

The Connection

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"Being the Church" in the Snow Hill Community

A Word from the Pastor

Hello Members of the Snow Hill Church Community,

As we approach the end of our first year in ministry together I rejoice for the blessings we have shared and for the opportunities that lie ahead.

May 17th will be a special day in the life of our congregation as we celebrate our mission and envision what the future could hold if we live out that mission to the best of our abilities.

We worship each Sunday, attend classes, and minister together at SHUMC because those who came before us faithfully, and frequently, stepped out to dream big and to take risks for the presence of this church in our community.

Now, it is our turn – our responsibility to determine what we are called to provide, who we are called to be, and what we are prepared to do in order that this local church may be a bright, shining light to this area for the coming years.

Be sure to be with us at **10:30 a.m. Sunday May 17th as we worship, pray, and envision our future.** Each of you will have the opportunity to provide specific input into this Vision.

We will have special music provided by guest musicians and then we will have a delicious lunch immediately after the service. The meal is being provided free of charge as a gift from one of our members. It will be cooked by our own chef, Lee Charleville.

I look forward to being with you on this exciting day and in continuing to serve in ministry with each of you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Pat



UMCOR

First In—Last Out

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) serves people around the world whenever a large scale disaster or emergency occurs. They are currently on the ground in Nepal to help the people of that country deal with the crisis caused by the recent earthquake.

One hundred percent of the money donated for a specific event goes to support efforts on the ground in that area, all administrative costs are covered by the apportionments paid by United Methodist Churches throughout the world. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

To make a donation to UMCOR you may drop a check by the church or go to UMCOR.ORG to make an online donation.

Senior Citizen's Banquet

Everyone over the age of 65 is invited to this year's Snow Hill UMC Senior Citizen's Banquet—"Big Band Era." Please join us on Saturday, May 9 from 5:30—7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To make your reservation please call the church at 593-3362.

Book Review

There are numerous books that can be extremely helpful in our spiritual growth. One that I would like to recommend to you is *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kemp. For five hundred years, this gentle book, filled with the spirit of the love of God, has brought understanding and comfort to millions of readers in over fifty languages, and provided them with a source of heart-felt personal prayer.

These meditations on the life and teachings of Jesus, written in times even more troubled and dangerous than our own, have become second only to the Bible as a guide and inspiration.

You can find a free [cyber copy](#) on the internet if you google the title. A [kindle version](#) is available from Amazon.com for 99 cents. Paperback versions are available through dealers like Amazon.com for as little as \$5. Also, the local library is certain to have a copy.

Have you helped feed someone in need recently?

SHUMC supports three feeding ministries in Stokes County: Piney Grove Middle School Backpack Ministry, [Northern Stokes Food Pantry](#), and the [East Stokes Outreach Ministry](#) in Walnut Cove.

In Stokes County approximately 1 in six families falls into the category of "food insecure." Meaning that there are times each week that the family does not have access to enough food to feed all of the members of the family.

At Piney Grove MS, we provide weekend meal backpacks for 12 to 16 students each week. Gladys Martin is the coordinator for this ministry, the need here is for monetary donations to purchase needed food

The Northern Stokes Food Pantry serves over 70 families each week on Thursday. They need monetary donations for food purchase, volunteers and Thursdays to distribute food to families. The UMM also make a food run on the third Wednesday of each month to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Mayberry Bible Study

Our current Wednesday Bible Study uses segments from the *Andy Griffith Show* to lift up important Biblical principles such as peace, commitment, and others. The study will meet each Wednesday through early June. A daytime study group will meet at the Dan River Family Restaurant from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. The evening group will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. Each week's session "stands alone" so please come anytime you are able.

Did You Know?

Research indicates that someone visiting a church for the first time makes up his/her mind about coming back again within three minutes of getting out of their car. There is a good chance that the Snow Hill member that they see may be the determining factor in this process. How are we all doing on being a Welcoming Congregation? Do we greet someone we don't know, ask if they have any questions or need to find something (child care, restroom, etc.)? Are they invited to come back?

