



Love in Action

The Newsletter of Maggie Valley United Methodist Church

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FROM PASTOR COLE...

For it is in our giving that we receive. It is in our pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—St. Francis of Assisi

You've likely heard me quote that prayer from St. Francis that is above in part and the whole in the picture. I love this prayer. I love how counter-cultural it is. We give and when we do, WE are filled. We forgive others and surprisingly, WE are filled with grace.

The new church year begins with the first Sunday of Advent on November 27th. During this time of Advent, we are invited to make room in our lives (again!) for the coming Christ. How do we do this? It seems St. Francis thought we make room for God by giving, serving, loving others and miraculously, WE have made more room for God in our lives.

That is what I want to encourage you to do, how I hope you will join me in preparing for the coming of Jesus again this year. Let us be bold in our reaching out to those who are sick, hurting and in need. Let us be audacious in our caring for the hungry. Let us be courageous in our faith as we give to any who are in need.

There are many ways you can give and find yourself making room for God. We hope you will continue to support the ministries of this church. The membership vows many of you have recited to join a local United Methodist Church ask you to be faithful by "your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness." I encourage and challenge us all to consider each of those 5 ways of support for the church. Let us pray, be present, use our God-given-gifts to serve and witness to all we meet. In doing this, we will truly live into the real focus of this season: changing our hearts and lives to make room for the coming Messiah (Matthew 3:2).

I am praying for you, always. I hope you feel the love of God in your life and working through your life. I hope that as you make yourself ready for the Messiah, you will be blessed even as we are called to be a blessing to others.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Cole



Where there is hatred
let us sow love—
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is discord, union
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
Where there is sadness, joy
Grant not so much that we
be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned
And it is in dying that
we are born to eternal life

ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"Surviving the Holidays" Grief Group

Dates:

- November 19, 10 am-Noon
- November 22, 1:00-3:00 pm
- November 30, 6:00-8:00 pm
- December 11, 2:00-4:00 pm

Location: Grace Classroom

Co-leaders: Sue Shirley and Others

Cost: \$10

The holiday season will soon be upon us. This might be your first holiday after a loved one's death, or second, third, or beyond.

In these coming days, you are going to experience some tough emotions. With its focus on family, yearly traditions, expectations, social events and "cheer", emotions can blindsides you. You can lessen the emotional impact by knowing what to expect and being prepared.

Surviving the Holidays is here to help. With others who understand what you might be going through, you will watch a video, be part of a discussion group, and receive a Survival Guide with daily encouragement and helpful information for the days ahead.

These tools will enable you not only to survive the coming holidays, but also to face them with a measure of peace and assurance.

BILL CHAMBERLIN, TREASURER'S REPORT...

	MONTH SEPTEMBER	FOR THE YEAR JAN - SEP
PROJECTED BUDGET NEED	\$ 23,085.64	\$207,770.76
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$ 18,643.18	\$217,533.89
OFFERINGS RECEIVED	\$ 18,682.77	\$211,939.32
OVER/UNDER	\$ 39.69	\$(5,594.57)

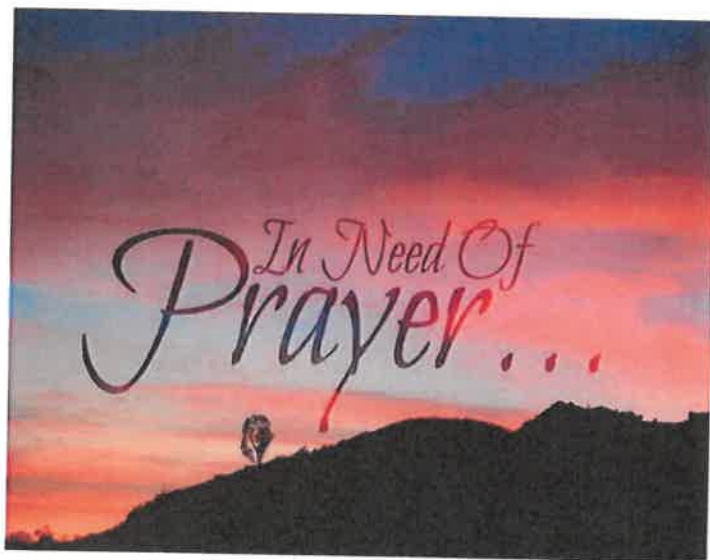


Treasurer Report

PRAYER CONCERNS...

