

From  
the  
Pastor



He spent the morning digging through toolboxes and rearranging the entire storage shed taking inventory of tools and scraps of wood pondering what he might build in the weeks ahead. In the kitchen, mother and son were rummaging through all of the cabinets and drawers for the measuring cups, sifter, and other baking items that had been stuffed way in the back from lack of use. It was time to bake and build.

One positive attribute of a pandemic in the midst of the negatives is that it encourages us to revisit hobbies, skills, or passions that we have not made full use of in recent years. It can also be a time to develop new skills or to discover ways to make more of an impact in our families and communities. Our theme scripture for our September Homecoming this year is found in 2 Timothy 1: 6-7 *“Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”* (NKJV)

**Sunday, September 13 is our 198<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Sunday.** It will definitely be one for the history books but it will have little in common from celebrations of the past. On June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 1922, Muir’s Chapel celebrated its Centennial. It was complete with a one hundred and twenty-six foot table laden with good things to eat, testimonies and sharing, a pageant, lots of music and a series of worship services. More than a thousand people attended the services.

We cannot duplicate this picture for our Homecoming this year. The Pandemic has pushed back faith and family celebrations. We can, however, begin to plan for the 200<sup>th</sup> Homecoming in 2020. We also can use this occasion to share our faith, encourage each other, and to discover that we have much to be grateful for even during the midst of these times.

Our theme scripture reads, *“stir up the gift of God which is in you.”* Depending on which version of scripture you read this passage from, we find the call to ‘stir up’, to ‘fan into flame’, to ‘rekindle’, or to ‘make full use of’ the gift of God which is in you. Through years of ministry, I have often heard people question whether or not they possessed gifts or talents. If I pointed out that their sense of humor or their ability to encourage was a gift in itself, they would wonder how much of an impact that gift could make. I wonder now how anyone cannot see that the gifts of humor and encouragement and a positive outlook are some of the most powerful gifts we have. We are each created in the image of God, and God has gifted each of us.

I am encouraging us to consider two types of gifts in the weeks ahead; first, our talents or hobbies and secondly, the gifts of grace and faith and love that we have received from God. My sense is that many individuals have re-discovered hobbies or passions that had been pushed aside because of busy schedules and work travel and social calendars. Perhaps for you it is baking or building or scrapbooking. I am also keenly aware that these other beautiful gifts from God- the gifts of grace, faith and love have never been more needed. The impact of an encouraging note seems to have doubled. A phone call does not get lost between meetings but rather becomes the bright spot of the afternoon. Faith- trust and confidence in God’s presence and work in the world- is the difference between covering before the day’s news or stepping out and spreading good news yourself rather than accepting the chains of fear media offers.

You are invited to help us prepare for this year’s Homecoming. Reflect on the past six months and respond to the following questions on the next page:

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- ◆ What items/objects have you used during the pandemic that you had not used in years? (example- kitchen items, paint brush, etc.)
- ◆ What hobby or interest have you rediscovered or given more time to in the last few months?
- ◆ What fruit of the Spirit ( love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) have you needed more?
- ◆ What fruit of the Spirit (from list above) have you nurtured and experienced growth in?
- ◆ The pandemic has made it abundantly clear that the church is not the building, but is the people.
- ◆ Who and/or in what ways have others been the church for you during this time?
- ◆ Who and/or in what ways have you been the church for others during this time?

PLEASE SEND RESPONSES IN AN EMAIL TO PASTOR BRENDA at [pastorbrenda@muirschapelumc.com](mailto:pastorbrenda@muirschapelumc.com) OR MAIL TO CHURCH OR CALL PASTOR BRENDA at **704-785-7948**

# MUIR'S CHAPEL'S 198TH HOMECOMING!

Join us for an

## Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic Lunch

Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 am

Nursery Available (4 and under)

### DON'T FORGET TO:

Wear a mask (Except when eating of course!)

