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The Memorial Messenger

WHILE PASTOR BRANDON & GEORGIE AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR BUNDLE OF JOY; FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF VISITING PASTORS...



2/18 - REV. BRANDON LAZARUS
2/25 - REV. MARK ANDREWS
3/4 - REV. AMY COLES
3/11 - REV. DAN PEZET
3/18 - REV. ELIZABETH COPPEDGE-HENLEY
3/25 & 4/1 - REV. BRANDON WILL RETURN
4/8 - REV. ANGIE HOLLAR
4/15 - MRS. CATHY TAYLOR-LAY LEADER
4/22 - REV. DE HILLYER
4/29 - REV. KIM INGRAM

PASTORS ON CALL

2/25 - DON NOBLITT
3/4 - DON NOBLITT
3/11 - ERIC LANIER
3/18 - ERIC LANIER
4/8 - PEGGY BRIDGERS
4/15 - PEGGY BRIDGERS
4/22 - DE HILLYER
4/29 - DE HILLYER



9:45 Sunday
School
11:00 & 12:30
Worship

January 7, 2018

Worship	126
Sunday school	29
Receipts.....	\$6,713
"Repair Fund"	\$85

January 14, 2018

Worship	136
Sunday school	
Receipts.....	\$3,518
"Repair Fund"	\$30

January 21, 2018

Worship	89
Sunday school	32
Receipts.....	\$3,344
"Repair Fund"	\$0

January 28, 2018

Worship	128
Sunday school	21
Receipts.....	\$3,294
"Repair Fund"	\$



GENERAL BUDGET

"In Memory of Jacob Wyckoff (Pat Hampton's Father)"

By: John & Gloria Barbe

"In Memory of Willena Griffin"

By: John & Gloria Barbe

BLANKETS FOR RECOVERY FUND

"In Memory of Jacob Wyckoff"

By: Martha Stacker

"In Memory of Anna Whaley (Denny Prater's Sister)"

By: Martha Stacker



**For those who have
lost loved ones, The
family of Willena
Griffin.**

**For all our shut-ins &
families living in
stressful times.**

For those who are sick or in need of healing...

Gloria Barbe, Allen Bellamy, Harold & Brenda Boone, Kutyna Carl, Lex Cox, Stan & Joan Cude, Carolyn Derr, Kathleen Dorn, Martha Dukes, Barbara Edmunds, Jerri Funderburk, Willis Goodrum, Dave Hampton, Maralon Haviland, Karlene Henry, Sandy Holland, Sarah Hopkins, Mary Ann LeGrand, Blanche Lambert, John & Cathy Phillips, Linda Prater, Herb & Peggy Russell, Jeanette Short, Gene & Mary Tayloe, Gladys S. Tayloe, Iva Wagner, and Ada Watson.

*"I call upon you, for you will answer
me, O God; incline your ear to me,
hear my words." Psalm*



*Please let us know by email:
mumcjohnsie@carolina.rr.com or with a note
or phone call to the office.*



*Thank you to everyone for all your
cards, calls, visits, and meals! It
has really been a tremendous
blessing to me. I am so very
grateful for my church family!*

Mary Tayloe

Pastor's Post

As all of you likely know by now, Georgie and I will be expecting our first child, Noely Lucille Lazarus on February 21st (or whenever she decides to come). On that day I will begin eight weeks of paternity leave. According to paragraph 355 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline, all clergy are guaranteed eight weeks of paid paternity or maternity leave. After conversation with the Staff Parrish Relations Committee (SPRC) and my wife, I believe time spent with my family will allow me to be a better father, husband, person, and by extension, pastor. I will be taking four weeks (2/21-3/21), returning the week of Palm Sunday and Easter, (3/21-4/2) and then returning on leave for the remainder of the eight weeks (4/3-5/3). It is a difficult decision to be away from the church for two months after only serving here for seven months. I realize that for some this could be a source of anxiety and frustration. I ask that through this time you support my family and our decision as we will continue to be in prayer for each of you as well.

This does not mean, however, that the church will be left without preachers, pastors, or leadership. A marker of the United Methodist Church is that it is a movement and denomination that has always been led by lay people. I have found preachers from across our conference who are retired, conference employees, representatives of extension ministries, and our own lay speakers. There will also be pastors who you are familiar with who will be serving as pastoral on-call. The names of these preachers and pastors can be found in the newsletter. Pastor Juan Julio will continue to be the pastor on call for any member who needs pastoral care in Spanish.