Donald Atkins	Bruce Arrow	Jim Bauden	Audrey Baxter	Gary Cormann	Lee Miller
Robert Scott Blackadder	Eileen Bogo	Larry Bogo	Erma Bond	Todd Blanton	
Hazel Bradshaw	Savannah Brigman	Wendell Burchfield	Stockey Caldwell	Colton	
Joe & Mari Conneen	Lance Conway	Jessica Cothorn	Teresa Crocker	Rev. Paul Davenport	Connie Dennis
Anita Desmond	Willard Dockery	Kirk Duclos	Brian Bradley	Ellen Enrique	
Cory England	Clarissa Fisher	Vicky Flynn's Family	Carol Gardner	Dorothy Gardner	Bonnie & Larry Germaine
Brenda Griswold	Peyton Gully	Bud Hanselman	Grace Heger	Edith Highsmith	Michael Hill
Michael Hinebaugh	Carolyn Hobson	Jeanette Miller		Kim Itvere	
Jimmy	Connie Jones	Gail Kevenk	Allen Kitchens	Seth Smith	
Cheryl & Destiny Little	Lewis Lowder	Lynn Martin	Paul Mehaffey	Robena Russell	
Brenda Messer	Ruby Moore	Sandra Morris	Jim Murtaugh	Jim Neely	
Michael O'Gorman	John Planchock	Norann Planchock	Pete Planchock	Mary Ann Vignola	Lisa
	Sheila Price	Susan Purvis	Courtney Quick	Scott Reed	Angela Reid
Charlie & Mildred Rich	Mike Rickman	Rhonda Riley	Gerry Robinson		
John Saxton	Ron Sellers	Don & Wanda Shoemaker	Elizabeth Smallwood	Dustin Smith	
	Annie Smith	Jane Spell	Carolyn Strickland	Betty Sutton	Sammy Sutton
Hilda Taylor	Sam Tiger	Pietro Tondini	Brian Toole		
Martha Bradshaw Trull	Audrey Waters	Ron Miller	Tom Wynch		

Please continue to pray for the following as well: Administrative Board, Bishop Carter, Disaster Victims, All Travelers, Our Choir, Haywood Street Congregation, Homeless People, In God's Creation Hiking Group, Haywood Pathways Center, Manna Foodbank & Publix, Men's Group, Missionaries, People looking for Work, Shepherd's Table, United Methodist Church, World Events & Peace, Sunday School, Refugees, Food Pantry, Community Garden, Our Children & Youth, District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Jae Lee, UMC Grace Circle, Van Ministry



Haywood County School Teachers and Students, College Students, Sunday School Teachers & Subs, Children's Church Workers and, Beverly Ketner, Gail Quick, Lynn & Mark Rains, and Mike & Sue Shirley.

Our Country, Government, Service men, women & their families including Jesse Brestle, Amanda Bryson, Joshua Cruse, Andrew Davis, Clayton Hardy, Samuel Hunter, Ian Hutton, Makenzie Moore, Zachary & Gabriella Moore, Michael Morris, Kane Pinkston, Joe Stroupe, Luke Turner, Camille Tyler, Michael Woodard, 211th Military Police Company, Prisoners of War, Veterans, Injured & MIA, Our Country, The President, and Our Leaders.

Those in Nursing Homes Becky Bender, Jane Cable, Lady Hughes, Betty Sutton → Maggie Valley Nursing & Rehab; Gail Pace → Silver Bluff; Phyllis Jackson → Smoky Mtn Nursing Home; Haywood Lodge, Maggie Valley Nursing Home, McCracken's Nursing Home, Silver Bluff Nursing Home, and Smoky Mountain Health & Rehab.