Bring a chair or blanket

Bring a picnic lunch and drinks for your family only

Consider bringing a canopy tent

Practice Social Distancing

Refrain from hugs and handshakes

Restrooms are for emergency use only



*A Homecoming for the History Books*

## CHURCH FAMILY,

Many of you are aware that Muir's Chapel is part of the Guilford West Missional Network. This is a group of 11 United Methodist Churches in the area that work on joint Outreach Projects and Worship Services. The **Feeding of the 5000** is one of these projects. This fall, our Missional Network is sponsoring a series of three worship services that are designed to guide us to a positive way of dealing with various types of conflict in our society. The focus is on the words of the Apostle Paul, 'Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.' Romans 12: 21. The idea was inspired within the Network by Coach Tony Dungy's message on May 29. (Find the link here: [https://www.4sq.church/uploads/4/5/9/5/45953545/859tony\\_dungy.pdf](https://www.4sq.church/uploads/4/5/9/5/45953545/859tony_dungy.pdf))

You are invited to watch the first on-line service on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The speakers are Rev. Donna Friddle (serves at Sandy Ridge UMC) and Rev. Tammy Ingram (serves at Raleigh's Crossroads) and music will be provided by Greensboro Korean Youth and Raleigh's Crossroads. We will send out an email with a link to the service. Look for the flyer as below that reads "One in the Lord."

Guilford West Missional Network Churches Fall  
Worship Series

# ONE IN THE LORD

August Service  
Theme:  
Overcoming Evil  
with Good



First Service online:  
August 30th, 2020  
7pm - premiered live on  
Facebook and Youtube



## School Supply Drive

Help support local schools as they send out "homeschool kits" to students in need during virtual learning! Drop off items in the grocery cart located outside the church office door! If you can't make it to the store you may also send in donations and mark them for "School Supplies." **Drop off deadline is Monday, August 31st!**

- Glue Sticks**
- Kids Scissors**
- Colored Pencils**
- Markers**
- Dry Erase Markers**
- Pencils**
- Crayons (Crayola is preferred)**
- Pens**
- Highlighters**
- 1-Subject Spiral Notebooks**
- Composition Notebooks**
- 1 inch binders**
- Clorox Wipes & Hand Sanitizer**

### **MUIR'S CHAPEL SPONSORED BLOOD DRIVE** September 16th from 1:30 - 6:00 pm

This drive will be different than the ones we had in August, as we are sponsoring this drive; so you may call the church office to sign up. We also need a couple volunteers to help with check in and in the canteen. Contact Alison in the church office to sign up.

### **THE UPPER ROOM**

The Upper Room Devotionals for September/October are in! Pick one up from the church office or we can mail you a copy! Just call or email us to request a copy!

### **ENCOURAGERS NEEDED**

Who was your favorite teacher? I will never forget my 9<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher, Nancy Sullivan. She later attended my wedding! And my high school Art teacher inspired me to major in Art Education at UNCG. We have many wonderful educators in our Muir's Chapel family who are facing a uniquely challenging year, and we would like to support them. We are seeking volunteers to be Secret Pals who will pray, as well as send cards, notes, etc. to lift up each educator. You will be provided with a name and information about your Secret Pal, and will continue through the 2020-21 school year. We need approximately 30 volunteers to make this happen. If you are willing to give your time to be an encourager, please email Cammie Berrier at [clmberrier@gmail.com](mailto:clmberrier@gmail.com) or Cathy Oakes at [tocamcar@aol.com](mailto:tocamcar@aol.com). Remember your favorite teachers and Pay it Forward!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO GCS TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST & CHURCH MEMBER AMANDA BROWNING!**

**Amanda Browning** is a physical education teacher at Weaver Academy, who has been teaching for 15 years and who coordinates the Weaver Gateway Arts Festival. She writes, "At Weaver, I help to establish a learning community where differences are accepted and appreciated, where kindness permeates everything that we do, and where individuals are challenged to step out of their comfort zone."



