

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Love Our Neighbor Community Event at Bethel United Methodist Church November 10th, 10 AM – 5 PM. There will be BBQ, bake sale, face painting, merchandise drawings every hour, and live music featuring Jim Avett, Flowers Family Bluegrass Band, and Raymond Franklin Band.

BBQ will be \$10 a plate (BBQ, roll, slaw, beans) or by the pound. Presale tickets are available now by calling 803-327-4881, on the website listed below or contacting Donna Williams 803-366-3074. There will also be tickets for sale at the event while supplies last.

Men's Warming Center Bethel UMC Volunteer Opportunities

Listed below are several opportunities to serve at the Men's Warming Center.

Please go to:

www.bethelumcrockhill.org/mens-shelter.aspx

(Scroll to bottom of page to find sign up links for the following. A more detailed definition of each volunteer opportunity can be found under the specific link.)

Kingdom Partners

Would you like to support the Guests and Security Officers with the love of Christ?

Check In Assistant

Volunteers are needed to check in the guests to the Men's Warming Center nightly from 5:45 – 7 pm

Meal Volunteers

Prepare and serve a meal for approximately 45 – 60 men.

Laundry and Donation Volunteers

Volunteer to wash towels

Donations of clothing and/or toiletry items listed on the website or monetary donations toward the purchase of needed items.

Thank You Discovery Class

On October 28, the Discovery Class led the worship service. It was a service that had been thought about and prayed over for several weeks. In preparation, they prepared a survey for class members to answer regarding worship. They also talked about their answers and reflected on the question "If I don't feel the worship service is

inspiring, what can I do personally to better prepare myself to worship?" Their work prepared them and all of us to have a beautiful, nurturing, and growing experience as we worshiped God in unity and joy. The music expressed love for God and thanksgiving for what God has done for us. The class asked one of their teachers, Mr. Wayne Vinson, to bring a teaching message. He challenged us to acknowledge being ordinary people who have a call to humbly submit to God's authority to work in and through us enabling us to do extraordinary things for His glory.

As I have continued to reflect on this message, I have thought about the ordinary things I have done while submitting to God's direction; things that I would only learn years later had been used by God to lead others to do extraordinary acts. They too were ordinary people, but when they released themselves to God's control and work in them, they found deep joy in that obedience, and they learned that their ordinary obedience was used by God to touch other ordinary people. This ordinary obedience continues to ripple out enabling more and more people to experience God's salvation and to grow in God's grace. As I have thought about the people of Friendship, I am acutely aware that individually and collectively God has used you to touch many lives, and those persons have been used to touch more lives. Isn't it wonderful that whether we know how God is using us or not, Friendship is doing ordinary things that God uses for extraordinary results? Thank you, Wayne, for this teaching message of challenge and hope.

PS. The survey mentioned in the first paragraph has been passed on to the Genesis and Wesley classes for their use. Before the strategic planning retreat, which will take place January 4 & 5, 2019, the survey will also be available to others in the congregation who are willing to take the survey and share information as to ways our worship glorifies to God and nurtures you. You can also provide thoughts about other experiences of worship you would like to see tried or have experienced in other places or times here at Friendship that are meaningful for you.

The charge S/PPRC will meet with DS Joe Long at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall at Heath Memorial, prior to the charge conference, which meets at 7:00pm.

Membership Audit

We are reviewing membership records and have identified several families for whom we have no current address information. If you are aware of information concerning any of these families please contact Doris Williams, Membership Secretary Pastor Nellie Cloninger, or the church office.

Member Status	Name	Date Joined
M	Lorri Butts	5/23/1999
M	Matthew Butts	5/23/1999
M	Michael Butts	5/23/1999
M	Steven Butts	5/23/1999
CM	Tom Butts	
M	James Dupree	8/30/1981
M	Doreen Finch (Now Oakes Smith)	10/30/2005
M	Doug Finch	10/30/2005
M	Douglas Finch	10/30/2005
M	Stacey Finch	10/30/2005
M	Alan Maree	5/12/1985
M	Linda Wygal Minnick	12/20/1981
M	Roger Smyth Minnick	12/20/1981
M	Whitney Minnick	12/24/1981
M	Teresa Pelfrey	10/24/1982
M	Shellie Pelkey	10/7/1992
M	Nancy Pselos	4/10/1983
M	Christine Seitz	3/25/1984
M	William Seitz	3/25/1984
M	Larry Stephenson	3/30/1975
M	Sue Stephenson	3/30/1975
PM	Angel Varnadore	9/10/2000
M	Nina Varnadore	9/10/2000

*M = member, CM = constituent member, PM = preparatory member

These names will be brought before Charge Conference as potential removals from our church role. This action would not occur until next year's Charge Conference 2019.

On Veterans Day, November 11th, we will have a light breakfast. If you would like to bring something to share, that would be great, but not necessary. I have someone bringing juice and someone is making biscuits with sausage gravy and someone is bringing a breakfast casserole, or something to share. We do need some type of fruit and maybe some muffins or bread. Thanks to all who are willing to do this for me. I really appreciate everyone stepping up to the plate to make this day special for our Veterans. Breakfast will be at 9:00.

Also please feel free to bring any type of military items to be on display that morning.

Save the Date

Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 pm. Christmas Dinner and fellowship for the Ladies of the church.

Strategic Planning, January 4 and 5.

The choir has begun working on *Christmas is Calling*, which will be presented along with the Hanging of the Greens during the Sunday morning worship service on December 2nd.

"Themes like lights, tinsel, and wreaths begin to unwrap the wonder of the season before intentionally giving way to the divine mystery found in a starry silent night, angel choirs, and the holy promised Child.

The music brings to life a deeply inspirational, thought-provoking narrative emerging out of uniquely captivating songs. It explores the significance of the birth of Christ and how that Child brings peace, hope, and joy to the broken and the lost." *Christmas is Calling* is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season. Please join us that Sunday as we come to worship the Lord through song. Our hope is the Lord will be praised by all present and you will leave the service with more love and wonder for our Savior.

Congratulations to Holly Madison on being chosen "Employee of the Month at Wellmons in Tega Cay!"

Happy Birthday to

Scott Cloninger	11/04
Jennifer Allen	11/11
Ann Shugart	11/12
Andy Garner	11/14
Traci Tarleton	11/14
Tony Jackson	11/15
Diane Coggins	11/18
Ronnie Nichols	11/19
Brian Sanders	11/22
John Ervin Jr.	11/23
Lacy Duncan	11/24
Amy Sexton	11/25

Happy Anniversary

DeWitt & Debbie Hurst	11/07
Calvin & Joyce Newman	11/19



Worship Leader – Denise Gardner; Joyce Newman

Communion Servers- Scott & Nellie Cloninger

Money Counters

November 4	Patsy & Denise
November 11	Janis & Tony
November 18	Denise & Holly
November 25	Grady & Joyce

Nursery Ministry

November 4	Angie & Sheila
November 11	Ethel & Joyce
November 18	Sara & Donna
November 25	Rose & Patricia

