



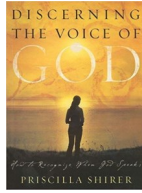
Friendship United Methodist Church Weekly News Blast

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Small Group Bible Study - Coming in February

Come join our seven session study on Discerning the Voice of God. We will discuss clear and daily communication with God. Priscilla Shirer will show us how humble obedience and surrendering to God will help us receive his intended blessings and make us aware of his voice each day.

The study will be held from **February 11 to March 25**, 6:30-8:00 PM. We will meet in the Friends in Faith room next to Pastor David's office. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship of your sisters in faith. You may **contact Pam Rutledge at 828-612-1670 to register for the class.**

February 3, 2019

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United Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting

Sat., February 9 - 7:30 AM
Family Life Center



Speaker, Jacob Schronce, for Foothills Stand Down Here at Friendship UMC on Sunday, February 10

The eighth annual Foothills Stand Down will be held on April 12, 2019. Opening ceremonies will start at 8:45 a.m. and the actual stand down will begin at 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will be at CVCC in the Tarlton Complex (gymnasium). Veteran's Advocate Jacob Schronce will be at Friendship UMC on Sunday, February 10 to speak about the stand down and to collect donations. All veterans are welcome to attend.

May God bless you all.

- Wayne Hermance

Safe Sanctuary Training

Sunday, Feb. 17 - 3:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Everyone who works with children & youth must attend this training once a year.

Contemplative Prayer Group - Meets Weekly

Tuesdays, 11 AM
Church Library

Choir Practice

Tuesdays, 6-7:00 PM
Sanctuary - Feb. 12 & 19

UPCOMING LECTIONARY

February 10:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 138

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 17:

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

I Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Charles Beck Memorial Prayer Group

Every Wed. - 6:30 AM

Celebrating 50 Years Transforming The World

The following article was shared at the District Leadership Conference held on January 6 at St. Luke's UMC in Hickory in a workshop my husband Ted and I attended about Church History and Recordkeeping. Since February is Black History Month, I thought some of my younger church friends who weren't around when this event took place would be interested in knowing the significant role the United Methodist Church had in desegregation of worship. - Jane Alexander



Fifty years ago, institutional segregation prayerfully ended with the merger of two denominations, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church; and the merger of the Central (black) and Southeastern (white) Jurisdictions of The Methodist Church. We became The United Methodist Church.

Since that time, the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church has appointed more than 125 clergypersons in cross-racial appointments, further cementing the unity to which our predecessors strove.

While the merger of 1968 came with its own set of angst and dissension, we *honor* and *celebrate* the work of those who came before us, and *recommit* to their legacy. We recognize we have come a long way, since seeing walls come down a half-century ago, and we know we have a longer way still, as we strive for unity: unity and diversity, unity and love.

In the face of an uncertain future for our United Methodist Church, we *commit again to love*. Our hearts are to honor God in all we do; to have a Christ-like compassion and conviction to love our neighbors; to share our faith not just with our world, but with our brothers and sisters in our own communities.

Let us strive to have God's heart of acceptance and forgiveness, to focus not on the differences that divide, but the internal Spirit we share. Let us come to accept each person on this earth as a beloved child of God, celebrating each person's God-given uniqueness. Let us commit to tearing down walls instead of erecting new ones. Let us all, as individuals, choose to make our Western North Carolina Conference a better place to worship and grow in faith.

... that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:21

Today, we are able to call ourselves United Methodists because of the foundation laid nearly three hundred years ago and the diligent and prayerful work of those people who, in the midst of the civil rights movement, believed the church itself should be one.

This all came from a publication from the Commission on Archives and History and the Justice and Reconciliation Team of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Our church sign will highlight a historically prominent African American each week in February.

Bible Studies / Friendship Library News / ECCCM Volunteers

Weekly Bible Study At Abernethy Laurels

Every Wed. - 10:30-11:30
Clock Tower Room
Questions? Call Dwin Caldwell
- 828-244-9684

Friendship Library News for Winter 2019

Here are eight new books for your winter reading: Five are part of the "Secrets of the Blue Hill Library" series - Shadows of the Past by Emily Thomas is #1 in which Anne has been given her Aunt Edie's house for living quarters plus upper rooms for a town library. Nowhere to Be Found, also by Emily Thomas, describes Anne discovering a mystery, a quilt and pictures of Edie in a wedding gown - yet she didn't think her aunt ever married. Theft and Thanksgiving, written by Emily Thomas, in which the town is disturbed by a series of identity thefts seemingly aimed at the elderly. Unlocking the Truth contains an unmarked envelope containing a mock-up newspaper article implicating Anne and her classmates in a crime that took place at her school's homecoming. Lights! Camera! Action!, also by Emily Thomas, spins the story of a fire in the empty warehouse which damaged the historic Blue Hill Theater. The carpenter hired to restore it faces repeated vandalizings.

