



Love in Action

The Newsletter of Maggie Valley United Methodist Church



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From Pastor Mike:

It has been a joy to travel with you through Lent and Easter Sunday. I am grateful for those who have helped to make this season meaningful. But remember, Easter is not over. We are in the Season of Eastertide. With Christ as our living guide, let's keep our focus on the future. Next Sunday morning, we will sing "Forward Through the Ages". As we look to the future, Christ will be with us, and Christ will empower us from within!

God bless you.

Mike Shirley



Pastor Mike and Chloe with the Preschool children

Our Preschool is accepting applications for the 2024/2025 school year! For more information or to put a child's name on the list, please contact Ms. Gail Quick or Ms. Beverly Ketner or call the Church Office at 828/926-8036 😊

Live Stream Update

When you just can't make it in, you can still make it on. Onto our Facebook Live Stream that is. This can be found on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/maggieumc/>.

We now start the Live Stream at the sound of the ringing of the bell. That gives you time to get set up before the service starts and enjoy a little of Janice's beautiful organ music. We have enhanced her sound with a new microphone that should really help you to enjoy her skills.

We heard from you that you'd like to be able to see the words of the readings on the screen, however we do not have the technology to do that at this time. But! Shelly is now putting the program handout on the web site (maggieumc.org) ahead of time so you can go there, click on "Click here for Sunday's Bulletin," and print it if you desire. This will allow you to follow along with all readings as well as get the list of announcements. We thank you for joining us online, and especially thank you for signing in so we know who is watching! Many blessings!

Love God by Loving Others

Happy Easter and Welcome Spring! Matthew 25:31-40 *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25:40

Last week I presented a fund raiser to the MVUMC Board regarding helping raise money for Zoe and her family to help with their medical expenses. I received good news when I presented my idea to Zoe's parents. Zoe has been approved for Medicaid to cover her medical expenses, even back dating them to last November. We are so grateful and praising God for this wonderful news!

I wanted my pilgrimage in May to support a mission. The Lord has put another family in my heart. We have a family in our congregation, Cheryl Little, Connie, Destiny, Ryan, Kingston and Christian who are in need of new flooring in their mobile home. With the arrival of baby Christian and the crawling that will be taking place in the few short months I wanted to extend an invitation to help me raise money to replace their floors.

In May I am going to walk the Portugal Camino from Porto to Santiago, Spain. I am expecting to walk 10-15 miles a day for 15+ days, a total of 175 miles. Like the days of the "Walk-A-Thon" I would like to invite you to support my challenge of walking the Camino with a monetary donation to the Little family's flooring.

Most of us are familiar with the phrase, "God has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet." This is an opportunity to be God's hands and feet sharing a reflection of God's love and care to a family in need. Replacing the Little family's home with new flooring will provide a safe and healthy environment for Christian to learn to crawl, walk and grow.

Please support this challenge and help me help Christian by contributing to the Little Family Flooring Challenge. I ask you to give what you can, support my walk by contributing a dollar amount per mile or a flat amount. Checks may be made out to MVUMC with Little Flooring in the memo section. Please pray or the Little Family, Christian and for me on my pilgrimage through Portugal to Spain.

Thank you for your support and God bless! **Beth Brown**

Our Prayer Concerns for April

Our Congregational Care Group meets once a month to update the Prayer List. The list will change monthly. If you know someone who needs to be added to the list or who needs to remain on the list, please let Shelly know. Please pray for these individuals and send a card if you would like.

General Prayers: Pat Butler, Gene Saxton, Bill Chamberlin, Glen Rose, Shirley Pinto family, Stevie Rich, Jenna Reed, Kevin Jackson, Ron Kroot family, Sheryl Rhoden, Thelma Keen, Randy Evans family

Those in hospital and/or surgeries: Donny Wall

Homebound/Nursing Home: Becky Bender, Paul White- Maggie Valley Nursing & Rehab, Gail Pace- Silver Bluff, Phyllis Jackson - Smoky Mtn Nursing Home, Clarissa Fisher-Florida, Kathryn Brannen, Willard Dockery, Joe & Helen Duke, Brenda Griswold, Zelda Hanson, Jeanette Miller, Dave Pickens, Leon Roach, Ron Sellers, David Wagner, Rena Upright



Congregational Care Team

Did you Know? Our Church Food Pantry served 222 individuals and 100 households during February! The Shepherd's Table served 540 meals!

Beautiful Lilies were placed in our sanctuary in honor or in memory of the following individuals.



An Easter Lily was given by Ann Lynch in loving memory of husband, John.

An Easter Lily was given by Patricia Rowell in memory of Lee Rowell.

Easter Lilies were given by Jack & Mary Sue in loving memory of Glen & Hattie Campbell and in loving memory of Dixie & Viola Campbell.

An Easter Lily was given by Robert & Caryl D'Amico in loving memory of fathers, Joe & Carl and mother, Geraldine.

Easter Lilies were given in memory of Janalee and in memory of Herbert.

An Easter Lily was given by John Burton in loving memory of wife, Pat.

An Easter Lily was given by Regina and Steve Mehaffey in honor of Robena Russell.

An Easter Lily was given by MVUMC family in honor of Pastor Mike & Sue Shirley.

Easter Lilies were given by Lillianne Neely Chamberlin in memory of Lillian A. Neely, my dear grandmother and Anne P. Neely, my beloved mom.

An Easter Lily was given by Shelly Clement in honor of Phyllis Jackson, my mom, who loves Easter.

An Easter Lily was given by Robena Russell in loving memory of the Matt Mehaffey family.

An Easter Lily was given by Robena & Tyler Russell in loving memory of Mark Russell.

