



The Messenger

South Hill United Methodist Church

November 2018



The Pastor's Pen...

8 Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make his deeds known to all people! 9 Sing to God, sing praises to him; dwell on all his wondrous works! 10 Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the LORD! 11 Pursue the LORD and his strength; seek his face always! 12 Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared—13 you who are the offspring of Israel, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones. 14 The LORD—he is our God. His justice is everywhere throughout the whole world.

1 Chronicles 16:8-14

Thanksgiving We are now in the month that we celebrate a holiday called Thanksgiving, in which we are supposed to be thankful for what we have, for the country we live in, and for our families. This is all well and good, but we should never lose sight of what the most important thanksgiving we can give is: thanksgiving to God for what God has done and continues to do for us. I know it seems simple, but it is very important. In a world that espouses self-everything, as Christians, we need to be counter-cultural and give credit to the Creator of the Universe, not just ourselves and our own human accomplishments. Some see that as weakness. I see it as strength. As I see it, our worth comes directly from God's love of God's own creation. We do have real value, not because of what we do, but because God loves us. This extreme love was proven in the person of Jesus Christ. The world needs to hear this message. Give thanks, but make sure that the thanksgiving is to the right entity for the right reasons.

- God made us. Thank you.
- God loves us. Thank you.
- God desires relationship with (even) us. Thank you.

- God gives us each and all gifts and skills and abilities. Thank you.
- God uses everything in our lives to improve us and make us more like him. Thank you.
- God is still working in our lives, especially through the trials, for the good. Thank you.

May the God of Creation continue to bless you, and may we continually praise and give thanksgiving to God.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian





Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Sunday, November 4, 2018, at 2:00 am.

From now until November 13, the COLONIAL CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS, 220 S Mecklenburg Ave, South Hill, is holding a gallery opening from 6 -7 pm. The exhibit features paintings from around Virginia by Rev. Roscoe C. Johnson, a VA UMC Pastor whose wife, Lucille Johnson, was active in conference level ministries for decades. Please come by and visit this slice of Virginia history.



Bus Fund

The Finance Committee is beginning a bus fund for the purchase of a 15 passenger church bus. It will be used to transport many to evangelistic and discipleship programs as well as other special events. Many groups will greatly benefit from the purchase of a bus including but not limited to the youth, seniors, and missions. A bus will provide our church an opportunity to obey Christ's command as UMC Mission Statement says "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Please give as you feel led.

Happy Thanksgiving!



November Special Offering United Methodist Student Day

The United Methodist Student Day offering furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist – related and other accredited colleges and universities.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Budget for 2018:	\$231,797
GF Offering received thru Sept 23, 2018:	\$154,628
YTD Percent Budget Received 2018:	67%
YTD Percent Budget Received 2017:	74%
YTD Avg Attendance Combined Worship 2018:	104
YTD Avg Sunday school Attendance 2018:	54



There will be a Veteran's Day Service on Monday, November 12th at 11:00 am at Veterans Memorial Park. A special thank you to all of our Veterans who have served our country. God Bless You!



Christmas Cantata The Glory of Christmas



Sunday, December 16th 7 pm South Hill UMC
Wednesday, December 19th 7 pm Clarksville BC

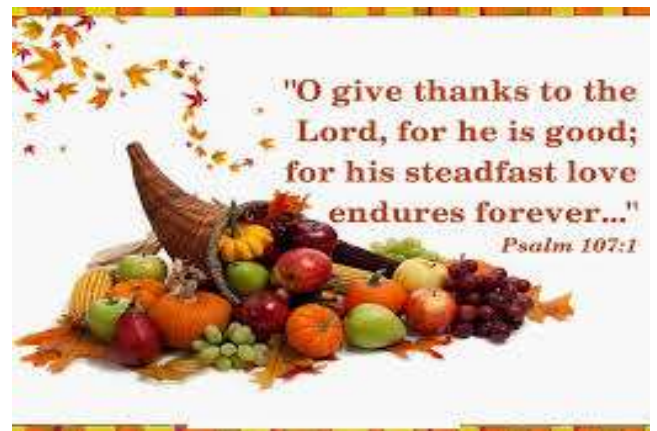


This year's youth and children's Christmas play is "Never Too Old for Christmas"! Rehearsals are held each Sunday, through December 16th from 5:00- 5:45 pm in the music room. The play will held on Sunday, December 23rd at 5:00 pm. In addition, children ages 3-11 will be singing one (1) Sunday during advent and at the cantata. Please contact Mary Hardin at 434-917-2789 if you would like to participate.

The Teddy Bear Brigade



The Gleaning for the World Teddy Bear Project is underway and South Hill Rotary is collecting new or gently used stuffed animals for the 2018 holiday season. They can be dropped off at South Hill United Methodist Church, Town and Country Cleaners, Southside Insurers, Airtec or call Lisa Clary at 434-447-4823 or 434- 447- 9458 for more information. This has been a long term project for the club to help orphaned children in third world countries have a gift on Christmas morning. Deadline for drop off for South Hill UMC is Tuesday, November 20th. Your continued support is appreciated.



