

News from the Hill... Snow Hill United Methodist Church

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Worship Schedule for January Moving Forward in Worship and Service!



Sunday Worship:

Pastor Dianne will post a sermon on our Facebook page on Sundays, but in January, we are also going to add an evening "in person" service at 5:00 pm on Sundays. Like the old evening services from antiquity, we are going to call these evening services "Vespers." It may be Zoom or a singing event held on the lawn, but because of the weather you will have to listen to the one call each week to see what it is. The first one, January 10, will be **Zoom Holy Communion**. The time we spend together each week will be about 30 minutes.

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

Starting January 27, at 6:30 pm, we are going to offer a Wednesday night Bible study, by either conference call or zoom, and we want you to join us! It's as easy as calling a phone number. We are going to start with Ephesians and use the book, "Paul for Everyone: The Prison Letters," by N.T. Wright. You will need to purchase a copy of the book and there are plenty of used ones on Amazon. If you need help getting a copy and you want to join the study, please contact the church office phone: 828-337-6581 and leave a message.

[Link to "Paul for Everyone: The Prison Letters," by N.T. Wright](#)

- Sundays, Facebook "Snow Hill Candler" Weekly Sermon Links:
<https://www.facebook.com/snowhillcandler/>
- Sundays, 5:00 PM, Evening "In Person" Vespers Services- Zoom or On the Lawn
- Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Bible Study (starts on January 27, 2021)
- Saturday, January 16: **WNCC Martin Luther King Jr Virtual Commemoration**

Missions at Snow Hill



School Supplies Needed!

- We want to distribute school supplies to our Child Enrichment Center families who may have older siblings and to our BEAR closet families who may have older siblings. If you want to drop off school supplies please call Jan Caldwell at 828-713-7848 or Roger Caldwell at 828-713-7849. Or you may donate to the church and designate it for school supplies on your check.

From Janet Mann, Serving Our Children:

- Food Bags for Candler School: These have been provided by Buncombe County Schools due to Covid safety rules. Because of that, there is food available in Janet's closet if you know anyone who might need it.
- The Enka High Dorm Room Project: Hopefully we can give gift cards to students, as this worked well last year.

From Carli Damien, Abundant Harvest & Breakfast Church:

- The Food Ministry continued as a drive-through pickup from March through November. We will start this ministry again as soon as Covid numbers are safer. There is still some food available in storage for Pastor Dianne or the BEAR closet to distribute. ABCCM is available for food as well.

Listen to Some Hymns and Sing Along at Home



Here are 30 most loved Christian hymns with lyrics, all compiled for you to sing, praising the Lord God without a need to check the Hymn Book for lyrics.

Listen and be blessed!

[90 Minutes of Hymns with Lyrics Link](#)

From the Pastor's Heart....

Ring in the New Year

My dear, beloved friends,



How I have missed you this year and I long to see you and hug your necks! I know the longer we are separated, the harder it is on all of us. We thought this would be over by now, and yet we are still deeply involved in this pandemic and post-election culture.

Many of us are stressed, worried, depressed and lonely. I have talked to many of you and find that we are almost all suffering from the lack of contact with each other and maybe from too much contact with negative reports and media.

Are you suffering too? As I find myself getting worked up and worried, I often hear Jesus whispering in my heart: "Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in me." *John 14:1*

Don't you hear that too? Jesus certainly has not been defeated by 2020, and I believe that he is leading us into new and bigger possibilities than we have ever experienced in our lives before.

As we make our new year's resolutions, one of them should be that we challenge ourselves to find new ways to be together. To find new ways to study the Bible together and to safely be a community that flourishes even if we are not meeting in the "big building." New ways to be thrilled by music and laughter and joy.

Even if our culture is changing, the people that we love are still here and still need to hear from us and study with us and we need to know that we are all loved. The people in our community need to hear that from us too. We are going to be challenged this year to find the right path back into community and into full ministry. It won't be easy and it will probably require that all of us learn new skills and technology. After almost a year of disaster, it is probably time for us to stop living in crisis, follow Jesus and let him show us how we are going to thrive.

We need each other. We need support in our faith. We need to remember WHY we are here.

