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NEWSLINE



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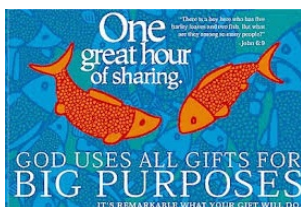


**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
SUNDAY MARCH 8TH
TURN YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD ONE HOUR
BEFORE RETIRING,
SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**

**GIRL SCOUT REUNION SUNDAY
MARCH 8TH, 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP HOUR**

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY
MARCH 15TH**

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's love with communities everywhere. The special offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business." This helps UMCOR to keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.



UMCOR is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church.

UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries including the United States. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own. Learn more at www.umcor.org.

United Methodists celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing on the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

**YOUR LENTEN OFFERING
WILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING:**

Local – Community Outreach Project with Camperships to Alta Mons for COP participants. In camp, these children thrive in a wonderful relationship with counselors and the outdoors that many don't get at home. We also provide dinner monthly for children in the COP program at West End UMC.

National –Mark Stransky, a Global Board of Missions Missionary, working at Project Crossroads in Marion, VA. **Northview UMC is sponsoring a mission trip there in April.**

UMCOR -United Methodist Committee on Relief is a not-for-profit international humanitarian aid organization providing relief from hunger and disasters and teaching



Kits for Kids allows girls and boys to assemble school supply kits for children living in poverty around the world.

peace. Besides monetary support, Northview contributes kits for health, school, sewing, etc. and NV members have been on work teams in disasters. For 75 years, UMCOR has been in ministry with the most vulnerable by being present with and offering relief to those who have been displaced by war, other conflicts, or natural disasters. We are the globally connected United Methodist family journeying with communities on the long road to recovery and development, responding to the spiritual and emotional needs of those who find their lives turned upside down by disasters, and compelled by Christ to offer hope and healing to a hurting world. **That's the community of faith that sends UMCOR out into the world.**

THE MIRACLE OF TRUST

“Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news.” - Mark 1:15



We are now on the Lenten journey to Easter. Lent is our time to evaluate our lives, our priorities, and our goals. We reflect on **who we trust**. All of our relationships are affected by the answer. After thirty-five years in pastoral ministry and even more Lenten journeys to Easter, I have come to place my complete trust in **God alone**.

The Psalmist composed a song of trust and hope that proclaimed: *“Oh, I must find rest in God only because my hope comes from Him!”* (Psalm 62:5) We are all living in a most stressful, hurried and suspicious world. Even when we are not rushing through the day, we are bombarded with more social media than we can process. We all need a **Sabbath rest** each day when body, soul and spirit **reintegrate** and **regenerate**. The place for one to completely, securely rest is **in God only**.

Trust grows in us from “seeds” God offers and we plant in the “soil of the soul.” God offers us the “seeds” of **forgiveness, new life, and eternal meaning**. All we have to do is trust that **God’s “seeds” WILL WORK**.

God’s interaction with **Jonah** is a wonderful (some have said humorous) example of God’s “seed” of **forgiveness**. Jonah’s initial response to God’s call upon his life was to run away. This is an all too common human response to the word of the Lord calling us to a specific task. God responded to Jonah (and our) rejection with a **radical grace** to forgive. The book of Jonah records: *“The Lord’s word came to Jonah a second time.”* (Jonah 3:1) God offers “second chances.” There is an amazing flexibility to God’s plans for his children. He trusted Jonah and He trusts us to **live into the calling** (vocation).

When Jesus called his first disciples he was offering them God’s “seeds” of a **new life**. Jesus’ words to the fishermen Simon, Andrew, James and John was *“Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news.”* (Mark 1:15) There was an understandable opposition to this new identity in life from both the fishermen and the community. We all need God’s forgiveness and grace to change our hearts and lives so that we can trust the awesome “good news” in Christ Jesus. This good news has the power to change us so that we **live into our new identity**.

The apostle Paul corresponded with the early Christians of the **eternal reality** of their new life in Christ. They (and we) would still live in a world of selfishness and opposition to God. Paul warns them against conforming their new life to old, worldly patterns. For Paul believed: *“those who use the world should be like people who aren’t preoccupied with it”* (1 Corinthians 7:31). The truest meaning in our lives comes from embracing the work of the Holy Spirit in our present time and circumstances. We are called to invest our relationships, emotions and experiences with eternal value.

