



Gramling United Methodist News - August 2018

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☞ Sundays: Classes, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. * ☞ Adult Choir, 7 p.m.

Early Worship Service
***10 a.m. August 26!**
(Casual Dress,
no Sunday School)

A Life of Generosity

Cheri and I are settled into our new home in this beautiful community. As we reflect on the past two months of transition, the word generosity keeps coming to my mind. Our GUMC church family has gone above and beyond any expectations. We have been received with open arms and open spirits. Thank you for being God's vessel of generosity to a couple of Mountaineers from WV. I expect to be surrounded by great things in the coming years as we work together in the mission field for Jesus. What a blessing to be the pastor family of Born Again, Holy Spirit filled Saints of God. Thank you for the opportunity.

This is my first newsletter and therefore appropriate to share some of my reflections for our time together. First, for it is by grace you have been saved, through faith . and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God . (Eph. 2:8). This text is the epicenter of every word I teach. To understand the fullness of God's Grace is my ultimate quest of life. To be gracious in a world of condemnation is life-giving and will attract broken people to join the journey.

Secondly, always remember that the Good News is the Kingdom of Heaven brought to us by Jesus' death,

burial and resurrection. Jesus taught us to pray, "thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." And then Jesus demonstrated what that meant by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger. BIG THINGS! We have been given a destination and the power of Jesus to march boldly into the future. We serve a big God. Ephesians 3:20 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..." Let that text sink in. God gives us more than we can ask or think. Therefore, since God has been so generous, we respond with generous hearts toward God and God's people. We will not be guilty of dreaming small but dream big in the fullness of God. Let us continue to foster a spirit of generosity and an attitude of gratitude for the great things God has done in our lives. Jesus tells us to "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38).

Let's join hands and march boldly into the future God has for us.

In Jesus Name,
Pastor Rick

Teacher Recognition Luncheon

On Sunday, August 19th, we will honor our dedicated teachers during the service as well as after worship with a luncheon. Please bring meats, sides, desserts, and drinks.



2018 General Tithes & Offerings, week 30

Budget needed to date: \$168,188;

Received: \$161,236

Online giving available at gramlingumc.org.

Aldersgate Special Needs Offering:
Sunday, August 12th

Prayer, Praises, and Concerns: Call Lin Fisher (864-420-6080) or Anne Carroll (472-9434), or email newsletter@gramlingumc.org and Lin will forward your request.

Are any in your community suffering? They should pray. Are any celebrating? They should sing praises to God. Are any sick? They should call the elders of your church and ask them to pray. James 5:13-14a

Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Jane Fisher . White Oak at North Grove
Joyce Evington . Wesley Ct. Assisted Living
Jean Johnson . Skylyn Place Assisted Living
Rebel Brackett . Lake Emory Care
Helen Burrell . Woodbridge Assisted Living
Carl Lane . Clemson Downs
Carolyn Brackett . Simpsonville Rehabilitation & Health Care
Barbara Runion . Golden Age, Room 110
Betty Jean Campbell . The Bridge, Hendersonville

Church: Gramling UMC

Rev. Rick Brown
Gramling Church Leaders
District Supt. Rev. Cathy Mitchell
SC Conference Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

District One Schools:

Administration, Teachers & Staff

Military and Civil Defense - Ed Hershberger

Family & Friends

Polly & Wally Harper . Henry Gramling
Rebel Brackett . Frances Shults
Linda Allison . JoAnn Foster
Julian Pruitt . Rick & Sue Pruitt
Judy Erwin . Will Brown
Kevin Hudson . Laura Gramling
Rebecca Davis . Cindy Riddle
JoAnn Foster
Scott & Martha Condrey
Rev. Wayne Culp . Rebecca Culp
Barbara Quinn . Bonnie Gramling
Janne Thamis . Peggy Campbell
Natalie Honadel . Ed Hershberger
Tom Tindal . Georgianna Connell

Autumn Blackmon & Family . Paige Weissenberger
Infant Samuel Ceremuga . Anita Nussman
Bob Hogan & Family . Gloria Sugenor
Turner Hammett . Lucy Granger
Stan Hilly . Sandra Wingo
Christine & Tim Fisher . Cindy Riddle
Donnie Hodge
Mark Mullen . Will & Catherine Gramling
Craig Sims . Mary Lou Ridgeway
Andrew Tweedy . Rick Pruitt
Matthew Gansereit (Carlton) . Ruba Nix
Claircy (Gordon) Purrington . Ruba Nix
Donna Fowler . Paula Rhymer
Judy Vanadore . Sandra Wingo



Happy Birthday in August!

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|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Betty Hook | 17 Mary Wilks Roberts | 21 JoAnn Foster | 30 Clara Gramling |
| 3 Barbara Runion | 18 Jeff Harrison | 23 Billy Condrey | 30 Libby Fain |
| 7 Lin Fisher | 19 Paige Weissenberger | 26 Rick Pruitt | 31 Lucy Granger |
| 14 David Johnson | 19 Thomas Parris | 27 Bob Hamilton | 31 Zachary |
| 16 Ben Gramling II | 20 Amanda Griswold | 28 Michael Bradley | Weissenberger |

COMMUNITY

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

AUGUST 26 | 2-4 PM

GRAMLING UMC
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FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS, HEALTH SCREENINGS,
 HAIRCUTS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, ICE CREAM, POPCORN,
 FACE PAINTING, DUNKING BOOTH, COMMUNITY
 RESOURCES, GAMES, GIVEAWAYS & MORE!

→ So many resources in one place in one day! Landrum/Campobello/Gramling/Inman area parents and children birth through 12th grade are invited for the fun. We will have snacks and activities from the Social Hall and outdoors and down to our gym. Area agencies will be set up to answer questions about how families can receive assistance they may need.



THE BLOOD CONNECTION

→ The Blood Connection mobile unit will be on site the day of the Bash. **Your blood donations will be credited to the church so please come and give!** There is a signup sheet in the narthex for time slots starting at 11 a.m.

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