Some of us have found out that community is possible, even now. Carli, Beth, Debbie, Ashley and myself have been gathering for Holy Communion and sharing devotions together almost every Wednesday on Zoom. It has been a wonderful year of growth and joy for us. We would like to invite you to join us. It is a fasting group, but not everyone needs to fast from food. Maybe you need to fast from the news. Or from one certain food. Or from fretting and worrying. Or maybe you could fast from certain feelings or mindsets, such as loneliness or negativity? Ask God! God will help you work out your fast. Fasting is a discipline that allows us to put God before the needs of our bodies, and it has deeply affected all of us who have participated this year. Paul said "I bring my body into submission..." *1 Cor 9:27* Fasting helps us to focus on God and deny ourselves whatever is distracting us from our spiritual disciplines. We want you to join us. We really want you to join us! We want to grow with you in love of God and each other. The next class will be starting sometime later this month. When it comes out, we'll send you an invitation! Please consider joining.

So, what New Year resolutions are you making? I look forward to hearing what you've decided!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Dianne

Snow Hill Child Enrichment Center



Our child enrichment center continues to operate safely with many measures. Snow Hill is providing zoom support for our children who are Snow Hill Child Enrichment Center attendees.

If you are looking for childcare for your preschool aged children, call our director, Kim Matthews at (828) 667-1171.

Snow Hill's B.E.A.R. Closet



The B.E.A.R. Closet is open on Tuesdays with safety precautions in place under the direction of Diana and Gary Warren, Karen McCracken, and Megan Hall, our newest BEAR person. The BEAR Closet is not taking donations now, but has plenty of items to share with our community. Megan reports that client numbers range anywhere from two to twelve people each week. We need to get the word out, so share it through Facebook or phone calls to family and friends.

Snow Hill Prayer List



The prayer list is online in a google document so that you can update it with your prayer requests at any time. Look for the email that came from Pastor Dianne giving you permission to participate in it or email Dianne or Jan Caldwell to get access or it can be emailed as a PDF document.

[Snow Hill Prayer List Link](#)

Seedbed, A Daily Devotional



For the Seedbed daily text, you can subscribe here:

<https://www.seedbed.com/daily-text-subscribe/>

A ten minute devotional each morning is delivered to your email. J.B. Walt is the writer of this program. Discussion is provided through a message board that can be done on your own time.

Carli, Beth, Dianne & Debbie have enjoyed it.

Snow Hill UMC Financial Health



PPP Usage and Impact Report

In 2020, Snow Hill UMC received \$48,500 from the government stimulus Payroll Protection Plan. These funds were disbursed as follows:

- Church Payroll - \$12,181.72
- Church Utilities - \$1,144.39
- Cemetery Payroll - \$1,050.00
- CEC Payroll - \$32,844.00
- CEC Utilities - \$1,279.89

Total - \$48,500

The use of this grant money enabled our church and daycare to continue without cutting any employees or salaries. Without these PPP funds the Snow Hill UMC would have a net loss of -\$4,186.11 for the year 2020.

—Submitted by Debbie Crouse, Snow Hill UMC Treasurer

Snow Hill Phone Call Connections



A few of you have let Pastor Dianne know how the phone calls you made or received went, and some of you seemed to enjoy them! If you would like to be on the "would like to be called" or the "I am willing to call" lists, please let Pastor Dianne & let her know, and she will set up another set of phone calls. **Call, text, email or leave a message on the office phone 828-337-6581. You must let us know if you want to be included in the phone call lists to participate.** Thank you!

SHUMC 2021 Council of Lay Ministry Elders Administrative Council



We want to welcome this year's Ministry Elders and ask you to add them to your daily prayers:

Dean and Elizabeth McClure, Megan Hall, Carli Damien, Debbie Crouse, Gary and Terri Robinson, Beth Hall, Janet Mann, Mark Wright, Derrick Robinson, Roger and Jan Caldwell.

Meetings are every other month on the first Sunday.

Training Resources From Our WNC UMC Conference

From Pastor Dianne

The link below is to the WNCUMC Conference page, and it has many wonderful free training classes on lots of different subjects that are important to our congregation. Our council has discussed many of the different problems or possible growth areas in recent days.

I hope you will take time to click the link, look at the list, and maybe pick one or two that interest you. If you are on the Council of Lay Ministry Elders, now or hopefully in the future, you will find almost all of the classes will assist you in your work on the council.