Our God’s love is eternal and responsive to our changing life choices. The new identity we discover by living “in Christ” enables us to make better life choices. Our eternal reality gives meaning to the lives we live. During this year’s Lenten reflections on trusting God’s “seeds”, consider the words of a familiar hymn – **Bringing in the Sheaves**:

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter’s chilling breeze;
Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping’s over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing.



Blessings,
Pastor Joe



**BSA TROOP 209 29th
ANNUAL SPAGHETTI
DINNER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21st
5:00 - 7:30 P.M.**

**Northview United Methodist
Church Family Life Center**

Adults: \$8.00 Children: \$4.00

Our 29th Annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st. All profits from the dinner will pay a large portion of 2015 summer camp fees for each scout and adult attending. The food is delicious, the service is great and the scout waiters look very good in their white shirts and bow ties. Tickets are available from Forrest Otey or the Church Office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
PRESCHOOL CARNIVAL**

Northview Preschool will have our Annual Carnival and Raffle on **SATURDAY, MARCH 28th**, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We will have games, cookie walks, bake sale, inflatables (ex. Bounce house, obstacle course), and raffle and silent auction items such as gift cards from restaurants, gift baskets, jewelry, and much more. We will also sell hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

Tickets will be sold the day of the carnival but you can get "bargain" tickets if you purchase before March 22nd.



Please come to the Carnival and support our preschool. Bring your children or grandchildren and join in the fun. You may win an exciting raffle item! Questions or need tickets? See Becky Hinrichs (362-1473 or 309-8039) or Cindy Cadd.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP - PROJECT CROSSROADS

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a multi-generational mission trip to **Project Crossroads** in Marion, Virginia on Thursday, April 16th through Saturday, April 18th. All ages are welcome to participate. Elementary age children must be accompanied by a parent. Our work projects will not require special skills. We will leave Northview on Thursday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. and return Saturday, April 18th by 4:00 p.m. Since Marion, Virginia is only a two hour drive from Roanoke, you may stay the entire time or make a day trip Friday or Saturday. Pastor Joe will be our team leader. The cost is **\$20.00 per person** and **\$40.00 per family** (NOTE: There is no cost for **day groups**.) Please register at clabberclown@gmail.com or call (540) 494-1761.

LENT/EASTER

Weekly Prayer Service - Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.

Easter Cantata - "Who Do You Say That I Am?" - Sunday, March 29, 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service - April 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

EASTER, Sunday, April 5th - Community Sunrise Service at Summerdean Church of the Brethren, at 7:00 a.m.

Northview's Morning Worship with Communion at 11:00 a.m.

Evening Fellowship at 4:00 p.m.

EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Join us each Sunday afternoon for our EVENING FELLOWSHIP at 4:00 p.m. We gather in the sanctuary for singing, prayer and devotional. At 4:30 p.m. we will split into small groups for education



and support. At 5:30 p.m. we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a light dinner.

WHY HAVE A SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP?

Northview UMC began 2015 with a calendar full of activities to celebrate our 150th anniversary. We have encouraged members to answer the question: **“What else can we do to further the kingdom of God and make disciples of Jesus Christ?”** There are many individuals and families in our Hollins community who cannot attend morning worship due to demands of work and family on the weekends. For many, Sunday evening is the “end” of another frustrating and depressing week because of financial and health worries.

Sunday has always been the “beginning” of my week. I look forward to the Christian fellowship of study, worship and service that inspires the rest of the week. I realized we could offer a time of fellowship to those who are work weary, financially poor and hungry in body and spirit. Thus Sunday evening fellowship was begun.

Sunday evening fellowship has three important elements designed to meet the needs of body, mind and spirit. The first element (beginning at 4:00 p.m.) is a 30-minute “appetizer for the spirit.” We sing all types of songs of faith, pray and share a brief devotional. The second element (beginning at 4:30 p.m.) is a 60-minute “feast for the mind.” We break up into small groups for study and support.

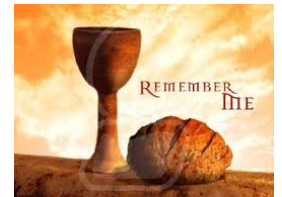


The third element is a 30-minute “dessert for the body.” We gather for a simple meal to satisfy the body’s hunger.