Puzzles, Puzzles, Puzzles....



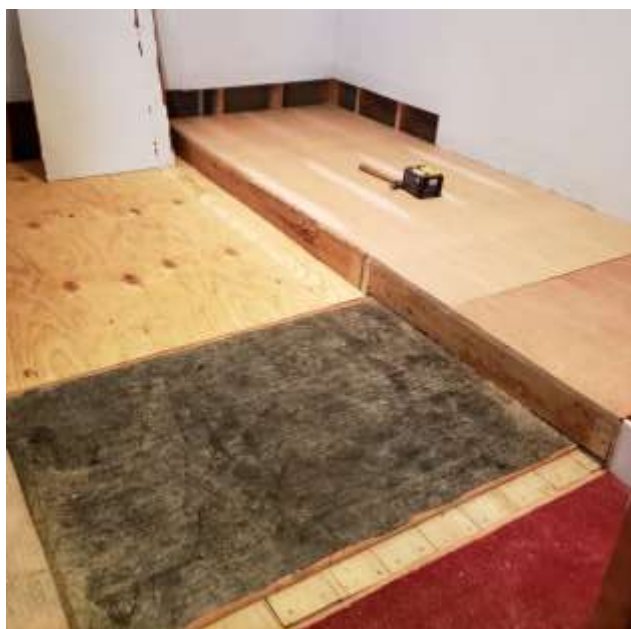
Edward Wetherbee's puzzles will be on display in the Colonial Theater Art Gallery from November 15th until December 1st. There will be a reception on November 15th from 6 – 8 pm. Please stop by to see some of his works that he will have on display. You can also visit during regular business hours of the Colonial as your time permits.

Winter OFFICE HOURS

November 1st – January 31st, the church office will be closed on Fridays; however, please use normal contact numbers if you need assistance on Fridays. Messages will be returned.

Sanctuary Renovations Completed

Renovations in the chancel area of the sanctuary were completed in October.



Stuart Taylor, Glen Cox, Bryant Pearce, Rick Carroll, and Pastor Brian Siegle worked diligently to complete the project.



South Hill United Methodist Youth



Although Southside Virginia was largely spared from the wrath of Hurricane Florence, our youth was impacted by school closings and sheltering in place during tornado warnings. As a response to flood victims in the Carolinas, our middle school youth made five cleaning kits. Inside these buckets are the necessary supplies to enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after the devastating storm.



October was all about the food! The Youth made apple dumplings and pumpkin doughnuts while learning about taking care of others. We sent cards and care packages to former youth members while eating our yummy treats. When we discovered that the Bread Box food pantry needed to restock their shelves, we walked down to Dollar General and bought items to donate. *Then everyone was encouraged and began to eat.* – Acts 27: 36

Important Youth Dates:

11/16 – Set Up Holiday Bazaar
11/18 – Bake Sale
Clean Up Holiday Bazaar
12/02 – South Hill Parade
12/31 – Light the Night
2/22–24 – Fusion Retreat
3/22–24 – DNOW
5/05 – Youth Sunday

~Angie Zincon Calhoun

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

Protect Yourself-----Get Your "Flu Shot"

Why get vaccinated? Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease. It is caused by the influenza virus, which can spread by coughing, sneezing and nasal secretions. Anyone can get influenza, for most people, symptoms last only a few days. They include fever/chills, sore throat, headache, cough, muscle aches, fatigue, runny or stuffy nose. Young children, people 65 and older, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions such as heart, lung or kidney disease or a weakened immune system can get much sicker.



- Get a flu shot...There are two vaccines designed for people 65 or older: A high dose vaccine and an adjuvanted flu vaccine (FLUAD) with an ingredient that helps boost the body's immune response. Both are considered safe, although for some people they can produce muscle aches, malaise and redness at the injection site.
- Practice good health habits---Regularly wash your hands, avoid close contact with people who are ill, try not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth. Get enough sleep, eat a healthy diet, drink plenty of fluids and exercise regularly.

If you're 65 or older---Make sure you are up to date with pneumococcal vaccines, which help prevent pneumonia, meningitis and sepsis. People with the flu are more likely to develop pneumonia.

- Shirley Wetherbee

ALONE

By Lisa E. Clary (C) September 2018

When you are surrounded by people but are really still alone
It feels as if the pain of lonely cuts to the bone

No words can fix what runs so deep
But is all your anguish that is a secret to keep

Keep on smiling and moving like all is well
You must make sure that no one else can tell

You feel as if you have failed at it all
No one is around to pick you up when you fall

They look at you but they don't really see
They pretend to care but just want to let you be

Always a promise of let me know what you need
But when the time comes they bypass the deed

No one wants to be bothered to really step up and follow through
It is all lip action but what is it they will really do

They speak the words and make all the right motions
But it is really spur of the moment and a quick notion.

