

‘FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I
HAVE FOR YOU,’ SAYS THE
LORD.

‘THEY ARE PLANS FOR
GOOD AND NOT FOR
DISASTER, TO GIVE YOU A
FUTURE AND A HOPE.’

JEREMIAH 29:11



January 2019

The Messenger

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I'm just going to set this blessing on your table so it'll be there to accompany your black-eyed peas. Peace to you as the year ends and begins!

THE YEAR AS A HOUSE A Blessing

Think of the year
as a house:
door flung wide
in welcome,
threshold swept
and waiting,
a graced spaciousness
opening and offering itself
to you.

Let it be blessed
in every room.
Let it be hallowed
in every corner.
Let every nook
be a refuge
and every object
set to holy use.

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Let it be here
that safety will rest.
Let it be here
that health will make its home.
Let it be here
that peace will show its face.
Let it be here
that love will find its way.

Here
let the weary come;
let the aching come;
let the lost come;
let the sorrowing come.

Here
let them find their rest,
and let them find their soothing,
and let them find their place,
and let them find their delight.

And may it be
in this house of a year
that the seasons will spin in beauty;
and may it be
in these turning days
that time will spiral with joy.
And may it be
that its rooms will fill
with ordinary grace
and light spill from every window
to welcome the stranger home.

—Jan Richardson



NEW BERN, NC MISSION TRIP

St Matthias and the Presbyterian Church is doing a joint mission trip to New Bern, North Carolina, March 10-16, 2019, to help rebuild from the devastation of Hurricane Florence. We will stay at Cornerstone Church in New Bern. There will be cots and/or bunk beds with mattresses for either sleeping bags or sheets/blankets. Showers are at the church but we will not be able to take one between 6pm – 8:30pm because of church activities. There will be a cold breakfast, supplies to make bag lunches, and dinners provided Sun-Tue and Thu-Fri. Wednesday will be dinner out. The cost is \$100 for room and board per person. They will have tools but we are encouraged to bring tools as well. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has partnered with The Fuller Center for Housing out of Texas for this site. We have reserved 25 spaces for the two churches Please let Peg Jones know if you are interested in going. Her contact information is 540-775-5729 or pegjonesva@gmail.com.

The deadline is January 13.

New Bern Mission meeting
Sunday, January 13 @ 12:15 p.m.
St. Matthias UMC – Room 10

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

The Honduras Mission trip is a labor of love, spreading God's love and providing medical, educational and spiritual support to the Honduran people. 2019 Mission trip dates: June 29-July 6

Please attend the Honduras Mission trip meeting Sunday, January 6, 12:15 p.m. to learn more about this opportunity. **POC:** Peg Jones

VITAL CHURCH MEETING



Vital Church Meeting ~ Tuesday, Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m.

@ Garaffa's Pizza – 175 Cambridge Street,
Fredericksburg

TEXT SERVICE

Invitation to join the St. Matthias texting service to receive reminders and church information.

Please join by texting **@smumc426** to the number **81010**.

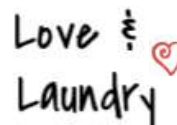
LOVE & LAUNDRY

Love & Laundry

Friday, January 18 ~ 1 – 5 p.m.

@ The Laundry Basket

411 Chatham Heights Road



PRAYER RETREAT

Meditative Prayer Retreat

A morning of Centering, Meditative Prayer.

Saturday, January 19, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

De-stress after the holiday! Come for a morning of quiet contemplation. Walk in registration available. Suggested love offering of \$25.00 to benefit Missions of St. Matthias UMC. You may bring a wrap or sweater for warmth. Refreshments provided.

RSVP: 540-373-8759, church office or Betsy Giannuzzi, meditate46@gmail.com

THURMAN BRISBEN MEAL



We will be preparing and serving a meal at TBC on Sunday, January 6th from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the sign-up sheet on the front bulletin board or contact Brenda Wood, (540)809-4616 or bswinc@verizon.net.

www.brisbencentre.org

MISSION TRIP

“Where was God in all of this?” was the devotion theme for the week in Fayetteville, North Carolina. One of the largest groups to go in a long time made the commitment to serve those who had suffered damage and flooding from Hurricane Matthew (yes, they are still recovering 3 years later). Our ecumenical group of Methodists, Baptists, and an Episcopalian spent a week putting on hardy board siding, shoring up a kitchen floor then laying all the flooring in it, dry walling, priming, caulking, reconstructing rotted framing on an outside wall behind a chimney, feeding two teams (we shared meals with a team from Ohio) full breakfasts and dinners, sharing devotions, playing nightly games of Five Crowns, and most of all being FLEXIBLE! It was unfortunate we did not get to meet our resident; however—hands down---the number one comment at the end of the week was the amazing way 15 individuals from various churches and backgrounds could come together to use our talents and knowledge to accomplish so much and to be one team at the end of the week. Where was God in all of this---just look at the faces and hands and feet of the servants---that’s where He was.