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 SiskMary Tilley

Due to privacy concerns we do not publish addresses for these members. Please call the church for that information.

Caring for Each Other Through Prayer

Prayer cards are available in the pews or on the "Prayer Box" located in the narthex. If you have a prayer request or know of someone in the need of prayer please fill out one of the prayer card and drop it in the collection plate, prayer box, or give it to Pastor Pat. You can also call her at the church (593-3362), cell (314-1276), or email (revpspicer@snowhillumc.org).

We are also looking for "Prayer Warriors" to join our prayer team. Let Sam Tilley or the pastor know if you would be willing to serve this important ministry.

Prayer can be powerful in our lives, lets put it to work!

Bulletin Boards

Have you taken a look at the Bulletin Boards around the church lately? Each month, sometimes more often, Gladys Martin takes the time and effort to provide this important and meaningful ministry.



Serving the Snow Hill Community

The Mission Committee has begun to collect "adaptive equipment" that will be available for loan to members of our community when needed.

Items Needed

Canes
Walkers
Wheelchairs
Shower Chairs
Transfer Tub Benches
Bedside Commodes
Long Handled Reachers
Grab Bars
Sock Aids
Long Handled Show Horns

Please donate only equipment that is in good working order and is clean. Most of these items can be cleaned by using bleach and water.

If you have any questions please contact Tommy wagoner or Becky Bibeau. Further information is available on the church's web page.

May 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.

2nd Vickie Mabe	20th Carolyn Henderson
4th Hunter Moorefield	21st Willis Overby
7th Danny Wall	23rd Richard Smith
14th Jessica Shelton	24th Jennifer Amos
16th Magan Ring	26th Rick Albee
17th Bowen Ammons	28th Margaret Lawson
17th Dylan Hall	28th Landon Richardson
18th Mary Tilley	29th Keith Bullin
19th Michelle Robertson	30th Debra Morton

Keeping in Touch

Have you moved, changed your phone number, had a change in your family, etc. If so, please let us know so we can keep in touch with you. Information forms are available on the brochure rack to the left of the main door as you enter the building.

When was the last time you looked at the church's web page (www.snowhillumc.org)? Is there something that you would like included on the page? Please let us know. The web page is our first contact for many people and we would like to have as much helpful information available as possible.

Have you "liked" [Snow Hill on FaceBook](#) yet? There is information about upcoming events, the Upper Room Daily Devotional and much more on our FaceBook page.

May Calendar

May 3* 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.
Worship in Day Room at Pioneer Hospital: in Danbury 1:00 p.m.

May 6 Morning Prayer: 6:30—8:00 a.m.
Mayberry Bible Study—Dan River Family Restaurant: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
Mayberry Bible Study: 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.

May 9 Senior Citizen's Banquet

May 10 Mother's Day

May 13 Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.
The Mayberry Bible Study: Dan River Family Restaurant: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
The Mayberry Bible Study: 6:15 p.m.
No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

May 14 Piney Grove MS & North Stokes HS Band Concert—Piney Grove MS Gym: 7:00 p.m.

May 17 United Methodist Men's Breakfast
Worship at 10:30 followed by lunch

May 20 Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.
UMM Deliver food from Second Harvest Food Bank to Northern Stokes Food Pantry
The Mayberry Bible Study: Dan River Family Restaurant: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
The Mayberry Bible Study: 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.

May 22 & 23 North Stokes HS Spring Musical: 7:00 p.m.

May 23 Pickin' at Priddy's: 6:00—8:00 p.m.

May 24 Sunday School Assembly: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50

May 25 Memorial Day

May 27 Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.
The Mayberry Bible Study: Dan River Family Restaurant: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
The Mayberry Bible Study: 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m.

May 31 Sunday School Assembly: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50

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