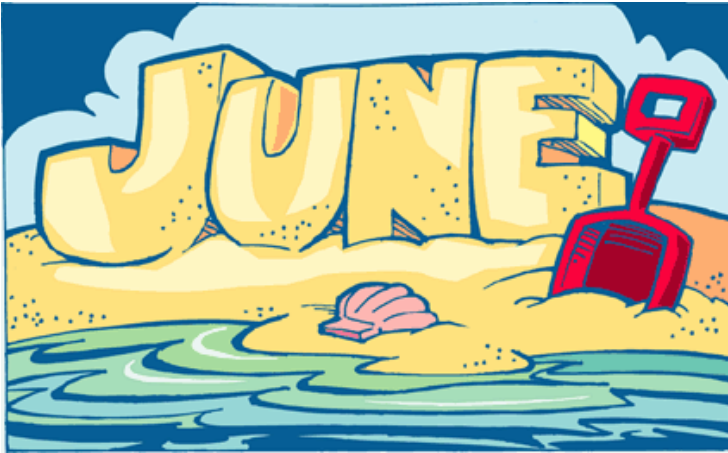


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## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*“Get Connected”*

Volunteering takes up our time, energy, and sometimes, money. It can be hard work. It can find us doing and seeing new things, which can be challenging and even a little scary. So why does anyone volunteer for anything?

### **Volunteering is good for others**

The world is not a perfect place, and many people, churches and communities need help. Governments, professionals and church staffs try to meet everyone's needs, but it's impossible for them to do it all.

This is why people become volunteers: because they can make a difference where someone or something needs help. If people never help each other and only care about themselves, the world becomes a crueler, sadder place. But when we volunteer our time, money, or talents, we help make our church and community a better place, where people work together to make life easier for all.

### **Volunteering is good for YOU**

Are you thinking, “What's in it for me?” The answer is, plenty! Here are some of the things you might get in return for your giving:

- Making new friends
- Gaining important skills and experience that will help you later in life
- Making connections that can lead to a job or career
- Seeing more of your community and world
- Building confidence and self-esteem
- Feeling needed and important
- Feeling satisfaction at getting things done and helping others
- Meeting people who could be role models
- Using your mind, body, and creativity
- Getting active and healthier
- Relieving stress
- Fighting boredom
- Spending time doing what you really care about
- Feeling like you're part of church and community
- Having fun!

Hey...it looks like being a volunteer gives as much good stuff to you as it does to the people, and places you're trying to help! That's the secret of volunteering. People who become volunteers usually lead richer, happier, and more satisfying lives than those who don't volunteer.

There are hundreds of places in our church that need volunteers. Give us a call and we will get you **CONNECTED** to the right place for you!

Thank you for all the ways you give your time, talent, gifts, and service to your church. I love you and there's nothing you can do about it!

## Worship Services

To Know Christ - To Make Christ Known

**8:30 am Casual Service**  
Sanctuary  
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

**10:45 am Traditional Service**  
Sanctuary  
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

**10:45 am Contemporary**  
The MAC  
Pastor Richard Rivera

## Membership News

### May Average Worship Attendance

8:30	Early Service	77
9:45	Sunday School	147
10:45	Traditional	230
10:45	Contemporary	133

### Homebound:

Bonnie McCullum  
Lavon Butt  
Sharon Jones  
Elizabeth Henley  
Omah Rogers  
Harry Madducks  
Melissa Devereaux  
Shirlee Evans  
May Langman  
Ermine Branch  
Lois Barr  
Marvin Hernden

### Prayer Pagers:

Available in the parish nurses' office. To call someone, you simply dial their number and when you hear the beep, hit 1111#.

Bud Akins      706-379-6775

## Upcoming Events



There will be an Adult Bible Study during the week of Vacation Bible School, May 31st—June 4th. It will be at 6:30 pm in the Friendship SS classroom in the downstairs of the MAC. Pastor Ben will be finishing up Beth Moore's When Godly People Do Ungodly Things.



