



Disciple Moments

The Newsletter of St. Paul United Methodist Church & Center Grove United Methodist Church
"Small Church...Big hearts for serving the Lord & our neighbor in Love...transforming the world"
August / September 2018 edition

Let us Build it Together

What this church needs is a new playground.... What this church needs is a new program... What this church needs is a bigger congregation... We need more mission projects. Does this sound familiar? The world is full of "arm chair quarterbacks" who find it easy to analyze and talk about change but fail to do anything about it. The church cannot exist in this way. We must ask ourselves why we do not pursue great things. Is it money...is the project too big...is it simply because it may be a lot of work?

In the book of Nehemiah (6:15-16) (NLT), we are told a story of a wall built around Jerusalem. "So, on October 2 the wall was finally finished-just fifty-two days after we had begun. When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized that this work had been done with the help of our God." We all know the story in how the wall of Jerusalem had been torn down and was in horrible shape. Nehemiah realized the need to rebuild it, although it appeared to be an impossible task. Through prayer and the blessings of our Lord, the project was accomplished in only fifty-two days. You might ask how a wall around an entire city can be built in this time frame as we all should as it appears to be impossible. The wall was built by each individual taking care of the section in front of their house while using those with special talents. There was a clear delegation and sharing of the workload. There are two clear points to take from this book: 1) Impossible tasks can be accomplished with prayer and the blessing of our God 2) Each person has a gift and a small part they can do. These small parts come together to create the finished product.

So, we now ask ourselves how this applies to our church and Christians. We must look at some of the things we are called to do as Christians like making disciples of all people and all nations and we look at the significant needs of this church. How can we accomplish these seemingly impossible tasks? Each person has a special gift that can be used to glorify God and do his work. If we break down things in small manageable tasks through spreading the workload, then all can be accomplished with prayer and hard work. The one person you invite to church may become a member and eventually be responsible for inviting others. The small group you host may spark other groups to form. The work each of you do on projects whether be it outreach or construction all contribute to the total project. No task is too small and together they become huge. I now challenge you all to get started. Let us each build a piece of wall for the advancement of Christianity and our church. ///Pastor Alan Thompson///

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Prayers of the people (Local Church)

Wanda Krimminger	Billie Hipsley
Becky Morgan	Rod & Thelma Tomberlin
Cathy Hartsell	Jackie Duke & Family
Allen Hartsell	Jamie Widenhouse & Family
Sarah Dry	Don Cassese
Erich Shaver	Angel Thompson
Belinda Morton	Tammy Beaver
Max Maske	Jim Hartsell
Ellen Cline	Bob Krimminger

Homebound

Ellen Cline (home)
Elizabeth Widenhouse
(Brookdale Nursing)
Laura Leigh
(Morningside Nursing)
Helen Shinn
(Universal Healthcare)

Birthdays & Anniversaries (August / September)

Emily Belch	8/10	Brianna Brown	8/4
Angel Thompson	8/11	Myra Thompson	9/23
Mark Cline	9/28	Jessica Clark	9/17
Karen Cobb	9/21	Sadie Kepley	9/21
Peggy Mills	8/15	Amy Robinson	9/6
Donald Robinson	9/28	Desser Saunders	8/13
Larry Saunders	9/26	Eric Shaver	8/20
Maggie Shaver	8/13	DJ Wilcox	8/18
Mitzi Wilcox	9/18	Sue Williamson	8/2
Jim Blovsky	9/29	Melissa Blovsky	9/9
Allen Hartsell	9/25	Kathy Hartsell	9/27
Max Maske	8/19	Donald Shinn	8/2
Jeff Talley	9/22	David Thompson	8/10
Khri Hayes	9/26	Kim Widenhouse	9/24
James Widenhouse	9/3	Ellen Widenhouse	9/2
Jim & Phyllis Hartsell	8/5,	Jason & Charity Wratchford	9/16
Rod & Thelma Tomberlin	8/17,	Michael & Crystal Whitmire	9/23,
Sue & Kenny Williamson	8/2		

