

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

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Renovation of the Community Center Area Continues...

The small bathroom adjoining the former nursery has been remodeled with volunteers. A shout out to Jim Barefoot, who was left off of the list of volunteers in August! This includes new flooring, paint and fixtures. The new entrance will be from the hall area and will make way for the eventual completion of a commercial grade kitchen in the former nursery.

[Homecoming 2020 Video Link](#)

If you haven't viewed this video, it is wonderful! Thank you to everyone who contributed, and let's do it again next year- but in person!

Snow Hill Child Enrichment Center



Our child enrichment center continues to operate safely with many measures. If you are looking for great childcare for your preschool aged children, call our director, Kim Matthews at (828) 667-1171.

Missions at Snow Hill



Saturday Abundant Harvest continues.

Carli Damien reported that she, Carli & James Damien and Sandy Moss continue to safely bless our community each Saturday! Thank you!

Snow Hill UMC will still be participating in delivering **Weekend Food Bags** for students at Candler Elementary for the 2020-2021 school year. There will be a few changes to the program. The four participating churches have agreed that each church will take turns supplying ALL the bags needed for a week, to cut down on the number of adults visiting the school. So instead of supplying 10 bags every week, we will supply ALL the bags one week, and then nothing for the next 3 weeks.

We think it will be less than last year, because many students will be doing all virtual learning for now. So our total cost may be somewhat higher for the school year than it has been in the past. I am writing to ask all of you who have so generously supported feeding these children each year, to please consider sending what you can now, marked for Candler Food Bags. In the past we have asked for amounts varying from \$105-125, but we may need more. I know, however, that your generous hearts will provide whatever our children need!

I will be bagging from my house, to avoid having to haul things back and forth, and will make the monthly deliveries, since I believe having just one person doing will be safer for all of us.

Thank you ALL for your support,
Janet Mann

A Bit of History of Snow Hill Church



By Mark Wright, Historian

A few citizens in the community felt a need for a Methodist church to be established. The church was first organized in the log cabin home of John Culbertson in 1877. The cabin was at the foot of the hill from the present church. On August 14, 1877, one half acre of land was given by John Culbertson to the Methodist Church South. The deed was made to the first trustees of the church who were William Culbertson, William Wright, William Herren, William Cook, Robert Joyce and their successors forever. The deed was acknowledged before Justice of the Peace, Ben L. Morgan. The deed says "in consideration of the love and good will toward Methodist Church South the building be used as a church and also for public school purposes."

The first church building was small and was built by William Wright, I.A. Taylor, Bill Reed, Faron Joyce, and others not known. The building had three windows on each side, rough hewn wooden benches, wall mounted kerosene reflector lamps, and the heat was provided by an oblong cast iron stove that had two eyes. The first church building was located in front of a cemetery that had been established. The first person to be buried at the cemetery was a Civil War soldier named William Brooks in 1864. That was several years before the first church building was erected.

The oldest marker in the cemetery is for a child of Mr. William Wright. The child died in the year 1870. The first pastor to serve at the church was Reverend J.T. Stover. He served from 1877 to 1880. Reverend Stover gave the name Snow Hill to the church from the winter snows laying so long on the narrow shaded roads around the church.

The first church that Snow Hill was part of was called the Sulphur Springs Circuit. Early in Snow Hill history there was a Baptist minister who preached often at the church. His name was Reverend Jim Colley, and he was a popular preacher. Some of the first known Sunday School teachers included Mr. William Wright, Mr. and Ms. Bassie Cole, Mr. and Mrs. A.Z. Wright, and Rhetta Fletcher.

In the first years of Snow Hill Church the adults used the Bible for study and classes. The children were told Bible stories and used old Blue Back Spelling books for study. In 1890 Mr. Zeb Wright was elected Sunday School Superintendent at the age of twenty one. He served continuously in that position for twenty six years.



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

Here's an excerpt from a great article found in the [WNC Bridge Foundation newsletter](#):

In 2019, Babies Need Bottoms (BNB) distributed 37,622 diapers. Add the COVID-19 pandemic to the mix, and by spring they had distributed nearly 46,000 diapers. "We understand that diaper need across Western North Carolina is a challenge many families face," said Gary Warren of B.E.A.R. Closet at Snow Hill U.M.C in Candler, North Carolina. "Every week families come to our Baby Equipment and Resource Loan Closet seeking assistance with diapering supplies, clothing, and equipment that young children need to thrive," Mr. Warren explains, adding, "Partnering with Babies Need Bottoms enables us to stretch our limited financial donations further and purchase equipment such as pack'n'plays, strollers, highchairs, and potty seats. In fact," said Gary, "We had ceased purchasing pull-ups because of their higher cost but partnering with Babies Need Bottoms has allowed us to fill that void."

