



the church Messenger

Fair Grove United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

Growing our church from inside out and outside in; creating a Christian family of God.

Early in my ministry journey, during a preaching seminar, a well-known preacher and colleague in our annual conference shared a story which brought back memories of worship experiences with which I am quite familiar having spent several years among Charismatic Christian communities. My colleague was invited to be the key-note speaker/preacher at a Pentecostal gathering. I can't remember the exact type of gathering, and that is not important. What is important is the context of the story and the freedom that God's Spirit brings in different expressions of Christian worship.

If I am remembering correctly, there was a sense of discomfort experienced by my colleague, likely the result of the unfamiliarity with Pentecostal worship. (I hope my memory is correct. If not, then I am overlaying my experience onto his ... forgiveness asked.) As he recalls, the service began with a time of prayer and praise. Prayer and praise in Charismatic/Pentecostal communities often involves vocal outward expressions of thanksgiving to and adoration of Jesus. This expression is not limited by time and can go on for a while. My colleague recalls the freedom with which the gathering allowed God to move among the crowd. Among the adorations and praise a gentleman sitting close by spoke of the beauty of Jesus, the beauty of Jesus' love. "Oh, Jesus, I love you. You are so beautiful to me." Over and over, this mantra/prayer was offered until the "Spirit lifted" and the service moved into another phase.

I don't remember what happened next. What I do remember thinking is the awe and reverence with which my colleague recalled the service and the deep reflection on the beauty of Jesus and his love he shared with us. He closed his recollection and took a seat at the piano and began to play *Fairest Lord Jesus*.

Some in the room knew the lyrics and began to sing and praise Jesus, and for a moment the Spirit of God "fell in that room" and a sense of awe and deep reverence came over us all. After a time, my colleague stopped playing, got up from his seat, said Amen and took a seat among us in the auditorium. The message given and received that worship, formal, informal and daily living is for thanksgiving for and adoration of Jesus.

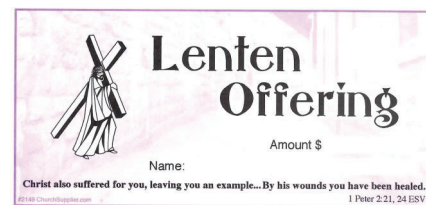
The poem from which the hymn is taken was written by German composer Munster Gesangbuch in 1677. The last stanza reads:

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.*

Blessings and peace,
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*A gift opens the way and ushers the giver
into the presence of the great.*
Proverbs 18:16



How Can We Show Love During the Lenten Season?

We can give to those in greatest need in our own community. On Easter we will leave our **Lenten Offerings** on the altar. Both envelopes and boxes are still available at the entryway of the church. Whether filled with one check, bills, or coins, our Lenten gifts will be a blessing to those who need our help through the Fairgrove Family Resource Center.

Thanks to those who continue bringing a canned food or non-perishable each week. Let's make an extra effort on Easter Sunday to feed the hungry and place our food on the altar.

We can reach out to someone requiring end of life care, as well as his or her family. We can all pray for those who are hurting, and share God's love in some small or big way through:

Hinkle Hospice House of Davidson County

The following items are specifically requested at this time:

Patient Comfort Items: Prayer Shawls, Butterfly Pillows, and Lap Quilts (New Only)

Needed now: Black Ink Pens, Unscented Laundry Detergent (any size), Unscented Dryer Sheets, Individually-wrapped Snack Items (In the original box with dates showing) such as Little Debbie Cakes, cheese crackers, etc....

Thanks to those who gave items so generously for women and children at the Davidson County Women's Shelter. It is our prayer the love of Christ will be felt through us.



Please don't forget to bring your Gleaning to church on Sundays. If you need to bring them during the week, please call the office and let us know.

All items go to support the food pantry at Fairgrove Family Resource Center.

As always thank you for your continued support and faithfulness to Fair Grove Missions.



Faith • Hope • Love in Action

THANK YOU for supporting our baked spaghetti sale! It was very successful and the money will be used to support missions. A big thank you also goes out to Wanda Faircloth for donating the delicious homemade sourdough bread. We are so blessed with such a generous church family!

Fair Grove UMW Dates:

- * April 2 – Prayer and Self-Denial breakfast @ 9:00 am in the FLC. Bring a breakfast item to share.
- * June 25 – UMW Picnic lunch @ 11:00 am
- * December 13 – Christmas Dinner @ 6:00pm (Covered Dish)

District UMW Dates:

- * April 30 – District Prayer breakfast @9:00 Main Street UMC in Kernersville
- * June 4 – “Wear a Hat, Bring a Hat” Tea - Pine Grove UMC @ 11:00 am

Conference UMW Dates:

- * June 9-11 – Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska
- * July 14 – 17 – Mission u @ Pfeiffer
- * September 9-11 – Conference Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska
- * October 1, 8, 15 – Ubuntu Days



Graduation Sunday is fast approaching! It seems like yesterday that the school year had just begun. This year our graduates will be honored at the 11:00 worship service, May 15. If your daughter or son will be graduating from high school or college, please let Marvine Myers know by April 20. She would like to know your child's plans after graduation, any awards or honors that have been earned while in school, and participation in organizations. Please email her the information at smjm58@gmail.com. If you have any questions, you may call her at 336-803-2650.



