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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES!

Andrews UMC will be packing 36 shoeboxes for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD again this year.. OCC sends these shoe boxes to kid's all over the world. We will be collecting items for the shoeboxes (see list below). You can drop those items off at the church Monday-Friday 8am-12pm or contact Robby Morris by texting 704-942-8769 to set up another drop off time. **National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23, 2020, so the deadline for bringing items is Sunday, November 8th.** We will be packing the items in the shoeboxes that week, so stay tuned for day and time. If you are interested in helping pack the boxes in person, please let us know. Wearing masks will be required, and we will make sure all surfaces are clean and safe for you when you come.

Items needed to pack boxes:

- **"WOW" ITEMS:** soccer ball w/pump, doll, stuffed animal, musical instrument, shoes
- **TOYS:** toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries),
- **NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrushes, bar soap, wash cloths, combs
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils, and sharpeners, crayons and markers, notebooks and paper, coloring and picture books, solar calculators
- **ACCESSORIES:** socks, hats, sunglasses, jewelry and watches, small flashlights (with extra batteries)

DO NOT INCLUDE: candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

Keep in mind that combinations of these items have to fit into a "shoebox". All of these items together will not fit in a single shoebox, so you don't have to buy all of them. Each shoebox will be filled for a girl or a boy.

Thank you for your participation in this ministry!



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Pastor Tom's Message

2020 has been a hard year ... pandemic, political and social unrest, interruption in the communal life of the church. A hard year. As if that were not enough the resurgence of racial tensions and the fomenting of these tensions by our nation's leaders calls all Americans to be knowledgeable of and sensitive to the complete history of our nation. I, like many of you, am tired.

And so, when the weather changed last week to a cooler breeze and lower sitting sun; with the leaves of the trees beginning to turn to the luscious colors of red and orange, yellow and various shades of the rainbow, I felt a much longed for sense of relief. I am aware that I invoke nature in these newsletter articles, but it is among the creation where I sense God's presence. And I need to feel the presence of God always, but especially during these days of turmoil, uncertainty and fear.

It is said that fear, not doubt, is the opposite of faith. I suppose that is true in some respects. And I am reminded of the number of times throughout the scripture where God's emissary tells us to "fear not". In John's gospel, Jesus is recorded as telling his disciples, and by extension us, that he will

not leave them or us orphaned. That by the presence of his Spirit he leaves us his peace. His peace, he assures us, is not the peace the world gives, but a peace that brings a sense of certainty that all is and will be alright, and with that promise he tells to not be troubled or afraid.

I hold those words close to my heart as I watch the world around me descend into chaos and division contrary to the very nature of God and God's dream for his creation and humanity. That dream, as I understand it, is that all people might live together in unity with one another through the love of God through the birth, life, death and resurrection of the Incarnate One, Emmanuel, God with us.

I won't even begin to promise you or myself that fear will not be part of my daily experience in this life. I experience it every day and I imagine on some level many of you do as well. My prayer for you, myself and Jean, our church, our nation and its leaders and the world at large, is that the peace of God that is alive within the creation might come into focus for us all. That the love God has for us might bring the peace Jesus promised and create the unity of the dream of God.

Grace and peace,

tom+



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Blessings*

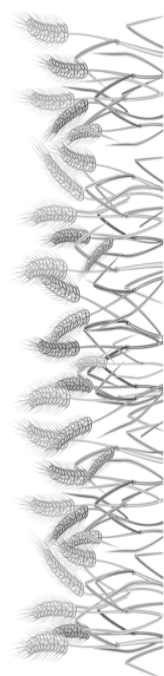


October Highlights

- 12—Columbus Day—
Church Office Closed
- 20—Church Council
- 31—Reformation Day

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>God supplies seed for the person who plants. He supplies bread for food. God will also supply and increase the amount of your seed. He will increase the results of your good works. You will be made rich in every way. Then you can always give freely. We will take your many gifts to the people who need them. And they will give thanks to God.</i> - 2 Corinthians 9:10-11		2	3
4-14th Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am—YouTube 11:00 am—Facebook	5	6	7	8 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00—Welcome Table— Snowbird Outdoor Center 8:30—Youth Group Zoom	9	10
11-15th Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am—YouTube 11:00 am—Facebook	12—Church Office Closed Columbus Day	13	14	15 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00—Welcome Table— Sam Mabry 8:30—Youth Group Zoom	16	17
18-16th Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am—YouTube 11:00 am—Facebook	19	20 6:30 Church Council	21	22 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00—Welcome Table— St. Andrew Lutheran Church 8:30—Youth Group Zoom	23	24
25-17th Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am—YouTube 11:00 am—Facebook	26	27	28	29 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00—Welcome Table— Marble Springs Baptist Church 8:30—Youth Group Zoom	30	31

