

Hearing from our heroes...

Muir's Chapel is honored to have a large number of healthcare professionals among its members.

In this issue, we hear from two of our heroes Anneita Minor and Julie Amerson. They represent four of our heroes as Steve Minor and Charles Amerson are also healthcare professionals. We thank them and all of those on the frontlines!

I think in the beginning with such uncertainty; all healthcare providers were scared to go to work; not knowing if we would acquire the virus or bring it home to those we love. We stayed away from everyone since both Steve and I were working with COVID patients daily; which was very hard since we were used to getting together with our family and close friends almost weekly.

Both Steve and I were taking all precautions necessary; wiping down surfaces frequently in the hospital and at home; taking off our uniforms in the garage and showering once we got home each day; before we ate dinner or gave each other hugs at the end of a long day.

One of the hardest things I encountered were families, who were not allowed to see their loved one, while in the hospital. One day, while I worked at Green Valley where all the COVID patients were taken and given treatment; we allowed only 1 family member to visit for 15 minutes with their loved one, if they were deemed "palliative/end of life" or in the process of dying. This was so hard for so many of the patients who were not recovering; as they had several family members who desperately wanted to be with them and tell them how much they loved and cared about them. One day a lady who came in for visitation, stated her mother had 13 grandchildren and 7 children; all whom wanted to visit. We worked with her iPhone that her daughter had given her and was able to call one member of the family and they contacted others, until we had 10 families on the phone together, able to see their mom/grandmother. Each talked with her; told her how much they loved her and shared their best memories. I could not hold back; I cried so much just standing there listening to their comments. It was so emotional and touching. I thought back to my mom who passed away in January and all her children were at her bedside during her last breaths. I truly understood how hard this may have been for so many families.

On the other hand; we were able to see so many more patients able to go HOME!! For the first 20 patients, everyone (Hospital staff) would gather at the discharge entrance and have a celebration (balloons, shouting and laughter) for each patient being able to return home. This was a joyous occasion for many more who were hospitalized.

We have been so Blessed! God was with Steve and I each day! He gave us strength to go back to work; to provide healing, care and comfort for so many. We have been fortunate to be Virus-Free during so many months, even being in the high risk areas of the ICU, and Green Valley.

I am also so grateful for my church family who have emailed and supported us during this time. It has been hard being away from everyone, but glad to have online and outdoor services.

I'm so Blessed. Love to all! — Anneita Minor

Steve Minor, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in Critical Care Medicine

Anneita Minor, RN (during pandemic have worked at Wesley Long Preop, Green Valley as Admin Coordinator & CareLink Critical Care Transport)

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I was asked to share some of my experiences during this time of COVID. I am an essential employee, a nurse at Cone Health. I work for the Trauma Service as a Nurse Case Manager. When the pandemic started, I remember feeling a lot of anxiety and fear over going to work at the hospital every day. I worried for myself and for my husband, who is also a nurse. There was so much information given to us every day, and it was so overwhelming.

Things have leveled out somewhat in healthcare since the beginning of the pandemic. Wearing a mask and shield for 8 hours a day is now the norm, and somehow we have gotten used to it. For months, we had no visitors in the hospital, and my heart ached for my patients who had no support from family and loved ones. This has improved now, as we are allowing limited visitors.

My husband and I were not unscathed from the virus, as we both tested positive the same week in August. I was able to quarantine and recover fairly quickly, but my husband did not. He ultimately was hospitalized twice, and COVID has left him with lingering heart and lung problems. I felt so helpless as I watched the person I love the most suffer so much. Thank God he is improving daily, and regaining his strength.

It is hard living as a caregiver during this pandemic. I find that the sick are sicker than ever, the needy are needier, and people are so lost. Some days, my soul is very tired. On those days, I find myself leaning on God, and praying constantly. My faith and hope have helped me get through even the worst of days. Thank you, God, for giving me and all healthcare workers the strength to continue to care for others.

Julie Amerson, Nurse Case Manager for the Trauma Service
Charles Amerson, Surgical Nurse



FALL FESTIVAL
DRIVE-THRU

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
4-6 PM

FREE FOOD & GOODY BAGS

WEAR A COSTUME FOR OUR
PHOTO BOOTH!

Decorative elements include a banner at the top, leaves, and a pumpkin at the bottom.



Continue to join us for our **LAST**
Sunday Outdoor Worship Service
at 10:00 am by the Palmer Hut

OCTOBER 18TH - YOUTH SUNDAY

REMEMBER TO:

- Wear a mask
- Bring your own chair
- Keep socially distanced

Decorative elements include a leaf pattern background.



Welcome

We can't wait to **WELCOME YOU BACK TO**
INDOOR WORSHIP
on **OCTOBER 25TH**
at **9:30 am (Sanctuary) or 11:00 am (KCC Gym)**
You must register by 2:00 pm on Thursday

CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER

We will still offer **ONLINE WORSHIP EVERY WEEK!!**

- WEAR A MASK
- CHECK-IN AT THE FRONT DOOR
- TEMPERATURE CHECKS
- SOCIALLY DISTANCED SEATING

Decorative elements include a red cursive 'Welcome' and a list of guidelines.



OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

On behalf of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee, I would like to thank Pastor Brenda for her commitment and dedication to her calling and to Muir's Chapel. Others have noted and I wholeheartedly agree that if there has ever been a year to show our appreciation to our pastors, it's 2020. While I don't know this for certain, I doubt that "what

a pastor should do in the midst of a pandemic" is covered in divinity school. Pastor Brenda and our church staff have done a wonderful job in learning and using new technology; in finding new ways to connect and worship with members and non-members; in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation and the surrounding community.

I've read that Hallmark began this Clergy recognition in 1992 (no doubt to sell some cards), but it would be wonderful if all of us would consider sending a note or email to Pastor Brenda and our church staff in appreciation for their service and devotion to Muir's Chapel. It's well deserved and I know they would appreciate it.

David Berrier

OCTOBER Birthdays

16	25
Kara Wood	Edith Crowder
17	Ryan Marsh
Clarence Slaughter	Grayson McLean
18	Adrienne Rogers
Bonnie Kristoff	Tom Stewart
19	26
Kim Hastings	Julie Amerson
Lisa Jackson	Fern Johnson
Luke Kennedy	27
20	Ceil Diering
Steven Hall	Brooke Heffner
21	Ed LeBlanc
Craig Harris	Eli Robarge
Amy Seals	28
Morgan Warrington	Penny Phillips
22	Michael Savovic
29	
Jeanette Lash	Tammy Bason
23	Dianne McKenna
Nancy Elkins	Elliott
23	30
Charles Hinerman	Ray Seals

Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

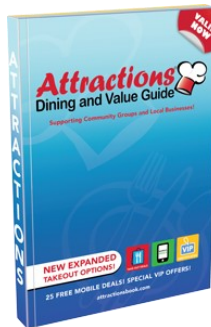
THE WIZARD OF OZ

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Parking Lot open at **6 pm**;
Movie begins at **6:30 pm**
FREE
Drepackaged Popcorn and Canned Drinks

PLAYSCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Playschool is selling Attraction Books as their fundraiser again this year! The book is good from now THROUGH 2021, and we certainly hope next year will be a better year for going out! There is a section in this book for curbside pickup – and that section alone will pay for your book!! Just call the Playschool (336-299-4396), and I will bring the books to the church office for you to pick up! They are \$25 each and ½ of each book sold goes to the Playschool! Thank you in advance!!



FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for some volunteers to help with our Drive-Thru Fall Festival! We need folks to help prepare the meal and pass out goody bags. Costumes are welcome!! We're also looking to borrow outdoor fall decorations to use, like yard inflatables! If you have Decorations, you can drop them off at the church office or bring them to the church at 2:00 pm on October 25th to set up!

Thursday, October 29th | 7:00 pm

VIRTUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Email aludemann@muirschapelumc.com if you will be attending.
All church members can attend; only Ad Council members can vote.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open Monday-Thursday. If you need to reach us on Fridays, please call Alison Ludemann at 336-317-8243 or Sandy Cantliffe at 336-908-4777! **Don't forget you can reach Pastor Brenda anytime at 704-785-7948. Pastor Brenda will also be available in the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.**

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THANK YOU

Many thanks to Pastor Brenda and many of the Muir's Chapel congregation for your calls, cards, food, and favors offered during my illness with COVID-19. It is not easy to isolate from others for the period of time required for this disease. Your support and reassurance - especially your **prayers** - brought me through to healing. May God bless you all!

Robyn Parsons



I wish to express my sincere thanks to Pastor Brenda for all the phone calls and prayers during my brother's illness and passing. I also want to thank all my Muir's Chapel family and friends for the cards, messages, prayers and calls. Your love and support has been very comforting during this very sad time. Thank you.

Joan Catoe and Family

GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH

In honor of the Cummings Family
For the Medical Good Samaritan Fund
By Bruce and Donna Cabiness
By Ray and Amy Seals

In memory of Reva Sahli
For the Congregational Care Fund
By Earl and Zona Ridout

We encourage you to give to our Good Samaritan Fund, and we especially, welcome gifts to the Medical Good Samaritan Fund for medical needs that have and can help families like the Cummings Family whose baby Clark is still in the NICU for some time to come. Just mark your checks in honor of "any name" for the Medical Good Samaritan Fund.

SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Lisa Smith and family on the passing of her brother, Jeffrey Dean Pruitt, on September 28, 2020.

October 4th Offering

Giving	\$12,490.00
Other Income	\$ 230.00
Budget	\$12,720.00
Designated Funds	\$ 3,140.00

October 11th Offering

Giving	\$6,027.00
Other Income	\$ 0.00
Budget	\$6,027.00
Designated Funds	\$ 405.00

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME	\$83,901.67
EXPENSES	<u>\$87,665.72</u>
NET DEFICIT	<u>-\$3,764.05</u>

INCOME	\$83,901.67
TRANSFER FROM ENDOWMENTS	<u>-\$37,404.53</u>
ACTUAL SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS	<u>\$46,497.14</u>

YEAR TO DATE INCOME	\$503,510.20
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	<u>\$480,972.27</u>
YEART TO DATE BUDGET SURPLUS	<u>\$22,537.93</u>

2020 BEGINNING GENERAL FUND DEFICIT BALANCE	-\$24,386.06
CURRENT MONTH SURPLUS BALANCE	<u>\$22,537.93</u>
CURRENT GENERAL FUND SURPLUS BALANCE TOTAL	<u>-\$1,848.13</u>