Good Morning!

Senior Breakfast @8am April 5 @Denny's.



Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a Senior Citizen. It's just a good chance to get together, eat and have fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Prayer List

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

1 John 5:14



Dick Davis
Rusty Welch
Morning Lopp's family
Alan Neely's family
Bradley Park
Nancy McAlpine
Troy & Joyce Segers
Randy & Vicky Teer
Alan Dorsett
Gary Butner family
Deb Lawson Brooks father
Dot Russell
Meredith Reynolds
Logan Bunn & family
Jeremy Lee
Marvine Myers
Bill Lopp
Darlene Mercer
Craig Gallimore
Sonny Russell
Nan Day
Sharon Sink

Our homeless friend and neighbor Jimmy
Carolyn Lane's father-in-law
Tom Scott and wife/caregiver Lynette
Madeline Hodge
David Lambeth
Tom Scott and wife/caregiver Lynette
Bobby Swaim
Kevin Dodd
Michael Emerick
Karen Spaul
Jean Widder
Chad Blevins
Evon Hughes
Nina Leonard
Evelyn Parks, 1 year old
Riley Honeycutt, 10 year old girl
3 year old Lynix Nichols and family
Susan Jester
Darlene Mercer
Doug Everhart

Madison Gallimore
Margaret Cline
Janie Sechrist
Debbie Mayer-Matthews
Teresa Rhodes
Fidel Goodnight
Joe Bales III
Leslie Rierson
Kendall Conner
Lucero Prieto
Regan Sink/ SMA patients
Kay Jenkins
Lisa Foster
Scarlett Merand, age 2



1 Cindy Dillard
1 Shirley Fuller
1 Tamara Gilbert
4 Clyde Bailey
4 Morning Lopp
5 Susan Barry
5 Ronnie Boone
5 Phillip Sink
5 Kristin Weaver
7 Roger Thompson
8 Pam Craven
8 Kim Nichols

8 Kim Nichols
9 Brooke Kinley
10 Jason Lee
11 Kevin McAdams
12 Elizabeth Gallimore
12 Paul Welborn
13 Karen Seward
15 Darrell Kennedy
15 Beecher Sparks
16 Polly Russell
17 Norah Allison Parrish
17 Thorne Lyndon
18 Tami Burkhart
18 Andrew Hampton
18 Claudia Jones
18 Darryl Leonard
19 Brittany Hall
20 Laura Austin
20 Cinde Ingram
21 Jane Baity
21 Dot Russell
21 Katie Thompson
22 Ann Hall
22 Caroline Hill
23 Jared Fritts

24 Candice Sink
25 Marian Workman
26 Ken Nance
27 Dawn Trotter
28 Amy Hart Petley
29 Nancy Lyndon
30 Jay Hayes
30 Candy Thompson

Dear Friend,

*I hope all is well with you, and
that you are as healthy in body
as you are strong in spirit.*

3 John 1:2



7 Marshall & Carol Hepler
9 Andy & Angela Lyndon
10 Brian & Julie Fritts
10 Scott & Cristall McCaskill
11 David & Tami Rothrock
14 Kevin & Ginger McAdams
16 Ed & Eva Smith
18 Rickey & Susan Wray
20 Jeffrey & Roxanna Worley
20 Dale & Joan Everhart
27 John & Carol Everhart
29 Dean & Karen Murphy



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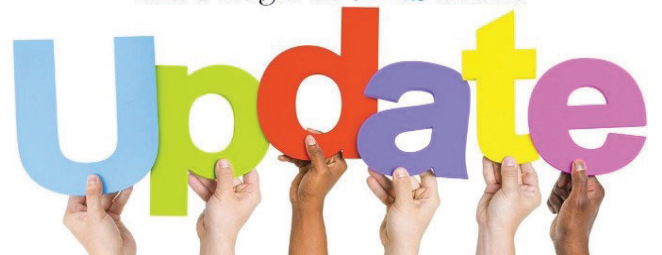
YTD SS Attendance AVG	16
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	54
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 45,283.71
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 3,483.36
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 5,105.07

GLEANNING

MARCH: 96 Year-to-date: 230

Non-perishable food items donated to Fairgrove Family
Resource Center

If your contact information has changed,
don't forget to let us know!



Have you...

...moved? ...changed your email address?

...changed your phone number?

Or, would you like to be added to our email list to receive the
weekly announcement email?

If so, please call us or send us an email with your updated
information!

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