



Sunday School Class Opportunities at MCUMC

Continuing with Rev. Follett's Sunday School description series, this month we are privileged to give you his insight into the Agape Class.

The Agape Adult Sunday School: Discovering God's Story in Other Stories

The Agape Adult Sunday School Class meets in the Church Parlor every Sunday morning at ten past ten. About a dozen people gather in a circle as they review the latest book that had been assigned to them. The class alternates between Christian fiction and Biblical studies, and chooses Advent and Lent studies for the holy seasons. Books may be a work of fiction, a biography or nonfiction study.

The book that this group has recently completed reading is a novel by William Kent Krueger called Ordinary Grace. Part murder mystery, part a tragic story of a pastor's family in a small town, the story has evoked passionate and thoughtful responses from the class, as they have worked to sort out both the motives of the characters and the meaning behind each event within the larger story. They are now studying Growing Older and Wiser by Dale Larsen and Sandy Larsen, followed by an Unlikely Advent, Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story by Rachel Billups.

Leann Love is the class contact. Various class members lead discussions and encourage the class to review and comment upon the most recent reading assignment, usually a few chapters at a time. The response is a lively discussion as the class members speculate and comment about the latest developments in the story. Often these discussions take on a more theological and ethical dimension, as the class muses about the presence (or absence) of God in the characters' lives.

The renowned professor of Christian Ethics at Duke Divinity, Dr. Stanley Hauerwas, has often said that our story is part of God's larger story, if we only care to look. The Agape Class, by delving into books that are beyond Scripture, lives out that truth every Sunday.

Starting this month we're adding a new section to The Voice....

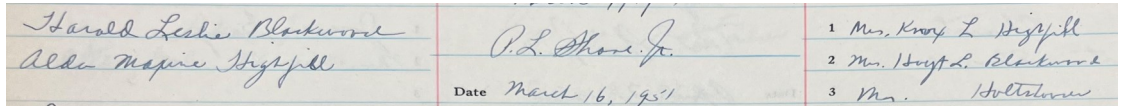
A HISTORY CORNER!!

This month we have two stories to share!

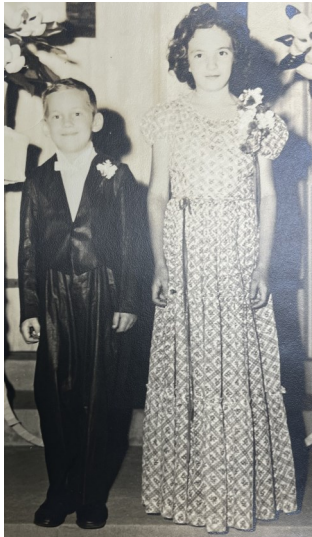
First-Did you know that our dear Maxine Blackwood (Highfill), who turned 98 on Oct. 5th, has been a member at Muir's Chapel since infancy? She was baptized and married at Muir's Chapel!



Above, Maxine officially joined the church at age 13 in 1938.



Above, Maxine was married at Muir's Chapel in 1951.



Second- Muir's Chapel had a "Tom Thumb Wedding" (A play in which children performed mock marriage ceremonies while dressed in elaborate costumes) on the church steps in 1945.

Can anyone identify that handsome groomsman pictured with his sister?

Hint- He is a lifetime Muir's Chapel member!

YOUTH ODD-JOBS FUNDRAISER

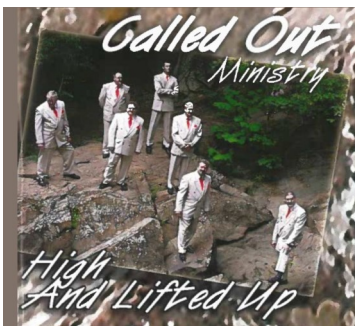
The Youth Will be raising money for their mission trip next summer. If you have an odd job that you could use help with, let Goober know! They will also be doing an envelope fundraiser. Stay tuned for more info.
Ideas: Yard work, organizing, moving, cleaning, shopping, babysitting, petsitting

During the month of October Muir's Chapel will be collecting coats. During our link Sunday on October 29th we will sort the coats.

Thank You for Your Donation...

Please Donate

A new or used coat to help people stay warm this winter.



Come join us at Muir's Chapel Saturday, November 4th, at 6 pm to hear the wonderful Christian Gospel Group- Called Out Ministry!

Spreading Joy This Thanksgiving

A Call for Donations

- OCTOBER 29
Veggies-Canned beans, corn, etc.
- NOVEMBER 5
Canned yams, instant mashed potatoes.
- NOVEMBER 12
Dressing, Chicken broth & Spices.
- NOVEMBER 19
Deserts - Canned Pumpkin, pie fillings, non-refrigerated pie crusts.

FALL FEST

MUIR'S CHAPEL UMC

October 28th 11-1

Free Food Candy Games Inflatables Arts & Crafts



THE PLAYSCHOOL IS SELLING MRS. PUMPKIN'S FAMOUS CHICKEN PIES AGAIN AS A FUNDRAISER! IT WAS SUCH A BIG SUCCESS, WE DECIDED TO DO IT AGAIN TO HELP WITH THE PLAYSCHOOL FINANCES!