When Noely arrives, we will be sure to send pictures and updates as she learns and grows. We know that all of you will want to meet her and we will communicate with you when and how you'll be able to do so. We first have to meet her, get to know her, and love her ourselves before we learn how best the church can also offer support. Should you have any questions about my leave, please do not hesitate to contact me or our new SPRC Chair, Kimberly Tingle.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Brandon

Como todos ustedes ya sabrán, Georgie y yo esperamos a nuestra primera hija, Noely Lucille Lazarus, el 21 de febrero (o cada vez que decida venir). Ese día comenzaré ocho semanas de baja por paternidad. De acuerdo con el párrafo 355 del Libro de Disciplina Metodista Unida, a todos los clérigos se les garantiza ocho semanas de licencia de paternidad o maternidad pagada. Después de conversar con el Staff Parrish Relations Committee (SPRC) y mi esposa, creo que el tiempo que pase con mi familia me permitirá ser un mejor padre, esposo, persona y, por extensión, pastor. Tomaré cuatro semanas (2 / 21-3 / 21), regresaré la semana del Domingo de Ramos y Semana Santa, (3 / 21-4 / 2) y luego regresaré con licencia por el resto de las ocho semanas (4/3 -5/3). Es una decisión difícil estar ausente de la iglesia por dos meses después de servir solamente aquí por siete meses. Me doy cuenta de que para algunos esto podría ser una fuente de ansiedad y frustración. Le pido que a lo largo de este tiempo apoye a mi familia y a nuestra decisión, ya que continuaremos orando por cada uno de ustedes también.

Esto no significa, sin embargo, que la iglesia quedará sin predicadores, pastores o líderes. Un marcador de la Iglesia Metodista Unida es que es un movimiento y una denominación que siempre ha sido dirigida por laicos. Pastor Juan Julio, Pastora Susan de Iglesia Central, y nuestros propios miembros van a predicar. El pastor Juan Julio continuará siendo el pastor de turno para cualquier miembro que necesite atención pastoral en español. El va a servir como el pastor principal para estas ocho semanas.

Cuando llegue Noely, nos aseguraremos de enviar fotos y actualizaciones a medida que aprende y crece. Sabemos que todos querrán conocerla y nos comunicaremos con usted cuándo y cómo podrá hacerlo. Primero tenemos que conocerla, conocerla y amarla a nosotros mismos antes de que aprendamos cómo la iglesia también puede ofrecer su apoyo. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre mi permiso, no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo o con nuestra nueva presidenta de SPRC, Kimberly Tingle.

Paz y gracia,
Pastor Brandon

United Methodist Women



**UMW MEMBERS AT LARGE
HAVE ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

UMW SUNDAY will be celebrated Sunday, February 11th at the 11:00 am service. Preaching for us will be Rev. Peggy Bridges!
A UMW General Meeting will follow in Munday Hall.

All women are invited to attend (your Hubby too, for 1st time visitors)!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Mark Edmunds

5 - Judy Ricketts

11 - Geovania Sevilla Briones

12 - Carolyn Derr

12 - Marissa Massengill

13 - Mary Atkinson

14 - Diana Boyd

15 - Virginia Jonas

17 - Dean Sherrill

17 - Rick Hepner

19 - Sandra Barron-Alencastro

19 - Nathaly Martinez

22 - Willis Goodrum

22 - Eric Lanier

23 - Bo Brouillard, Jr.

24 - Tim Ragan

27 - Maralou Haviland

27 - Frabricio Cueva

ONE CAN EVERY SUNDAY!!



28% of the people receiving emergency food are children.

PRIORITY NEEDS LIST:

CEREAL, GRITS, CANNED MEAT, SOUPS, CAN PASTAS (RAVIOLI & SPAGHETTI-O'S) DRY PASTAS & SAUCES, CANNED VEGETABLES, CAN OR DRIED BEANS, 100% FRUIT JUICE, AND TOILET PAPER. (FOR SAFETY ~ NO GLASS PLEASE)

GOD BLESS YOU,

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE