



Gramling United Methodist News - July 2018

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

Welcome Rev. Rick Brown!

The Reverend Charles "Rick" Brown and his wife Cheri grew up in Logan County, West Virginia. Both their fathers were coal miners. Rick went straight to the coal mines after high school. At age 21, he was certified as a mine foreman in the mining industry, the youngest age possible for this position. He thought he had found his career for life. He and his dad worked together at Mack Coal Co., operating a total of 6 coal mines until 1987, when God called Rick into the ministry. He struggled with the call for about a year before submitting to God's will. He and his wife, Cheri, were also owners of a small convenience store in Logan Co. They had owned the store for nine years. He quit the mines in September of 1987 and declared his candidacy for the ministry. They sold their home and their store. When Rick made the decision that it was time to answer God's call on his life, there was no doubt it was the Lord's will... everything fell perfectly into place. Every door opened just like clock-work and they sold everything they owned.

Rick's first appointment to pastor a church began on Father's Day, 1992, at Cox Landing, WV. He served there for 12 years. During that time the church loved him and educated him and as a result of God's direction and the people's love, the church grew. He and Cheri left Cox Landing UMC in June

2004, and accepted an assignment at South Parkersburg UM, where they served for 9 productive years. The church grew in spirit and number. they were appointed to Lewisburg UMC in 2013. Lewisburg quickly became their beloved church home. God's grace once again led to growth in spirit and number. They served Lewisburg for 5 years. Rick and Cheri are proud grandparents of Gavin, Meagan, Luke and Daisy. By God's Grace, they are now closer to family. They were appointed to Gramling UMC to begin ministry on July 1st, 2018. It has been truly amazing to witness God's hand in their move from WV to SC. God's Grace and mercy provided them with a loving church family awaiting their arrival. God has answered prayers in a marvelous way. They are excited to be in this community. With great anticipation they look forward to the Spirit of God moving in the hearts and minds of the people.

Rev. Brown graduated from Marshall University with a Bachelors degree from United Seminary with a Masters of Divinity.

**Rev. Rick Brown will be coming
as our new pastor on July 1st!**
On the **following Sunday, July 8th**, we will have a
covered-dish luncheon to welcome him.
Please bring meats, sides, desserts, and drinks.

District 1 Community Back-to-School Bash

Our Second Annual event is set for **Sunday, August 26th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Area parents and children are invited to enjoy games and snacks while visiting agency stations to find assistance they may need.

Members! We are in need of support of all kinds (time, talent and treasure). We are also **collecting school supplies** (marble composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, pencils, glue sticks, notebook paper, pencil boxes, crayons, and more) the entire month of June. Baskets will be in Sunday School classrooms, the office, choir room and in the back of the Sanctuary.

Ladies Lunch & Bible Study

Tuesdays this Summer. Ladies are studying Jonah from 12:30 to 1:40. Bring your own lunch and meet in the Social Hall.

July Meetings (Social Hall):

Sunday, July 15th: Finance Committee 5pm

Monday, July 16th: Trustees 6pm

Sunday, July 22nd: Church Council 5pm

2018 General Tithes & Offerings, week 24

Budget needed to date: \$135,754;

Received: \$123,212

Electronic Giving Options:

GUMC accepts **electronic donations through our website, gramlingumc.org**. Or, you may use your bank's online billing and they then send us your donation by mail.

Prayer List and Prayer Chain

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

<p>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 . Country Christian Care, Fair Play Barbara Runion . Golden Age Room 110 Betty Jean Campbell . The Bridge, Hendersonville</p>	<p>Church: Gramling UMC Pastor Rick Brown Gramling Church Leaders D.S. Paul Harmon Bishop Holston</p> <p>World: District One Schools/ administration, teachers & staff Immigrants/Israel/Iraq/US leaders/ SC leaders</p> <p>Military and Civil Defense - Ed Hershberger</p>
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Family & Friends

<p style="text-align: center;">Jenny Bryan JoAnn Foster Scott & Martha Condrey Rev. Wayne Culp Stan Hilley . Sandra Wingo Brooke Harty . Laura Gramling Amanda Bradburn . Will Brown Polly & Wally Harper Helen Burrell . Wanda Ballenger Donnie Hodge Mark Mullen . Will & Catherine Gramling Jane Fisher . Lin Fisher Autumn Blackmon & family-Paige Weissenberger Tom Tindal . Georgianna Connell Janne Thamis . Peggy Campbell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Craig Sims . Mary Lou Ridgeway Andrew Tweedy . Rick Pruitt Matthew Gansereit (Carlton) . Ruba Nix Jim & Lucy Crowley Claircy (Gordon) Purrington . Ruba Nix Natalie Honadel . Ed Hershberger Jack & Barbara Quinn . Bonnie Gramling Turner Hammett . Lucy Granger Donna Fowler . Paula Rhymer Judy Vanadore . Sandra Wingo Karen Harrison . Sarah Harrison's mother Kay Hensdale . Sandra Wingo Travis Sloan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Lee Bryan, who passed away.</p>
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Happy Birthday in July!

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| 1 Rebecca Edmondson | 3 Barbara Brackett | 20 Susan Pope | 29 Jim Crowley |
| 2 Bubba Brunson | 7 Danna Rhymer | 21 Paula Rhymer | 29 Lisa Barnwell |
| 2 Faye Woodfin | 12 Ashley Parris | 21 Susan Illner | 30 Lynn McDole |
| 2 Ian Burrell | 16 Carolyn Brackett | 23 Linda Collins | 30 Fred Wilkins |
| 2 Kenny Griswold | 19 Dale Morgan | 23 Wally Harper | 31 Anna Gramling |
| 3 Anna Catherine Gansereit | 20 Linda Horton | 24 Donnie Hodge | 31 Matthew Gansereit |

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