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...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 1 Peter 2:5

Community Outreach, Part 2

If you are looking for a way to serve Christ in our community, our church has many community outreach programs that you might be a benefit to while satisfying your need to be of service. Following are a few.

Home Delivered Meals - This is a program of the Andrews Senior Services Center that several of our members participate in. If you would like to know more about it, Terry Gribble, Beth Duncan, and Phil Keller can fill you in on what they do. To volunteer, contact Patricia Golden at 828-321-4505 or patricia.golden@cherokeecounty-nc.gov

The **Cherokee County Food Bank Inc.** is a project of the Andrews, North Carolina Lions Club. Our United Methodist Women regularly collect food (look for the big basket in the Sanctuary narthex) to take to the food bank and also organize special events, such as the "Souper Sunday" canned goods collection to help fill the pantry shelves.

Alcoholics Anonymous—Our church provides a meeting place for this group in the Fellowship Hall. Their regular meetings are on Sunday and Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

American Red Cross Blood Drives—We are a regularly scheduled donation location for the Red Cross. We support them with a facility and volunteers who help with registration. If this is something you would like to help with, contact the coordinator, Nenia Thompson, at 828-361-0294.

Coffee Club Hospitality Ministry—We still offer coffee, snacks, showers, laundry, and a place to rest to all, Monday through Friday, 8 am—12 noon. This ministry appreciates your donations of snacks, laundry detergent, and toiletries.

Homeless Outreach Ministry for Everyone—Monday and Friday, 11 am—1 pm—coffee, snacks, showers, laundry and assistance with DSS, EBT cards, identification, etc.

Note: Kerry Archer is now the liaison for Mrs. Forchetti's second grade class. If you would like to volunteer to be a Mystery Reader or assist the class in any way, contact him at kerrylarcher@gmail.com.

Pastor Sara's Message

Help Us Accept Each Other

Unison

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,
teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,
Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;
we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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October Highlights

- 1—World Communion Sunday
- 3—United Methodist Women
- 6—AHS Homecoming Parade / 5th Quarter
- 10—Birthday Girls Luncheon
- 14—United Methodist Men
- 15—Laity Sunday
- 20—5th Quarter/Senior Night
- 28—Town of Andrews Trunk or Treat
- 29—Reformation Sunday/ Change Sunday/ Church Social
- 31—Reformation Day

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♥ August Honorariums and Memorials

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- by Charles A. Rater,
- by Katherine D. Fontenot,
- by Neva Anderson,
- by Amy Button Renz.

To The Welcome Table

- In Memory of Annaneal Stevens, by Betty Brewer.

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Birthdays

- 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
- 18—Logan Francis
- 19—Lamar Roberts
- 20—Jackie Ledford
- 23—Dee Dooly,
Gabe Gribble
- 25—April Sargent
- 28—Bill Bristol
- 29—Judy Johnson
- 31—Madison Rogers

Anniversaries

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1—18th Sunday Pentecost/ Communion Sunday 9:30—Adult Sunday School 10—Children Sunday School 11:00—Worship World Communion Sunday	2 11 am—1 pm HOME	3 2:00—United Methodist Women	4 1:00—Games & Dames	5 5-6:00—Welcome Table—United Methodist Men	6 11 am—1 pm HOME 2:00—AHS Homecoming Parade 5th Quarter!	7
8—19th Sunday Pentecost 9:30—Adult Sunday School 10—Children Sunday School 11:00—Worship	9 11 am—1 pm HOME	10 12:30—Birthday Girls Luncheon, Rib Country, Murphy	11 1:00—Games & Dames	12 5-6:00—Welcome Table—Sam Mabry & Crew 6:30—Finance Committee	13 11 am—1 pm HOME	14 8:30—United Methodist Men
15—20th Sunday Pentecost 9:30—Adult Sunday School 10—Children Sunday School 11:00—Worship Laity Sunday	16 11 am—1 pm HOME	17	18 1:00—Games & Dames	19 5-6:00—Welcome Table—Red Oak Baptist Church	20 11 am—1 pm HOME 5th Quarter! / Senior Night	21
22—21st Sunday Pentecost 9:30—Adult Sunday School 10—Children Sunday School 11:00—Worship	23 11 am—1 pm HOME	24	25 1:00—Games & Dames	26 5-6:00—Welcome Table—St. Andrew Lutheran Church	27 11 am—1 pm HOME	28 3-5 pm—Town of Andrews Trunk or Treat
29—22nd Sunday Pentecost/ Reformation Sunday / Change Sunday / Church Social 9:30—Adult Sunday School 10—Children Sunday School 11:00—Worship Reformation Sunday	30 11 am—1 pm HOME	31 Reformation Day	<p><i>For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”</i></p> <p><i>- Romans 1:17</i></p>			

