

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

10, 152 Meals! You can Make a Difference!

Your hands and your heart can help provide a full stomach for those in need in developing nations! The Rise Against Hunger Experience, a meal-packing event where we will team up with Rise Against Hunger to **package more than 10,000 meals**, is taking place on **Sunday, April 2**. We will need 10 people to help set up, and at least 30 volunteers to package meals. The event will be held in the gym from 2-4 pm. The set-up team needs to come at 1. We hope you'll consider being a part of this Church-wide opportunity to share Christ's love and compassion! To sign up to volunteer, you may use the link below, or call the church office. https://bit.ly/riseagainsthunger_mcumc_signup

More about Rise Against Hunger

[Rise Against Hunger](#) is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Their mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the critical resources. They are committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #2 of ending hunger by 2030.

EXCITING NEWS!!

I preached this Sunday about the Spirit of God moving through Muir's Chapel and stirring up something new. I am so excited to announce that we have received \$25,000 from the Reynolds Ministry Grant for Spark After Dark and Youth. Thank you so much to everyone who has already helped! You make this program possible. I have been dreaming and thinking of a summer program and a food security program for the neighborhood kids. I have talked to a few of you, but I want to do a 9-12 Monday to Friday camp several weeks this summer. Would you be willing to come to a visioning meeting on **March 19th at 4 pm**? Kim Hastings and Laurie Haulenbeek gave some really awesome feedback so far, but we also need your ideas and help!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Cooking a meal for the youth and kids Sunday night! We have open dates April 2nd, April 16th, April 23rd and any Sunday in May
- Planning Games or devotions for the kids Sunday night
- Helping with VBS this summer June 11th-15th
- Donating to Youth or Spark After Dark
- Do you have skills that you would be willing to share for one of these camps? Sports, cooking, music, drama, art, reading, science, waterplay?

If you would be interested in a week, let Courtney or Brian know when you would be available! We will plan around your schedule. We can help with as much of the curriculum or as little as you need.

Courtney and Brian

Executive Team Follow-Up Letter

Thank you to all of the church members who attended the information sessions over the past two weeks. In follow up to the meetings, here are some questions that the Executive Committee was asked to respond to, bring clarity, and/or provide additional information.

1. Is Muir's Chapel UMC remaining in the United Methodist Church denomination?
Yes. Muir's Chapel UMC will continue to be a part of the United Methodist Church denomination. As Pastor Brenda Newman is retiring in June 2023, a new full-time United Methodist pastor will be assigned to begin at the church July 1, 2023.
2. How does a member get on the Executive Committee?
The Executive Committee consists of the Administrative Council Chair, Finance Chair, Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee Chair, Board of Trustees Chair, Lay Leader, Lay Delegate, and Senior Pastor. Chairpersons of the various committees and all members of the Administrative Council are recommended by a nominations committee. The Executive Committee members outside of the pastor as well as the nominations committee members are approved by Administrative Council vote as well as a Church Charge Conference where all members of the church can come and vote.
3. Why was the Administrative Council vote on January 15, 2023 not adequate to move the disaffiliation process forward?
The United Methodist Church denomination has strict guidelines that each church must follow to go through the disaffiliation process. None of these steps can be changed or bypassed as that automatically leads to the church's disaffiliation process being terminated by the conference. During the Muir's Chapel Administrative Council meeting on 01/15/2023, a motion was made and approved by a 16 to 13 vote to pursue the disaffiliation process. Although a letter was sent to the District Superintendent to provide an account of this meeting, the motion did not include a critical element of why the church was pursuing the disaffiliation process. Without this second element being directly addressed within the motion, the process would have been stopped by the District Superintendent. In order to move things forward, an emergency meeting of the Administrative Council was called on 02/05/2023 to resolve this issue and take a vote that included the necessary reasoning as to why the church wanted to pursue the disaffiliation process. The motion was made at this meeting with the needed information, which then resulted in a 14 to 14 tied vote with one member abstaining.
4. How is a minister chosen for our church?
The Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee of Muir's Chapel UMC makes a recommendation to the District Superintendent regarding what type of pastor they believe will be the best leader for the church as well as completes a Church Profile which specifically describes the church and its current needs. Additional meeting times are available for members who would like to understand the recent activities of the Executive Committee regarding the termination of the disaffiliation process. Please contact Libby Boggs at the church office at 336-299-1913, if you would like to sign up for one of these meetings.



Spark after Dark had a slime night! The kids had a blast making slime, playing with it, and comparing it to unexpected friendships. .



WELL-SPRING SOLUTIONS

It is hard to put into words how valuable volunteers are to the day-to-day operations of our Connections at Muir's Chapel– A Memory Club programs. Volunteers are an integral part of the services we provide to the participants attending our centers and to their caregivers. Our Connections Programs have four locations that meet in local faith communities and Muir's Chapel United Methodist Church is one of those. The program offer seniors with memory loss time with peers, fun cognitive games, music, exercise, art, lunch and other stimulating activities that boost memory fitness. Our volunteers visit with our members, help with serving lunch, encourage the group, and join in on the laughter.

