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Berea Friendship United Methodist Church News

August 2016

Due to Pastor 's hospitalization he is unable to do an article this month. He continues to improve following his stay at the hospital.

He and Pastor Shirley appreciates all the prayers and concerns from everyone and is looking forward to being back with us soon.

Prayer for Pastor:

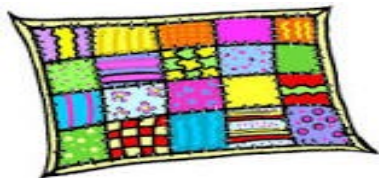
God of love, Ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need. Watch over Pastor Enrique and his family, look after him in every danger, and grant him your healing and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Window Replacement Update

The Trustee Committee met and reviewed the renderings from the window company. We made a slight change to the rendering. The window will be the United Methodist Church cross and flame emblem (black cross/red flame) centered in the window with a border around the window and tinted glass in the remainder of the window. We will keep you updated on the progress of the window installation. The company currently is behind schedule and said they will get to our window as soon as possible. The company installing this window is the same company that installed the other stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

A Word From the Quilters—

Our annual church-wide Bazaar is fast approaching—it's only 3 months away, November 4 & 5. We hope that everyone is working on your donation for the Bazaar—during this very hot summer weather is a perfect time to stay indoors under the air-conditioning and work away. We need lots of **new** crafts, handmade items, preserves, jams, jellies, etc. The quilters thank you for all your help! Also, your pint and half-pint jars are appreciated very much. If over the years you have made photos of our Bazaar we would appreciate you sharing them with the quilters. They might could be used for advertising or making a scrap book. You could bring them to the church office or give to Pat or Blanche. Thanks!



Come Sing With US. The choir welcomes singers who would like to sing in the Christmas Music program. We now devote the first thirty minutes of our Wednesday choir practice at 7 PM to the Christmas music. See Joan for a copy of the music and a practice CD to take home with you.

NEW FRIENDS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

If you are not presently a member of a Sunday School Class, please join the New Friends! Our group meets in the front of the sanctuary from 9:30 until 10:00 for prayer and discussion. We are currently sharing Deb Richardson-Moore's book The Weight of Mercy: A Novice Pastor on the City Streets. Described as "A humorous and touching examination of what it means to live out Christ's command to welcome the stranger," this book lends itself to lively conversation and encourages spiritual examination and growth. We look forward to many more "New Friends"!

August Ministry Workers Ushers

August 07 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest,
Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

August 14 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys,
Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

August 21 Steve Capps, Rick Greer,
Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

August 28 Steve Capps, Corky Holman
Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter



Those who serve in August

Altar Guild for August Ellen Holman

Stewardship for August Terri McCloud

Trustee for August Rick Greer

Children's Message For August

August 07 Terri McCloud

August 14 Terri McCloud

August 21 Terri McCloud

August 28 Terri McCloud

Acolyte Schedule for August

August 07 Debbie Gissendanner

August 14 Lynnsey Nalley

August 21 Anne-Marie Failor

August 28 Lynnsey Nalley



Nursery for August

August 07 Vickie Failor & Lynnsey Nalley

August 14 Jane Walker & Kristie Argo

August 21 Debbie Capps & Lynne Dyson

August 28 Becky Philpot & Melissa Or Mark Miller

Children's Church

August 07 Terri McCloud and Melissa Miller

August 14 Terri McCloud and Linda Crouch

August 21 Melissa Miller and Terri McCloud

August 28 Terri McCloud and Carolyn Earnest

Average attendance for July (4 Sundays only)

S.S.—27; Worship—65

Financial report for July:

Received for Budget \$12,855.00

Received for Vacation Bible School \$100.00

Donation from Esperanza \$255.00

Meals on Wheels \$5.00

Covered Dish Lunch on Sunday, August 21st in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for a great meal and a time to fellowship with all the church family.



Note from our CDC

We cannot believe that it is time for school again. The days are flying and children growing by leaps and bounds. The children and staff are continually praying for Pastor Gordon and Ms. Shirley. We would like to thank the Pastor's brother for painting the baby room doors and changing the lights and Barry for hanging them. They look very nice. Have a blessed August and love to all.
Shannon

United Methodist Women

Our Circles

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Quilters Room. We will be working on the World Thank program. All ladies are welcome to attend.

The Shalom Evening Circle will meet Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at Dawn Stewarts home. We will have a covered dish lunch and work on a project for the shut-ins in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. If you would like to carpool you can meet at the church at 11:15. All ladies are invited to join us.

Mission U update

4 ladies of our UMW attended Mission U at Spartanburg United Methodist Church. A great time was had. We attended different studies on Climate Justice, Latin America and did a group study on Human Sexuality. One of the members was a youth and she attended the youth programs. We hope more ladies can attend next year.

Thank You

The UMW would like to thank the church for supporting our Salkehatchie fundraisers during the year. We were able to send a check to the Rock Hill camp in the amount of \$434.01 in the name of the church. We will continue to have the breakfast and other fundraisers to raise money for Salkehatchie next year.

Greenville District Annual Meeting

The Greenville District UMW will hold its Annual meeting on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Greenpond United Methodist Church. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. All ladies of the church are invited to attend the meeting.

Prayer Focus

The prayer focus for August is on the Scott's Run Settlement House in Osage, West Virginia. It was established in 1927. The Scott's Run area of West Virginia had become a booming coal mining community during the twenties. Immigrants and southern blacks migrated to the area for work. There was a communication barrier between the new residents and the native residents. The members of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the current day Wesley Methodist Church saw an opportunity to serve/help others and stepped in with English classes and health education. Today their programs have expanded to include food pantry, recreational activities, home repairs, and spiritual education. They also offer seasonal outreach programs - back to school items, Thanksgiving meals, Christmas sponsor a family, and Easter baskets.

