

# The Connection

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Preparing for Advent

November 2015

## "Being the Church" in the Snow Hill Community

### A Word from the Pastor

Dear Snow Hill Church Family,  
It has been a full and wonderful fall and the best is yet to come as we look forward to the Season of Thanks and Advent.



I want to thank the congregation, especially the PPRC and Barbara Mabe for the lovely tribute for Pastor Appreciation Sunday last week. The flowers were beautiful and the wonderful print will have a place of honor in our home at the parsonage. It is a special blessing to be your pastor.

As most of you know, we are in the midst of a four-week sermon series on "Extravagant Generosity." Most churches conduct Stewardship campaigns- often in the fall. As a Christian, I believe that we are called to be good stewards at all times. But, an intentional focus on God's extravagant generosity to us is helpful for our spiritual journey.

As we grow in faith we grow more Christ-like. In that growth we reflect our Creator and find our hearts becoming more generous.

I invite you to pray about the ways God calls us to be generous with all He has provided. How will we choose to give of our time, our talents, our money, our prayers, and our service?

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a Consecration Service during which we each can make our personal commitments in each of these areas.

May God continue to bless you and watch over you.

In Christ's Service Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Pat*

### Old Fashioned Sunday



Keith at the pump organ

On Sunday, Oct. 11 members of SHUMC dressed like members of Snow Hill dressed in the past. There was a wide variety of times and styles displayed. Following worship everyone gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a time of sharing, food, and fellowship. A grand time was had by everyone attending. Keep track of your "old timey duds" for next year.



Iris and Glen Robertson, Iris is wearing a dress owned by Granny Hill's daughter

Pastor Pat, as Sarah Brooks—the first female Wesley licensed to preach



### Northern Stokes Food Pantry

Would you be willing to donate a few hours each month to help your neighbors? The Northern Stokes Food Pantry could use your help.

Snow Hill UMC partners with the food pantry by transporting food from the Second Harvest Food Bank in Winston-Salem to the Food Pantry located at the Francisco Presbyterian Church on the Wednesday following the third Sunday of each month. You can help "shop" for food (8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.) or help unload the trailer at the pantry (12:30—1:00).

Volunteers are also needed to distribute food the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, noon to 5:00 p.m., or all day. Cash donations are also needed for food purchase. Please contact Joel Moorefield or Malcolm Roberts if you are able to help in any way.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT WITH YOUR PASTOR?

I would love to spend personal time with each of you. But, I do not "drop in" uninvited, other than to say "Happy Birthday" or to visit the seriously ill or hospitalized members.

If you will call me, leave me a voice message, email me, or even drop a note in the offering plate letting me know a day and time, as well as whether you prefer to meet in your home or here at the church – I will be delighted to visit with you!

Also, I keep regular office hours – Tuesday through Friday 9:00 – 5:00. If my black car is parked near the fellowship hall – I am available. Come on in. Whenever I leave for visits or other church business I always leave a message by my door as to when I will return.

Finally, just call me any time that I can be of help – or if you just want to chat.

### UMM Stew Supper & Sale

After a rain delay, the 2015 Community Stew Supper and Sale was held on Saturday, October 10. There was a great turnout of Snow Hill members and folks from throughout our community. This year's sale was a "sell out" every quart of stew that was packaged has been sold. All money raised will be used to support mission projects of the UMM. Congratulations to chief cooks Arthur Glidewell and Lee Charleville.

The UMM would also like to thank everyone who showed up to work and prepared wonderful desserts to go with the stew.



### Did You Know

Why Pastors wear robes? In some religions it is a requirement, such as for priests in the Catholic church. In most mainline churches robes are common, but not required. In the UMC robes are typically the result of individual church cultures and/or the preference of the pastor. Why does Pastor Pat always wear a robe of clerical collar in worship? Because, it is important to her that the focus always remain on God and God's Word. If at all possible, a pastor's personal appearance, clothing, etc. should not distract from the worship.

## Members Unable to Worship With Us

Please keep the following SHUMC members and neighbors in your prayers. If you have the opportunity to visit or send a card it would be most appreciated.

Ila Mae Overby  
Billy Shelton  
Elsie Sisk  
Mary Tilley

We do not publish contact information in the web edition of the Connection—Contact the church for this information.

