

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

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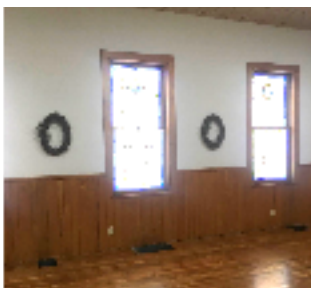


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SPPRC News

District Superintendent, Beth Crissman, informed us that Reverend Dianne Johnston will again be appointed pastor of Snow Hill Church for the upcoming year. Thanks to Dianne for all her dedicated service to our church family.



Renovation of the Community Center

The renovation is beautifully complete with newly finished floors and spacious cabinets installed. Thanks to all the donated labor and hard work of James Damien, David Cook, Paul Caldwell and Roger Caldwell. The costs of all materials and cabinetry was covered by a generous donation from Bob and Gail Poore's family.

Missions at Snow Hill



The Saturday Abundant Harvest continues. Carli Damien reported that she, James and Sandy are practicing social-distancing each Saturday morning at 10:00, handing out as many as 80 boxes. Wonderful service to our people!

Candler Elementary Food Bags are on hold for now until fall, whenever school reopens. Prayers for opening school safely.
Dorm Room Project for Enka High Students

Our student who will be attending Winston Salem State, received a gift card in lieu of specific items. Best wishes to all of our college students as they start the new year.



B.E.A.R. Closet

Suzy and Randall Pike have retired after many years of faithful service to families in our community. Thank you for your selfless service. Diana and Gary Warren, along with Karen McCracken, will continue this ministry. They are meeting needs again on Tuesdays with safety precautions in place.



Snow Hill Child Enrichment Center

Our child enrichment center is open with safe measures such as temperature checks before children enter. We are fulfilling a desperate need in our community with love and care.



Book Talk with Hominy Valley United Methodist Churches

Beth M. Crissman's book, Stepping in the Stream: Learning How to Relate to the Will of God, may be used as a book talk with Hominy Valley churches this fall. Get your reading glasses ready!



Thank you note from the Leon Myer's family:

(The 18 month old baby that died in March)

Thank you Snow Hill Methodist for the wonderful burial services, food, support, and making a place for us and our sons and accepting us. I really appreciate everything you have done for us in this great time of need. We feel like we can't thank you enough. The service was truly beautiful.

We've been looking for a church for a while and we believe God has pointed us in the right direction. We look forward to joining Snow Hill. Thank you for your love, support, and prayers through this hard time.

Our family never imagined this happening to our baby Leon. We always figured we'd get to watch him grow into the amazing person that God gave us the blessing to know, love, and cherish every day. We were so blessed for the time that we had. We have the deepest appreciation for all the love, support, prayers, and donations you have given.

Thank you,

Terry, Michelle, Gabriel, and Allister Myers



History of the Snow Hill UM Church

Mark Wright is asking that any church members send pictures or stories to him for publication in the church history. Very important work, Mark! Thank you!



Homecoming 2020

Homecoming is scheduled for August 16, 2020. What can you contribute to help celebrate homecoming online? Please send self taped videos of you singing hymns or songs, or telling stories and memories. Consider sharing some way you have grown in your faith as a part of this congregation. Email photos, paintings, poems, and other creative items. They don't have to be old materials from the past; current pictures and stories are also good! All contributions will be edited into Snow Hill's 2020 homecoming video. **Please have all your materials to pastor Dianne by Wednesday, August 12, 2020.**

Future Snow Hill Newsletters

Send ideas for articles, photos, or recipes to Jan Caldwell by the 20th of each month to include in the upcoming newsletter. 16 Foxbriar Drive, Candler, NC, 28715 or jecc2015@gmail.com

"Let Jesus Lead": Snow Hill Prays



Our brother Clay has suggested that we begin to pray together at a certain time each day to strengthen the Church's prayer for peace. The Wednesday night prayer group has discussed this and asks that you set a daily timer on your phone for 8:34 am &/or pm in order to pray together.

