

Mountain View United Methodist Church

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Celebrating 125 Years
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We had a great trip to Disney! We went to the parks, waited in lines and rode the rides. We saw Mickey, Elsa, Pluto, Cinderella and more. We saw Disney shows and parades and I'll be honest, I am a born people watcher so there were HEAPS of things to see for me as we were travelling from Point A to B. About the fourth day however, we had a bit of mutiny. The rest of the parsonage family was tired of the crowds and the long waits and they wanted souvenirs! In other words, they wanted to give up the paid for experience of the parks to hit the gift stores and shops that populate so much of the area around Disney (which as of then had not been paid). Being in the minority, I admitted defeat and came up with a new plan and we started shopping.

Don't get me wrong – I purchased a couple of Disney shirts for myself as well and didn't have a problem with the shopping excursion per se but it did occur to me that no knick-knack could compete, for me, with the actual experience of seeing the kids going on the rides or talking with Mickey Mouse before a picture. I was particularly surprised that after Disney merchandise had been perused that the shopping expedition continued into things like Legos and bath salts. Again, I love my family and I am not picking on them in the least because they seemed happy looking at this or that cool thing that would be just as easily found at Haywood Mall. I just couldn't figure out why they would trade the opportunity of doing things we can't do here at home for something that could be just as easily be accomplished one weekend afternoon here at home.

Maybe what really got me was that I see a parallel in the modern church. Experience vs. Stuff is something we have to deal with in all the aspects of life but in the church - when we have access to the experience beyond any other we cloud it with "stuff." You see, after 18+ years serving as a pastor in the United Methodist

THANKSGIVING

BLESSINGS: 20 boxes of food will be prepared to help 20 families have a nice Thanksgiving meal and a free from hunger weekend. These will be distributed within our community. Please bring large cans of green beans, cranberry sauce, boxed mac and cheese, boxed stuffing, spaghetti and sauce, chips, cookies, or pretzels to church by November 19th.

Church, I have been guilty of trying to come up with bigger and better ways to bring people into an experience with our Holy and Loving God. Some of these ideas have worked better than others to be sure but I have to admit some of the most elaborate plans I've come up with can't compete with the most simple. For example, how can you craft a worship service to put the awe of God into someone's heart when God's miraculous hand is so evident in every sunset? Maybe that's what the psalmist was contemplating when he penned the words, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth (Psalm 46:10, NIV)." Even amidst all the problems and plans of life the psalmist knew that God was telling them to "Be still" and open to the experience of our loving and ever-present God!

The parsonage is now a little fuller of stuff after our trip to Disney but the experience is one I will savor all my life. I pray that we all will savor the experiences God offers us as we journey with and for Him every day and that when the temptation of "stuff" gets us in a state of anxiety we can follow the Psalmist's advice and "Be still and know God" in a new and even more powerful way. I pray grace and peace on you and yours on this continuing journey in Christ.

In Christ's Loving Service,

Pastor Chris

Join Us for **Homecoming Sunday**
I Love To Tell The Story

Homecoming 2017

Celebrating 125 Years At Mountain View

November 12, 10:30 Worship and a Covered Dish Luncheon following at noon. (Meat will be provided.)

The worship committee and History Committee have invited Donald Haton, Jerry Pickens, and Caitlyn McAlhany to present their stories of how God called them to share how they were called into the ministry. Donald Haton and Jerry Pickens are retired ministers (Jerry continues to minister at two churches in the Greenwood District.) Caitlyn is just starting on her journey as a minister. She is now serving two churches in NC. We hope all of you can come and help us celebrate this amazing milestone!

There will be displays to commemorate the history of our church in the fellowship area and of course the archives room will be open also.

As we begin to anticipate this celebration, we are working on some Trivia about our history at Mt. View. Each Sunday a question has been circulated. The answers are gathered and a prize given to someone with a correct answer. Here are the first two questions and answers we have had so far. Try your luck at answering the remaining questions!!

What is the pastor's name of our first church in 1892? How often did he preach at our church? How many children did he have? Rev. John Eli McKissick preached at the Mountain View church once a month and had 10 children. He served 11 churches!

What is the significance of the beautiful cross that hangs in the choir loft? It was placed there as a memorial to the church centennial in 1992

What does "pounding the preacher" mean?

Where did the first congregation meet and how many charter members did they have?

What was the name of the first Methodist Church at Mt. View?

Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 1 – Youth Fundraiser Dinner 6:30 pm (please bring desserts)

Nov. 2 – Visioning Committee 7:00 pm

Nov. 6 – Flag Retirement Ceremony by Cub Pack 616 honoring our veterans 6:45 pm

Nov. 12 – UMM 8 am

Nov. 12 – HOMECOMING SERVICE 10:30 am followed by lunch

Nov. 14 – UMW 7 pm

Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day

Future Fund

You may have noticed in the bulletin financial information the term "Future Fund". What is it and what does it mean? This is the same fund that used to be called "Building Fund". It was used to pay the mortgage payment on the Fellowship Hall/Parsonage mortgage. Once that mortgage was paid off, we no longer had a "Building" to pay for. When the fund remained under the same name, some members had expressed concern that we were getting ready to immediately jump into a new building project which would cost a lot of money and get us back into debt. To allay those fears, we started calling this fund the "Future Fund".

