

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

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## October Sunday Worship Schedule



- October 4: 11 AM. Passing of the Peace and Holy Communion on Zoom
- \*October 11: 4 PM. Hymn Sing and Worship on the Lawn at Snow Hill
- \*October 18: 4 PM. Stroll through the Cemetery Grounds & Celebration of Nature
- October 25: "Phone Fellowship", Watch for details on this exciting worship!

\*Depends on weather. Watch for announcements.

## 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.



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

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.

## Needed: Newsletter Steward

At this time, we have approximately 10 members that do not have email and need a printed copy of the newsletter and prayer list mailed to them. If you are willing to print and mail these newsletters, please contact Pastor Dianne at 828-337-6581.

### Missions at Snow Hill



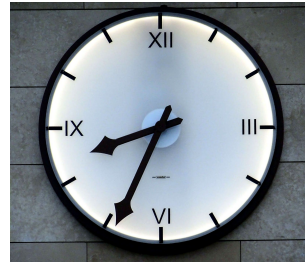
#### Saturday Abundant Harvest continues.

New people are coming to the Saturday "Abundant Harvest" every week, and they are happy to be there. Next week is the last week of produce from FL. During James & Carli's visit to Pennsylvania the following group will be running the program: Jim & Linda Barefoot, Beth Hall, Debbie Crouse, Ashley & Melissa.

Janet Mann & friends are providing snacks for children participating in tutoring at Candler Elementary School.

"Thanksgiving in a Bag" will be purchased, and we will ask for cash donations as well as donated items from Manna Food Bank.

### "Let Jesus Lead": Snow Hill Prays



Continue to set a daily timer for 8:34 am & pm to pray. Read Mark 8:34-37 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 prayer list is now 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.

[Snow Hill Prayer List Link](#)

### Remembrances



Vera Mae Robinson's dear sister Rubye McCall Smith passed into eternal life on September 10, 2020. Please remember Vera Mae and her family in prayer and love during this time of grief.

<https://www.grocefuneralhome.com/obits/rubye-mccall-smith/>

**The Council of Lay Ministry Elders meets on the 1st Sunday of each month:**  
October 4, November 1

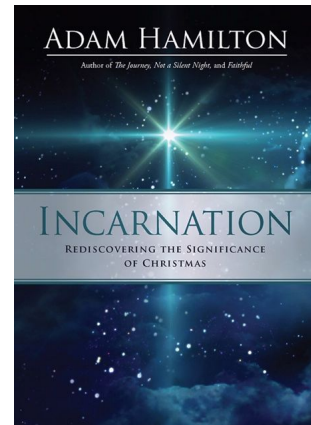
**Mini Quilts Celebrate “The Heart of a Hero”  
Our Own Hero, Karen McCracken**



It takes more than 200 Mission Caregivers to provide direct care and support to our patients on the dedicated COVID-19 units. The service and sacrifice of these special caregivers is being honored by the presentation of a special “Heart of a Hero” mini quilt that is being made by volunteers in the community. **Karen McCracken** is lending her creative talents to the project by creating 5 of these special gifts. We honor Karen for her care and dedication to these “Heroes,” even as we recognize her as one of our Snow Hill heroes.

**Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas**

Written by best selling author, Adam Hamilton  
“His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. “



In Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what’s important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today!

***If you would be willing to lead this class online for our church, please contact Pastor Dianne.***



## Seedbed, A Daily Devotional



“**Seedbed**” is a program recommended by Carli Damien, a very uplifting and thought provoking way to start the day. For the Seedbed daily text, you can subscribe here:

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

You will get an email every morning with a 10 min audio, or you can read it from the email. It is written by JD Walt and he is also the speaker.

**The 40 week fast** is a guided fast that starts Tuesday evening and ends at 4pm on Wednesday. This is also led by JD Walt and he emails you on Tuesday morning with guidance & encouragement. If you join, email Dianne so she can add you to our 4pm Zoom meeting to end our fast with communion. <https://www.seedbed.com/fasting>

There is also a facebook page for both of these that also offer encouragement and lets you comment or follow others as they journey alone with you.

## Applesauce Pumpkin Muffins



- **Prep Time-** 15 minutes, **Cook Time-** 8 minutes
- **Servings:** 24 muffins (regular size)
- **Calories:** 25 cal.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup almond flour
- 2 Tablespoons plain flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice OR 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon, 2 teaspoons ground ginger, 1 teaspoon of ground cloves, 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¾ cup maple syrup
- 4 Tablespoons unsweetened applesauce
- 1 mashed banana
- 1 egg white
- 1 ½ cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 cup unsweetened, vanilla almond milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F.
2. Spray muffin tins with cooking spray, or line with paper cups (spray paper cups to be safe), and set aside.
3. In a large bowl, sift together dry ingredients (whole wheat flour, almond flour, baking powder & soda, salt, and pumpkin pie spice).
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together wet ingredients (maple syrup, applesauce, banana, pumpkin puree, almond milk, and vanilla extract).
5. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and gently fold together with a wooden spoon, just until moistened. Be careful not to over mix the batter or the muffins will be **tough**.
6. Divide batter evenly among the prepared muffin cups. Bake for 8 minutes at 375 degrees.