Those who are Homebound including Tom Bennett, Kathryn Brannen, Joseph Cullen, Wanda Deutsch, Willard Dockery, Helen & Joe Duke, Betty Ferguson, Nancy Lott Gerald, Tom & Vivian Gerard, Zelda Hanson, Bea Hawkins, Mary Beth Johnson, Paul Mehaffey, Hilda Palmer, The Pickens Family, Doug Ramsey, Ken Roach, Linda Rondecap, Maureen Shaw, Irene Sutton, Charlie & Rena Upright, Bill & Mary Ann Vignola, and David Wagner.

November

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October							December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
30	31												

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Connections Sunday School (9am)	30	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table (3:30pm)	31	"Sacred Seeing" (7:30am) - Parking Lot	1	Food Pantry (10-12) Holy Listening Session (6pm) - Grace Class	2	Holy Listening Session (9am) - Fellowship Hall UMW Grace Circle (2pm)	3	Grace Bible Study Class (9:30am) - Fellowship Hall	4	AA (7pm) - Fellowship Hall	5
Holy Listening Session (9:15am) - Grace Room	6	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table (3:30pm)	7		8	Food Pantry (10-12) Youth Group 6-8pm - Library	9	Pastor's Bible Study (9am) - Fellowship Hall	10	Grace Bible Study Class (9:30am) - Fellowship Hall	11	AA (7pm)	12
Worship & Holy Communion (10:30am)						Disciple Bible Study (6pm) - Grace Class		Girl Scouts (6-7:30)					
Connections Sunday School (9am) - Grace Room	13	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table (3:30pm)	14	One Board Meeting (6pm) - Fellowship Hall	15	Food Pantry (10-12) Disciple Bible Study (6pm) - Grace Class	16	Pastor's Bible Study (9am) - Fellowship Hall	17	Grace Bible Study Class (9:30am) - Fellowship Hall	18	Men's Breakfast (9am) - Fellowship Hall	19
Worship (10:30am)								Men's Group (5:30pm) - Grace Classroom					
Holy Listening Session (11:45am) - Fellowship Hall													
Decorate Church 11:30am	20	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table (3:30pm)	21	Grief Share (1pm-3pm) - Classroom	22	OFFICE CLOSED	23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! OFFICE CLOSED	24		25	AA (7pm) - Fellowship Hall	26
Connections Sunday School (9am) - Grace Room													
Worship (10:30am)													
Connections Sunday School (9am) - Grace Room	27	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table (3:30pm)	28	Set Up Nativity Scene (1pm) - Front of Church	29	Food Pantry (10-12) Grief Share (6-8pm) - Grace Classroom	30	Pastor's Bible Study (9am) - Fellowship Hall	1	Grace Bible Study Class (9:30am) - Fellowship Hall	2	Holiday Boutique (9am-2pm) AA (7pm) - Fellowship Hall	3

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES...**HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

2	Chris Montgomery	17	John Miller
2	Lewis Hanson	18	Christie Chandler
2	Henry Sutton	19	Pat Burton
4	Nathan Roth	19	Makenzie Moore
4	Beth Childs	19	Matthew Sutton
4	Lorraine Cook	20	Ted Watts
4	Donna McElroy	20	Margo Johnson
6	Erma Bond	20	Sandra Knight
6	Bill Chamberlin	20	Joan Kennedy Kocsis
7	Jessica Kanupp	21	Dan Dry
7	Kathryn Brannen	21	Lena Duncan
7	Bruce Kossman	21	Kaylee Highsmith
7	DeVere Williams	22	Susan Dry
8	Lili Meadows	22	Brandon Meadows
9	Belinda Ferguson	23	Pam McMillan
11	Carolyn Pilgrim	23	Beth Brown
11	Jack Montgomery	24	Jane Kirby
12	Will Caldwell	25	Shelly Coker
12	Marjorie Carter	25	Shirley Kelley
12	Kayla Queen Green	25	Janet Lilley
12	Meredith Koebley Snider	26	Kathryn Boris Glance
12	Kayla Queen Green	28	Julius Rountree
13	Valerie Thompson	28	Barbara Baity
13	Sue Campbell	28	Nancy Frank
13	Roy Sapough	29	Elita Stamp
16	Lynn Walsh	30	Belinda Marr
17	Bryanna Mackey	30	June Johnson

HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY!