Birthdays

- 1— Robby Morris
- 2— Cheryl Kelley
- 3— Joslyn Booth
- 4— Ronnie Clontz
- 5— Evelyn Hopkins
- 7— Brent Burch,
Jonathan Burch,
- Reagan Adams
- 10— Malachi Haines
- 13— Zoe Tallant
- 15— Adam Manchester
- 17— Rebecca Woods
- 18— Logan Francis
- 19— Lamar Roberts
- 20— Jackie Ledford
- 23— Dee Dooly,
Gabe Gribble
- 25— April Sargent
- 28— Bill Bristol
- 29— Judy Johnson
- 30— Jimmie Pitt
- 31— Madison Rogers

Anniversaries

- 9— Mack & April Tallant
- 12— Bill & Judy Wyke
- 14— Chuck & Julie West
- 20— Ken & Ann Deese

** The Sanctuary is open on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon for individual prayer and meditation. Please observe the necessary health precautions of wearing a mask, maintaining a safe distance from others and having no more than 10 people in the Sanctuary at a time.

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thank you for your generous giving! Not only for past and present giving, but also during the COVID uncertain times. You each have made a hard time easier. We are very grateful. You and your family will be blessed!

We trust that you continue to be safe and free from harm. Praying for the time we can all join together!

We miss you all!

The Financial Team

Note: We are including a copy of the most current complete budget figures (through August, 2020) with this newsletter to update and inform you. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments to make by contacting the church office.

*O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.*
-Psalm 104:24-30

From the Organ Bench—Hymn Story

by Kerry Archer



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – As we move into the season of harvest nationwide, our eyes turn to hymns of praise and with a theme of thankfulness for God’s direction as we go astray. This hymn of Robert Robinson (1735-1790) fits the bill in multiple ways. Just read through its text on page 400 in our United Methodist Hymnal.

Robinson led a checkered life in Norfolk, England. His father died when he was only eight, and at the age of fourteen he was sent by his mother to London to learn the barbering trade. Here, and for the next many years, Robinson associated with a notorious gang of hoodlums and lived a troubled life. But at seventeen, he attended a meeting where George Whitefield was preaching. His strong evangelistic preaching so impressed Robinson that he was converted to Christ. And several years afterward he was called to preach and entered the ministry of the Methodist Church.

The hymn text was written when Robinson was only twenty-three years old. An expression in the third verse, “Prone to wander-Lord, I feel it-Prone to leave the God I love,” seems to have been prophetic of his later years, as his life (once again) became characterized by lapses into sin and unstableness. The story is told that much later, Robinson (who was riding a stagecoach) noticed a woman deeply engrossed with a hymn book. As a conversation ensued, the lady turned to Robinson and asked what he thought of the hymn she was humming. Robinson burst into tears and said, “Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then.”

September Honorariums and Memorials

In Memory of Roma Mathis,
by Roy and Louise Gilbert,
by Don and Beth Duncan,
by Dee and Philip Dooly
by Tim and Wendy Adams,
by Lavenia Hawk,
by John and Linda Kennedy,
by Elizabeth and Maurice West,
by Cheryl and David Kelley.

In Memory of Eddie Conger,
by Lavenia Hawk.

In Memory of Jerry Gilbert,
by Elizabeth and Maurice West.

In Honor of Trudy Reynolds and Beth Duncan,
by Lavenia Hawk.



Charge Conference Notice

Our annual church Charge Conference is scheduled for **November 8, 2020** at 12:00 noon, Pastor Tom Jolly presiding. If we are still practicing physical distancing at that time, we will hold the Charge Conference via Zoom. Additional instructions will follow as the date approaches.