Erika Bunpermkoon will be holding her senior recital on Saturday, June 20th at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. She will be playing a variety of music ranging from classical to Christian. She will also be singing. Everyone is invited to come.



Celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 21st.



The community Relay for Life event will be Friday, June 26th at the high school football field. It will kick off with the survivor's walk at 5:30 pm. Our church will have a tent camp set up on the field. We invite everyone to come on down during the evening to encourage our walkers, or walk in a lap in memory of someone or sit under the tent and chat a spell. If you would like to help but are unable to walk laps, you may bring some baked goods to sale. The items need to be individually wrapped and brought to the tent.

Team members will be seeking sponsorships prior to the event. All proceeds go toward the American Cancer Society.



# June Calendar

June 1 Stephanie Cristofaro  
Jason Neely

June 2 Beverly Orr

June 3 Lycia Jones  
Valerie Metcalf

June 4 Richard Whitmore

June 5 Lisa Rivera  
Dana Robbins  
Sandra Sowers

June 7 Kelci Jones  
Linda Roberson

June 9 Willie Mae Colwell  
George Houdeshel

June 10 Faye Eubanks  
Richard Sowers

June 11 Don Wyckoff

June 13 Norris Wood

June 14 Barbara Labouteley

June 15 Paula Johnson

June 16 Lamar Franklin  
John Innis  
Terry Legg

June 17 Greg Buchanan

June 19 David Cook

June 20 Kay Dugger  
Todd Rowe  
Gray Williams

June 21 Fred Cone  
Britt McAfee

June 23 Andrea Neely  
Nadine Tison

June 25 Anita Lippman  
Ashley Taylor

June 26 Bill Cross

June 27 June Colditz  
Kay Coots  
JC Parks  
Janice Smith

June 28 Michael Jones  
Kayla Mullins

June 29 Lois Barr  
Mike Brandenburg  
James Jarrard

Monday, 1st -  
Thursday, 4th  
Tuesday, 2nd  
Wednesday, 3rd

Thursday, 4th

Sunday, 7th

Monday, 8th  
Tuesday, 9th

Wednesday, 10th

Thursday, 11th

Sunday, 14th

Monday, 15th  
Tuesday, 16th

Wednesday, 17th  
Thursday, 18th

Saturday, 20th  
Sunday, 21st  
Monday, 22nd

Tuesday, 23rd

Wednesday, 24th

Thursday, 25th

Friday, 26th  
Saturday, 27th  
Sunday, 28th  
Tuesday, 30th

VBS, XTREME, 5:00pm  
Adult Bible Study, 6:30 pm  
Scrapbooking, 9:30 am  
Morning Glory Circle, 10 am  
Youth 5:00 pm, Music 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Parish Nursing, 9:00 –11:00 am  
Simply Supper, 5:00 pm  
Disciple Bible Study, 6:30 pm  
Blood pressure checks  
VBS Sunday in MAC  
Youth Bake Sale  
Youth DSL/MYF  
**Missions** Committee, 6:00 pm  
Scrapbooking 9:30 am  
Terrific Tuesday, Kangaroo Center  
**Trustees** meeting, 6:30 pm  
YAH Smith House 10:30 am  
Youth 5:00 pm, Music 5:30—7:00 pm  
**Church Council**, 6:00 pm  
Parish Nursing Office. 9:00—11:00 am  
Simply Supper, 5:00 –6:30 pm  
Disciple Bible Study, 6:30 pm  
Worship Services-Relay for Life  
Kids to summer camp  
MIFT, 6:30 pm  
Scrapbooking 9:30 am  
Terrific Tuesday, Fun/Games @ MAC  
UMW, 10:00 am  
Youth 5:00 pm, Music 5:30—7:00 pm  
Parish Nursing Office 9:00—11:00 am  
Simply Supper, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Circle of Love, 6:45 pm  
UMM breakfast meeting, 8:00 am  
Worship Services—Father’s Day  
Youth to Myrtle Beach  
Michigan mission crew here for week  
Kid’s Basketball Skills Camp, 9:00 am  
Scrapbooking 9:30 am  
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Youth 5:00 pm, Music 5:30— 7:00 pm  
Parish Nursing Office 9:00 –11:00 am  
Simply Supper, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Relay for Life  
Braves vs. Red Sox game, 12:30 pm  
Worship Services  
Scrapbooking 9:30 am