DISCLAIMER: Schedule is subject to change and will have additions. These are not the stone tablets, they are just guidelines for some events coming up and to help keep you informed. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

FYI

Holy Smokes Tasting Party / Fundraising Event, October 5 – A chance to sample a range of American dishes with all-you-can-eat access. An evening of fun and fellowship to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. Held at Saint Williams Catholic Church, 765 Andrews Rd, Murphy, 5:30-7 pm. Admission at the door: \$10 adults; \$5 kids 10 and under.

October 10 – Birthday Girls Luncheon will be at Rib Country in Murphy at 12:30. Our Birthday Ladies are Evelyn Hopkins and Kelly Bryant. Please bring \$1.00 and a card for each birthday lady to help pay for her lunch.

"Age in Place" Free Symposium - Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 11 am - 2:30 pm at Hayesville First United Methodist Church. Lunch will be provided. Learn important ways to make wise decisions NOW to ensure you retain your independence as you age. Local agency reps will be on site to answer questions on legal concerns, caregiver needs, housing, wellness, mental health, and Medicare/Medicaid. Also learn how you can volunteer as little as one hour a week to assist a frail senior in need of help. To register: 4heartsinministry@gmail.com. Registration closes on October 15, 2023.

Christmas on Main Street—Saturday, November 18, if you would like to participate as a vendor, you may apply online at www.visitandrews.com, or contact Terry Gribble, 828-768-3900, for more information.

Andrews United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women’s Meeting will be on October 3 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

AHS Homecoming Parade—On October 6, we will participate in the parade. If you would like to help decorate the car, contact Trudy.

5th Quarter—The next 5th Quarter will be on October 6 after the AHS home game. Our final scheduled 5th Quarter is on October 20, which is Senior Night. Let us know if you can help.

Town of Andrews Trunk or Treat, October 28—We are asking for individually wrapped candy donations to hand out to the kids. In case of rain, our Family Life Center will host this event.

We are planning a Church Social on October 29th after Sunday Worship. The UMW will prepare the meal. Please bring your favorite dessert to share.

Contacts: Trudy Reynolds, 813-244-0444; Beth Duncan, 828-321-4561.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

- Ephesians 2:8-9

From the Organ Bench—Hymn Story

by Kerry Archer



How Great Thou Art! -This is a fine twentieth century hymn of praise that has become a favorite of church-goers during the last three decades. Its popularity is due in large part to its wide use by favorite gospel singers, notably George Beverly Shea. Although introduced to American audiences when Mr. James Caldwell sang “How Great Thou Art” at Stony Brooke Bible Conference on Long Island in 1951, it was not until Cliff Barrows and Bev Shea of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team used it during the famed London Crusade in Harringay Arena that “How Great Thou Art” started to become universally well-known.

The original Swedish text was a poem entitled “O Store Gud,” written by a Swedish pastor, the Reverend Carl Boberg, in 1886. His inspiration for the text is said to have come from a visit to a beautiful country estate on the southeast coast of Sweden. He was suddenly caught by a heavy thunderstorm with awe-inspiring moments of flashing violence, followed by a clear brilliant sun. Soon afterwards he heard the calm, sweet songs of the birds in nearby trees. The experience prompted the pastor to fall to his knees in humble adoration of his mighty God.

The tune for this hymn is an arrangement made of an old Swedish folk melody. The tune is an arrangement made of an old Swedish folk melody. And so, with his original English lyrics, and his arrangement of the Swedish folk melody, Mr. Stuart K. Hine published what we know today as the hymn “How Great Thou Art.”

It can be found on page 77 in our UMC hymnal.

Would you like to see your favorite hymn in this spot? Email me at: kerrylarcher@gmail.com