The B.E.A.R. Closet is open on Tuesdays under the direction of Diana and Gary Warren, along with Karen McCracken- with safety precautions in place.

["Breath Prayer" from the Sixth Century Link](#)



Breathe in. Breathe out.

Did you know that something as simple as breathing draws us closer to God? The ancient practice of breath prayer ties a short, rhythmic prayer to our breathing. Check out the link to videos about "Breath Prayer" - a way to connect to God in a simple, life affirming way.

"Let Jesus Lead": Snow Hill Prays



Continue to set a daily timer for 8:34 am and/or pm to pray together. Print the Scripture **Mark 8:34-37**, read it, and 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.

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?*"

The Council of Lay Ministry Elders will meet by zoom at 8:45 on Sunday, September 13.

2020 WNC Annual Conference of the UMC

Jim and I had the privilege of representing the District (Jim) and Snow Hill (Linda) at a Covid-19 safe and streamlined totally virtual meeting on August 8.

Highlights:

1. One of the special offerings of the Conference this year is UMAR. UMAR empowers adults with disabilities to live their best independent life. Our own, Sara Jenkins, daughter of former Pastor, Phil Jenkins, made the appeal for donations. She did a wonderful job!
2. The Conference Budget for this year has been cut by 11.77%, in recognition of our reduced economy.
3. Pension and Health care costs are being closely monitored and local church costs are being held as low as possible.
4. Deceased Pastors and spouses were recognized, including Beverly Johnston, former director of our Child Enrichment Center.
5. Retirees, including Tom Hunter, were recognized.
6. 7 churches, including Brown's View in Candler requested disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church in response to the Traditional Plan adopted by the General Conference.
7. 17 churches were discontinued, including Davis Chapel in Candler. Monies from the sale of these properties are being used for 12 new starts.
8. Annual Conference for 2021 has been optimistically set for June 18-20 at Lake Junaluska.
9. The appointments were set. Pastor Dianne is staying put!

We missed the inspirational worship and music, but appreciated being able to attend the conference from our recliners.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim and Linda Barefoot

The Pastor's "Hmm"book



Facebook is a very curious phenomena to me; it can bring so much joy and be used in so many good ways, but it can also bring a whole lot of pain. As I have spent more time on FB during the health crisis, I am increasingly aware that there are some people who enjoy provoking and arguing with others just for the sheer fun of it. The people I am referring to are angry, hateful, never hearing and never seeing, and my heart breaks for them as they openly display their brokenness for the whole world to see.

Jesus dealt with this too. Do you remember what Jesus told his disciples about why he told "stories" from a lesson several months ago?

"You've been given insight into God's kingdom—you know how it works. But to those who can't see it yet, everything comes in stories, creating readiness, nudging them toward receptive insight. These are people whose eyes are open but don't see a thing, whose ears are open but don't understand a word, who avoid making an about-face and getting forgiven." (*Mark 4:10-12 MSG*)

I sincerely believe that arguing with folks in person or on social media will help them never see and never hear us. It creates a wall between us. I am even increasingly aware that when I am arguing my point, I am not listening. That would seem to be a catch 22 except for the fact that we CAN see and we CAN hear if we stop trying to be the judge and jury and "fixers" of the world, and instead, let Jesus speak to us and through us as we follow our Lord and Master in telling the stories about his love and generosity to us so that the Lord may minister to the people.

The stories of Jesus are still ringing thousands of years after his ministry. Will you join me this Sunday for another story about Jesus as we continue to learn to see and hear things through our Lord's opinions?

I love you all! Pastor Dianne

Apple Pie Crescents (easy & quick)



Ingredients:

- 1 small Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored, cut into 8 (1/2-inch) slices
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury™ Crescent Rolls
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice

Steps:

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Grease or line cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper.
2. In small bowl, toss apple slices in 1 tablespoon of the melted butter.
3. Separate dough into 8 triangles.
4. In small bowl, mix brown sugar and apple pie spice. Divide mixture evenly among triangles. Top each triangle with apple slice. Starting at short side of each triangle, wrap dough around apple. Place on cookie sheet. Brush with remaining 2 tablespoons melted butter.
5. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until crescents are deep golden brown and apples are softened. Cool 5 minutes before serving.

Future Snow Hill Newsletters

Send 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