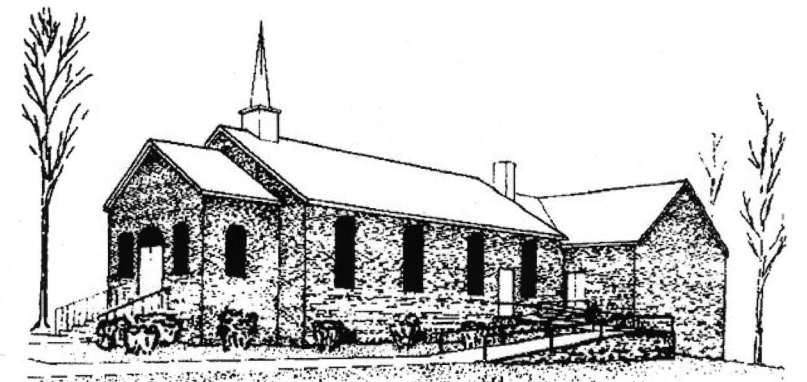


### Automated External Defibrillator

In the event of an emergency, there is an AED located in the hallway behind the chancel area.

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# SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**FOLLOW JESUS, MAKE DISCIPLES,  
TRANSFORM THE WORLD**

**AUGUST 20, 2017**

**REV. DR. PATRICIA SPICER  
PASTOR**

**REV. KEITH LAWSON  
ASSISTANT PASTOR**

**SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**IN WORSHIP**

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Liturgical Color—Green

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

*We welcome all who have gathered to worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please complete a visitor card, located in the pew card holder, and drop it into the offering plate.*

**GREETING & WELCOMING OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST**

*Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

**ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE**

*May we all be in a spirit of prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude and as the Word of God and Light of Christ enter the sanctuary.*

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**INTROIT**                      *White as Snow*                      Leon Olguin

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Leader) May God be gracious to us and Bless us.

**(Congregation)** *Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.*

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

**† HYMN OF PRAISE** *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*    No. 384

**COLLECT**

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your holy spirit may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; Amen**

**BAPTISM**    Vickie Lynn Spencer

**RECEPTION INTO THIS CONGREGATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in the Snow Hill congregation of the United Methodist Church we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, in that everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

**PROCLAMATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    Isaiah 56: 1—8  
Vickie Mabe: Lector

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**† GOSPEL READING**    Matthew 15: 10—28

**Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path  
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**ANTHEM**                      *High and Lifted Up Medley*                      arr. Marty Parks

**SERMON:**                      *The Prodigal God*                      Dr. Spicer  
Romans 11: 1—32

**RESPONSE**

**PRAISES AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Prayer Quilt: Lydia Quillin*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**† THE DOXOLOGY**    No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Al-le-luia.**

**SENDING FORTH**

**† HYMN OF DEDICATION**    *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*                      No. 452

**† BENEDICTION**

**† POSTLUDE**

*Please remain standing as the Light goes out into the world. Our service of worship has ended, our worship through service begins.*

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*† Please stand as you are able*

*Participating in today’s service: Vickie Mabe—Lector  
Cindy Roberts—Choir Director, Jennifer Amos—Pianist, Keith Bullin—Organist*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICKS OFF TODAY:** Shoebox brochures are available in the narthex. Please return your filled Shoeboxes on or before Sunday, November 13 along with \$9.00. The \$9.00 processing charge helps cover the cost of:  
1) Shipping costs—Shoeboxes are shipped to over 100 countries  
2) Gospel material (including **The Greatest Gift** materials which are translated to the child’s language and included in every shoe box)  
If 10 or more people are interested in going to the Boone Processing Center, to help process shoeboxes, one day between November 21 and December 16 please sign up in the Narthex. Processing dates are not available until October 4 and a date will be requested at that time if enough people are interested.  
If you have any questions, please contact Judy Fain