We need everyone’s help in “getting the word out” to our local community. Please share with anyone you know who is looking for something different, something appreciative of diverse interests and something to feast upon. *Pastor Joe*

COMMUNION BREAD MAKING

The Worship Committee invites all who would like to help them make communion bread for the Lenten season to meet with them on Sunday, March 15th, immediately following the worship service in the Family Life Center. Interested parties should contact Linda Barnett, Marcella Jordan or Amy Lyon by March 10th. Lunch will be provided.



DO YOU ENJOYING LAUGHTER AND FELLOWSHIP?

Saints Alive! is a wonderful fellowship of adults who gather for games, special events and a “bring your own” lunch. Dessert and beverages are provided for the group. We meet on the first and second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 3th, at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Paula Lesko at paula@theleskos.com or 966-4031.

HELPING A NEIGHBOR IN NEED

What a generous church family! We delivered 25 cases of soup, a case of canned fruit and vegetables, two cases of crackers, peanut butter, canned meat, oatmeal and cereal to the Local Office on Aging’s Soup for Seniors campaign. What a beautiful outpouring of love and support. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



BELATED VALENTINE'S DAY REUNION DANCE – “Wonderful Fun!”

A late Saturday snow storm only postponed the benefit Valentines' Day Dance to Sunday afternoon. The Family Life Center was beautifully decorated. The music (Keith Moore – DJ) was fantastic. The dancing was memorable and we raised **\$253.00** to support “**Imagine No Malaria.**” Many thanks to all who provided refreshments, set up the gym, danced, donated to save lives and cleaned up. (EDITOR'S NOTE: There is talk of having quarterly dances in the future. Wow!)

SOCIAL CLUB MEETS THE DS AND MAKES A JOYFUL NOISE

It was a special day for Social Club in January when the members were introduced to the Roanoke District Superintendent, Kathleen Overby Webster, who joined the group for lunch after speaking at the worship service and launching Northview's 150th Anniversary. Also joining us for lunch and being introduced to the group for the first time were Northview's Choir Director, Connie Ragland and her husband, Freddie.

After lunch Connie led the group in a good old-fashioned sing-a-long. She brought various musical instruments and passed them out to willing participants. There were drums and tambourines and other rhythm-makers. But, the main attraction was Freddie's **Pogo Cello**, also known as a **Stumpf Fiddle** (the name was googled). Freddie had made it from a long stick, a couple of pie pans, a spring and various other bells and whistles. After a brief demonstration by Freddie, who's a virtuoso, Don McDaniel agreed to give it a try. Don has had guitar and banjo lessons so he was able to catch on pretty quick. All the instruments accompanied Connie on the piano. Needless to say, there was more noise-making than singing, but it was all fun and a great way to start the New Year!



Social Club



WE ♥ SOCIAL CLUB!

And we ♥ all those nice folks who provided lunch on the 2nd Sunday of Feb. when we celebrated Valentine's Day: Linda Barnett made chicken soup and her famous cole slaw, and Ruth Siko, Sharon Simpson, Joyce Francisco, and Kathryn Johnson rounded out the meal with barbecue on buns and sliced peaches. Cake and fresh strawberries satisfied the sweet tooth in all of us.

Then it was **GAME TIME** with Joanie Tyree! Members were invited to take a **Cookie Walk**. We ♥ the UMW who provided the cookies! Then there was **Stack the Conversation Hearts**. Our winner managed to get 9 before the tower tumbled (try it – it's harder than you think). A favorite was the **Miniature Marshmallow Toss**. Members also had a chance to “**Guess How Many Skittles Are in the Jar**”. They were blindfolded for **Pin the Heart on the Target**. The final game, with members and volunteers teaming up, challenged players to **Sort the Cereal**. Each was given a baggie with the same number of cereal pieces that had to be sorted by shape. The winners were the ones who did it the fastest.

As they left the party with their prizes and treat bags (provided by Linda Barnett who made enough for the volunteers too!), we hope the Social Club Members “felt the love” at Northview.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

THANK YOU for all the wonderful baked items you brought to the Bake Sale on February 7th. We made \$378.00 thanks to your donations. Proceeds will benefit local missions.

At our February meeting we voted to purchase five nets for Imagine No More Malaria. Five lives saved!

Please remember our “Free the Girls” project. We are collecting new or gently used bras to be sent to “Free the Girls”, an organization that sends the bras to Mozambique, El Salvador and Uganda to be sold by victims of human trafficking. By selling the bras they are able to support themselves and their children (see “Free the Girls” article)”. Collection deadline is Sunday, April 12th.

Our next meeting is Tuesday March 10th, at 7:00 p.m in the Seekers classroom. The program will be “Prayer and Self Denial”. ALL ladies of the church are invited. Hope to see you there!