Community Prayers

Sharon Tomberlin	Kate & Jerry Fincher
Grady Roten	David Nixon
Ted Macomber	Tammy Geeland
Dale Maske	Sherry Pollex
Carol Corey	Clara Tomberlin
Lori Love	Mike Martin
Earnest & Vera Parker	Robert Mills
Gail Mullins	Jimmy Lanier
Lynda Johnson	Austin Banks
Marion Kinley	Sarah Brooks
Kenneth Williams	Hughe Biggers
Jeff Parsons	Eric Lanier
Margaret Talbert	Alice Stephens
Ronnie Wheeler	Ira Frick
Adolfe Price	Daron Ewing
Chett Kidd	
Tonya Shinn	Lee Hudson
Betty & Herman Barringer	Billy Robbins
Chris Maske	Cameron Hamilton
Ordero Family	Billy Gray
Bennett Hammonds	Faye Tarnate
Charles Shinn	Chris Hatley
Jim Barbee	Billy & Karen Honeycutt
Frankie Allison	Charles Oxendine
Shelly Fields	
Lanny Cruise	Jeremy Shaver
Bobby Suarez	Steve Bogues
Danny Scott	Jim Clarke
Delores Evans	Barbara Burgess Family
Ezra Demby	Lynette Anderson
Joe Lowder Family	Terry Barbee
Unspoken prayers	

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Upcoming events

- Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
- SPUMC Council (1st Sunday)
- CGUMC Council (3rd Sunday)
- Hunger Packing Event 7/18/18 at 9 am Mt. Pleasant UMC
- Homecoming SPUMC – 9/23/18
- Homecoming CGUMC – 10/14/18
- Trunk or Treat SPUMC – 10/31/18
- Christmas movie & cookies SPUMC – 12/9/18
- Christmas caroling SPUMC – 12/16/18
- Safe Sanctuary Training (TBD)
- CPR Training (TBD)
- Pastor will be away at school (Duke) intermittently in September.

Charge Conference

*Joint Charge Conference will be held 10/8/18 at 6 pm at SPUMC for both churches. Rev. Neal Jones presiding

*All committee and chair reports are due to pastor by 9/30/18. They can be found at

www.wnccadminorg/cnfdocuments.cfm

*Lay Leadership (nominations) committee meetings: 9/9/18 SPUMC at 1230 and 9/16/18 CGUMC at 1245 (or immediately after council meeting).

Special News

Laity Service Awards

We are pleased to announce the following have been selected as recipients of the annual Laity Service Award for 2018: Kathy Cranford and Eric Shaver from SPUMC with Bob Krimminger from CGUMC.

They will be recognized formally at 3 pm on 10/21 at Hickory Grove UMC, 6401 Hickory Grove Rd, Charlotte, NC

2018 Important Contacts

Position	SPUMC	CGUMC
Pastor	Alan Thompson	Alan Thompson
Lay Leader	William Beaver	Kim Widenhouse
Council Chair	Tammy Beaver	Phyllis Hartsell
Finance	Andrea Cline	Cathy Hartsell
Trustee Chair	Eric Shaver	Bob Krimminger
SPRC Chair	William Beaver	Helen Shinn (co)
A/C delegate	Penny McCulloh(res)	Kim Widenhouse
Lay Speakers	William Beaver Dusty Morgan	

Upcoming 5th Sundays

9/30/18
12/30/18

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Safe Sanctuaries

God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong.

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<https://www.wnccumc.org/>

Commission on a Way Forward

Human Sexuality in the Methodist Church

<https://www.wnccumc.org/commissiononawayforwardresources>

See the entire report at

<https://wnc-www.brtsite.com/newsdetail/way-forward-report-released-in-all-four-official-languages-of-general-conference-11609061>

Mission and Service Opportunities



<https://www.opphouse.net/>

704/786-4020



<http://cooperativeministry.com/>

704/786-4709

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Feed The Souls Food Pantry

[http://www.bethelmidland.com/mi
ssions/food-pantry/](http://www.bethelmidland.com/mi
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704/888-2653



<http://rbmission.org/>

606/598-3155

Gifts from Angels – Games
704/791-1762



<https://www.facebook.com/Jamis-Halo-714036168633296/>



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<https://stjudesranch.org/recycled-card-program/>

Wings of Eagles Ranch
therapeutic horseback riding & outdoor adventure center

<http://wingsofeaglesranch.org/you-can-help.html>

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Relief Supply Kits

<https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>

Disaster Response Team Opportunities and Training

<https://www.umcmmission.org/Get-Involved/Volunteer-Opportunities/Types-of-Volunteers/Disaster-Response/Disaster-Response>



Greensboro, NC Tornado Recovery

<http://www.northernpiedmontumc.org/post/tornado-disaster-response-update-work-teams-needed-11582411>



Interested in becoming a Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, or Lay Minister?

<https://www.wnccumc.org/lay-servant-ministries>



(Pastor serves as chaplain of this extension ministry)

<http://www.hhknational.com/>



<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>

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