

A Word From Pastor Scott

A Holiday Full of Hope

I can hardly believe we are entering November. This year has FLOWN by! But here we are already planning the Thanksgiving meal and maybe even thinking about Christmas presents.

This holiday season may be one of the hardest for so many people. Throughout the world, people are grieving the loss of a loved one from COVID-19, they are dealing with depression in record levels, there is so much contrary opinions about EVERYTHING, and it leads to vitriolic statements on social media venues the like of which I would never have imagined.

How do we experience the joy of the holiday season in the midst of such difficulty? Allow me to suggest several things.

- 1) Have an attitude of gratitude.** There is SO much we should be incredibly thankful for! Psalm 9:1 exclaims, "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart". Why go through this season with anything less than a full and grateful heart? There is SO much we should focus on that is positive and full of blessing! We have each other, we have plenteous food, provisions, a warm bed, an income, and we have REDEMPTION through Jesus Christ – WOW!! Folks, don't focus on the myriad of things that are negative. Have an attitude of gratitude!
- 2) Have an attitude of forgiveness.** Your family is not perfect, my family is not perfect. We are often selfish, arrogant, and full of ourselves! Hey, that is WHY Jesus came! He came to give us a means to both BE forgiven and to OFFER forgiveness to others. Give your family a break! They are not perfect, but they are your family! (See number one above). Have an attitude of forgiveness.
- 3) Put on Christ.** Romans 13:14 says, "Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh". (NIV). Your family may never see the reality of Christ unless or until they see Him in YOU. Your Aunt makes a snide remark. Your brother, who has always irritated you, makes fun of you. Your mother-in-law insults your cooking. OK. You are clothed in Christ...rather than having a come-back insult, recognize they do what they do because they are lacking the love that surpasses all understanding. So offer THAT to them. It is quite literally the ONLY thing that could change their life.

This season is meant for HOPE. I am praying you will find a way to be a witness to the greatest message ever offered. Have a holiday season that is not regretful, but full of HOPE. A HOPE found in loving the Lord Jesus Christ!

Happy Holidays!

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Join us as we sing and ring in the Christmas Season during our 2021 Advent Concert Series. We are excited to present to you the following concerts of holiday music to brighten your spirits. Concerts will be held each Sunday of Advent at 3:00 PM and are free. Donations will be accepted to sponsor our 2022 Youth Mission and Camp Projects. Contact the church office for more information.

November 28th:
TBA

December 5th:
Queen City Ringers presents
Seasons of the Heart
(Audience is required to wear masks
for this performance.)

December 12th:
Queen City Groove's Holiday
Concert

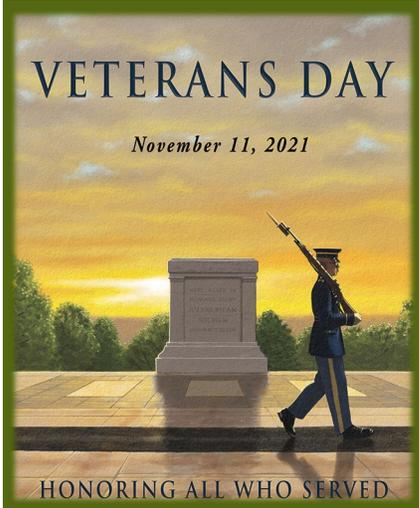
December 19th:
Love was Born a King
presented by
Stallings UMC Chancel Choir

What a wonderful way to begin our celebration of the birth of our Savior, King Jesus. Invite your family and friends! This will be a abundant time of worship and fellowship!

Overview continued...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Marc Reinka	11-01	Ben Edwards	11-11	Deree Dale	11-19	Betty Cross	11-28
Karen Crump	11-02	Bill Brinnier	11-12	Brian Malarney	11-20	Cathery Drye	11-28
Ryder Surratt	11-04	Ronnie Chapman	11-12	Melissa Blomstrom	11-22	Emma Smith	11-28
Lyla Gray	11-05	Rosemary Lands	11-13	Isabella Bramhall	11-24	Kelly Williams	11-28
Beth Frye	11-06	Brett Proctor	11-13	Larry Lee	11-24	Bryan Spurrier	11-30
Dan McLelland	11-06	Christi Bramhall	11-15	Mic Treadwell	11-25		
Robin Pendergrass	11-07	Chad Caig	11-16	Ryan Thompson	11-26		
Jordan Estep	11-08	Casey Broadway	11-17	Doris Hopkinson	11-27		
Ann Lefler	11-09	Judy Reeves	11-19	Charis Parker	11-27		



Tithes & Offerings

Date	Budget	Building Fund
Oct 03	\$ 5,052.49	\$ 305.00
Oct 10	\$ 6,994.49	\$ 3,005.00
Oct 17	\$ 5,698.74	\$ 480.00
Oct 24	\$ 5,016.62	\$ 780.00
Oct 31	\$ 4,801.70	\$ 555.00

****Please do not forget your church when you go out of town, on vacation OR watching online due to health reasons. Your faithful giving NOW is essential in making sure all SUMC ministries can and will resume now that this pandemic is getting under control. "...God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7b**

New Members

Since we reopened our doors on Easter Sunday morning, the Lord has blessed Stallings UMC with eleven new members. On Sunday, October 3rd, we were overjoyed to welcome our tenth and eleventh new members to the Congregation. Howell and Becky Pruett officially joined us by letter of transfer from Grassy Creek UMC in Grassy Creek, North Carolina. The Pruett's found SUMC by looking for local churches on the web and began visiting SUMC shortly before the COVID pandemic hit and caused our temporary shutdown. They continued to worship with us via livestream and rejoined us in person once we reopened and they felt safe. Howell and Becky are both retired from Property and Casualty Insurance. They actually owned their own Insurance agency before selling it to prepare for retirement. They have four grown children, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild. The Pruett's are enjoying retirement at Windsor Run Senior Living Community where several of our other church members also live. Howell enjoys sports and reading. Becky's hobbies include card games and gardening. They were both very active at their former church. Howell served in several areas of church finance including Secretary, Treasurer, and Finance Chair. He was also an active member of the United Methodist Men. Becky served on the Staff Parish Committee and was active in the United Methodist Women's group. The Pruett's attend our 11am Worship Service. If you have not already met this couple, please take time to welcome them to the Stallings family. We look forward with anticipation to seeing how the Lord will lead Howell and Becky to use their gifts for the ministry of Stallings UMC.



In Loving Memory of

In Memory of Jean Capps

- Janice Limburg
- Brenda Hehr

In Memory of Janet Brownlee

- Janice Limburg
- Steve and Lynn Kidd
- Ralph Oberholtzer

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. ~Psalm 116:15

Sunday, November 7th



REMEMBER to turn your clocks BACK 1 hour!

Charge Conference

REMINDER: As stated in the email sent out 2 weeks ago, Charge Conference will be held via ZOOM on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30pm. Pastor Scott & District Superintendent, Dan Pezet will be leading. If you are receiving this newsletter via email, you will receive a copy of the Charge Conference booklet and the Zoom link to join the conference. If you prefer a hard copy of the booklet, those will be available at the church on Sunday, November 7th. Call the church office if you have questions.

The Church Office will be closed November 25th and 26th in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.