This is our three minute prayer focus from 8:34-8:37am &/or pm:

Mark 8:34-37, From *The Message*

Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

Please print out or save this Scripture, read it each day at 8:34 am &/or pm, and then join with our brothers and sisters to make this our prayer: "Holy God, help me to 'Let Jesus lead' today." Then pray for the peace of our Church, our world, and the world's leaders.

Please share this with everyone you know, so that no matter where we are, we will hear alarms go off at 8:34 am & pm and know that we are all praying together to "Let Jesus Lead."

Pastor's Corner...



2020 has been a challenging year. But we have remained strong in our faith as we have found ways to keep our connection open with each other and with our community. Our Child Enrichment Center is open and is looking to further assist families with child care as we begin an unusual and stressful school year with children attending school on alternating schedules. Abundant Harvest is distributing fresh produce, bread, and staples by the boxful to our community on Saturday mornings, and I am praying with the families as they wait to be served. BEAR Closet is operating a "drive through" where clients call in and their goods are delivered to the curb.

We have online preaching on Sunday mornings, and we are meeting on Zoom at 11 for Breaking the Bread and Passing the Peace. You are calling each other and loving your church family, and you are caring for your community in wonderful amazing ways.

We still have several challenging months ahead of us as we continue to follow Jesus and love and care for each other. You are amazing people, and we are blessed to have each other. I look forward to seeing what your creative selves come up with to turn in for Homecoming.

I am praying for peace, wellness, and blessings for each of you.

Pastor Dianne

RECIPE for Summer, Okra Patties



- Prep: 20 mins
- Cook: 10 mins
- Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 3 cups oil for frying
- 1 pound okra
- 1 cup onions
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ cup water
- 1 egg
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ cup cornmeal

Directions:

- Step 1: Heat 1 inch of oil in a large skillet to 375 degrees F.
- Step 2: In a large bowl, mix together the okra, onion, salt, pepper, water and egg. Combine the flour, baking powder and cornmeal; and stir into the okra mixture.
- Step 3: Carefully drop spoonfuls of the okra batter into the hot oil, and fry on each side until golden, about 2 minutes per side. Remove with a slotted spoon, and drain on paper towels.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: 224.1 calories; 4.8 g protein; 25.1 g carbohydrates; 31 mg cholesterol; 467.1 mg sodium.



Living our Faith

United Methodists believe our faith is demonstrated in the way we live. Jesus used the metaphor of a tree. He taught, "Every good tree produces good fruit... Therefore, you will know them by their fruit" ([Matthew 7:15-20](#)). The book of James similarly states, "Faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity" ([James 2:17](#)).

Wesley offered the early Methodists three [General Rules](#) to help us live out our faith. Do no harm is the first rule, followed by do good. The final rule is to attend to "all the ordinances of God," for which Wesley explains are things like worship, prayer, and fasting. United Methodists today also have [The General Rule of Discipleship](#): "To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit", We do these things as individual Christians, as congregations, and as a globally-connected denomination, not to earn something from God, but to participate in God's ongoing work in the world, in our lives, and in the lives of others.

Our pursuit of holiness of heart and life is something we are expected to do together. For John Wesley there was no such thing as "solitary religion." He wrote, "The gospel of Christ knows of no religion, but social; no holiness but social holiness." In other words, our faith is not private. It is to be lived and shared. [Early Methodists lived into this understanding of faith](#) by opening schools, feeding the hungry, healing those who could not afford to see a doctor, speaking out against slavery, and so much more. Today, United Methodists remain connected not only to the people in their small groups and congregations, but also to a church of millions around the world. Together we [tell people about Jesus](#), [protect people's health](#), [assist victims of disaster](#), [stand up for those living on life's margins](#), and [watch over one another in love](#).