



The Messenger

South Hill United Methodist Church

January 2018



The Pastor's Pen...

Salt and light

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. 14 You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16

Luke 1:68-79

A new year brings so many possibilities. A new calendar provides a natural break from the past, with pages and pages of opportunity and hope. Now that we have had a chance to rest from our busy holiday schedules, we have a chance to define ourselves and our faith community in the new year. I believe that we are poised in a great and unique place to be able to be a bright light for our town. I believe that we have the ability to reflect Christ's light even more clearly and brightly than we have in the past. I believe in God's work through this place!

Let us be the salt and light for a world at risk of losing its flavor and direction. There are many who are not with us, or in any faith community, on a regular basis. Their absence should concern us. People are not meant to live apart from the community of faith. We need to be around others who, together, are the manifestation of God's love in the world. We do that here, but we need to bring others with us. God's love is big enough to share!

New year, new challenges, new light, new hope. I believe. Join me, us, in acting on that belief, empowered and encouraged by the very light of Christ!

Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian



SHEEP – More Than Tutoring...

You may be wondering how our SHEEP program goes beyond typical tutoring. Here is a glimpse.

- We are the only church in Mecklenburg County that has taken on the Superintendent's vision to partner with a school which is South Hill Elementary School.
- Our program has tablets with specific software installed that allows students to practice spelling and vocabulary according to their individual needs.
- A certified counselor works with students and families to address issues that arise during tutoring time or at home.
- The 4-H Specialist works with all students to enhance whatever science is being taught at that time by the teachers.
- The use of manners is stressed. When a student has a concern they need to talk about, there is an adult available to listen.
- We are able to talk freely about God, answer questions about God, as well as show and explain parts of the church building.
- We are different enough for the Bishop to choose our program to be one of five "Glory Sightings" to be acknowledged at this summer's United Methodist Annual Conference.

Yes, we assist with homework, include recreation, and provide a snack. Yet we are so much more!

The children join me in wishing each of you a happy and healthy New Year!

Yours in Christ,
Nancy Merrel, SHEEP Director

Presenting Light the Night December 31st





It's getting close to that time of year again, DNOW Weekend is coming up quickly and we need your help! We have been busy at work and are getting down to the nitty gritty. If you have served before in this event, you know how much fun it is, and we would love to have you back! If you have never joined us, make this year the time to try it!

A DNOW weekend is the merging of the powerful forces of Spirit filled worship and discipleship, hanging out with friends, and 4 times the amount of your normal caloric intake...as in tons of food, fun, and friends. And the best part... it's all because of Jesus!

This Southside DNOW Extreme has 4 local churches who host their own students (6th-12th) in separate small groups, but will also come together for corporate events at New Hope Baptist Church, with a nationally known Speaker (John Nix) and Band, but most importantly grow in our precious faith together!! This will by far be one of the greatest weekends of your year! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

We are in need of host homes again this year, and small group leaders. Pray about it and if you feel led to join us this year, please contact us! If you want to be a part of these student's lives and see God work in them, or have any questions, please contact Meghan Young at 434-865-0706 or megs9615@gmail.com.

2018 Offering Envelopes

If you requested personalized numbered offering envelopes for 2018, they are available for pick up at the church. They have been placed on the table that is located in the entrance to the sanctuary from the education wing. Non personalized envelopes will be available in the pews beginning January 7th.



Just go to our church website – southhillmc.org and click on the “Donate!” button or download the joyfully2umc app from the app store. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the church office during regular business hours.

Staff-Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 7th at 12 noon

Crisis Response Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th at 5:00 pm

Finance Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th at 5:30 pm

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, January 21st at 7 pm



South Hill UMC December Happenings...



SHUMC at South Hill Christmas Parade



SHUMC children in morning worship



Nativity Idol Christmas Play



Edward Wetherbee showing his Nativity puzzle



Blue Christmas Service

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

A Four Step Stay Healthy Plan

1. Drink up! Staying hydrated keeps your immune system in top germ-slaying shape. That's even more important when your body loses water through a sweaty fever, a runny nose and teary eyes. Carry a water bottle and sip constantly.
2. Get moving! Exercise too, keeps your immune system humming. In one study, people who worked out at a moderate intensity called in sick half as often as people who did not exercise. Walking, running, biking--it's all good.
3. Go to bed earlier! Skimping on shut-eye lowers resistance. One study found that adults who slept six hours or less per night were four times as likely to catch a cold. Prioritize sleep, and don't push yourself if you feel bad. Listen to your body's call for rest.
4. Take probiotics! Good bacteria help produce immune cells says the director of research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Try unsweetened yogurt, or pop a supplement.



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

- Shirley Wetherbee

January Special Offering Human Relations



Your support of Human Relations is used to strengthen United Methodist outreach to communities in the US & Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. Please give as you feel led.

Office Volunteers



Volunteers are needed to assist in the church office on Friday mornings from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm to answer the phone and take messages. If you would be willing to assist in this capacity, please see the sign-up sheet located in the entrance to the sanctuary from the education wing or contact Patsy in the church office.