Our programs need volunteers particularly on Thursdays from 9:30am-2:30pm. Usually people volunteer 1 day a week, volunteer hours are flexible within the framework of the program. **If you are interested in this fun and valuable opportunity, we can create a schedule that works for you!**

Please contact Leslie Martin at lmartin@well-spring.org or 336-373-4301.



PLAYSCHOOL FUNDRAISING

The Playschool is happy to announce that they have two fundraising opportunities available! Beginning February 9th thru March 28th, Muir's Chapel Christian Playschool has a Together in Education number that you can link to your VIC card so that we can

receive monies. Our code is 7319 – just see Customer Service and they should be able to link your card. Already helping a school?? You can link up to 3 codes to your VIC card – we would so appreciate your support!

Beginning February 20th, we will be selling pies from Ms. Pumpkin's out of Winston Salem. We will be selling Moravian pies with only chicken, Moravian pies with chicken and veggies, baked spaghetti and a 4 pack of individual pies! Kim sold these for years through Grimsley and they were wonderful! Stock up! They are also great to give to friends! See Kim Hastings in the Playschool to purchase!

Thanks for your support of M CCP!

Lenten Schedule

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCH

Wednesdays at Noon - 30 Min. Services
March 22nd- Prayer Chapel

**Contact Libby in the office to sign up for lunch.*

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES- NETWORK CHURCHES

Raleigh's Crossroads UMC- Noon- "Loving During Lent"
March 22, 29, April 5th

Special Services & Activities

MARCH MADNESS FOOD DRIVE

March 5th- April 2nd: Bring food for Greensboro Urban Ministries to help your favorite ACC Team take the win!

PALM SUNDAY CHURCH-WIDE SERVICE PROJECT

April 2nd, Gym

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 6th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 9th

8:30 am Sunrise Service
Cemetery

9:15 am Breakfast
Fellowship Hall

10:00 Easter Egg Hunt

11:10 am Easter Celebration Service
Sanctuary, Featuring the Music Ministries
cantata "King of Kings"

Rev. Brenda Newman, *Senior Pastor*
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Kenny Phillips, *Accompanist*

Jailen Stanley, *Worship Media Coordinator*

March Birthdays

3/16 Serinda Byrnes
3/17 Rick Gallant
3/20 Justin Reiland
3/20 Nikki Benfield Tsujii
3/20 Paul Michael Vincent
3/21 Michael Bancroft
3/21 Nancy Lynn Bray
3/21 Amanda Browning
3/21 Donna Kay Hopkins
3/22 Marc Scott
3/23 Phil Herndon
3/25 Carey Lowe Rongitsch
3/25 Sam Sciabarrasi
3/26 Amber Coble
3/27 Patricia Lewis
3/28 Tinashe Alexis Williams
3/29 Jason Hunter
3/29 Beth Williams
3/30 Anne Cutchin
3/31 Lula-Sis Burgess
3/31 Hannah Pope
3/31 Katherine P. Robinson

4/6 Haley Grace Butler
4/6 Libby Butler
4/6 Blythe Rose Savovic
4/7 Pat Adams
4/7 Larry V. Millard
4/7 C.G. Stillwell
4/7 Scott Thornhill
4/8 Alison Ludemann
4/10 Donna Cabiness
4/10 Emelyn Harris
4/10 Mary Ann Mullens
4/11 Aaron Bason
4/11 David Pope
4/11 Kacy Pope
4/11 Rhonda Warren
4/12 Christiana Egharba
4/12 Jane Miller
4/14 Patricia Williams
4/15 Cecil Addison Boren
4/15 Abigail Mary Scott
4/15 Lynn Shade

Thank You Note

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes during my mom's passing. It was so nice to have the Church's support.
In Christian Love,
Kacy Pope

April Birthdays

4/1 Jane Thornhill
4/2 Tracy Campbell
4/2 John R. Shade
4/3 Frances Britt
4/5 Bob Herring, III

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In memory of Elise Nichols
for the Budget
by Georgia Realps

In honor of Brian Edwards
for youth Missions
by Tom Estes

In honor of Pastor Brenda
For Lenten Lunches/Congregational
Meals
By Karen Holmes

In memory of Louise Hight
for the Budget
by Gene O'Brien
by Michael Schopieray
by William T. O'Brien

Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Tom Hight and family on the death of his wife, Louise Hight, on March 7, 2023.

OFFERING

February 19th

Budget Giving	\$35432
Other Income	\$113.50
Total Budget	\$35545.50
Designated Funds	\$1048.28

February 26th

Budget Giving	\$2395
Other Income	\$75
Total Budget	2470
Designated Funds	\$1335

March 5th

Budget Giving	.\$4340
Other Income	\$25
Total Budget	\$4365
Designated Funds	\$210

March 12th

Budget Giving	\$3960
Other Income	\$657.80
Total Budget	\$4617.80
Designated Funds	\$417