Scott's Run Settlement House is proud of their connection to the United Methodist Women, National Office as they are the only National Mission Institute in the state of West Virginia.

John 15:12 instructs "My command is this: love each other as I have loved you." This message of love guides the philosophy of service at Scott's Run Settlement House.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Sandi Hortman in Georgia and Ginny Moore in Ohio.

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meeting on Tuesday, August 16th at 6:00 P.M.

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Trustee Committee Meeting

The Trustee Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Responsively Yours: Nurture Community

by Harriett Jane Olson

A year ago I was writing about a mass shooting at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Before that it was a shooting at a Jewish community center and one at a Sikh temple and an attack on an Amish schoolhouse. Now we are grieving and denouncing an attack on a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that took place during a celebration of Pride and Latino/a/x heritage.

It is right and proper to denounce and grieve. These attacks have killed and wounded our brothers and sisters. They have torn at the fabric of families, communities and networks of friends. Each one is unique, unspeakably painful and creates ripples of fear.

However, as a society we must stop seeing them as isolated incidents and come to grips with the fact that the United States of today is a violent place. In the new resolution passed at General Conference 2016, Speaking Out for Compassion: Transforming the Context of Hate in the United States, United Methodist Women brought to The United Methodist Church a cry for the denomination to take a stand "challenging the climate of distrust, distortion of truth and fear, shifting the conversation to our common future."

Racism, economic stress, anger and disrespect have combined in ways that have turned us against each other in this country. The fear and rancor following each incident tempts us to retreat to a posture of self-protection rather than finding the hope and the conviction that is needed to galvanize new work for change.

The reality is that the shooters in all the places mentioned and in movie theaters and schools and Arizona parking lots and military bases and workplaces and elsewhere are also children of God. It's hard to remember this in the face of such violence and hate. We call them loners, terrorists, radicalized white supremacists, and a variety of other names that attempt to distinguish them from ourselves. These people are also our brothers. The shooters were also residents and citizens who needed mental health care, decent work, supportive community. They did not need access to high capacity assault weapons or to be empowered by culture that fosters hate.

The name-calling, line-drawing and blaming that has displaced discourse in our political arenas, our communities and even in some places in our church is toxic. These horrible massacres by should wake us up. It is time to change. It's time to construct opportunities for real dialogue. Listen especially to persons who are not like us and who see the world differently. Eliminate access to high-capacity assault rifles. Provide affordable access to effective mental health care. Nurture community and persistently address every expression of racism and religious bigotry.

United Methodist Women, our work on the Charter of Racial Justice, and our work to resist growing income inequality and criminalization of communities of color is needed now more than ever. I implore you to participate in training opportunities, find resources on our website and in the Reading Program work together to assess needs and find the next place where God is calling you to work in your communities and across the country. Throughout the life of our organization United Methodist Women members have risen to the challenge of some of our most difficult issues. This is still our call and God is able.

August 02	Sarah Reinhardt
August 04	Donna Helms
August 09	Tremaine Gordon
August 10	Vera Hunt
August 10	King Amir Gordon
August 13	Jose Ferrer
August 15	Claire Philpot
August 15	Ronnie Hunter
August 16	Shanna Creswell
August 18	Corky Holman
August 19	Tom Smith
August 20	Jim Rawson
August 27	Alex Philpot
August 29	Molene McDuffie
August 30	Matthew Earnest
August 30	Ryan Mann



Happy Anniversary to the following:

August 06	Laura & Mike Brown
August 12	Nancy & Junior Neal
August 27	Becky & Henry Philpot

**Mildred Bray
Mary Childs
Troy Clements
Ann Donaldson
Pastor Enrique Gordon
Jane-Hunt Grady
Donna Helms
Carolyn Hunter
Joe Philpot
Margie Philpot
Mildred Pollard
Myrna Turner
Glenn Wells
Allen Zorn**



PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

We are only listing those who we know are in nursing/Assisted living homes, the homebound, those who are hospitalized at present, and those who are at present under going medical procedures such as chemo, etc. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you want your name or loved ones name listed, please notify the church office. We will up-date this list every 30 days—please help us with this important endeavor.

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	3 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 p.m.	4 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m.	5	6
7 <i>Sunday School</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 10:30 <i>Spanish</i> <i>Worship</i> 1:00	8	9 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10 <i>Administrative</i> <i>Council</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Choir</i> 7:00 p.m.	11 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m.	12	13
14 <i>Sunday School</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 10:30 <i>Spanish</i> <i>Worship</i> 1:00	15	16 <i>Morning Circle</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Quilters will</i> <i>follow</i> <i>Quilters</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Finance Com-</i> <i>mittee Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	17 <i>Trustee</i> <i>Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Choir</i> 7:00 p.m.	18 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Book Club</i> 6:00 at Margaret Rawson	19	20 <i>Men's Club</i> 8:00 a.m. <i>Evening Circle</i> <i>Will meet at</i> <i>Dawn Stewart's</i> <i>home for a cov-</i> <i>ered dish lunch</i> <i>At 11:30 a.m.</i>
21 <i>Sunday School</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Covered Dish</i> <i>Lunch</i> 11:30 a.m. <i>Spanish</i> <i>Worship</i> 1:00 p.m.	22	23 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	24 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 p.m.	25 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m.	26	27
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