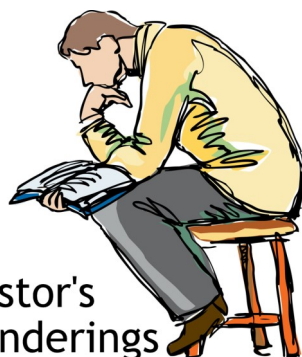


## Confirmation Classes to be Offered

Pastor Goodman will be beginning confirmation classes next month. Children ages 11 to 14, or in grades 5 to 8, are invited to be a part of these sessions. There will be a meeting to discuss the classes on Sunday, August 28 at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall if you know a child that may be interested in participating. The sessions will begin on Sunday, September 11 and will be completed on Sunday, November 6. The full schedule for these classes is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

## Pastor's Ponderings



## Homecoming is Next Week

This year our Homecoming Sunday will be August 28th. Rev. Nate Ware will be our Homecoming preacher. In addition to his preaching, we will also have a potluck meal immediately following our church service. This would be a good time for you to invite former members to come back and worship with us.

## Ice Cream Social Today

We are trying to beat the heat! Come join us this evening at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for an ice cream social. Be sure you bring along some ice cream or toppings and a FRAN (friend, relative, associate or neighbor). The more the merrier! We look forward to seeing everyone there.

## Appreciation Dinner

Our church is serving a meal for the men and women of the Big Stone Gap police department on Monday August 29 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. If you would like to send a card to them, please bring them to the church office before the 29th. There are 15 people within the police department and there is a list of names in the church office for anyone who would like to do individual cards. If you would like to donate food, money or help with cooking the dinner, please call Patty Robbins at 276-393-2916 or the church office at 276-523-0789. We are excited about showing our support for our police force.

## UMYF Needs Baked Goods

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship will be set up at the Farmer's Market for the last time on September 3 from 8 am to 12 pm. They are asking for donations of baked goods to help raise money for the Resurrection trip in January. Any items donated must be homemade and a basic list of ingredients is needed. If you would like to help out or if you have questions, please contact Christy Smith or the church office.

## 50 Tips on Reaching Beyond Our Walls Part 1

Churches can no longer open their doors and expect that people will come in. Effective congregations go into the world to encounter those in need of the gospel. The Lewis Center for Church Leadership provides 50 tips on reaching beyond the walls of our church with worship, community events, ministries, and service. I'll be sharing them over the next few weeks.

### Listen and learn

11. Know that ministries that truly bless a community often arise out of conversations where you listen for the hopes and dreams of people in your community.
12. Interview residents of the community. Sit in a park, diner, or coffee house. Ask simply, "What are your challenges, hopes, longings and dreams?"
13. Get to know the major public officials. They are people with tremendous influence. They need to know of your church's commitment to the community.
14. Involve many people from your church in this work. Hold one another accountable to the tasks of engaging and learning from others.
15. Discern clusters of issues and concerns that arise from these conversations. Ask what issues, suffering, injustices, or brokenness might you address.

### Build authentic relationships

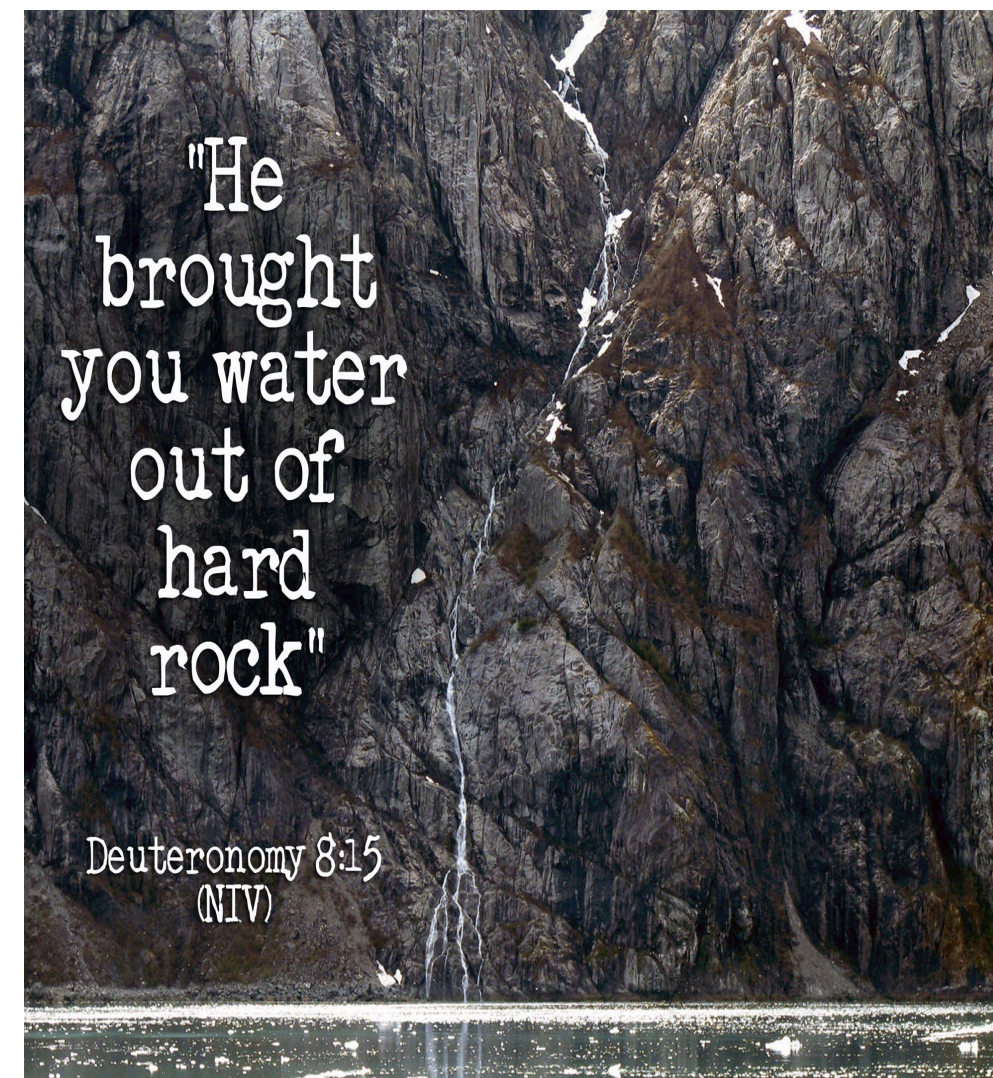
16. Strive for meaningful engagement with others, not superficial gestures.
17. Make sure you are reaching out to people for the right reasons. If your motive is simply to get them to come to church, people will see right through to it.
18. Maintain appropriate boundaries, and respect all with whom you engage.
19. Collaborate with others who are also passionate about the community. Don't reinvent the wheel if you can partner with someone else serving the community.

