

The Connection

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"Being the Church" in the Snow Hill Community

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Snow Hill Church Family, What a great day we had last Sunday! We started five new Sunday School classes and had children in every age group. With our "Back to Church" Sunday we begin a fall filled with opportunities: opportunities to learn and grow spiritually, opportunities for worship (traditional and unique), opportunities to engage in missions, and special events and activities. I encourage you to participate in as many of these as possible.



Last Sunday was also very special as we received into membership two wonderful adults, Daniel and Sarah Lawson. I also had the privilege of baptizing their children, Wyatt and Morgan.

As we begin this new academic year together I am wondering how many of you attend SHUMC faithfully, but are not members? It is important to remember that we are baptized into one Church – Christ's church. We become *members* of the local congregation where we worship and where we serve together as a church family. If you would like to know more about membership in the United Methodist Church, and specifically Snow Hill UMC I will be delighted to talk with you.

I can't wait to see what God will do in the Church, in our congregation, and in each of our lives during the coming months. We are Christ's hands and feet for the world. We are called to use them in service as His laborers.

I look forward to serving with each of you.
Blessings

Pastor Pat

Welcome

David and Sara Lawson joined SHUMC on Sunday, Aug. 30. During the same service their daughter Morgan Grace and son Wyatt Russell were baptized.



Church wide study *THE STORY*

In our new Adult Sunday School class and in all of our children's classes we are engaging in a study called *The Story* by popular Christian author, Max Lucado. This study focuses on the Bible as God's story of salvation for each of us. Lucado has taken major sections from the beginning of the Bible through the end and prepared them in story format. The discussions and activities bring us new and deeper insights into God's Word for our lives. You are encouraged to attend one of our 9:45 classes.

Fall Bible Study Small Groups

Revelation:

You are invited to grow in your understanding and appreciation for the Bible as we study together the book of Revelation. This is an exciting and challenging study that is often ignored by churches. We will use the materials of renowned theologian and biblical professor **Dr. Mickey Efird**. **Please plan to attend an introductory session Wednesday, Sept. 16th at 12:00 noon in the conference room of Pioneer Hospital in Danbury, or at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall of the church.**

Worship at Hanging Rock



Join us at 11:00 on Sunday, Sept. 27 at Picnic Shelter #2 at Hanging Rock State Park (far end of the visitors center parking lot). Special music will be presented by Michelle Hobbs and Barry Scott. Following worship will be a hamburger/hot dog lunch prepared by the United Methodist Men. You may bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please bring a neighbor, relative, or friend with you to share this special time of worship and fellowship.

UMM Community Brunswick / Chicken Stew Supper and Sale

Plan on joining the Snow Hill United Methodist Men at SHAPE (Doss Road) at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3 for their annual Community Brunswick / Chicken Stew supper and sale. Dinner is our treat to the Snow Hill community, then stock up your freezer with delicious Brunswick or Chicken Stew for a wonderful warm meal on those cool fall or cold winter days that will be here before we are ready for them. All money raised through this sale will be used to support the mission projects of the SHUMC UMM.

Did You Know?

UMCOR is representing **us** in responding to the humanitarian crisis in Europe. Throughout Europe they have paired with local aid agencies in providing food, water, and welcoming services. They are currently working on an overall plan to help deal with this ongoing and evolving crisis. If you would like to donate directly to this effort go to UMCOR.org and follow links to designate your gift to **Disaster Response, International (#982450)** All donations will go directly to this relief effort. Overhead and expenses for all UMCOR projects are covered through the apportionments paid by United Methodist churches world wide.

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 addresses in the online version of The Connection. Please contact the church for this information.

Staying in touch with all of members

Are you receiving a phone message on Friday evenings? Did the "Birthday Fairy" show up on or near your last birthday?

If not, we may not have your current information. Beginning September 13, you are encouraged to stop by the table set up outside the Sanctuary to check the information that we currently have on file and make any additions or corrections. We want to stay in touch with and be able to communicate with all of the members and friends of SHUMC.

September 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.

1st	Ila Mae Overby	9th	Jeanette Overby
5th	David Mabe	11th	Edgar (Tub) Priddy
6th	Michaela Handy	16th	Tyler Wilson
7th	Jackson Moorefield	22nd	John-Luke Charlevois
7th	McKienzieTilley	25th	Judy Fain
8th	Dakota Moorefield		

Sound System Upgrade

We are about to begin upgrading the sound system in the Sanctuary. As part of this project all sound equipment will be moved from the chancel area to the left rear of the sanctuary, new wireless microphones installed, a sound mixing board added, etc. This will should improve the sound quality in the sanctuary and throughout the building, improve the sound quality on the wireless headsets and on the dvd's that we record of each service.

This project is going to cost around \$13,000. If you would like to contribute to this project please make checks payable to Snow Hill UMC and notate "Sound System" on the memo line.

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 to volunteer or for more info.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 22-25

"SPIRITUAL REKINDLING" AT SNOW HILL UMC

PREPARE FOR SPIRITUAL REVIVAL AS WE SING, PRAY, PLAY AND LISTEN TO PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD .

12 Reasons Why a Pastor Quit Attending Sporting Events

(A touch of humor)

By Paul Malone

1. The coach never came to visit me.
2. Every time I went, they asked for money.
3. The people sitting in my row didn't seem very friendly.
4. The seats were very hard.
5. The referees made a decision I didn't agree with.
6. I was sitting with hypocrites—they only came to see what others were wearing, or who had the most spirit!
7. Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some songs I had never heard before.
9. The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in and run errands.
10. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
11. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches, anyway.
12. I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

September Calendar

Sept. 6	Coffee Time: 9:20 a.m. Sunday School Assembly: 9:45 a.m. (FH) Sunday School Classes: 9:50 a.m. Worship with Communion: 10:50 a.m. Communion and Worship in the day room at Pioneer Hospital in Danbury: 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Prayer —Bible Study Pioneer Hospital Conference Room 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Prayer —Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 10 & 11	UMW Annual Rummage and Bake Sale 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. at the Lawsonville Community Building
Sept. 13 *	Coffee Time: 9:20 a.m. Sunday School Assembly: 9:45 a.m. (FH) Sunday School Classes: 9:50 a.m. Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
Sept 16	Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Revelations Bible Study Pioneer Hospital Conference Room 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band Rehearsal : 5:00 p.m. Revelations Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Northern Stokes Food Pantry at Francisco Pres. Church: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	United Methodist Men's Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall Regular Schedule—Third Sunday Worship Third Sunday Band Rehearsal 10:00
Sept. 23	Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. UMM Food delivery from Second Harvest Food Bank to Northern Stokes Food Pantry. Revelations Bible Study, Conference Room, Pioneer Hospital, Danbury: 12:00 —1:00 p.m. Bible Study: 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Church Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Worship at Hanging Rock State Park: 11:00 am
Sept. 30	Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Bible Study TBA 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.
October 3	4:00 p.m.—UMM Community Brunswick/ Chicken Stew Dinner / Sale

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

October 11 Old Fashioned Day at SHUMC

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