Left to right around the table: Mike Murray, Jr Posey, Ned Donalson, Linda Donalson, Fred Kirby, Kyle Newton, Sheila Newton, Susan Shannon, Gail Day, Marian Lynch (can’t see her), Keith Greer, Joe Goodnight, Jr., Eddie Garrison, Peg Jones, Barry Jones

GREENING THE CHURCH



**HEARTWOOD
FOODPACKING**



**UMW members had
a wonderful time at
their annual
Christmas luncheon
at Fawn Lake!**



JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 6:30 a.m. Micah Breakfast 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Trustees	4	5 7:00 PLAM 7:00 a.m. Emmaus Training 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Prayer
6 12:15 p.m. Honduras Mission Mtg. 3:30 p.m. Thurman Brisben 5:00 Praise Band Practice 5:45 p.m. Evening Worship	7 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 p.m. Upper Room 7:00 p.m. SPRC Mtg.	8 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 p.m. God Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	9 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. G.S. 7:00 Choir	10 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Worship	11 10:00 a.m. de-greening the church	12 7:00 PLAM 7:00 a.m. Emmaus Training 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Prayer 2:00-6:00 p.m. Emmaus Event
13 12:15 p.m. New Bern Mission Mtg. 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	14 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 p.m. Upper Room	15 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 p.m. God Celebrators 5:30 p.m. Vital Church Meeting 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	16 10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir 7:00 p.m. Finance	17 6:00 p.m. UR 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Comm. Mtg. 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 p.m. Admin Council	18 Love & Laundry 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	19 7:00 Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Meditation Retreat 9:30 Prayer
20 7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast 9:45 a.m. 3rd Sunday Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice 5:45 p.m. Evening Worship	21 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 p.m. Upper Room	22 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	23 10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	24 6:00 p.m. UR 6:45 p.m. Girl Scout Comm. Mtg. 7:00 Al Anon	25	26 7:00 PLAM 7:00 a.m. Emmaus Training 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Prayer 10:00 a.m. Mission Mtg. 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Badge Day
27 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	28 9-11 a.m. Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 p.m. Upper Room	29 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	30 10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	31 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 Al Anon		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5 Mitch Gallant
7 Don Clark
7 Liz Morris
8 Gail Day
8 Linda Reichard
14 Geoffrey Morris
19 Kiana Brooks
22 Jason Toombs
22 Katie Plum
23 Roger Varela
23 Todd Repass
23 Wayne Hogue
27 David Kinneer
29 Evelyn Penn
29 Jamie Gardner
31 Betsy Anderson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2 Allan & Sherry King
6 Darryl & Dawn Kehrer
25 Tom & Susan Wiegand

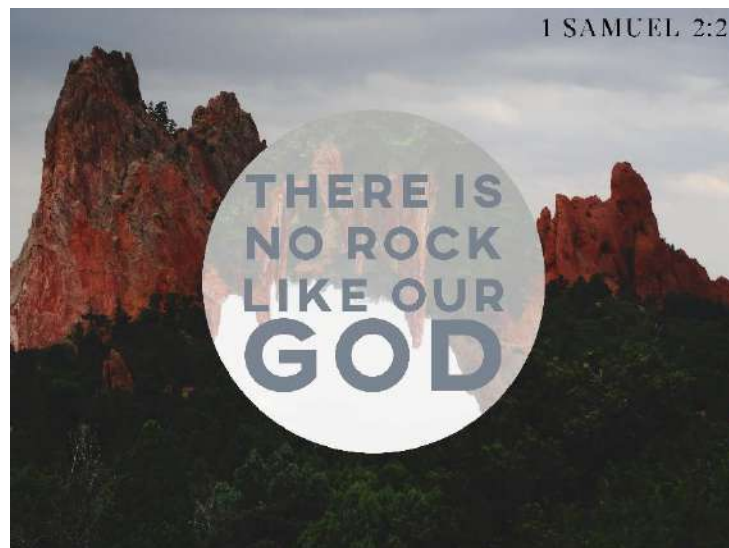


De-Greening the Church

Friday, January 11 @ 10:00 a.m.

Please consider stopping by to help de-green the church Friday, January 11 starting at 10:00 a.m.

POC: Erica Murray, 540-907-3263 or
6855wav@gmail.com

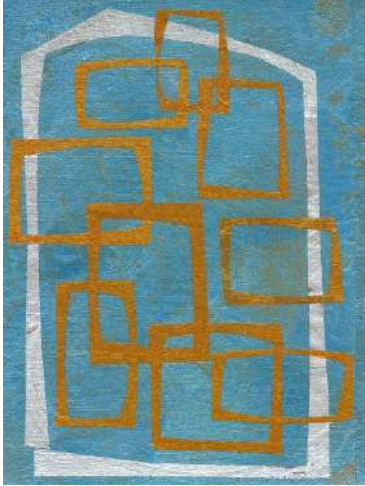




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Worship:

Sundays: 8:45 & 11:00 | Nursery for infants to 5 yrs
Kids Own Worship (pre -5th grade): 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 5:45 p.m.

Pastor:

Rev. Bert Cloud

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