

The Connection

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"Being the Church" in the Snow Hill Community

A Word from the Pastor

October may be my favorite month. The weather is often so beautiful with comfortable temperatures that include a subtle nip in the air. The glorious fall days, with the trees turning into artwork are tremendous reminders of God as the Creator of everything.

I pray that each of us will take time to observe all the changes and the beauty of October. As we do we should be reminded that everything in Creation came to us from God.

Fall is a great time for gratitude for the abundance of God's gifts. A time to feel a special energy and joy as we revel in the "harvest" of life.

During October we will have a sermon series on Creation, focusing on various aspects of the unfathomable magnificence of God. I look forward to sharing the messages and in worshipping together with you during this special month of beauty.

May God bless you,

Pastor Pat

Communicating with the Pastor

During my weeks at SHUMC I have sought to be as accessible as possible to every member and to as much of the community as possible. To assist you in contacting/visiting me I am providing the following "schedule." Tuesday through Friday: Office hours 8:30-5:00 at Snow Hill UMC—if you see a small black car near the back of the church (or large red GMC) I am there.

When I leave the church to do visitations/meetings I write on a board by my door where I am and when I will return.

Saturday, Sunday, and Mondays: Irregular hours. Again, if the car is at the church feel free to stop in.

To schedule a visit at your home or at the church you may call any of these numbers and leave me a message: 593-3362, 593-8358, 314-1276. ANY TIME YOU NEED to talk with me you are encouraged to call the above numbers. The cell number 314-1276 is probably the best one to use at any hour. You can reach me by email at revp-spicer@snowhill.umd.org.

I look forward to meeting personally with each member of the church during the coming months.

SNOW HILL UMC IS IN A STEW!



On Saturday, October 4, 2014 the United Methodist Men will hold their Annual Brunswick / Chicken Stew Community Dinner and Sale. Please join us at the Family Life Center (2125 Doss Road, Danbury) at 4:00 p.m. for dinner. Both Brunswick and Chicken Stew will be available for sale at \$6.00 per quart. If you are able to help prepare the stew Friday evening or Saturday please contact Arthur Glidewell at (336)

UMW Yard Sale "A Great Success"

593-8410.



On Sept. 11 and 12 the United Methodist Women held their Annual Rummage Sale. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the congregation the UMW received the largest selection of items in the history of the sale. They had tremendous help in loading, delivering, and assembling the items. There was also delicious bread, cakes, and pies available for purchase.

The fine folks from the church, Snow Hill, and Lawsonville communities showed up to support the UMW and purchase items. A record amount of money which will go to support the UMW's mission work in the community. Last year the group participated in 21 local, national, and international projects. With this great start, they will be able to do even more in the upcoming year. Thanks to everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Spiritual "Muscles"

These days we hear so much about physical fitness and few of us doubt its importance. At every age we are encouraged to be intentional about moving, stretching and staying active. We cannot take our health and well-being for granted. As they say, "use it or lose it."

So what about our spiritual well-being? Are we being intentional about staying faith-fit? Are we stretching and growing in our discipleship? Our mission at SHUMC includes to "make disciples." That begins with us. We can't take our discipleship for granted. It is a journey that requires our daily commitment to God as we move closer and closer to the perfection of Jesus Christ.

What are some faith-fitness habits?

- * Spend time daily in prayer: talking with God and being still to listen for God's guidance.
- * Worship with a community of Christian believers as often as possible, but certainly on the Sabbath
- * Participate in a class to learn more about the Bible in general and/or specific texts.
- * Participate in a spiritual growth small group to learn and discuss topics of value to living a Christian life.
- * Give of your time, talents, and financial resources for the uplifting of the kingdom here on earth.
- * Read a daily devotion and scripture. SHUMC's website has one available for you.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014

Caring for Each Other

Congratulations to Jesse Anderson and Emily Hargett who were married on Saturday, Sept. 27. Jesse is the son of Kristie and Eddie Anderson.

Congratulations to Shannon and Caleb Tilley who were married on September 13.

Please be in prayer for members of our church and community who are experiencing illness, grieving, or suffering in some other way:

Ray Cox
Wilma Joyce
Lisa Overby
Orell Robertson

Sympathy to the Friends and Family of:
Elmer Dodson, Codell Shelton, and Lester Wright

Members Unable to Worship With Us

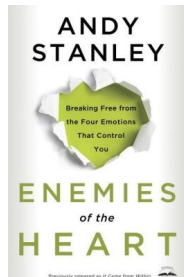
Please keep the following SHUMC members and neighbors in your prayers. If you have the opportunity to visit or send a card it would be most appreciated.

Joy Martin
Ila Mae Overby
Jacqueline Priddy
Billy Shelton
Elsie Sisk
Mary Tilley

Due to privacy concerns we will not publish these members addresses or contact information—please contact the church office for this information

New Christian Women's Book Study Begins!

On Monday, Nov. 3rd the first meeting of a monthly Christian book club for women will be held at the Snow Hill UMC parsonage at 7:00 p.m. This club will read and discuss best selling books focused on living the Christian life. The first book will be *Enemies of the Heart* a best-seller by Andy Stanley. Those interested in attending the first session are encouraged to obtain the book and begin reading the first chapters. If you would like for the pastor to purchase a book for you for \$12.62 please let her know by October 7.



The CWBC will meet in a different location each month. Although this is being sponsored by Snow Hill UMC, all Christian women of the area are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please rsvp to revpspicer@snowhillumc.org or leave a voice message at 336-593-8358.

MISSION—SNOW HILL

During a Saturday in October we will be scheduling a "Mission—Snow Hill" work day at the church, Family Life Center, and other locations—please watch for complete information. We will have a way for everyone to help!

Render Unto Caesars what is Caesar's

Jesus taught that what belonged to the government should be paid. But, Jesus never said to pay more than was due. Each year we are to pay our taxes, but we are not required to "overpay." If you itemize you may want to think about the following:

Donations to your church are valid deductions. But, you need to have a record of what you have given. When you put cash in the offering plate it is a blessing and appropriate. But, by writing a check, or putting the cash in a sealed envelope with your name on it, the church can record the offerings for you and provide you with a complete summary in early January of each year.

"Wesleyan Way" Study

It's not too late to join in a new eight week study of Methodism titled "The Wesleyan Way." Please join us in the Fellowship Hall from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

October Calendar

Wed., Oct. 1	6:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Prayer—Sanctuary Wesleyan Way Study—FH Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Sat., Oct. 4	4:00 p.m.	UMM Community Stew Supper, Family Life Center
Sun., Oct. 5	9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Light Breakfast—FH Sunday Group Gathering Worship— World Communion Sunday
Wed., Oct. 8	6:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Prayer—Sanctuary Wesleyan Way Study—FH Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Fri., Oct. 10	4:00 p.m.	Dinner for North Stokes FB Team
Sun., Oct. 12	9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Light Breakfast—FH Sunday Group Gathering Worship
Mon., Oct. 13	7:00 p.m.	UMW—FH
Wed., Oct. 15	6:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prayer—Sanctuary Wesleyan Way Study—FH Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Sun., Oct. 19	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	UMM Breakfast Light Breakfast—FH Sunday Group Gathering Third Sunday
Wed., Oct. 22	8:00 a.m.	UMM to Second Harvest Food Bank for North Stokes Food Pantry
	6:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Prayer—Sanctuary Wesleyan Way Study—FH Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Sun., Oct. 26	9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Light Breakfast—FH Sunday Group Gathering Worship Charge Conference, Palmaria UMC
	4:00 p.m.	Nurture Meeting
Wed., Oct. 29	6:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Prayer—Sanctuary Wesleyan Way Study—FH Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

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