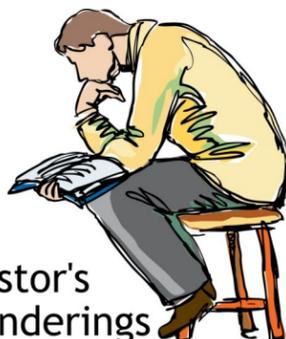


Confirmation Classes to be Offered

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 today 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



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.

Cards for Robert Holbrook

If anyone would like to send a card to Robert Holbrook, our pianist who was recently diagnosed with Follicular Lymphoma, his address is: 11430 Woodrow Strange Rd., Pound, VA 24279. Please help show him he is in our thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Vigil for South Sudan

On September 1, the Holston Conference will have a day of prayer for South Sudan. On this day we will join our prayers together for hope and peace in a war-torn, poverty stricken country. The various districts within the Conference have designated times to pray. The Big Stone Gap District's designated time of prayer will be at 1 am and 1 pm.

50 Tips on Reaching Beyond Our Walls Part 3

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.

Reach out through community events

26. Plan "bridge events" designed explicitly to draw people from the community by providing for them something they need or enjoy — block parties, free concerts, seasonal events, parenting classes, sports camps, or school supply giveaways, etc. Source: Get Their Name by Bob Farr, Doug Anderson, and Kay Kotan (Abingdon Press, 2013)

27. Hold these events off church property or outside the church walls in venues where people feel comfortable and naturally congregate.

28. Get the word out through a well-planned publicity campaign.

29. Encourage church members to invite their friends and neighbors. It is less threatening for them to invite someone to a community event than to worship.

30. Avoid explicitly religious themes: no preaching, prayers, pressure, or financial appeals that might turn people off or reinforce negative stereotypes about church.

31. Remember, the event itself is not the purpose. The purpose is to meet people where they are and build relationships. Mingle. Get to know people.

32. Have a well-trained hospitality team. Make sure guests are enjoying themselves and know their attendance is appreciated.

33. Gathering people's names and information about them will permit follow up to those for whom it is appropriate.

Invite those who attend community events to another event — sometimes called a "hand off event" — planned to draw them into a deeper relationship.

Extend your congregation's spiritual presence beyond church walls

35. Recognize that many "unchurched" people are spiritually inclined but apprehensive about attending church because they feel unwelcome, distrust institutions, or have been hurt in the past.

36. Pay attention to the heightened receptiveness to spiritual engagement around religious holidays such as Easter and Christmas.

37. Offer offsite worship services on special days, such as Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, and Easter. Select familiar venues where people feel comfortable — parks, restaurants, parking lots, coffee houses.

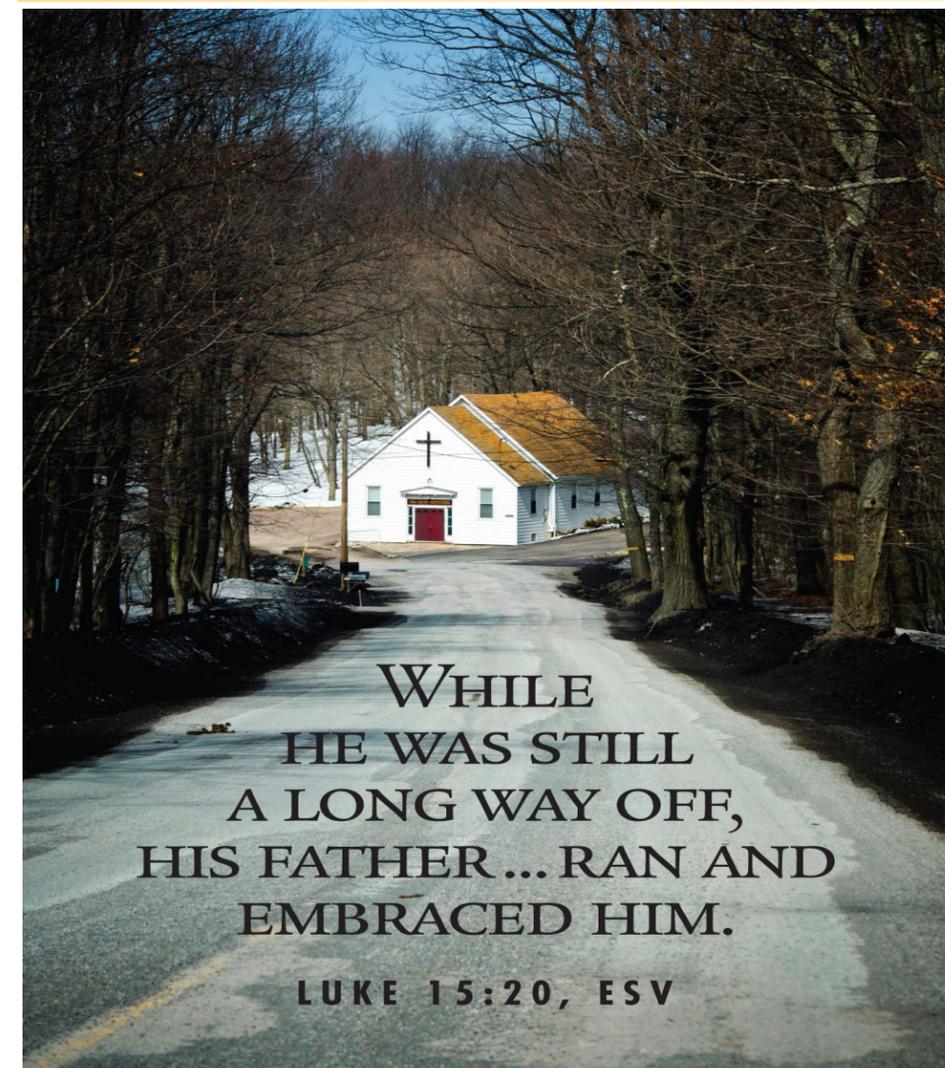
38. Offer imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday in public places.