## SEPTEMBER

### Birthdays

1	Sherrill Willis
Andrea Byrns	7
Riley Honeycutt	Dale Hopkins
Jana Ladew	Virginia Jordan
Elias Lindblad	Tabbie Nance
Nina Yeager	Robin Self
2	8
Rudy Hinshaw	Rev. Kenneth James
Jeanette Lewis	Sarah Jenkins
Donna Miller	Hattie Peascoe
3	Nicholas Weaver
Lynn Alexander	9
Marty Bryant	Laurie Haulenbeek
Justin Jennings	Deb Vincent
4	10
Chris Brown	Theresa O'Rork
Judy Farlow	13
Jeff Kennedy	Michael Hall
Julie Loflin	Tim Jobe
Sally Smith	14
5	Rick Bason
Sandi Knisley	15
Howard Sullivan	Jackie Sulivan
Caroline Thomas	Hallie Williams
6	Sam Wilson
Ed Knisley	



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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Laurie Haulenbeek | Amanda Browning |
| Donna Cabiness    | Alana Nottage   |
| Cheryl Bergman    | Lauren Phillips |
| Ted Eaves         | Lindsey Cook    |
| Becky Hinerman    | Kim Cranford    |
| Andy Peascoe      | Nicole Gaspar   |
| Chris Peascoe     | Mary Keilman    |
| Amanda Blanton    | Valerie Artrip  |
| Anne Cutchin      | Laura Holt      |
| Hetty Scopel      | Jenna Holt      |
| Alicia Shade      | Tamar Day       |
| LeAnn Love        | Toni Brower     |
| Teresa Whiting    | Vickie Brown    |
| Kacy Pope         | Alison Ripple   |
| Nancy Briggs      | Kate Hudson     |
| Donna Miller      | Tracy Johnson   |



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**GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH**

**In memory of Gary Bass**

For Building Bridges  
By Chris and Kathy Peascoe

**In memory of Gladys Mingia**

For Congregational Care  
By Alvin and Libby Butler

**In memory of Jack Brown**

For Music Ministry  
By David and Cheryl Bergman

**In memory of James (Dick)**

**Cudworth**

For the Budget  
By Charles and Virginia Causey,  
TJ and Tammy Causey, James  
and Carol Ann Causey & Family

**In memory of Dot Yeager**

For Building Bridges  
By Chris and Kathy Peascoe

**In memory of Katherine Paschal**

For the Budget  
By Carl and Carol Jensen

**SYMPATHY**

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Gladys Mingia who passed away on August 23, 2020.

Sympathy cards for Gladys Mingia may be sent to her daughter at:

**Sandy Mingia and Gary Maggard**

24100 Dawnridge Drive  
Los Altos Hills, CA 94024

**August 16th Offering**

Giving	\$4,642.00
Other Income	<u>\$550.00</u>
Budget	<b><u>\$5,192.00</u></b>
Designated Funds	\$1,578.00

**August 23rd Offering**

Giving	\$4,960.00
Other Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
Budget	<b><u>\$4,960.00</u></b>
Designated Funds	\$1,340.00

**THANK YOU**

I want to express my thanks for all that was done for Jack and me over the years of his illness. When I needed it most every kindness came in the form of a card, a call or a visit. Muir's Chapel is truly a caring and loving congregation.  
*Margaret Brown*

Dear MCUMC,  
Thank you for my thoughtful note and Starbucks gift card, a perfect gift for a college student! While this year will surely look different, I am confident I can still make it a memorable one with my bubble of roommates! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!  
*Nicholas Nottage*

Muir's Chapel,  
Thank you so much for supporting me! Also, thank you for my gifts! It means a lot to have yall's support. Please keep me in your prayers this school year!  
*Abby Scott*

Dear Muir's Chapel Family,  
Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift and prayer for me, as an educator, and for your sweet reminder of God's love and the love our church. I so appreciate your kindness and pray for our church, our friends and our country.  
Sincerely,  
*Cheryl Bergman*