



## “Building a Village of Hope for Tomorrow”

The 2019 Advent Offering is designated for the Habitat Village, and so far, we have raised \$2,986.00. If you have not had a chance to contribute, it’s not too late.

Several years ago, St. Luke’s United Methodist Church donated seven acres of land to Habitat. Plans have been drawn up to make a Habitat Village on the land, with approximately 30 homes! Land will also be set aside for community space.

Your gift to this project will help provide a better quality of life for families that struggle with inadequate housing.

### Please save the date:

Mark your calendar! Our next **Rise Against Hunger** event will be held in the afternoon on **February 9**. — *The Missions Committee*

## wednesday suppers and programs

Wednesday suppers resume on **January 15**

with a covered-dish supper.

No charge. No reservation needed. Bring something to share.

Watch for January menus and programs to be announced in Sunday bulletins.

Serving begins at 6 p.m.

Cost: \$7/adult

Programs: 6:30–7:15 p.m.



ABOVE LEFT:  
“A Musical  
Celebration of  
Christmas,”  
December 15

AT RIGHT:  
Aldersgate Choir,  
Children’s Choir,  
Youth Choir  
December 15

ABOVE RIGHT:  
December 22  
service





children &  
youth ministry

### Worship Preparation Classes

Classes for first and second graders will be held during the 11 a.m. service on **January 26, March 2, and March 9**. Children will leave worship after the children’s sermon and will learn about the beautiful symbols in our sanctuary, the sacraments, and more.

### Spring Musical Program



Plans are underway for our program, which will be presented by our children and youth choirs on **Palm Sunday, April 5**, at the 11 a.m. service. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, starting January 15.

### Youth/Adult Mission Trip

Please mark your calendars for **Appalachia Service Project, July 19–25**. We will travel to Western North Carolina. Additional adult volunteers are welcome and appreciated! Please talk to Beth Bauman or Frank Cuthrell for more information.



## Mount Vernon UMC Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Foundation distributes all of its net income annually. A limited amount of scholarship funds for students in the Danville–Pittsylvania County–Caswell County area pursuing undergraduate degrees will be awarded.



Awards will be made based on a combination of financial need, academic merit, and community involvement. Additionally, other distributions are made to worthy causes, some as directed by our donors while other distributions are approved requests for various ministries.

Scholarship applications for the 2020–21 school year are available in the church office.

**The deadline for completed applications is Thursday, February 27, 2020.** Applications must be hand delivered to the church or postmarked by the due date (no emailed applications).

All applications for scholarships and other requests for grant funds are due in to the Foundation mailbox (located outside of the Hamlin-Buchanan Room) by Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Please contact Margaret Scott for further information ([mekscott@comcast.net](mailto:mekscott@comcast.net) or 434.791.4561).

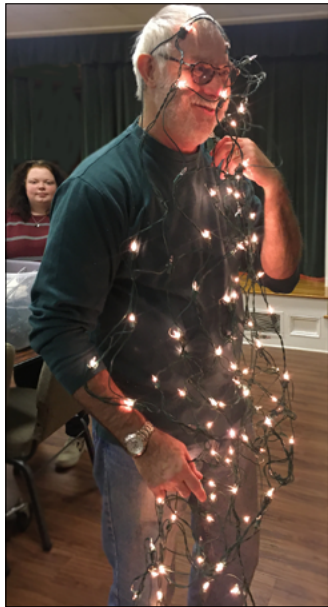
### Pastor’s Office Hours



Rev. Jae Cho will have office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10–11:30 a.m. and 2–4 p.m. No appointment is necessary to see him during those hours; however, he might be called away at times, so call ahead if you are making a special trip to see him (434.793.6824).

### Brunswick Stew

Thanks to all for your support of the Brunswick Stew in December. Over \$1,200 was raised for our summer mission trip, Appalachia Service Project. Special thanks to our stew master, Dan Waters, and his right-hand assistant, Tammy, and to all who volunteer to open cans, stir stew for hours, and to those who purchase the stew! Proceeds will be used to buy building supplies to repair the homes of low-income families.





  
 Our youth  
 enjoyed  
 Christmas  
 caroling  
 at nursing  
 homes and  
 at members'  
 homes, and  
 decorating the  
 fellowship hall!  




