

The Connection

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"Being the Church" in the Snow Hill Community

A Word from the Pastor

As we move through Lent I pray that each of us may be blessed by this time of spiritual renewal. Lent is a time not only to prepare ourselves to honor the memory of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, but also a time to renew and rekindle our relationship with God.



Lent is a time to bring ourselves back in tune with God's divine plan. It is a special time during which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the glorious Easter event. The spirit of Lent is not just about the liturgy of the Church, rather it is about a response of its members to the messages and teachings of Christ.

Jesus told us to "repent and believe in the Gospel." What better way to spend this Lenten season than to meditate on the profound implication of these words.

May we each look at the areas of our lives that do not align with the Gospel of our Lord and then to turn from them (repent) and look to Christ alone for our redemption.

At the end of our journey lies a glorious Easter Sunday.
Yours in Christ,

Pastor Pat

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE APRIL 5, 2015

This year's Sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. at Delta UMC on highway 704 in Sandy Ridge. Both congregations come together in worship and praise as we greet the morning – that First Morning when Jesus was resurrected – conquering death. Please plan to begin this Holiest of days with your church family. Breakfast will be provided immediately after the service in the Delta fellowship hall.

SNOW HILL GOES TO THE MOVIES

DO YOU BELIEVE? Would you like to see this movie with a group of your church family? We will be going Saturday afternoon (March 28) for the 4:00 showing. Afterwards we will stop at the Salty Bay in Walnut Cove for dinner on the way back. To be included let the Pastor know by Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. You may ride in the church van, the Spicer's car, or car pool or simply arrive on your own.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CHICKEN PIE SALE

The SHUMC UMM would like to thank everyone for their participation and hard work. It was very successful with 440 items sold. Although we don't have a final report, we estimate that the project raised approximately \$1,500. All of the monies raised with this project will allow us to double our mission projects in 2015.

Judy Fain was our top fundraiser.



Did You Know?

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (also known as UMCOR) is celebrating its 75th Birthday. Long known for being "First In and Last Out" in natural disasters anywhere in the world, UMCOR is one of the ways that SHUMC connects with other Methodists in helping the "least and the lost" where ever they are found. While continuing to assist with natural disasters, UMCOR is also serving those being displaced by war, famine, droughts,

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

One of the most sacred times of the Church year is the Thursday evening of Holy Week. This is the night that Jesus would share the Passover meal with his disciples. But later, he would give himself up for all of us, yielding to the authorities who came to arrest him.

April 2nd we will gather in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. to remember, to relive, and to reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice and gift of our Savior. This night leads us into the crucifixion and death of Jesus on Friday. And then, we wait in darkness until the glorious sunrise of Easter Sunday morning.

I encourage each of you to plan now to participate in this bittersweet service of preparation and renewal. Child care will be available for children birth through second grade.

Birthday Party at Pioneer Hospital

On Wednesday, February 25 members of the SHUMC United Methodist Women hosted a Birthday Party for residence in the long term care facility at Pioneer Hospital in Danbury. Members of the group decorated the Day Room, brought in sandwiches, snacks, and birthday cake.

Everyone, residents and UMW members had a wonderful time celebrating.

Members of SHUMC also participate in a worship service on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Day Room at the hospital, everyone is invited to join us for this special monthly service.



GOOD FRIDAY OPPORTUNITY

West Market Street United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra (Greensboro) will present *Requiem*, by Gabriel Faure' (as edited by John Rutter) at Noon, on **Good Friday, April 3, 2015**. The community is invited. Talk to Pastor Pat for more information.

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

Due to privacy concerns, we will not publish addresses in the web edition. Please contact the church for this information.

Caring for Each Other

The Snow Hill UMC family extends its sympathy to the families and friends of:

Beth Joyner Conley (long-time member at Delta UMC),

Orell Robertson (brother of Glenn Robertson),

Clifton Smith (brother of Mildred Bullins)

Jacqueline Priddy (wife of Tub Priddy and member of SHUMC).

Sandi McBride (dear friend and family member of Barbara Mabe)

Eugene Lyons, former principal of Lawsonville Elem. & North Stokes H.S. and county commissioner.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

The God You Can Know

On February 22, we began a Lenten study focused on helping us know even better the God we seek to serve. God will be more clearly revealed to us as the Holy Spirit guides our discernment of the "I Am" sayings of Jesus Christ.

Each Wednesday (12-1 lunch group at Dan River Restaurant) (6:15-7:30 p.m. in fellowship hall) we will follow up the sermon message from the previous Sunday.

Everyone is encouraged to purchase an excellent book for their own use. Books are available for \$7.00.



Another picture from the Feb. Birthday Party at Pioneer Hosp.

SWEAT TO SERVE—SPRING 2015

Can you volunteer for a couple of hours on, Saturday March 28 to help us clean up and spruce up SHUMC for Good Friday, Holy Week, Easter and spring activities? We could use your help! We will work from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

We are planning on working on final paint coats, window cleaning, interior cleaning, cemetery spruce up, and more.

Please join us on the 28th for fellowship, an opportunity to serve, and a little bit of sweat.

March / April 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.

March		April	
1st	Jerry Ballard	3rd	Colin Anderson
7th	Joe Hardin		Wayne Hodges
13th	Autum Overby		Ann Slinger
15th	Drake Price	4th	Bobby Manring
16th	Joe Brown	5th	Chuck Spicer
19th	Robyn Hardin	7th	Kristie Anderson
23rd	Susan McGuire	8th	Paul Michael Charleville
25th	Teresa Hodges	15th	Sam Tilley
27th	P. C. Frye		
29th	Lydia Richardson		

March/April Calendar

- March 22* Coffee Time: 9:20 a.m.
Sunday School Assembly: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School Classes: 9:50 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
Mission Meal: Following 10:50 Service, in support of Piney Grove Middle School Back Pack Ministry
Youth Fellowship and Lessons: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- March. 25 Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.
The God You Can Know—Dan River Family Restaurant: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
The God You Can Know: 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.
- March 28 Sweat to Serve: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Do You Believe—Winston Salem 4:00 p.m.
- March 29 Palm Sunday
- April 1 Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.
The God You Can Know—Dan River Family Restaurant: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
The God You Can Know: 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.
- April 2 Maundy Thursday Service: 7:00 p.m.
- April 3 Faure **Requiem**, West Market Street UMC Greensboro: 12:00 p.m.
- April 5 Easter Sunrise Service, Delta UMC Cemetery
Breakfast to follow in Delta Fellowship Hall.
Easter Service, SHUMC: 10:50
- April 8 Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.
The God You Can Know—Dan River Family Restaurant: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
The God You Can Know: 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.
- April 12 Sunday School and Worship
- April 13 United Methodist Women,
- April 15 Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.
Third Sunday Band Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.
Spring Bible Study 6:15 p.m.
- April 19 United Methodist Men's Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Third Sunday Worship: 10:50 a.m.
- April 22 Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.
Spring Bible Study 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.
- April 26 Sunday School and Worship

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

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