Easter Lilies were given by David & Carol Clement in loving memory of Helen Noland Clement, in loving memory of Mabel B. Woodard and in loving memory of Mary Helen Clement.

An Easter Lily was given by Cheryl Little in loving memory of my mother, Saidee Little.

An Easter Lily was given by the Shepherds Table family in honor of Shirley Saxton.

An Easter Lily was given by the Shepherds Table family in honor of Robena Russell.

An Easter Lily was given by Bill Chamberlin in memory of Jean L. Chamberlin, my mother.

Easter Lilies were given by Jim & Caroline Miller in loving memory of Lisa Burke, sister and in loving memory of Col. And Mrs. Robert L. Rowan, parents.

An Easter Lily was given by Jim & Caroline Miller in honor of Rosemary Miller, mother.

April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Food Pantry 10-12 Shepherd's Table	2	3 United Women in Faith 2pm	4	5	6 AA 7pm
7 Connections Class 8:45am Choir 9:45am Worship 10:30am	8 Food Pantry 10-12 Shepherd's Table	9 Food Pantry 10-12 Bible Study 6pm - Music Room	10 Food Pantry 10-12 Bible Study 6pm - Music Room	11 Grace Bible Study 9:30am Fellowship Hall	12	13
14 Connections Class 8:45am Choir 9:45am Worship 10:30am	15 Food Pantry 10-12 Shepherd's Table	16 Worship Committee 10am Church Board 6pm	17 Food Pantry 10-12 Bible Study 6pm - Music Room	18 Barn Sale Clean-up Congregational Care Team 10am Men's Group 5:30pm	19 Barn Sale Clean-up Grace Bible Study 9:30am	20 Barn Sale Clean-up Men's Breakfast 8am rescheduled date AA 7pm
21 Connections Class 8:45am Choir 9:45am Worship 10:30am	22 Food Pantry 10-12 Shepherd's Table	23 Barn Sale Clean-up Food Pantry 10-12 Bible Study 6pm	24 Barn Sale Clean-up Food Pantry 10-12 Bible Study 6pm	25 Barn Sale Clean-up	26 Barn Sale Clean-up Grace Bible Study 9:30am	27 Barn Sale 7am - 1pm AA 7pm
28 Connections Class 8:45am Choir 9:45am Worship 10:30am	29 Food Pantry 10-12 Shepherd's Table	30 Food Pantry 10-12 Bible Study 6pm - Music Room	31 Food Pantry 10-12 Bible Study 6pm - Music Room			

Belinda Marr, Treasurer's Report

Monthly Financial Report for February 2024



Treasurer Report

January	
Needed for Budget	\$23,882.98
Expenses	\$35,374.62
Offerings	\$27,922.16
Over/Under	\$7,452.46

Announcements

Our Church Food Pantry operates on Monday & Wednesday from 10am to noon. We are asking for **instant oatmeal, instant grits, toothbrushes, disposable razors, crackers, toothpaste, chicken noodle soup and granola bars** this month. Personal hygiene items are also appreciated. Thank you!

Connections Sunday School meets on Sunday from 8:45 – 9:45am in the Grace classroom.

Calling all songbirds! Choir practice is held Sunday morning at 9:45am in the Choir room!

The **Grace Sunday School Class** will meet on Fridays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to attend!

The United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, April 4th at 2pm. All women are invited! Bring a friend!

The Men's Group will meet in the Grace Classroom at 5:30pm on Thursday, April 18th. The Men's Group Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 20th (rescheduled date) at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited!

The Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 16th at 10am.

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Congregational Care Team will meet on Thursday, April 18th at 10am.

April Barn Sale! Weather permitting, we're having our first **Barn Sale of 2024 on Saturday, April 27th, 7 am to 1 pm!** Proceeds will benefit the church's ministries. We need volunteers on the day of the sale and on workdays to organize the barn, receive donations, price items, and do general cleaning. Work days are set from 9 am to 12 noon on the following days: Thursday, 4/18; Friday, 4/19; Saturday, 4/20; Wednesday, 4/24; Thursday, 4/25; and Friday, 4/26. On these days, we're accepting clean and gently used items. **So, now is the time to do some Spring cleaning! If you can help, please call Barb Planchock at (828) 400-3144.** Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Shepherds Table still needs **cake mixes, brownie mixes & especially icings. Eggs** are also needed. YOUR donations help us continue this program. Thank you all! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Shirley Saxton @ 937-681-7034.



Dear Maggie Valley UMC, Thank you for your generosity during the passing of Jason Moody. Your kindness was appreciated. MVFD Auxiliary

Dear Church Family, Words cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for you all. The surgery went well and I am almost fully recovered. Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and cards. They all meant a lot to me. I will forever remember all of the love, concern and kindness shown to me over the last several weeks. You all are the greatest! May God abundantly bless each of you! In Christ, Victor Quick

Hi, just a note of appreciation for the lovely thank you notes and prayers for Cliff. He has finished 25 radiation scans and will rest for a month. God bless you all and God bless our church. Sincerely, Nan & Cliff with love

Dear Church family, Your love and prayers have meant so much to our family during the time of our daughter, Kathryn's passing. Richard & Stacey Boris

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Happy April Birthday!

3 Wanda Shoemaker
 3 Cynthia Williams
 5 Gloria Teeter
 11 Ann Duncan
 12 Sammy Sutton
 13 Gene Saxton
 18 Selena Williamson
 19 Lillianne Chamberlin
 30 John Hinton

Happy April Anniversary

14 Mike & Gail England

***If you don't see your special dates listed, please call the office and we will add them!**



Many hands were at work in the Church this past month! You are invited to come join in!



Maggie Valley UMC Worship Service - 10:30 am

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