*Sandra Morales served Kings' Cake on Epiphany Sunday at Godly Play class, and the three Wise Men visited our classes.*



*Thanks to Derek Mitchell, Steve Daniel, and Briggs Bauman.*



## January Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Bernard Thomas      | John Hiltzheimer    | 31 Martha Evans Ray |
| 2 Catherine Adkins    | Brady Woodson       | Peggy Wright        |
| 4 Paige Johnson       | 17 Cheryl Allen     |                     |
| 5 Lee Searcey         | Tom Grogan          |                     |
| 6 Kathryn Baer        | 20 Trae Meder       |                     |
| Remmus Milligan       | 21 Robert McFarland |                     |
| Cheryl Sule           | 22 Sandra Keck      |                     |
| Amy Echols            | 23 Kelly Long       |                     |
| 7 Bonnie Griffith     | 24 Carolyn Kent     |                     |
| Andrew Long           | Darrell Williamson  |                     |
| 8 Karen Miller        | 25 Jeff Ashby       |                     |
| 10 Ann Hurt           | Beth Bauman         |                     |
| 11 Katherine Daniel   | 26 Patrick Eller    |                     |
| 13 Leah Cooter        | Bill Gammon         |                     |
| 14 Patsi Compton      | 27 Marlyn Sigmon    |                     |
| Joyce Fuquay          | Carey Wilkes        |                     |
| Stephanie Keck        | 28 Hugh Stoneburner |                     |
| 15 Terry Deane Harris | 29 Gordon Brooks    |                     |
| 16 Anna Blackmon Baer | Powell, IV          |                     |
| Joanne Bucklew        |                     |                     |

## February Birthdays

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|--------------------|
| 2 Gayle Miller     |
| 3 Matt Charles     |
| Kaleigh Longerbeam |
| 6 Courtney Bailey  |
| 7 Jean Gauldin     |
| Elizabeth Hylton   |
| Pierce Turbiville  |
| Susan Turner       |
| 8 Barbara Brande   |
| 9 Cayla Barker     |
| Jay Barker         |
| Amanda Foster      |
| Steve Huff         |
| Jane McMillan      |
| Nik Tiver Belanger |
| Lewis Williamson   |

## Flowers for the Sanctuary



Thanks to all who so generously donated the sanctuary flowers that flanked our altar during 2019.

As is the custom, those donors will have the first opportunity to donate the flowers for their particular Sunday during 2019 if they wish to do so.

Scheduling for the first quarter is underway. The following Sundays are known to be open and available for new donors:

<b>February 2</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>March 29</b>
<b>February 16</b>	<b>March 22</b>	

The cost of the flowers, for the two urns, is \$80 plus tax and is billed to the sponsor by Giles Flowerland for payment directly to the florist.

The sponsor may request a particular color of flowers or flower variety (although the cost may be higher, depending on the flowers chosen). The sponsor chooses the person(s) to honor or remember and what is to be done with the flowers after the worship services.

If you are interested in serving as a flower sponsor, please contact Margaret Scott at 434.791.4561 or mekscott@comcast.net.



JANUARY: **Jan Sutherland,\* Carol Williamson, Margaret Harden**

FEBRUARY: **Elizabeth Leggett,\* Lindsay Payne**

## Attendance

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dec. 1	26	56	82
Dec. 8	24	100	124
Dec. 15	30	96	126
Dec. 22	25	107	132
Dec. 24	(5:30 p.m.)		151
Dec. 29	25	67	92

## Gluten-free communion bread

is available. Contact the pastor, at 434.793.6824, before Communion Sunday (the first Sunday of each month) if you would like gluten-free wafers.



## Help Us Get It Right!

Please write on every check in the memo line what it is for (e.g., pledge, regular offering, memorial, Advent offering, etc.). This will prevent any confusion as to how your money will be directed. Thanks! – *Evie Jackson and the Offering Counters*



At Blue Ridge Rehab: **Betty Jennings**

At Brookdale: **Jean Beach**

At Roman Eagle: **Al Hill, Tom Darkis**

At Commonwealth/Stratford House: **Ruth Waggoner**

At home: **Frances Stoneburner, Marian Adkins, Mary Ellen Dean, Bill Hardy, Dorothy Stephens, Berkeley & Van Keck**

*A gift in honor of **Frank Wickers** and in loving memory of **Sue Hylton Wickers** and **Martha "B" Hylton** has been received from **Rosalind & Sonny Morton**.*

*A gift in memory of **Thomas & Betty Leggett** has been received from **Randall & Judy Wallace**.*

*A gift in honor of **Sonny & Rosalind Morton** has been received from **Margaret O'Sheel**.*



Again this year in November, Mount Vernon honored our military veterans and some guests at a Wednesday program.