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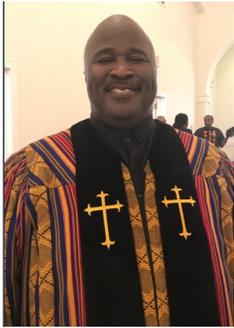
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Greetings from Rev. Jeffrey Salley

Greetings, my friend!

Thank you for your recent in-

quiry concerning the membership vows of The United Methodist Church, and its local church, Sand Hill United Methodist Church, Ridgeville, South Carolina. According to our membership vows, when a person makes the decision to join the United Methodist Church, the person commits to be loyal to The United Methodist Church and promises to do all in his or her power to strengthen its ministries. My friend, we need you on board! We need for everyone to share his or her gifts that he or she has been blessed with to strengthen our ministry efforts and bear fruit that will continue to impact all members, all communities, and ultimately, making a difference in the local church and the Kingdom of God. My friend, as members of the United Methodist Church, we promise to faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service,

and our witness. I know that you are probably questioning these tenets; therefore, I will help you further understand our expectations.

Prayer—Yes, prayers are essential. We need for our members to pray for our pastor, church leaders, our various ministries, and the church as a whole. Prayer is our way of inviting God into our space, into our worship, into our vision and mission so the work of the Church will move forward. We need to be in prayer asking God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit for direction as we set forth new priorities. Will you join me in praying daily for the work of God's church to be done? Remember James 5:16 NRSV, "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

Presence—Yes, presence is also a must. We need to see you on a consistent basis supporting our weekly Sunday School, Bible study, weekly worship services, annual events such as Family & Friends and Church Anniversary, and as time permits, other events as scheduled. We are a nurturing family that cares about persons holistically. Therefore, we would

love to see you Sunday after Sunday.

Gifts—Yes, we need your gifts! This is the real reason they want me to come on a consistent basis. No! We do need your financial gifts to continue providing ministry and to continue with the upkeep of our building and grounds. However, we also need your "spiritual gifts," to further enhance our ministry. God has blessed every person with a least one gift and it is our hope that you will use your gift for the advancement of your local church and for the kingdom of God.

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Students honored during award presentation and pep rally

Sand Hill youth from elementary to high school were honored for their first semester academic achievements during an award presentation on February 10.

The event sponsored by the Sand Hill UMC Educational Department featured North Charleston Police Chief Reggie Burgess and retired principal Priscilla Drake as guest speakers. They addressed the students on the importance of education, hard work and making good life

choices.

“The people who are most likely to harm us aren’t the boogie man,” said Chief Burgess. “It’s the ones that we see every-day.”

Mrs. Drake shared the story of her journey to becoming an educator. She encouraged students to find their life’s purpose. “If you don’t know what your life’s purpose is, please pray and ask God what your purpose is,” she said. “Once you find your purpose in



life, it’s not about money anymore. It’s about pleasing God.” Congratulations and continued success to all our honorees.

Greetings cont...

Service—Yes, your service is needed and greatly appreciated. My friend, everyone cannot stay seated in the comfortable pews Sunday after Sunday. We need for everyone to find his or her area of giftedness and serve in the ministry here at Sand Hill. Remember, our service also extends beyond the walls of Sand Hill. We need to serve as mentors, coaches, etc., in our local schools and beyond. Will you help grow the Church in 2019 by stepping up and being in service with other believers that are interested in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Remember, every person has something to contribute!

Witness—Yes, your witness! We need to let our light shine. Growing up, we all remember the song, “This Little Light of Mine.” The hymnologist challenges us to let it shine everywhere we go, all through the night, etc. As members and disciples, we are to let our little light shine. By letting our little light shine, God will be glorified and persons will be drawn into the fold of God.

My friend, I hope that I did not bore you about becoming a member of Sand Hill United Methodist Church. We are looking forward to you supporting the Church by faithfully participating in the ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

We hope to see you soon as we make 2019 a great year in the Lord. Remember, the best is yet to come!