Here is the link:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/winter-leadership-training-webinar-series-14811696>

Overt and Covert Racism



"Racism is a sin, and The United Methodist Church is committed to challenging the unjust power structures that support it and working for equality in all areas of life," is a statement from our United Methodist website. We recognize and stand solidly against overt expressions of racism such as racial slurs, violence, or cross-burnings by the Ku Klux Klan. But more often, racial discrimination is disguised and shows up in subtle ways. Often, people are unaware of the racism that informs them. This is a difficult topic for all of us- this article from the UMC Online Resources is thought provoking.

- <https://www.r2hub.org/library/overt-and-covert-racism>

A Bit of History of Snow Hill Church

By Mark Wright, Historian



The first Missionary Circle at Snow Hill was organized in 1936. It was named "The Women's Missionary Society" and was formed by Mrs. T.A. Groce and Miss Amy Hackivey, who was president of the Asheville District Missionary Society. Mrs. T.A. Groce was the wife of the Reverend T.A. Groce, a circuit-riding Methodist minister who traveled the mountains of Western North Carolina by horse and buggy. Mrs. Sadie Cole Gibbs was elected as the first president. There were sixteen charter members: Mrs. Clyde Cole, Mrs. Bassie Cole, Mrs. Vinson Robinson, Mrs. Ralph Cole, Mrs. Vaudie Robinson, Mrs. Lula Wright, Mrs. Kate Wright, Mrs. Connie Wright, Mrs. Clarence Robinson, Mrs. Buelah Trull, Mrs. Rachel Cathey, Mrs. Addie Cathey, Mrs. Sadie Cole Gibbs, Mrs. Ida Wright, Mrs. Blanche Fletcher, and Mrs. Missouri Herren.

The group met regularly at the home of Mrs. Clyde Cole for a covered dish meal, Christian fellowship, and their well known quilting parties. Quilt making was their fundraising activity. The cost for a completed handmade quilt to purchase was one dollar! They were able to fill many orders. One winter, the group met weekly and quilted a total of forty nine quilts. All of the proceeds went to mission projects.

The group was reorganized in 1941 by Mrs. C.W. Bates, the wife of the pastor at the time, Reverend C.W. Bates. The new name of the group became "The Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS)." Many of the younger women of the church joined at this time. The group was active sending clothing and supplies to needy people in the community. They kept in touch regularly with service men and women from Snow Hill. That particular activity was much appreciated. Over the years the WSCS joined with other churches in Hominy Valley for mission projects and activities.

The first life membership pin of the Snow Hill WSCS was given out in 1959 to Mrs. Raymond Hilliard, the second life membership pin was awarded to Mrs. Ada Robinson in 1960. Other members that have received life membership pins were Mrs. Lula Wright, Mrs. Luster Christopher, Mrs. J. Vinson Robinson, Mrs. Clyde Cole, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Mrs. Reubena Rhodarmer, and Mrs. Missouri Herron. The last known president of the WSCS was Mrs. Grovia Wright in 1966. Over the years the WSCS was instrumental in furnishing the parsonages and church. They have supplied drapes, curtains, and rugs. They furnished the Fellowship Hall with stoves, coffee makers, silverware, china and more.

The Snow Hill Women's Society of Christian Service has a round window in the front of the belfry of the small sanctuary (now called the Community Center) dedicated to their service. The window was placed in 1954. In 1972, the name "Women's Society of Christian Service" was changed to "The United Methodist Women."

Thank you, Mark, for this amazing gift- remembering the stories of the past!

Old Fashioned Tea Cakes

Recipe from Mary "Florence" Rhodes Greene
(Gail Poore, her granddaughter, loved Grandma's Tea Cakes.)



Ingredients:

- ½ cup butter (softened to room temperature)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 ½ cups all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 Tablespoon milk

Directions:

1. Beat butter at medium speed with an electric mixer.
2. Gradually add sugar, beating well until fluffy.
3. Add eggs, beat well.
4. Combine the next 3 ingredients, and add to the creamed mixture, alternately with milk. Mix well.
5. Cover and chill for one hour.
6. Work with half of the dough at a time, and store the remainder in the fridge.
7. Flour the rolling pin. Roll dough to ¼ inch on a lightly floured pastry cloth.
8. Cut with a 2 ¼ round cutter.
9. Place on a greased cookie sheet.
10. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes.
11. Cookies will be pale.
12. Cool on wire racks.

Makes 3 ½ dozen.

Future Snow Hill Newsletters



PLEASE send articles, photos, or recipes to Jan Caldwell by the 25th of each month to include in the upcoming newsletter: 16 Foxbriar Drive, Candler, NC, 28715 or jecc2015@gmail.com