Helen Watson, President UMW

FREE THE GIRLS

The UMW will be collecting new and gently used bras to be sent to "Free the Girls" project. Currently 27 million men, women and children are being held as slaves around the world - more today than in any other time in history. Eighty percent of those slaves are women and girls, many of them victims of sex trafficking. There are a number of amazing organizations that are helping to rescue these women out of a life of prostitution, but what happens after they are rescued? Many aftercare providers are doing great work in providing comprehensive rehabilitation and educational opportunities to survivors, but often their resources are limited. By partnering with established after-care facilities, "Free the Girls" provide an opportunity for sex trafficking survivors to earn a living selling second-hand clothing while going to school, getting healthy, and caring for their families. Selling clothes allows them to work as much or as little as their school schedule permits. The women in this program receive their starting inventory as a donation, and then are able to buy additional inventory from Free The Girls for below wholesale value to help maintain their competitive edge in the marketplace.

UMW will be collecting bras to be taken to the District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat in April. They will send them to the “Free the Girls” organization for distribution. There will be a basket in the narthex for you to place your donations. Please help. Thanks.

Helen Watson, President UMW

DAYS FOR GIRLS

The next get-together to work on Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits will be Monday, March 30th, at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the Seekers classroom in the Family Life Center. This

month we are happy to report we are sending 73 completed kits to Haiti. They will be delivered by Jean Broyles, a member of the VIM Team who traveled to Haiti on February 18th. We are looking forward to completing more kits to help women who do not have access to these products. Please see Northview’s February newsletter for needed items you might be able to donate and the ways of which you can help.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19th in the Seekers classroom at 7:00 p.m.

The United Methodist Men’s group is open to all men of Northview and I would like to see a great turnout of men from Northview at this meeting.

A BIG thank you to those church members who helped with the meals and brought friends, family members and neighbors to Northview’s Old Fashion Country Breakfast!



☑PAY TO THE ORDER of

Northview United Methodist Church . . . \$1084.15. This is the amount Northview received from Kroger for the period of September 1 through

November 30 because 38 people registered and used their Kroger Plus Cards. This is a big contribution to Northview's budget. If you have not registered your Kroger Plus Card for the Community Rewards for Northview, please consider doing so. This is a way that you can contribute to your church when buying groceries. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com to register your Plus Card. Northview's reward number is 82549. If you need help, please see Howard Lyons, Helen Watson or Susie Shelton. If 38 people can generate \$1,084.15, just think what we could receive if more registered.

CARWASH TICKETS

The Stewardship Committee is again selling tickets for a car wash for the year 2015. The cost is \$13.99 per for One Full Service Wash. The car wash includes soft cloth wash, interior vacuum, interior windows cleaned, door jams cleaned and towel dry. The tickets may be purchased from Don Stafford, Helen Watson, David Anderson or the church office. The General Operating Fund receives \$3.00 for each ticket sold.



SAMARITAN INN SUNDAY

Please remember Northview's ongoing food ministry to the Samaritan Inn. The first Sunday of each month is designated as Samaritan Inn Sunday. You are asked to bring dried food items and non-perishable foods. Special request for items needed in preparation for the winter months are: sugar, coffee, creamer, peanut butter, **canned** beans (pinto, navy, etc.). Other Needs: paper towels, toilet paper, 8 oz Styrofoam cups, 9 inch Styrofoam plates, and plastic ware. Needs for the People: sneakers, caps, and white socks. We especially need jean sizes 32 to 40, men's belts, light weight jackets and flannel shirts for layering, razors, combs, shave cream, trial size toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Please put these donated items in the grocery cart located in the Narthex. Thank you for your help. *Your Missions Committee.*



Feeding the Community



LITTLE BLESSINGS

We are blessed every day by things we take for granted. We share our prayers and concerns but are less likely to share our joys. You are being encouraged to share your blessings with others. Most of you would never consider standing in front of a group to share these blessings, but you might be more likely to write them down. Writing them down is a reminder to ourselves that we have been blessed. And – what a joy to receive!

In each pew, there are square papers of various colors. These are provided to you so that you may share your blessings. Examples:

- You were originally blessed to visit Northview – some by invitation and some by circumstance. Write down

what that blessing was. Putting it in the offering plate will allow us to share with each other. For example, I came to Northview because of the Chicken BBQ's. I was especially blessed to have Sharon Cheatham invite me to sit with her and to join her Sunday School Class.