The fund receives all memorials, unless they are designated for a different purpose. It is under the control of the Administrative Council, as all funds are. Future uses could be renovations to rooms or sections of the building, exterior improvements or any major expenditure that the Administrative Council feels are required. The funds are not used for normal operating purposes of the church.

How much is in the fund? Contributions totaling \$10,930.00 were received in this year through October 8. However, there was a remaining balance at the time we paid off the debt. The bank statement dated October 4 shows a balance of \$20,002.61.

If you have questions about these funds, please contact Harriet Aaron, Treasurer or Kay Deal or Joe Hedrick, Co-chairs of Finance Committee.

October Gifts

Gifts were given in memory of Marah Worthy by John and Frieda Liston, Betty Taylor, and Mildred Few.

Gifts were given in memory of Terry Crumpton by Gene and Bonnie Roe; Mary Louise Roe; Harriet Aaron; Barbara Williams; Rob and Susan Livingston; Jesse and Elaine Stewart and family; Betty Taylor; Helen Gonick; and Velma Fowler.

A gift was given in memory of Jane Dixon by Betty Taylor.

A gift was given in memory of Andrew Gonick by Helen Gonick.

Gifts were given in memory of Kenneth Trammell by Velma Fowler and Wayne and Thelma Tate.

A gift was given in honor of Marty and Teri Hawkins by Lynn and Lester Gosnell.

A gift was given in honor of Chuck and Wendy Frisby by Betty Taylor.

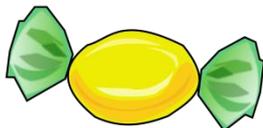
A gift was given in honor of Harriet Aaron by Betty Taylor.

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A gift was given in honor of Barbara Christ by Betty Taylor.

A gift was given in honor of Thelma Tate by Mildred Few.

Our 2017 Trunk or Treat was a great success. The prospect of rain moved us inside, but Treaters showed up in droves. We had 12 of our families as Trunkers with candy and costumes. Hotdogs were provided for the hungry Trickers, their parents and our Trunkers. Thanks to all who worked to make it a success and to Shelia Springfield for her leadership. NOW.....what to do with the left over candy?



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

November Volunteers

Acolytes:

5-Lillian Arries
12-Xavier Arries
19-Cora Plating
26-Adam Stewart

Greeters:

5-Mick Coster & Helen Gonick
12-Russ & Terry Didelot
19-Gene Roe & Debbie Roe
26-Wayne Tate & Mike Bailey

Nursery:

5-Melynda Williams
12-Rachel Miller
19-Teri Hawkins
22-Linda Adkins

Children's Church:

5-TBA
12-Elaine Stewart
19-Anne Haynes
26-Teri Hawkins

Liturgists:

5-Phillip Deal
12-Rob Livingston
19-Kerry Barnette
26-Art Weldon

Flowers:

5-Wendy Frisby
12-Sherry Seibert
19-Teri Hawkins
26-TBA



1-Cora Plating
2-Art Weldon
4-Lib Taylor
8-Harriet Aaron
9-Nancy Gammons
10-Velma Fowler
10-Thelma Tate
12-Sarah Livingston
12-Jessie Williams
13-Melissa Warner
14-Lois Coster
19-Mary Hammond
22-Cassidi Arries



Anne Haynes * Charlotte
Matt Henderson * Ruth Ann
James Gibson * Jesse Stewart * Gayle Collins
Grace Ann Bailey * Infant James Gibson
Jim Bever * Arlene * Sherry Stegal
Donna * Marie Embry * Barbara
Louise Wetter * John Riley * Martha
The Attaways * Carolyn * Helen Dara
Ruth Ann * Jim Baker * Jill Sellars
Peggy * Tom Wilbur * Mildred Few
Catherine Davenport * JW & Joan Arms
Jennifer Packard * Lila * Fisher Family
Cheyenne * College Students * Adam
Virginia Abercrombie * Callie * Pickney
Tom & Mary Hardin * Aaron & Elizabeth
Visioning Team: Rev. Chris Arries

To Our Dear Mountain View Family,
I would like to express our deep appreciation for all of the compassion and love shown during this sad time losing our dear Marah. She loved God, our church, and all of the people she came in touch with. She loved music and loved to sing. She used her gift to glorify God and blessed us with her songs and her smiles. We treasure our precious times together, and we are thankful that we had her with us for 27 years. We all miss her, and she will not be forgotten because of her caring ways and her beautiful voice. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, and love have meant so much to us. Words can never convey how much it was appreciated. God bless you and please continue to pray for each one of us.
Carolyn and Family



The Mountain View United Methodist Women met on Tuesday, Oct. 10, for our regular monthly meeting. We elected officers for 2018 and will install them before the end of this year. The hot dog supper was our last fundraiser of the year and the donations will enable us to give as generously as possible to the approximately ten charities that we help support each year. Thank you for coming and generously giving more than \$400 for these local missions. Please come join us at our next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12. You will be welcomed with open arms and blessed by the ladies of Mountain View UMW.

Terry Didelot
Vice-President



Our Cub Scout Pack 616 will honor Veterans at a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, Nov 6 at 6:45 at Mountain View United Methodist Church. Invited are all veterans and any who would like to experience the impressive Flag Retirement Ceremony. See you there in support of our Veterans and our Cub Scout Pack.



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

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!