## United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet Saturday, June 20th at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall. Speaker will be Dennis Bradley and the devotion will be given by Bob Lester.

## Prayer Corner

Cast Your Care



I Peter 5:7 says to cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you. To cast your cares means to throw or let go. I don't know about you but the hardest part I have found is letting go. Surely God needs my help in fixing these problems. NO! He can handle any problem big or small. When you take your care to Him, ask Him to help you let go. Ask Him for His peace. He will not fail you. Remember the verse also says He cares for **you**.

## Missions...Moving with the Heart of God

### Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped out at our One Great Day of Service. It was great to spruce up our church home and take care of some housekeeping details. Thank you so much! If you missed out on this one, don't worry. We're planning for another Great Day soon. Be watching for details.

Circle of Love continues with **Simply Supper** this month. If you know someone who would benefit from this meal, please send them our way on Thursday nights between 5:00 & 6:30 pm. Simply Supper continues to be served in the small dining room in the MAC. Thanks to our church family for supporting this vital ministry for our community.

The church now has a garden spot located on the upper part of the property across from the annex. If you like to "get down and dirty" please contact Don Wyckoff at 706-745-5507.

Do you like to crochet or knit? Contact the mission committee.

The next **Missions committee meeting** is Tuesday, June 8th at 6:00 pm.

## United Methodist Women

**Circle of Love** will meet Thursday, June 18th at 6:45 in the Friendship SS classroom in the MAC. Ashley Preston will be speaking to us about her mission to Africa last year. All ladies of the church are invited to attend this meeting.

**Morning Glory Circle** will meet Wednesday, June 3rd at 10 am in the Friendship Sunday School.

**UMW Mission Circle** will meet on Tuesday, June 16th at 10:00 am in the Bray Chapel. Miss Ashley Preston will tell us about her 2008 mission trip to Mozambique, Africa.



## Military Addresses

**PFC Jeff Cook**, Bravo Troop 1-40 Cav (ABN) FOB Gardez APO, AE 09354. He is Omaha Roger's grandson.

**Fireman Brandon Rightnour**, 320A Dewey Avenue, BEQ 634 RMG 208, Great Lake, Illinois 60088. His email is: [brandonrightnour@yahoo.com](mailto:brandonrightnour@yahoo.com). He is Rosa Mandon's great-grandson.

**EN1 (SW) Blane Dorton**, 355 Aoloa Street, Apt. M101, Kailua, HI 96734. He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

**SA Brody Dorton**—USNS Safeguard (ARS-50), FPO AP 96678-3221. He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

**AW3 Evan Albright**, HS-10, P.O. Box 357119, NAS North Island, San Diego, CA 92135-7119. He is the son of Tonia Albright.

**1 Lt. Loertscher, Seth, J.**, HHC 3-187 IN REGT, 3 BCT 101 ABN DIV, APO AE 09344. He is Ruth Stefko's nephew.

**A1C Lewis**, 8402 Hillsborough Loop Drive, Unit 997, Tampa, Florida 33621. She is the daughter of Barry and Shelley Lewis.