### Turn your existing ministries outward

20. Challenge each church group with an inside focus to find a way to become involved with the community outside the church. A choir might sing at a nursing home, or trustees could sponsor a neighborhood clean-up.
21. Extend recruiting and advertising for church groups and events to audiences beyond your congregation. For example, recruit for choir members in a local paper or community list serve.
22. Build relationships with those taking part in existing programs that serve the community, such as ELS classes, food pantry or clothes bank users, daycare families, etc.

More ideas next week....

## The Trinity Companion Sunday August 21, 2016



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**Greeters:** Kathleen Gillespie and Nancy Allman

**Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction :** Diane Botts

**\*Prelude:**

**\*Call to Worship: "Spirit Song"**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"** No. 277

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

*(You will be given an opportunity to share joys and prayer concerns. Please raise your hand and wait until an usher comes to you with a microphone.)*

**The Lord's Prayer** (as found at No. 895)

**\*Gloria Patri** No. 70

**Children's Message:** Nancy Toney

**The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings**

**Ushers:** Ruben Allman, Ben Allen, Phil Robbins, John Hagan

**\*Offertory: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**, Chorale from "Saint Matthew Passion" - Johann Sebastian Bach, AD 1685-1750

**\* The Doxology** No. 95

**\*Anthem: "He Looked Beyond My Fault"**

**The Presentation of God's Word**

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Jamie Turner

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon: "Spiritual Thirst"**

**\*Closing Hymn: "I Surrender All"** No. 354

**\*Pastoral Benediction : "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"**

**Postlude:**

**\*Please stand as you are able**

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**August Events and Activities**

- ◆ **Sunday August 21, 2016**
  - ◆ No UMYF Meeting
  - ◆ 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Ice Cream Social
- ◆ **Wednesday August 24, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Sunday August 28, 2016—Homecoming Sunday**
  - ◆ Guest Preacher—Rev. Nate Ware
  - ◆ 12:00 pm—Homecoming Meal
  - ◆ 5:00 pm—Confirmation Class Meeting
  - ◆ No UMYF Meeting
- ◆ **Monday August 29, 2016**
  - ◆ 3:30-5:00 pm—Meal Honoring Police Department Members
- ◆ **Wednesday August 31, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

**September Events and Activities**

- ◆ **Thursday September 1, 2016**
  - ◆ 10:00 am—Susanna Wesley Circle
  - ◆ 12:00 pm—Wesleyan Circle
- ◆ **Saturday September 3, 2016**
  - ◆ 8:00 am—UMYF Farmer's Market
- ◆ **Sunday September 4, 2016**
  - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ **Monday September 5, 2016—Labor Day**
  - ◆ Office will be closed
  - ◆ 6:30 pm—NOW Team Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday September 7, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
  - ◆ 6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Sunday September 11, 2016**
  - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
  - ◆ 3:30 pm—Confirmation Class #1
- ◆ **Monday September 12, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:30 pm—United Methodist Men Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday September 14, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

**We will be honoring our  
Police force on August 29  
From 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**



**August**

**Van Drivers and Riders**

- 7—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 14—Christy Smith, Diane Botts
- 21—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 28—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts

**Children's Church**

- 7—Donna Mahan
- 14—Mary Beth Allen
- 21—Kim Parsons
- 28—Patty Robbins

**Money Counters**

- 7—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner
- 14—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark
- 21—Diane Botts, Christy Smith
- 28—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons

**Children's Message**

- 7—Christy Smith
- 14—Bill Cole
- 21—Nancy Toney
- 28—Diane Botts

**Greeters**

Kathleen Gillespie  
Nancy Allman

**Announcements**

Diane Botts

**Ushers**

Ruben Allman, Ben Allen, Phil Robbins, John Hagan



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."  
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

**For Those with Cancer:**

James Horne; Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Debbie Cooper; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry & Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zack Carter; Carey Mills; Steve Clark

**Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay**

Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Jim Cooper; Barbara Hargrove; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Benny Clifton (Lillie Clifton's father); Siyere Williams; Elizabeth White; Nancy Toney; Terry Goodman; Jean Hendrick; Haylee White; Don Whittaker; Karen West; Charles White; Dennis Ashley

**Non-Specific Prayers for:**

The Polly family; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Nancy Toney; Beth & John Hagan; Nancy Kilgore & family; Johnny Wells; Debbie Goodman; Sarah Shores; Elmer Lowe; June Pendergrass; John Wheeley

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.