We have asked before, but this time we are REALLY asking!!



Muir's Chapel needs someone that can lend some time each week and assist in the A/V needs for our three services.

If you've been looking for a way to serve and have a love and even just a little bit of AV knowledge here's your chance!

Call For Advent Readers!

We need volunteers to read the weekly Advent Themes during each of the three services for the following dates.

- December 3rd
- December 10th
- December 17th
- December 24th

Let the church office know if you'd like to volunteer and be a part of the joyous season of Advent.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!!

Let Rev. Michael & Rev. Courtney know how much they mean to our church and to you!

November 12th @ 5 pm

CHILI COOK OFF



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

REGISTER BY EMAILING
MCOFFICE@muirschapelumc.com



Blood Drive Muir's Chapel United Methodist Church Kale Christian Center

Gymnasium
314 Muir's Chapel Road
Greensboro, NC 27410

Monday, November 20, 2023
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Muirs Chapel or contact Church Office at 336.299.1913. Please Bring PHOTO ID!

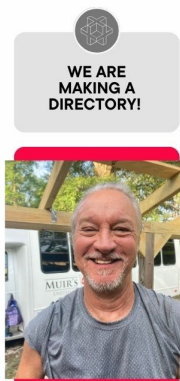
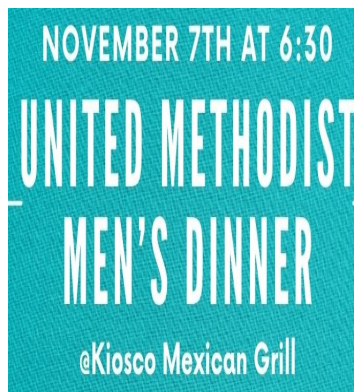


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Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

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Send us your favorite photo or see Courtney with her Polaroid to take a new photo!

MEETING:

The Annual Charge Conference will be held on November 5th at 12:30 pm.

MUIR'S CHAPEL JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of a part time Music Director. Please call or email the Church office to be put in contact with the appropriate individuals if you are interested.

Rev. Michael Flack, *Senior Pastor*
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Keith Benfield, *Interim Youth Director*

Kim Hastings, *Director of Muir's Chapel Christian Playschool*
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Rev. Courtney Sanford, *Director of Children's Ministries*
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Martha W. Hill, *Administrative Assistant*
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Leonard Forde, *Church Handyman*

Jailen Stanley, *Worship Media Coordinator*

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NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

		Kelly Sessoms	11/15	Libby Wood	11/27
		Diane Davis	11/16	Alison Payne	11/28
Pam Rocks	11/01	Clay Britt	11/16	Joe Campbell	11/29
Margaret Brown	11/02	Stacey Finch	11/16	Sarah Warren	11/30
Anne Eagle	11/02	John Craven	11/17	Alicia Shade	11/30
Colby Tsujii	11/02	Eugene Eagle	11/17	Kimberly Cranford	11/30
Pam McCraw	11/02	Eli Sessoms	11/17		
Megan Kate Shina	11/03	George Burr	11/18		
Chris Patty	11/03	Bud Hussey	11/18		
Justin Ollis	11/03	Robert Holt	11/19		
Emily Jobe	11/04	Robin Benfield	11/19		
Jimmy Ford	11/04	Abbie Kent	11/19		
Pat Easley	11/04	Joey Peascoe	11/20		
Leroy Zigbuo	11/05	Dusty Cooke	11/21		
Ron Rehm	11/06	Brenda Cooper	11/22		
Lillian Jones	11/06	John Van Rheen	11/22		
Kenny Mann Jr.	11/08	Emaline Ripple	11/23		
Laura Holt	11/09	Jenny Eaves	11/23		
Jerry Hopkins	11/09	Jeannie Martin	11/24		
Pat Love	11/09	Goober Benfield	11/24		
Arne Aadland	11/10	Amanda Blanton	11/25		
Carl Fenske	11/10	Steve Elliott	11/25		
Marsha Wood	11/14	Rachel Wagner	11/25		

OFFERING

<u>October 1</u>	
Budget Giving	\$3936.00
Designated Funds	\$65.00
Total Giving	\$5646.00
<u>October 8</u>	
Budget Giving	\$5974.00
Designated Funds	\$40.00
Total Giving	\$6564.00
<u>October 15</u>	
Budget Giving	\$3230.00
Designated Funds	\$615.00
Total Giving	\$3960.00
<u>October 22</u>	
Budget Giving	\$2780.00
Designated Funds	\$25.00
Total Giving	\$2970.00

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Memory of Iris Rodolphe

-For the Budget from:
Doris Melson

In Memory of Patsy Cucinella

-For Congregational Care from
Peggy McCorcle

**In Honor of Rev. Michael Flack
& Rev. Courtney Sanford**

-For the Budget from:
The Fellowship Class