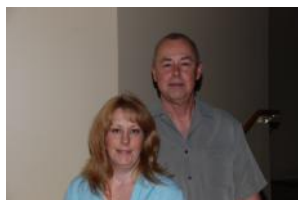
**Chris Varian**, Bravo1-321 AFAR, FOB Salerno, ATO AE 09314

**Krogmeier, Cory** Army      **Gilhooley, Ryan** USAF

## Welcome New Members



Murphy & Anita McGirt



Bill & Teresa Cronk

## Anecdote

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



## Parish Nursing

### BASIC FACTS ABOUT FLU PANDEMIC



**Flu** (influenza) is a respiratory illness caused by a virus. **Seasonal flu**—strains go around each year for which vaccines are developed. We may have some immunity to these. **Flu Pandemic**—new flu virus spreading person to person for which no one has immunity initially. Swine/Avian flu is an example.

**Symptoms:** Fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. These are similar to any strain of flu.

**How is it spread?** From person to person through coughing or sneezing. Sometimes it spreads on objects touched by a sick person. It can be spread beginning 1 day before symptoms begin to show as long as 7 days after becoming sick. It is easily spread by the hands. It is **not** spread by eating pork.

**How to prevent it?** Most important, wash your hands frequently and avoid shaking hands with others. Avoid close contact with those who are sick. Keep your hands away from your nose, eyes, or mouth. Stay in good health with nutritious food, enough sleep, plenty of fluids.

**If you have the flu:** Stay home from church, work and school. Avoid contact with others. Sneeze in your sleeve or use tissues. Wash your hands frequently. Wear a mask if you must go out. There are antiviral drugs, but they may be in short supply in a major outbreak.



First Sunday in June, Parish Nurses will be taking blood pressure checks from 9:30—10:00 in the Parish Nurse's office. High blood pressure is a silent killer. It's a good idea to get yours checked!

## WNL

- 5:30 Beginning Hand bells  
6:00 Youth B.A.S.I.C.S.  
Hand bells  
7:00 Adult Choir

## Youth Activities



Myrtle Beach Camp for 7th—12th graders will be June 22nd—26th.



Bethlehem Project will be July 12th-17th. Students will spend the week housed at the MAC. They will work during the day out in the local community. They are taking up food staples to put into food boxes for the families in this area. Please bring in canned food and staples throughout this month for them to box up.

The Youth **will** continue to meet on Wednesdays throughout the summer! A supper will be available for \$3.00 at 5:00 pm before our meeting at 6:00 pm.



Congratulations Graduates!

Pictured: Erika Bunpermkoon, Ashlee Cortez, Ashton Jones and John Estep.  
Not pictured: William Prentice, Mia Brumfield, Afton McGillis and Kayla Mullins

**Ushers:** Jim Eubanks  
Lamar Franklin  
Dennis Bradley  
Glen Boland  
Roy Cardell  
Lou Voshall  
Richard Myers

## Children's News

**Terrific Tuesdays** are special days of fun for the children during the summer. The first Terrific Tuesday, **June 9th** we will be traveling to the Kangaroo Conservatory. Cost is \$25.00 per person. We will leave the church at 8:30 am and return around 3:00 pm. Sign up at the MAC reception desk or the church office.

The next **Terrific Tuesday** is **June 16th** at the MAC for fun, games and crafts. Cost is \$5.00 per child. Time is from 9:00—11:00 am. Sign up in the MAC or church office.



Camp Sumatanga. Kids leave June 14th and return the 19th.

## Wednesday Suppers



### Greeters:

- 8:30** Alan & Kathy  
Zimmerman  
**10:45** Joe & Billie Roach  
Ron & Pauline Taylor

**DINNER HELP NEEDED!** There are 5 efficient team leaders for our Wednesday Nite Live dinners. **HOWEVER**, due to illness and other circumstances, these leaders need more help. Some of the teams do not have enough men who can lift some of the heavier pans. If you (male or female) would like to volunteer for one afternoon each month (August—May), please call Joyce Wyckoff at 706-745-5507.

Wednesday Nite Suppers are suspended for the summer and will resume in August.