- You are blessed to be a member of the Northview family. In my case, this church has blessed me with so many prayers and with physical presence during my times of need. I am blessed to be here and do not plan to ever leave. Again, place this in the offering plate to share.
- You are reminded of your favorite Northview memory. We would like to include this in our celebration and maybe even create new events from these memories.
- A spiritual mentor from the past (or present) comes to mind. Who are your spiritual heroes? Write a note to thank God for including them in your life. Share it with one of their family members or place it in the offering plate to share with others.
- You would like to let someone else know that they are a blessing to you. Maybe you hear a still, small voice that says "You need to show your gratitude to someone else for exemplifying what a Christian should do or be." Your thoughts of them will be considered a blessings to them.
- You want to let someone know you are thinking of them and praying for them. This is cheaper than sending a card or note through the postal system and much more personable. We all want to feel a connection with our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- You want to let visitors know they are welcome. You may not feel comfortable speaking with strangers, but they would appreciate you recognizing they are there with you.
- You have experienced a blessing from God. Something wonderful has happened in your life. Share it with your brothers and sisters.

These are just some examples. We all need to know that we are a blessing to others, and that others see Christ in us. Others, in turn, will become a blessing for even more people because of your actions. By all means, use every one of these square papers to bless someone, or to share your blessed moments with others.

If these are given to others outside the church building, we are reaching out to the community. Invite them to join us or to just have a wonderful day! You never know who will grow in their spiritual walk as a result.

Added Bonus – As I am constructing web pages and a commemorative booklet for Northview, I would like to include some of the comments from above. I am planning to mingle the comments with the pictures. You can personally give these to me.

I thank all of you for being blessings to me and my family!

Donna Smith

IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

Doctor Lynn Beavers	Bill Kelley	Billy Ginger
Clinton & Katherine Shaw	Norman Andersen	UMCOR
Mary Mitchell	Charlie Briscoe	Margaret Camper
Alice Underwood	Elizabeth Fisher	David Stevens, friend of Ray Otey
Chip Watson, Helen Watson's brother	Charlotte Broyles	Faith Clark, Twila Briscoe's sister
Hazel Hager, Aunt of Twila Briscoe	Rev. Tina Cox	Sylvia Starnes, John Hinrichs' sister
Ellen Berman, Lynn Bryant's sister	Lee Dotson, Debbie Ginger's stepfather	
Colette Crandall, Nancy Stockermann's daughter		
Bob Walawski, husband of Marian Walawski		

In the Military

Captain Brandon Kelly, husband of Abby Jackson Kelly and son of Keith and Amanda Moore, deployed/Mediterranean area
Brigadier General Greg S. Otey, son of Ray & Doris Otey, Fort Belvoir
Staff Sgt. Wallace Berkeley Newton, Jr., grandson of Allie Jones, Qatar and Jordan

Those Who Wish Cards/Notes/Encouragement & visits

Dot Jennings - c/o Diane Helton, 1577 Jamestown Road, Rocky Mount, Va. 24151
Al Cheatwood - Eastwood, 320 Hershberger Road, Rm 101, Roanoke, Va. 24012
Betty Kelley - Snyder Nursing Home, 11 N Broad Street, Salem, Va. 24153
Darthy White - Elm Park Estates, 4230 Elm View Road, Rm 224, Roanoke, Va. 24018
Doris Burnside - Roanoke Memorial

In Sympathy

Charlotte Broyles in the death of her husband, William "Bill" Broyles
Grace Helmer in the death of her husband, David Helmer

New Address

Al and Nita Cheatwood - 480 Blue Bell Lane, Apt. 210, Roanoke, Va 24012
John & Iris Bostian - 200 The Glebe Blvd, Apt. 4014, Daleville, Va. 24083





EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Northview is offering 6" pots of your choice of Tulips, Daffodils or Hyacinths for \$7.99 each. There is no choice of color. All orders must be turned in by **Monday, March 23rd**. Late orders cannot be accepted. Payment is to accompany order form.

Flowers will be used for Easter Sunday, April 5th service and will be available for pickup following the worship service.

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 23rd

Please make checks payable to Northview UMC.

Name of Person ordering flowers: _____

Total of Flower Pots ordered: _____

No. of Tulips _____ No. of Daffodils _____ No. of Hyacinths _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Other _____



Please provide information as you want it to appear in the bulletin.

Questions: Please call the church office.