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I have an 8-year-old with all the answers. When she was five, she had questions and came to me for answers. Now at 8, though, she has decided dad has lost his mind and any intelligence he once possessed must have disappeared into senile oblivion. Third grade girl drama happens on a daily basis and when I suggest she may remedy it with some alternative options and behaviors on her part, she regards me with condescending eyes saying, “Dad, you just don’t understand!” Maybe I don’t. It’s funny – the older I get, the more I begin to realize I just don’t understand half as much as I once thought I did, but there is a remedy to that. A remedy I have suggested to my children and more than a few parishioners over the years. A remedy of “asking” others questions and more importantly, “listening.”

We live in interesting times and a lot of us have learned that typing ANY question into Google is sure to have some sort of response (it may not be the right answer – but you’ll get answers). Technology being what it is has made a lot of us forget the virtue and power of asking other people questions and giving them the chance to respond. Our congregation has a vast group of smart and even wise individuals to be tapped as resources to the questions we sometimes don’t even pause enough to know we have. And as a church, we hold out faith that our Heavenly Father still calls and equips us to do His will, but the only way to get at exactly what He is saying is to consult all of God’s people hearing these instructions.

A couple of weeks ago, our church decided to enter into a church visioning process. This next process is

different from Forward Focus. Forward Focus asked the question, “who are we?” and we worked toward the answer to the question, we were reminded of stories of missions and ministries our church has done in the past 125 years. Visioning, however, is about asking each other, “Who do we want to be?” and then putting our heads together on HOW we get there. It means a lot of questions need to be asked and we need to understand from the start that no single person has the complete answer. We all need to invest in this process. We will have a Visioning team that will meet regularly to discuss and digest the answers we get from our congregation (and ultimately God) about what direction we are called to move forward. I am asking if you are feeling the nudge to serve on this team, to please let me or our Administrative Council Chair, Phillip Deal, know as we will be forming that team in the next couple of weeks. We are looking for people who are willing to ask questions, listen to answers and pray for God’s guidance because that is the way God’s Kingdom gets built. The biggest thing we want from people on our Visioning Team is people who have both the passion and drive to see God’s purpose shine through our ministry at Mountain View UMC. Again, if you think that is you, please contact Phillip or me soon.

Lilli still thinks I don’t have a clue about the trials and tribulations of being an 8-year-old third grader in this day and age, and she is probably right. Even so, I will keep asking her about her day and its dramas and listening to what she has to share. Hopefully, we as a church can do the same thing so that we may live out God’s Vision for us here and now. After all, Jesus said, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7, NIV)

In Christ’s Loving Service, -Pastor Chris-

CONFIRMATION

With our early charge conference and the many meetings that need to take place to get that going, we have not yet had our informational meeting for prospective confirmands and their parents. However, that is being remedied now. I will be meeting with all prospective confirmands and their parents on Wednesday, October 11th at 6 pm at the church to decide when to meet and describe how this confirmation process works. All youth 6th grade and above who have not gone through confirmation are invited to come with any questions, their parents and their calendars so we can begin this process.

For those who don't know what confirmation is, it is a class that meets throughout the school year and addresses questions of faith, the church and God's role in life taught by Pastor Chris. At the conclusion of confirmation, students are offered the opportunity to "confirm" their baptized membership in the church and join as full members. I hope to have a good class this year and look forward to seeing you there and encourage you to stay for our fellowship dinner at 6:30 pm. If you are interested but unable to make this time please let Pastor Chris know so your schedule can be considered.

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct. 8 – Administrative Council 5:00 pm
- Oct. 10 – UMW 7:00 pm
- Oct. 11 – Confirmation Mtg 6:00 pm
- Oct. 14 – First Annual Mountain View BBQ and Gospel Sing 6:00 pm
- Oct. 18 – UMW Hot Dog fundraiser 6:30 pm
- Oct. 28 – Trunk or Treat 6:00-8:00 pm



Homecoming 2017 Celebrating 125 Years At Mountain View

Coming Soon!

*Make plans now to attend Homecoming on
November 12th, 2017 at 10:30
for worship with lunch following at noon.*

(You will find updated information in the next newsletter, on our website, and in our weekly bulletin.)

CUB PACK 616 NEWS: Monday, October 9 at 6:45-8PM, our Cub Pack 616 will have a Rain Gutter Regatta. Involves rain gutter, water, wooden boats, drink straws, FUN, FUN, FUN. Most of us have Monday night open. Come on out to church and make a memory or two with the Cubs. If you know Cub age boys, invite them, I am sure the Cub Master, Kyle Davis, would like to show them what the Pack is all about.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in and followed along when you could not physically be there, the 6 month journey of your Forward Focus Team efforts and your Congregational Meetings. You have gained a firm grasp of our history, the health of our current mission efforts and an understanding of our community makeup. Shortly, the Council will select a Visioning Committee to provide recommendations on how we might best focus our efforts going forward. This next phase will require your continued participation and patience. We welcome your input and we'll keep you informed along the way. In the mean time we should all continue the committed efforts of our prayers, presence, gifts, service and our witness to our church and beyond. 2017 was our year of evaluation. 2018 will be our year to refine our vision so our community continues to recognize Mountain View as that vital congregation in their midst.

If you are interested in getting qualified in **Emergency Response Training** through the Conference, the Greer class was just added. The basic training is not difficult. Do note the Safe Sanctuary (smart-track) requirement. If you need that, there is still time before the Oct. 21 class.