## Young-At-Heart



### FUMC Camping Club Forming!

Do you have an RV, tent or motor home? Would you like to join a camping club and take short or long trips with other members of our church family? If so, call Janet Dittus at 706-745-2634. We are planning trips now. Call today.

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Our S.M.A.R.T. (Small Maintenance and Repair Team) is ready to do small maintenance or repairs for any of our shut-ins or older adults that are unable to do for themselves around their house. If you know of anyone needing assistance with small home or yard projects, call Stan at the church office and give a description of the work needed. Call today. We are ready to help!

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### “Autumn Niagara Falls Adventure” September 11-18, 2009

Featuring... 2 Nights Stay in Niagara Falls, Ontario / Guided Tour of Niagara Area / The Historic Village of “Niagara-On-The Lake” / The famous “Maid of the Mist” / The National Baseball Hall of Fame/ and more. Cost is \$1,175.00 per person plus \$ for 8 meals and includes motor coach transportation, 7 nights lodging, 14 meals, and all tours and attractions. Get an info sheet in the Narthex or at the MAC Welcome Center!

## Opportunities @



### MAC Spring Hours:

Monday—Thursday 8:00 am—5:30 pm  
Friday 8:00 am—1:00 pm

### Summer Events at the MAC! Registration forms at the MAC Desk!

June 9	Kid’s Terrific Tuesday #1 The Kangaroo Conservation Center
June 16	Kid’s Terrific Tuesday #2 Fun, Games and Crafts at the MAC
June 22	First Kid’s Basketball Skills Camp at the MAC. For rising 1st-6th..
June 27	Church-wide Trip to Braves vs. Red Sox
July 7	Kid’s Terrific Tuesday #3 The Tellus Space Science Museum
July 9	Kid’s Summer Bowling League at Galaxy Lanes. Thursdays in July
July 11	Family Day Hike to Raven Creek Falls....All ages
July 13-15	Kid’s Art Camp...basic painting techniques. Rising 1st—6th graders
July 20-22	First Kid’s “Soccer Skills Camp” at the MAC. Rising 1st-6th graders
July 28	Kid’s Terrific Tuesday #4 Ultimate Messy Games at the MAC
August 1	Family Tubing Trip on the Toccoa River. Ages 6 and up
August 4	Kid’s Terrific Tuesday #5 Helen Water Park
August 15	Church-wide Trip to Braves vs. Phillies

### Upward Sports for K-Grade 6 Are Coming!

Step 1 in beginning an Upward Ministry is to “Get the Right Leadership In Place”. In order for our church to launch an Upward Ministry we will need a large team of volunteer leadership including a league director, coaches, officials, a prayer team and many more willing to take on responsibility. Begin to pray now for how you can use your gifts and talents in ministry this Fall.

## Sr. Adults Young- At- Heart

**Our next Young-At-Heart...Meet, Greet and Eat Fellowship!** Wednesday, June 10th “The Smith House” in Dahlonega. Join us for lunch and leave the driving to me! Meet at the church at 10:30 am and return around 3:00 pm. We will eat lunch together family-style then have some time for strolling around the square. Lunch cost will be approx. \$17.00 per person. Sign-up lists are at the MAC desk and in the church office.

**August 8th High Country Harmonizers Fall Presentation at Fannin County Performing Arts Center** in Blue Ridge. Details coming soon!

**“Senior Salt” at the Billy Graham Training Center “The Cove” Asheville, NC August 31– September 1.** See Lake Junaluska and the World Methodist Council Museum. Next we head for Asheville and “The Cove at the Billy Graham Training Center”. After check- in we enjoy dinner and a movie, Cove style, then stay over in one of the Cove’s charming country inns. The evening will feature the Billy Graham Evangelistic Associations’ full-length movie *Road to Redemption*. Also visit the Western North Carolina Farmers’ Market. Cost is \$99 per person double-occupancy. Get an info sheet at the MAC desk!