## Updating Member Information

On October 18, SHUMC members and family began updating the information that we have on file for them. If you have not had a chance to update your information, please see Barbara Mabe. Correct information will help us all keep in touch. SHUMC does not share your information with anyone (other than phone numbers with other church members)

## November Birthdays

The following church members birthdays are on record. If you are aware that one is missing or incorrect, please call the church office and leave that information.

Jr. Lawson—11/2	Willie Stevens—11/23
Ryan Wilson—11/5	Ray Morton—11/24
Betty Morton 11/10	Tommy Wagoner—11/25
Bette McPherson—11/11	Doris Wall—11/25
Reese Moore—11/18	Jerry Moorefield—11/28
Brandon Hall—11/23	

## ANYWAY

The Paradoxical Commandments  
by Dr. Kent M. Keith

From Pastor Pat

One of my favorite little books is based on the 12 Paradoxical Commandments. Barbara Mabe referenced them in her remarks last Sunday. I know many of you are familiar with them, but I thought you might enjoy reading them:

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.  
Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.  
Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.  
Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.  
Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.  
Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.  
Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.  
Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.  
Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.  
Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.  
Give the world the best you have anyway.

## Help Wanted

Have you ever wanted to run away with a rock band, were a member of the "AV team", or enjoy wearing all black? If so we need you and your talents on Sunday Mornings. To get the most out of our sound system upgrade one or two people are needed at each Worship service. We are looking for 4 to 8 people to help so that no one is expected to serve every Sunday. No prior skills are needed, we will learn together. Contact [info@snowhillumc](mailto:info@snowhillumc) to volunteer or for more info.

## Veteran's Sunday

On Sunday, November 8 we will be recognizing the lives and service of our Veterans. Please take a few minutes to invite those Veterans living in the area. We hope that everyone will be able to join us in worship as we salute these valuable members of our community

## Fix Up / Spruce Up

Plan on joining us on Saturday, November 7 as we begin to prepare Snow Hill for the winter. Scheduled projects that day include: Removing the fence and posts along the hill behind the church and cemetery, cleaning the sanctuary and classrooms, painting the hall behind the sanctuary, blowing leaves off the lawn and parking lots, misc. painting and repairs. We will begin at 9:00 and should be done around 1:00 p.m.

## November Calendar

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| Nov. 1   | Coffee Time: 9:20 a.m.<br>Sunday School Assembly: 9:45 a.m. (FH)<br>Sunday School Classes: 9:50 a.m.<br>All Saints Sunday: 10:50 a.m.   |
| Nov. 4   | Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.<br><b>Prayer</b> —Bible Study Pioneer Hospital Conference Room 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.<br><b>Prayer</b> —Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.\   |
| Nov 5    | Northern Stokes Food Pantry open<br>Stokes Cluster Charge Conference: 7:00 p.m.<br>Trinity UMC, King NC.  |
| Nov. 7   | Sweat to Serve Saturday: 9:00 a.m.<br>Poor Man's Supper, Lawsonville Community Center   |
| Nov. 8 * | Coffee Time: 9:20 a.m.<br>Sunday School Assembly: 9:45 a.m. (FH)<br>Sunday School Classes: 9:50 a.m.<br>Worship Service—Veterans Recognition 10:50 a.m.<br>Communion and Worship in the day room at Pioneer Hospital in Danbury: 1:00 p.m.<br>Safe Sanctuaries Training: 3:00 p.m., Faith UMC, Rural Hall |
| Nov. 9   | United Methodist Women: 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  |
| Nov. 11  | Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.<br><b>Revelations</b> Bible Study Pioneer Hospital Conference Room 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.<br>Third Sunday Band Rehearsal : 5:00 p.m.<br><b>Revelations</b> Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall<br>Veteran's Worship Service<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.         |
| Nov. 15  | United Methodist Men: 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall<br>Regular Schedule—"Third Sunday Worship"<br>Third Sunday Band Rehearsal 10:00   |
| Nov. 18  | Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.<br>UMM Food delivery from Second Harvest Food Bank to Northern Stokes Food Pantry.<br><b>Revelations</b> Bible Study, Conference Room, Pioneer Hospital, Danbury: 12:00 —1:00 p.m.<br>Bible Study: 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.       |
| Nov. 19  | Northern Stokes Food Pantry open  |
| Nov. 22  | Regular Schedule  |
| Nov. 25  | Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.  |
| Nov. 29* | Regular Sunday Morning Schedule<br>Christmon Service  |

\* Standard Sunday morning schedule, will be used every Sunday unless noted.

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