39. Partner with other institutions (such as nursing homes, hospitals, or prisons) or commercial establishments (restaurants, bars, shopping centers, or sports facilities) to offer worship services to their constituents or clientele on special days.

40. Plan creative outdoor events, such as live nativities or "blessing of the animals" services, to help make your church visibly present to the community in creative ways.

More ideas next week....

The Trinity Companion Sunday August 28, 2016



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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. We'd really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we'll get back in touch with you.

Greeters: Kathleen Gillespie and Nancy Allman

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Diane Botts

Special Music Guests: Tim McDonald—Harmonica
Matt Mullins—Dobro
Brett Ketron—Bass Guitar

***Prelude:**

***Call to Worship:**

***Opening Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" No. 378

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: Diane Botts

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

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

***Offertory:**

*** The Doxology** No. 95

***Anthem:** "On the Rock Where Moses Stood"

The Presentation of God's Word

Guest Preacher: Rev. Nate Ware

Scripture: Luke 15: 11-32 Andrew Holyfield

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Homecoming Happens Anytime"

***Closing Hymn:** "Old Time Religion Medley" - printed in bulletin

***Pastoral Benediction :**

Postlude:

***Please stand as you are able**

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Old Time Religion Medley

I'll Fly Away

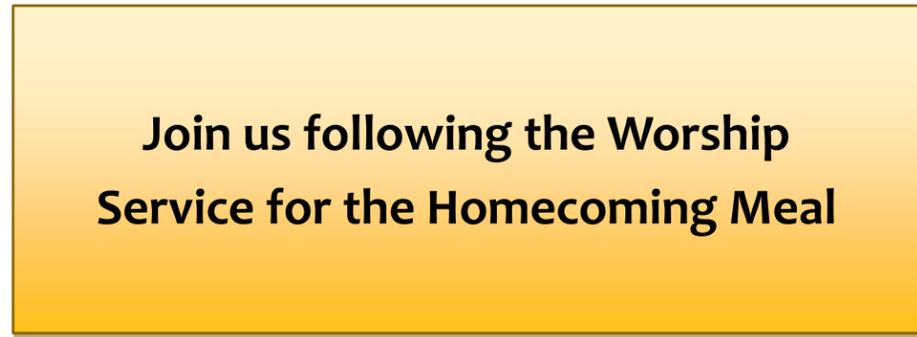
Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (fly a-way)
To a home on God's ce-les-tial shore
I'll (fly a-way) fly a-away (fly a-way)
I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way, O glo-ry, I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (in the morn-ing)
When I die, hal-le-lu-jah, by and by
I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (fly a-way)

I Saw the Light

I wan-dered so aim-less, life filled with sin,
I would-n't let my dear Sav-ior in;
Then Je-sus came like a strang-er in the night-
Praise the Lord! ——— I saw the light.
I saw the light, ——— I saw the light, ———
No more in dark-ness, no more in night; ———
(And) now I'm so hap-py, no sor-row in sight —
Praise the Lord! ——— I saw the light. ——— light. ———

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

There are loved ones in the glo-ry,
Whose dear forms you of-ten miss,
When you close your eath-ly sto-ry,
Will you join them in their bliss?
Will the cir-cle, be un-bro-ken,
By and by, O by and by? ———
Is a bet-ter home a-wait-ing,
In the sky, O in the sky? ———



September

Van Drivers and Riders

4—Doug & Lucy Robinson
11—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
18—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts
25—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

Children's Church

4—Cathy Galyean
11—Ashley Turner
18—Christy Smith
25—Patty Robbins

Money Counters

4—Martha & Kenny Spurlock
11—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner
18—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark
25—Diane Boots, Christy Smith

Children's Message

4—Mary Beth Allen
11—Kim Parsons
18—Christy Smith
25—Bill Cole

Greeters

Ben Allen
Ruben Allman

Announcements

Martha Spurlock

Ushers

Christy Smith, Jackie Mainous,
Donna Mahan, Patty Robbins

Fellowship Dinner Hosts

Joe & Nancy Toney



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

For Those with Cancer:

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; 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.