Sincerely, I am,

Jeffrey Salley

The Reverend Jeffrey Salley,
Pastor, Sand Hill United
Methodist Church



BIRTHDAYS

January	February	March
1/2 Fred Green, Jr.	2/6 Julie Goodwine	3/2 John Johnson
1/3 Sarah Geddis	2/10 Joshua Jenkins	3/3 Kenneth Glover
1/3 Lavonia Goodwine	2/12 Charlene Backman	3/4 Teddy Goodwine
1/3 Dwayne Simmons	2/12 Ruth Black	3/6 Benjamin Geddis
1/7 Sandra Gethers	2/15 Gabrielle Gelzer	3/8 Deter James
1/9 Deonte Geddis	2/17 Catherine Haynes	3/12 Zacheus Goodwine, Jr.
1/9 Nadia Goodwine	2/17 Gerline Neat	3/20 Dorothy Harrison
1/10 Amarion Dickinson	2/19 Jestine Jenkins	3/20 Leroy Shecut, Sr.
1/10 Pamela Goodwine-Glover	2/27 Bernice Johnson	3/26 Marilyn Lary
1/12 Adasia Dickinson		3/26 Genovia Pendarvis
1/20 Mazie Morris		3/30 Josh Drayton, Jr.
1/21 Janay Goodwine		3/30 Cornelius James, Sr.
1/21 DeMajai Green		
1/22 Shirley Anderson		
1/23 Deanna Goodwine		
1/27 Alberta Sharpe Adams		
1/29 Sierra Neat		
1/30 Frances Drayton		
1/30 Naaman Goodwine		

The Message newsletter is published bi-monthly by Sand Hill United Methodist Church. Please send all submissions, comments, questions or photos to the newsletter team at SandHillUMCNews@gmail.com

Submission deadline for our April/May 2019 issue is April 15th.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/20 Mark & Pamela Glover	2/25 Ronald & Marilyn Lary	3/1 John & PaSandra Dougans
1/24 Kenneth & Joyce Glover	2/25 Charles & Mary Moree	3/22 Henry & Daisy Smalls
1/27 Matthew & Mary Haynes		Ulysees & Wilhemean
		3/25 Goodwine

WELCOME

Mr. and Mrs. James Heyward, Jr. The Heyward family comes to Sand Hill from Wesley Methodist Church on St. John's Island. **Mrs. Lillie Heyward** is Bro. Zacheus Goodwine, Jr.'s eldest sister.



Alleah Glover (Junior at Columbia College), daughter of Mark and Pamela Glover, and sister of Ariel Glover, was awarded the Noel Patrick McNerney Student Award from the South Carolina Early Childhood Association on February 1 at the annual conference in Greenville, South Carolina. This award is presented annually to one college student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to working with children.

Please note the following changes to **ALL CHOIR REHEARSALS**:

Contact Mrs. Pamela Goodwine-Glover, Lay Leader with questions.

Choir	Sunday	Rehearsal Day
Mass	1st Sunday	Saturday before 1st Sunday
Sunbeam, Youth, Young Adult	2nd Sunday	Thursday before 2nd Sunday
Male	3rd Sunday	Saturday before 3rd Sunday
Mass	4th Sunday	Thursday before 4th Sunday

CHILDREN’S CHURCH will restart March 3rd! All children ages 3-11 are invited to join us every 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday. Please complete a child’s information sheet to help us get to know your child. Forms are outside the church office. **VOLUNTEERS** are **NEEDED!** Please see Deanna Goodwine with questions, comments, suggestions or concerns!

Our **WEL Club (We Enjoy Living)** is still going strong every 2nd and 4th Tuesday morning at 10 AM at Canaan UMC. We retired persons are no way tired. Last Tuesday, we enjoyed playing “Raised in a Black Church?” Dr. Lee will be our guest speaker on February 26, 2019. All are welcome to join us for a good spirit-filled time of prayers, senior exercise and a little brunch.

The **Canaan/Sand Hill Charge Acolyte** training was held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Canaan. There was a great turnout of children and parents. We had 12 from Canaan, and nine from Sand Hill. Rev. Salley was the facilitator. They were taught the meaning of lighting the candles as to bringing the light of God into the Worship, and taking him out into the World after services. We hope this can be an annual event and we can bring more children into the Acolyte Ministry. It is a beginning for youth to become better involved in their church, and for parents to be a part as well.



March 6
11am & 7pm,
Sand Hill UMC

Ash
Wednesday



March 10
Wesley, Lad-
son United
Methodist
Church
Guest Pastor:
Reverend Robin Griffeth

March 17
Stallville United Methodist Church
Guest Pastor: Reverend Enrique
Gordon

March 24
Murray United Methodist Church
Guest Pastor: Reverend Steve Gar-
ner

March 31
Boone Hill United Methodist
Church
Guest Pastor: Reverend Lillie Davis

April 7
Canaan United Methodist Church
Guest Pastor: Reverend Robert
Harper

April 14
Knightsville United Methodist
Church
**Guest Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey
Salley**