ERT Basic Class. Cost: \$35, which includes a manual, shirt, cap and badge. Renewals: \$10. Please make sure your background check is current through Trak-1. Please complete this process before you take the ERT Training Class: smart-trak.com/umcsc. To register or for more information, contact Mark Springer at masprin@bellsouth.net or [864-367-8047](tel:864-367-8047).

Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
[Covenant United Methodist Church](#)
[1310 Old Spartanburg Road](#)
Greer, South Carolina

You will be blessed by your participation!
Let me know if you have questions, Phillip Deal

September Gifts

A gift was given in honor of Callie Hammond by Lester and Lynne Gosnell.

A gift was given in memory of Art Wuest by Helen Gonick.

A gift was given in memory of Hope Beacham by Wayne and Thelma Tate.

A gift was given in honor of Mary Hammond by Lynne and Lester Gosnell.

Gifts were given in memory of Marah Worthy by:

Donald and Joyce Barnette

Judy L. Rogers

Jesse and Elaine Stewart and family

Brian and Kathy Verhage

Helen Gonick

Joe and Beth Hedrick

David and Dee Bolinger

Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor

Jean and Walt Miller

Betty Clark

Rob and Susan Livingston

Kent and Cindy Crain

The United Methodist Women

hosted their annual Tea on Tuesday, September 11, [here in our Social Hall](#). The beautiful fall decorations went along with the cooler temperatures we have been having. The room was full of happy, enthusiastic women, gathering for a time of friendship, great food and fellowship together. Gayle Arries gave a really special devotion which had us laughing and feeling good.

The program this year was given by Karen Routen, the coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program with Greer Community Ministries. It was Karen's first time to speak in front of a big group, but you would never have known it. Karen shared with us her bout with breast cancer and her love of her job with Greer Community Ministries shown through every word she said. She is truly someone who is suited perfectly with the job she does. There is a food pantry, clothes closet and Senior dining, besides the Meals On Wheels program there. A donation basket at the door was filled with "Love for Karen and her ministry at GCM" and contained a little less than \$700!!! We were very happy to have several women from New St. Luke Methodist Church and also from St. Mark's UMC attending. Needless to say, the ladies of Mountain View United Methodist Women, thank all of you that came and supported us at the Tea. We are grateful to the wonderful members who work so hard to bring you this event each year.

[On Saturday, September 16, Harriet Aaron, Velma Fowler, Thelma Tate and Terry Didelot, attended the District UMW meeting at St. Mark's Methodist Church.](#)

Our hot dog supper will be coming up on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6:30PM here at the church. This is a fund raiser so that we can continue to give and help others in the mission field and here in our own great community. God bless you all for everything you do.

[Next regular meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 10.](#) Come join us and be a part of one of the most vital ministries at Mountain View!

Terry Didelot, Vice-President

*Thank you for your prayers, presence,
gifts, service, and witness.*

October Volunteers

Acolytes:

1-Adam Stewart
8-Casadi Arries
15-Cora Plating
22-Tacoma Arries
29-Xavier Arries

Greeters:

1-Linda & Buzz Adkins
8-Russ & Terry Didelot
15-Mick Coster & Helen Gonick
22-Gene Roe & Debbie Roe
29-Wayne Tate & Mike Bailey

Nursery:

1-Elaine Stewart
8-Rachel Miller
15-Teri Hawkins
22-Linda Adkins
29-LeAnn Barnette

Children's Church:

1-TBA
8-Elaine Stewart
15-Anne Haynes
22-Teri Hawkins
29-TBA

Liturgists:

1-Gayle Arries
8-John Debree
15-Harriet Aaron
22-Dan Wood
29-Mary Hammond

Flowers:

1-Mary Hammond
8-Susan Livingston
15-Carolyn Erksine
22-Terry Didelot
29-Cindy Crain



Jim Crumpton and family * Charlotte
John Gentry * Matt Henderson * Jim Baker
James Gibson * Jesse Stewart * Gayle Collins
Grace Ann Bailey & Family * Diana Lerch
Jim Bever * New Bever Grandbaby
Donna * Becky * Marie Embry * Barbara
Nancy Gammon's mother * Teresa * John Riley
Peggy Moore * Melissa & Jeremy * Rachel
Carrie Smith * The Attaways * Carolyn
Ruth Ann * Jim Baker * Jill Sellars
Worthy & Bomar families * Mildred Few
June Sims & family * Sherry Stegall
Fisher family * Natalie & Parker * Martha
People of Mexico & Puerto Rico
Catherine Davenport * JW & Joan Arms
Jennifer Packard * Lila * Cooper Pickens
Cheyenne * College Students * Adam
Virginia Abercrombie * Callie * Pickney
Tom & Mary Hardin * Aaron & Elizabeth



Check out our website at
mountainviewumc.net for news, pictures, and
more!

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

2-Glen Newton
10-Dallas Roe
16-Sandy Jenkins
22-Melynda Williams
24-William Westenrieder
25-Monica Fowler
26-Norma Miller
27-Brandon Haynes
31-Wendy Frisby

October Anniversaries

12-Bob & Rachel Miller
22-Aaron & Elizabeth Taylor

***We are still in need for volunteers to serve in
our nursery during worship or as a greeter just
before the service. Please contact LeAnn
Barnette at 895-9033 or
leannbb@hotmail.com if you are able to help!***

**Don't miss the delicious BBQ and the
Kingsway Quartet at the First Annual
Mountain View BBQ and Gospel Sing on
Saturday, October 14th at 6:00. Bring
your friends and enjoy the fellowship at
this fun UMM fundraiser!**