6	Bonnie & Lew Hanson
14	Shelda & Scott Muirhead (1982)
19	Carol & Chip Eifler
19	Erna & Sten Lundgren
21	Cynthia & DeVere Williams (1979)



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Our Church Food Pantry operates on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until noon. We are asking that everyone in the congregation **bring PEANUT BUTTER (18oz), BAR SOAP, TOOTHBRUSHES, CRACKERS, and COOKIES this month.** Personal hygiene items are appreciated also. Thank you for helping! If anyone has winter coats they would like to donate, please bring them to the Food Pantry. **We will be closed on Wednesday, November 23rd.**

"Sacred Seeing" is a way of seeing the world with the eyes of the heart. If I'm being honest, that sounds like something that may be hard to do or only for "really spiritual" people (whatever that means), but it's a practice I hope we can all try! **We will meet on Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall.**

The UMW Grace Circle meeting will meet on Thursday, November 3rd at 2:00 PM in the Grace Classroom. All women are welcome!

The UMW will continue to sell car wash tickets this month. They are \$20 and make wonderful gifts.

The youth group will meet on November 9th at 6:00pm in the library. If you can provide a meal, please call Belinda to sign up.

Friday, November 11th is Veterans Day. Don't forget to say thank you to those who served our country so bravely.

The One Board will meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All "Love in Action" articles for December are due to Belinda by Thursday, November 17th.

The Men's Group WILL meet on Thursday, November 17th at 5:30 and will have the Men's breakfast on Saturday, November 19th at 8:00am in the fellowship hall. All men are invited.

We will be decorating our Sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 20st at 11:30. Nothing gets you in the Christmas spirit as much as listening to Christmas music and decorating our church with friends. It won't take long if everyone could help for about an hour.

The Church Office will be closed November 23rd and November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holidays.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We will be putting up the Nativity Scene on **Tuesday, November 29th at 1pm.** Meet out front the church – thank you for your help!

Pastor Mike & Sue Shirley invite you to join them for Connections Sunday School Class. We will meet every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grace Classroom. Bring a Bible and join us! All are welcome!

This year's date for the **Holiday Boutique is Saturday, December 3rd.** We are accepting donations of slightly used men and women's clothing, handbags, shoes, jewelry, scarfs, Christmas, and nice gift items. Also, if you have crafts to donate, we would love to have them for the sale. This is an important mission here at Maggie Valley UMC with proceeds going to our food ministries. Last year the boutique raised over \$5,000. The money was given to the Shepherd's Table and the Food Pantry. Please contact Judi Ferris at 828.734.0156 or Pastor Cole for any questions.

Pastor Cole's Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to come! **We will NOT meet on November 24th due to Thanksgiving Holidays.**

CLERGY & STAFF APPRECIATION...

We are dedicating the month of November to our staff and clergy as an opportunity to give thanks for the work they do for us and a lot they do behind the scenes. November is a perfect time to remember and give thanks to the people of our congregation that work hard to make our church a beautiful place to worship, fellowship and grow in our faith.

This month here are some suggestions on ways to express your thankfulness:

- A card with a special note of thanks.
- A gift card for gas, groceries, restaurant, car wash, etc.
- A donation in their honor to a local charity.
- Offer to pray for them throughout the year and let them know you are doing it.
- Tell them you appreciate all they do in a phone call or face-to-face meeting.
- Offer to take them to breakfast, lunch or out for coffee.
- Put together a little gift basket.
- Offer to bring them a meal one night.
- Put together a bouquet of flowers and deliver it to their home.
- A VISA or AMEX gift card



Our staff and clergy are the following people:

- Pastor, Cole Altizer
- Pastor, Mike Shirley
- Administrative Assistant, Belinda Marr
- Organist, Janice Rogers
- Church Custodians, Ginger Revis, Peggy Martin
- Custodian, Chrystal Carver
- Shepherds Table Team Leader, Gene & Shirley Saxton
- Food Pantry, Gail England
- Preschool, Gail Quick & Beverly Ketner

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