When you are surrounded by people but the room still seems empty
They think their presence is all that is needed and plenty

If they are this unaware when you are visible and seen
What does being alone in old age to them really mean?

Will the doorbell ring at your home or will there be a knock on a nursing home door?
Time is elusive to all so what is it that they are waiting for?

If they don't come around or make contact when things seem well
How will they understand that loneliness can take you to the depths of hell?

They have eyes that don't see, ears that don't hear, and voices that mouth the words.
It is the cries from the soul that have gone unheard

The heart can break when the pain is so immense
When all around you is wrapped up in pretense

Listen and you will hear the sounds of quiet that is really so loud
Because sometimes you can feel so all alone even when surrounded by a crowd.

Thank You

The UMW would like to thank everyone who supported their recent potato luncheon fundraiser. They raised \$483 for the Society of St. Andrew.

Did you know? Our 11:00 am worship service is video recorded and put online. While not replacing being here, if you can't be, you can still worship with us! Go to our website (www.southhillumc.org) and click on "recordings".



**Special Session of
General Conference
February 23-26, 2019
St. Louis, Missouri**



Community Thanksgiving Service

The Southside Clergy Association will sponsor a Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 20th at 12 Noon at First Baptist Church, 410 N Mecklenburg Avenue. A light lunch will be served following the service.

Notes of Interest...



Everyone is invited to an organ concert at Clarksville Baptist Church on Sunday, November 4th at 3 pm. Our very own Jimmie Keith Crowder, Jr. will be the recitalist.

We are pleased to host the gospel group. CALVARY'S HILL, November 17th 6 pm at South Hill UMC. Please plan to join us.

District Conference and Charge Conferences - November 17th 10 am – South Hill UMC

10:00 A.M. Sanctuary: Plenary & District Conference Business Session.

10:30 AM to noon: Group 1 meets in Sanctuary

- Group 1: Brunswick Circle, Mecklenburg Circle, North Halifax Circle, South Boston Circle

10:30 AM to noon: Group 2 meets in Chapel

- Group 2: Amelia-Nottoway Circle, Appomattox-Prince Edward Circle, Buckingham Circle

10:30 AM to noon: Group 3 meets in Fellowship Hall

- Group 3: Charlotte Circle, Cumberland Circle, Lunenburg Circle

12:00 Noon: Sanctuary: Celebration of Holy Communion

12:30 Adjourn

Three leaders will rotate to reduce logistical issues:

- * Rev. Bob Parks, Jr. - Charge Conference Business
- * Rev. Dr. Janine Howard - Discipleship
- * Ms. Martha Stokes -A Way Forward



November 1	Michael Crosswhite
November 2	Donald Curtis
November 2	Sarah Hutson
November 2	Sarah Reynolds
November 2	Brian Siegle
November 4	Maxine Crowder
November 4	Austin Graham
November 4	Jeff Jacobs
November 4	Sherri Tanner
November 6	Angie Calhoun
November 6	Brian Tanner
November 7	Helena Hettich
November 8	Nancy Merrel
November 8	Thomas Stapleton
November 9	Sandra Kinker
November 10	Jananne Mathison
November 12	Tyler Jamison
November 13	Wayne Hudson

November 15	Jacob Newton
November 20	Lloyd Farnsworth
November 20	Jason Gill
November 21	Susan Niblett
November 22	Wayne Fussell
November 22	Bryant Pearce
November 23	Hannah Blair
November 23	Hope Walker
November 24	Mary Kay Wesson
November 25	James Kidd
November 25	Jeremy Lambert
November 25	Shirlene Vaughan
November 26	Vickie Ellington
November 26	Bob Maslen
November 27	Rick Carroll
November 27	Kate Ringo
November 30	Gavin Gwaltney

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

Sunday, 11/4	All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends 2 am Church Council Meeting 12 Noon Pineview Communion Service 3 pm Dedication Recital of new organ 3 pm at Clarksville Baptist Church, Jimmie Keith Crowder, Jr. Recitalist
Sunday, 11/11	Veteran's Day Heritage Sunday – Rev. Riley Smith Covered-dish lunch following service
Monday, 11/12	UMW Meeting 10 am Veteran's Day Service 11 am at Veteran's Memorial Park
Tuesday, 11/13	Finance Meeting 5:30 pm
Wednesday, 11/14	Pineview Chapel Service 10 am
Saturday 11/17	District/Charge Conference 10 – 1 Calvary's Hill Gospel Concert – 6pm
Sat/Sun 11/17 –11/18	Holiday Bazaar at Dixie Warehouse
Sunday, 11/18	UM Men's Breakfast 8 am
Monday, 11/19	December/January Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, 11/20	Community Thanksgiving Service First Baptist Church 12 Noon
Thursday, 11/22	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
December 2 nd	South Hill Christmas Parade 2 pm
December 16 th	UM Men's Breakfast 8 am

Recurring Weekly Events:

Sundays: Regular Worship Services
Middle School Youth 5 - 6 pm
High School Youth 6 – 7 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 T. Watkins