



# Gramling United Methodist News - February 2018

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☞ Sundays: Classes, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. ☞ Wednesdays: Supper, 6 p.m.; Children's Music, 6:30; Adult Choir, 7 p.m.

## Pastor's Corner:

### Disciples of Christ Sent to Share God's Love in Our World.

Last month I divided our vision statement into three different areas. I shared with you some thoughts about the first area, Disciples of Christ. Today, I look at Sent to Share. These words truly take us out of our comfortable seats of the church. For many, myself included, gathering at church, in worship is the highlight of my week. There is a building up of love for God and one another as we gather to sing praises, pray, and hear God's Word. The early disciples of Christ gathered around Jesus, followed him, listened to his teaching . just as many of us do. However, there came a time when Jesus pushed his disciples out of their comfortable place around him and sent them into the lives of others.

*"Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. . . See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." Matthew 10:7-8, 16*

Here, Jesus is sending them to the lost sheep of Israel . that would be their own people. And yet he refers to them as wolves. I'm not real crazy about being sent to wolves. I bet you aren't either. And yet Jesus sent those disciples and he sends us too.

At the end of Matthew 28:19-20a, Jesus opens the sending to all nations: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."*

Disciples are sent again. They do not stay there on the mountain where they worship Jesus. They are sent with something to share . the Good News of Jesus Christ. If those disciples had remained silent, had not shared I wonder where we - you and I would be today.

The numbers of none's increase every year. A none+ is someone who has nothing to do with the church. They may call themselves spiritual . but it does not mean they believe God the Father, the Son Jesus Christ nor the Holy Spirit. There is much work for the church to do outside its wall . sent in the name of Jesus.

Last week the nursing home that took care of my mom had a memorial service for those who had died in the last year. The service was held in a Baptist church next door to the nursing home. It was a beautiful service followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. As I entered the fellowship hall, my eyes were drawn to the exit door . in particular, the sign above it. Ordinarily there is an exit sign. And I'm sure this sign which is pretty new had an exit sign above it . but I really don't remember seeing it. What I do remember are these words: **You Are Now Entering The Mission Field.** As I passed through the halls to return to our car, I noticed that every exit door to the outside had these words printed above them. **You Are Now Entering The Mission Field.** And I thought, yes, that's exactly the frame of mind those **Sent to Share** disciples of Christ need to have.

Next month: God's Love In Our World!

- Pastor Rebecca

## Wednesday Night Live!

**6 pm – Supper in the gym for all, at no charge.** Enjoy a great menu with fruit and/or vegetables, along with a little dessert. ☺ **6:30** Children's choir practice for their spring musical. *Prayer meets at 5:30, Adult Choir 7 p.m. (No WNL etc. on Ash Wednesday.)*

## YOUTH SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> \*

On this annual Souper Bowl Sunday, our 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will be in charge of the morning worship service. Afterward they'll be at each exit, collecting donations.



## Love Luncheon

Just after worship on **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, join together in the Social Hall for a potluck meal.

Everyone is invited!

>Please bring meats, sides, desserts and drinks.

## MYF Schedule

**\*-Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>:** Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for **Dress Rehearsal.**

**-Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Get-together at Sandra Stanley's house. **We'll have a devotion and make Valentines crafts for Missions.** Time and directions TBA.

## Asbury Hills Retreat is March 23-25!

Be sure you've contacted Catherine Gramling by February 1<sup>st</sup> to sign up.

**A called Charge Conference meeting** will be held **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Social Hall.** This is in preparation to amend our Ministerial Support form, which outlines Pastor compensation and benefits. Church Council members are asked to come as for other Charge Conference meetings. However, everyone is invited to attend.

**"Share the Love"** party in the gym on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Making valentines cards for the shut-ins. Pizza & dessert. Bring a friend!

## Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> is Scout Day

## Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>



Wed mark the beginning of Lent Season with a service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be no WNL, prayer group, or choir practice.

**Pictorial Directory:** If you missed having your photo taken, Lifetouch will schedule a photographer to come out to GUMC again . *if at least 10 households* request a makeup session. Please contact the church office to let us know if you'd still like to be included.

## 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](mailto: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 . Country Christian Care, Fair Play  
 Barbara Runion . Golden Age Room 110  
 Betty Jean Campbell . The Bridge, Hendersonville

### Church: Gramling UMC

Pastor Rebecca  
 Gramling Church Leaders  
 D.S. Paul Harmon  
 Bishop Holston

**World:** District One Schools/ administration, teachers & staff  
 Immigrants/Israel/Iraq/US leaders/ SC leaders

**Military and Civil Defense** - Ed Hershberger

### Family & Friends

Bryan Johnson  
 Polly & Wally Harper . Ruba Nix  
 The Bryan family  
 Rev. Wayne Culp & family  
 Ray Mosley . JoAnn & Hugh Foster  
 Gene Parris . Cindy Riddle's uncle  
 Donna Fowler . Paula Rhymer  
 Kim Culbreth Rouse . Beth Edmondson  
 Delia - Gloria Neely's mother  
 Tammy Jones-Cynthia Woodfin  
 Ann Henderson, Marvin Jones & Judy Vanadore . Wings  
 Karen Harrison . Sarah Harrison's mother  
 Kay Hensdale . Sandra Wingo  
 Wayne & Nancy McAbee . Lin Fisher  
 Bob Hoover . Mary Lou Ridgeway  
 Barry Johnson . Tom Ramsay  
 Ray Simcox . Bonnie Gramling



## Happy Birthday in February!

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|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 2 Jon Bell       | 8 Hugh Foster      | 12 Tim Pope        | 18 Peggy Dean    |
| 5 Laura Gramling | 9 Kendall Griswold | 13 Carson Condrey  | 19 Rev. Don Hope |
| 6 Isabelle Nix   | 10 Edie Kirkland   | 13 Diane Martin    | 20 Donna Jackson |
| 6 Jerry Wingo    | 10 Lucy Crowley    | 15 Wanda Ballenger | 23 Troy Gramling |
| 6 Wade Herlong   | 11 Bruce Woodfin   | 16 Ty Granger      | 24 Anne Carroll  |
| 7 Amy Beeson     | 12 Linda Allison   | 17 Ava Martin      | 28 Jean Johnson  |

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