Christmas is Magic

*The magic of Christmas is believing in something that you can't really see.
It is a feeling that can't be explained you just let it be.*

*The knowing that Santa and the elves are hard at work on toys;
To find them under the tree makes for better little girls and boys;*

*They know there is something that is just in the air:
The colors, the sights, the sounds, the sense that people care.*

*The songs, the smells, the laughter, the possibility of snow
Makes for a season of joy that brings people together wherever they go.*

*The love that we feel runs even more deep at this time of year;
As we all gather around to bring each other good cheer.*

*The tree, the presents, the children running around;
Excitement and wonder; they now know no bounds.*

*But the real meaning of Christmas is the birth of the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes.
No room at the inn they traveled a far; no time to waste, no time for woes.*

*The shepherds watched their sheep and an angel appeared with good news
For unto you a Saviour is born this night and will be your guide if you so choose.*

*In a manger he lay as three wise men followed a star to find the king:
Each had a special gift that they were to bring.*

*Gold, frankincense and myrrh they placed near his humble bed,
As they rejoiced to be near him at Bethlehem where they were led.*

*The ruler, the Lamb of God, the great I Am and Lord of all.
He will never forsake you and will always heed your call.*

*This is the time of year when we all should rejoice;
Call out His name at the top of our voice. T*

*The real meaning of Christmas is the bible story we all know.
It has been told d many times from days long ago.*

*Christ our Lord was born on Christmas day;
A beacon of hope to guide us on our way.*

*We follow his path and his steps lead us to his heavenly throne.
This is our new home and resting place and we will never again be alone.*

By Lisa E. Clary © December 2017

Reflections on the past semester...

I have thoroughly enjoying interning at SHUMC the past five months and I am looking forward to being more involved as the new year begins. The Lord has truly blessed me being with y'all and I am so grateful for you giving me this opportunity. Two concepts I have learned so far is that patience is always key, and it is okay to let your emotions show. Working with the youth has been a blessing and an eye opener. Some students truly need more love and patience, and it is important to not forget those who need it, for the Lord never forgets any of us.

I have always done well with hiding my feelings in tough situations, I guess because I have felt like I needed to be the strong one. Being with the youth though through a tough time taught me it's okay to be vulnerable and allow them to love on me while loving on them. It is a give and take process and one that brings you closer together.

For those who do not know, I have finished my Bachelors in Christian Ministry and will go off to Campbell University's Divinity School in August. Until then, I will be actively working with the youth and Pastor Brian, or you can find me at the Horseshoe Restaurant most nights working.



Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of this great church. I cannot wait to see what the new year will bring!

- Meghan Young



January 1	Lee Siegle
January 2	Michael Tucker
January 2	Madison Whittemore
January 5	Elizabeth Black
January 7	Peter Hunt
January 9	Scott Jackson
January 12	Buck Calhoun
January 12	Brian Gittman
January 12	Carrie Wilson
January 13	Doug Carroll
January 13	Clai Rudd
January 14	Herbert Lee Farrar
January 14	Claire Spence
January 14	Ruby Spence

January 17	Charles Moseley
January 17	Ben Taylor
January 19	Kathy Sims
January 20	Philip Ware
January 22	Doug Child
January 25	Kyle Tanner
January 26	Kristen Hudson
January 27	Amanda Shook
January 28	Amy Lynch
January 29	Cynthia Carter
January 29	Steven Furr
January 29	Henry Ponton
January 29	Charles Spears

If your birthday is missing, please notify the church office so we may update our records.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Services: Sundays 8:45 a.m. (in the chapel) and 11:00 a.m. (in the sanctuary)
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Upcoming Events

Monday 1/1	New Year's Day – Office Closed
Sunday, 1/7	Staff-Parish Meeting 12 Noon Pineview Communion Service 3 pm
Tuesday, 1/9	Bible Study Begins 10 am
Wednesday, 1/10	Pineview Chapel Service 10 am Bible Study Begins 6:30 pm
Tuesday, 1/16	Crisis Response Meeting 5 pm Finance Meeting 5:30 pm
Thursday, 1/18	February Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, 1/21	UM Men's Breakfast 8 am Church Council Meeting 7 pm
February 14 th	Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day
February 18 th	UM Men's Breakfast 8 am Committee Meeting Night TBA
March 10 th	5 Talent Academy
March 16 th – 17 th	DNOW
March 25 th	Palm Sunday
March 30 th	Good Friday
April 1 st	Easter

Recurring Weekly Events:

Sundays: Regular Worship Services
Youth Meeting 6:00 pm

Tuesdays: 10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Seekers in Prayer
7:30 pm Synago

Wednesdays:
6:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Narcotics Anon.
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA

Thursdays
10:45 am Hundley Service

Fridays: 7:00 pm Sobriety Group

Saturdays: 8-3 Community Service
Sale at Upper Room
(1st, 2nd, & 3rd Saturday)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays: 6:30 pm Prayer
Shawl Meeting

SHEEP: Monday – Thursday
3:30 – 6:00 pm



Church Staff

Pastor
Rev. Brian Siegle
Music Director/Organist
Jimmie Crowder, Jr.
Administrative Assistant
Patsy Tucker
Sexton
Cindy Parrish