The last three books are Patchwork Mysteries: Family Patterns, To Have and to Hold and Nothing to Hide. All are Guideposts Books mysteries.

- Ruth Kreckman, Librarian

Winter Bible Study: The Letters of Paul

Starting on Wednesday, January 16 (and finishing before Easter) we will begin a Disciple Bible study on the **Letters of Paul**. Everyone is invited to join, including members, non-members and those outside the church as well. The books are free and let me stress that *no prerequisite classes in Disciple are needed in order to take this class*. Evening classes are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church

Fellowship Hall. **For those who don't like to drive at night, daytime classes** will be held on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. in the FIF/Crafters classroom. So come join us!

For any questions, call the church office (464-5408) or my cell at 244-9684.

Dwin Caldwell, Church Council for Small Group Bible Studies Leader

ECCCM (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry)

Volunteer Day for Friendship

The 4th Thursday of each month is when Friendship is scheduled to help with volunteering at ECCCM. Their hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteer opportunities include: bagging food for distribution, stocking shelves, filling client orders at the drive-through door, and sorting donations. Volunteering with ECCCM is an easy and enjoyable experience that gives you the opportunity to serve your community in a meaningful and tangible way. Without their volunteers, they would not be able to accomplish the work they do.

Friendship's Upcoming Dates to Volunteer: February 28 & March 28

UMW "Gifts in a Jar" / Local Ministry Needs



United Methodist Women's "Gifts in a Jar" Sale Ends on February 10

All jars now \$5.

Everything must be sold by February 10:

Friendship Tea, Cookies, and Soup.

Available after worship services.

See Nancy Drum, Pam Rutledge, or Katie Cloninger.

All money is used for missions and ministries by our UMW.

Battered Women's Shelter Needs:

Baby diapers - all sizes
Cleaning supplies; brooms/dustpans
Paper products - toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins
Utensils; sets of 4 dishes; alarm clocks
Hair products - shampoo/conditioners; hairspray
Lotions; makeup items; nail clippers; files; razors
Children's shampoo
Clothing for newborns through 5's

This is an ongoing mission project of the United Methodist Women.

You may leave items in the narthex of the sanctuary or in the entry area to the Family Life Center.



Women's Resource Center Supplies

Needed are: **laundry detergent; dryer fabric softener sheets; liquid hand soap; paper towels; liquid dish soap; disinfectant spray; all-purpose cleaner (409, Lysol, etc.); mouthwash; Q-tips; body wash; shampoo and other hair products; deodorant; light bulbs.** You can find all of these items at Dollar Tree for just \$1 each. This is an ongoing mission project of the United Methodist Women.

You may drop off items in the narthex of the sanctuary or in the entry area to the Family Life Center.

Room in the Inn Ministry

Room in the Inn **First Presbyterian Church, Newton**

There are members of our community who lack safe, secure, and most importantly, warm shelter on cold winter nights. For the past nine years, FPC Newton has provided a cold weather emergency shelter on nights when the temperature is predicted to fall to 25 degrees or below. This shelter, called *Room in The Inn*, operates from 6:00 p.m. until 8:15 a.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall, offering a warm meal and a warm place to sleep. As of this writing, the shelter has been open 8 nights this winter and the forecast is for many cold nights to come! Volunteers are needed! If all positions are not filled, we will be unable to offer this vital ministry.

How is the Shelter Staffed?

Volunteers are needed to serve in the following roles:

Hens (5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Open shelter, welcome guests, assist with showers, serve dinner;

Owls (10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.) - Stay overnight;

Roosters (6:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.)

Serve breakfast, help with clean up, close shelter;

Volunteers are needed and serve in pairs or groups to provide meals that can be served for breakfast or dinner.

Mark Murphy is the Volunteer Coordinator for the *Room in the Inn*. Online sign-up is quick and easy. For more information, contact Mark via email (mark84uaa@gmail.com) or cell (336-561-3630), or call the church office at 464-0648.



Volunteer Schedules / Weekly Givings



Nursery Schedule of Volunteers

February 10

8:30 am Jennifer Hastings
11:00 am Nancy Fulbright

February 17

8:30 am Nancy Fulbright
11:00 am Paige Prusia

February 24

8:30 am Jamie Stilwell
11:00 am Christina Saunders

Son Quest Volunteer Schedule

February 10

8:30 am Jamie Stilwell & Shane Hastings
11:00 am Rhonda Parker & Lydia Brown

February 17

8:30 am Debbie Hermance & Shirley Sherrill
11:00 am Pam Rutledge & Nancy Drum

February 24

8:30 am Olivia Spencer & Nancy Fulbright
11:00 am Nancy Fulbright & Heather Weaver



Greeters for 8:30 AM Service

February 10 - Judy Rayburn-Young
February 17 - Charlie & Sandy Sedwick
February 24 - Ernie & Mary Keller



Ushers for 11:00 Worship Service

February - Doug & Lisa Crump

Counters

February - Bryan Blanton & Darren Hefner

2019 Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Weekly income required:	\$6,665.19
Received 2/3/2019	\$5,430.48
YTD Received	\$32,490.77
YTD Needed	\$33,325.95
+/-	(-) \$835.18

2 Week Schedule of Events at Friendship UMC

Sunday, February 10

8-8:25 AM Gathering - FLC
8:30 AM Worship - FLC
9:45 AM Sunday School/Small Groups
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
4:30 PM YOUTH - Sunday School Classroom
4:30 PM Children's Praise Practice - FLC
5:00 PM Kids On a Mission - FLC
6:00 PM Dinner - Children/Youth - FLC/KIT

Monday, February 11

12:30 PM Crafters for Christ - FIF Class
6:30-8 PM Women's Bible Study - FIF Class
6:30 PM Scouts - FH/FLC

Tuesday, February 12

11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer - Library
6:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 13

6:30 AM C. Beck Mem. Prayer Group - FLC/KIT
10:30-11:30 AM Bible Study - Abernethy Laurels -
In the Clock Tower Room
1-2:30 PM DISCIPLE Study - FIF Classroom
6:30-8 PM DISCIPLE Study - Fellowship Hall
PM - Praise Team Practice - FLC

Saturday, February 16

8-5:00 PM Emmaus Team Meetings - FLC/KIT

Sunday, February 17

8-8:25 AM Gathering - FLC
8:30 AM Worship - FLC
9:45 AM Sunday School/Small Groups
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
3:00 PM Safe Sanctuary Training - FH
4:30 PM YOUTH - Sunday School Classroom
4:30 PM Children's Praise Practice - FLC
5:00 PM Kids On a Mission - FLC
6:00 PM Dinner - Children/Youth - FLC/KIT

Monday, February 18

12:30 PM Crafters for Christ - FIF Class
6:30-8 PM Women's Bible Study - FIF Class
6:30 PM Scouts - FH/FLC

Tuesday, February 19

11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer - Library
6:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 20

6:30 AM C. Beck Mem. Prayer Group - FLC/KIT
10:30-11:30 AM Bible Study - Abernethy Laurels -
In the Clock Tower Room
1-2:30 PM DISCIPLE Study - FIF Classroom
6:30-8 PM DISCIPLE Study - Fellowship Hall
PM - Praise Team Practice - FLC

Thursday, February 21

6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting - FIF Classroom

Saturday, February 23

4-9:00 PM BB&B's Covered Dish & Movie - FLC/KIT

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Return Service Requested



February Birthdays

1 Steve Marlowe	18 Joshua Edmonson
2 James Hefner	Greg Lathrop
Mike Rutledge	19 Hollie Courreges
4 Todd Parker	20 Luke Hamlyn
Lisa Picklesimer	22 Denise Watkins
5 Amy McAlister	24 Melissa Sherrill
Alee Woody	26 Jeremy Hipps
7 Lona Murray	
10 Tim Hefner	
17 Lois Weaver	

February Anniversaries

6 Robert & Caroline Whisnant
12 Johnny & Freda Yancey
14 Jerry & Phyllis Ballengee
15 Mark & Lydia Brown
Mike & CJ Mulligan
Todd & Rhonda Parker

If you have a birthday or anniversary not listed for this month, please contact the church office.