## A Bit of History of Snow Hill Church By Mark Wright, Historian



The deed for the land where the first Snow Hill Church was erected was acknowledged before justice of the peace Ben L. Morgan on August 14, 1877. The deed which was given to the first church trustees stated "in love and good will toward Methodist Church South the land was given and a building to be erected for church and could be used for a public school also."

The first Snow Hill School shared the same building as the first Snow Hill Church while serving the community between 1877 to 1908. Some of the first teachers at the school included Miss Genia Briggs, Mrs. Rose Henry Candler, Mr. William Wright, Mr. Robert "Bob" Franklin Gudger, Dr. George Morgan, and Miss Pearl Penland Starnes.

In 1908 a new church building was erected at the site of the first church. A new public school that was also called Snow Hill School was erected off of Hookers Gap Road. The site of this new school was on property that belonged to the family of future church member Clyde Cole.

Sunday School and church services were held at the second Snow Hill School when it became necessary, because of the

construction of the new church building. Reverend J.W. Campbell was pastor at that time.

Some of the teachers who taught at the second Snow Hill School included Mrs. Virginia Briggs, Miss Fonella Davis, Mrs. Lula Miller, Mrs. Rosa Morris Rhea, Mr. Fulton McKinney, and Mrs. Geneva Morgan Brooks.

The school term ran between four and five months in the fall and ended before Christmas. Children from the Brooks Cove area attended the first Snow Hill School. At some point in time, Mr. William Wright sent the older students to the public school in Weaverville. Soon after, a professor Clyde taught a subscription school at Snow Hill. The following year, the chairman of the school committee, Luster Herron, employed A.A. Hamlet, who combined two years many for a longer term. The following year, there was no public school, but Mr. Gus Snelson taught a subscriptions school at Snow Hill.

The teachers at the Snow Hill School in 1928-1929 were Miss Debbie Williams who taught grades one through three and Miss Helen Morris, who taught grades four through seven.

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

### 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](mailto:jecc2015@gmail.com)

### **"From the Pastor's Heart"**



Throughout these last few months bitter hatred, anger, and rivalry have permeated our media and lives; I have often thought of Jesus' last words in John before he went to the cross:

*"The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind- Just as you Father, are in me and I in you, So they might be one heart and mind with us."*

*~John 17:21 The Message.*

Don't you feel that Jesus must be heartbroken about what is going on in our world today? I have heard the prophecies of the end times read from the Bible all my life, and I never could figure out what would turn father and son against each other, mother and daughter, brother and sisters. In this day of rage and outrage, deafness, blindness, and hard hearted-ness (defined as "set in our opinions and unwilling to hear or see so that we can turn and be changed), I think I finally see and understand how this prophecy could come true.

Is this election really about the issues these days? Do we believe that candidates even stand for their own party's platform? How many of us really believe anything the "other side" says is real?

Maybe our election system is no longer as much about beliefs as it is about pride. If you don't believe what the other side says, then why do you believe your own side? Think about that for a minute. Do you believe "your side" because it agrees with what you have decided is right? Do you disagree with the

other side because you have decided that they are "lying?" Do you see how Satan can use this distrust and deception against the Church, and families, and friends to divide and conquer us? And what are you willing to let God do in your life about it?

It is important that each of us vote. Our vote is a sacred right that many people have fought to win for us, through many trials, tribulations, and even sacrifice of their lives. We must take this voting responsibility seriously, and as Christians, we must vote after much prayer and soul seeking as we let Jesus lead us. Voting is our right, and in a democracy, it is also our duty.

Every person must vote their heart, and we must do it as we align our hearts with God. Will we all agree? No. We will not. But we can still be One in the Spirit of God, the Lordship of Jesus, and the love of God.

Do not be swayed by passing whims, Facebook posts, biased news broadcasts, or other hypocrisy. The other side IS wrong. But so is your side. The "wrong" of every political platform and candidate comes from human sin and hypocrisy, and we have to recognize that we give excuses for our candidates behavior and shortcomings, while wanting to hold the other sides' candidates accountable for their actions.

In these last days before the election, I encourage you to withdraw your heart from Satan's lies of despair, and fix your eyes on Jesus. Open your heart to Jesus and let Jesus lead you. Let Jesus inform you. Let your heart be sure in our Lord and King, Our Righteousness: Jesus.

"Lord Jesus, Help us to all be One in your Love."

*With great love for you all, Pastor Dianne*