

Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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Ministry to God through prayer and worship.

Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.

Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.

Ken Mahoney led a devotional at last night's Church Council meeting that I thought warranted repeating. He spoke of how elephants born in captivity are sometimes "trained." Many times, those 250 pound babies are chained to a tree with thick shackles. They try and try, but are not able to break free. After a long period of fruitless struggling, the elephant gives in to their circumstance and do not fight it anymore. They learn helplessness and from henceforth can be restrained with mere rope tied to a tiny tree despite the fact they could snap the ties that bind or even uproot the tree.

This may not happen to people literally, but we certainly can find ourselves where we have given up, lost our fight or forgotten our power. Circumstances may have worn you down to the point where you are just resigned to your current situation. The point of the devotional was that sometimes we need to get out of our own way and unleash the elephant! It is easy for us to look at that mighty creature and recognize its power, but their own minds hold them back. Do you do that to yourself?

As believers, we do not merely have to "try again" to unleash the elephant. We have access to incredible power through our Lord. That is more than just "will" power and can work wonders. Thanks for the reminder, Ken!

Steve

Choir will meet on Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

We will not have any Wednesday evening programs on November 21 (Day before Thanksgiving). Our last Wednesday evening programs of the year is December 12th, and we will resume meeting again on January 9th.

We are offering a four-week Bible study based on the film, "It's a Wonderful Life." Pat Newman will lead this during the time we normally have adult Bible study at 6:30 p.m. **This begins on November 14th** and run through December 12th (except 11/21). We welcome any and all who are interested. There is no cost and no books are needed.

This Sunday, November 18, following morning worship, the choir is hosting a Chili Cook-Off to assist in raising funds for this year's Cantata. A suggested donation of \$5.00 per person is appreciated. The winner will receive bragging rights as BUMC Chili Cook-Off Champion!

We will have a drawing to give away 3 mini-quilts that are gorgeous for the Holiday season! Price is \$5.00 per ticket, and you have three chances to win. The drawing takes place at the Chili Cook-Off, but you do not have to be present to win! For more information and to purchase your tickets, see Bailey.

Hanging of the Greens (decorating the church for the Advent Season) on **Saturday, November 24th**. Join us at 10:00 a.m. for donuts, coffee or cocoa before we decorate the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Saturday, December 1st, we will be visiting the homebound to share the Christmas Spirit. You are invited to join us. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. to divide into visitation teams. We are collecting monetary donations for their gifts

Autumn's Circle of United Methodist Women will be sponsoring **Family Night, Friday, December 7th, 6:30 p.m.** Bring your family and your favorite finger foods and join us as we begin the Holiday Season.

It's that time of year! Mark your calendars! The choir will be performing this year's Christmas Cantata "See Amid the Winter's Snow" on Saturday, December 15th 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 16th, 3:00 PM. Both performances will be at Bookwalter this year. We will again have a full orchestra and mass choir, please spread the word that this is a free concert to everyone and we encourage you to bring a friend or two (or more!) to enjoy this wonderful program.

Calendars.....Calendars.....Calendars

It's time again!! Calendar information is being collected for 2019 so please see Rusty to receive your past info to make additions or corrections. If you are new to the church and want to be included, Rusty will have blank forms as well.

Note: No newsletter next week (Nov. 23rd). The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday (Nov. 22nd and 23rd). Enjoy Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Hot Tamales for sale, \$15.00 per dozen.

Our Service

November 18, 2018

Acolytes Rory Jennings, Elijah Meredith
Nursery Doris Dennison
Ushers A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell,
 Mary Mahoney, Carolyn Peters

Come join us for worship this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. as we worship the Lord. Scripture reading will be I Thessalonians 5:16-24, and the sermon is **"THANKFUL IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES."**

Our Presence and Our Gifts

November 11, 2018

Morning Worship	97
Sunday School	55
Budget Offering	\$3,558.00
Roof	\$20.00
Christmas Orchestra	\$360.00
Change for Children	\$1.00

Prayer List:

Eddie Cox
 Leroy Cox – cancer
 Bill Dake - cancer (friend of Liz Jett)
 Howard Darnell
 Irvine Jones
 Jo Ann Learn
 Stephanie Melton
 Bill Ogle, comfort and healing from cancer
 Patricia Sutton
 Billy and Wesley, Sharon Wilson's sons

Note: Please let the pastor or the office know if we need to add someone to the prayer list. Also, let us know if someone is doing better and needs to be removed,.

Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Bill Ferguson, Sarah Hawkins, Joan Leslie Hickman, Joe Hurst, Margie Johnson, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Roy Skeen, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.