

November 2018



Dear Young Harris Memorial UMC,

Thirty years ago, around this time of year (October 1989), the Wofford family (John, Jane, Julie, Alyson, and me) transferred our letter to Canton First United Methodist Church. During one of my first Sundays at a member there, my pastor then (and still a man I call *my pastor*), Reverend Floyd Tenney said something that forever shaped my view of ministry. In his syrupy Middle Georgia accent, he said, "We must nevah foh-git, the pow-uh of the Church is in the LAY-i-TEE!"

These words (in a Southern accent) reign eternal. The power of the Church has and shall forever remain amongst the laity. Throughout the history of the worldwide Church, many a clergy person (priests, theologians, popes, bishops, etc) have sought to wield power within the church and beyond. No matter what clergy may tell you, the power to do the will and works of Jesus Christ is in YOU, the laity! Jesus moves mightily through you.

What does it take for the laity to see a mighty movement? It simply takes your willingness to give your life to Christ and one another. It only takes your willingness to be disciplined by others through the reading of the Bible, praying together as a community in Christ, and being willing to do the same thing for those who enter the church after you.

My prayer for Young Harris Memorial UMC, this day, is that you will read this brief article, you will take five minutes to listen to how God may want you to respond, and that you would respond faithfully. Say, "yes" to the words of the Holy Spirit! He wants to empower you NOW!

In Christ alone,
Pastor David

What's Happening at Young Harris UMC

Daylight Saving Time ENDS Sunday!

Be sure to set your clocks back before you go to sleep Saturday night, so you won't come to church ONE HOUR TOO EARLY!

See you all Sunday morning, with one extra hour of sleep!





Each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Susan Clark and Chuck Clark have been cooking tasty meals for YOU! We want you to be here, too!

Pastor David will be leading us with a simple Bible study from the text, "Experiencing God," by Henry Blackaby. Some folks stay for our Bible study and some eat and then go home happy and full!

Please RSVP this week and share in the tastiest meal you will eat all week long by emailing or calling Patti in the church office.



Poinsettias for Young Harris!

Purchase your Poinsettias for the Young Harris 2018 Poinsettia Tree! The cost this year again will be \$10. The Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary during Advent in memory of or in honor of your beloved. Following the Christmas Eve Service, you can take your poinsettia home and enjoy its beauty throughout the Christmas and New Year season.

The Young Harris UMC Chancel Choir will offer the community their Christmas Cantata on **Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

We hope you will be able to attend as we celebrate the coming of the Christ-child! Childcare will be available.

There will be a reprisal by the Chancel Choir the following Sunday morning at the 11:00 a.m. service.



Decorate the Church - December 1, 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join in the fun of "Hanging of the Greens", which really

means "let's decorate the church!". A long standing tradition at Young Harris is continued this year.

The children are invited to attend and help out too! We will all meet in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.m. on December 1, Saturday. We are expecting that UGA will be playing in the SEC Championship (versus Alabama), so we will be done by 11:30, so you can get ready for the "Big Game"!

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Remaining Summer Activity Calendar for 2018

December 9 - Movie Night: *Home Alone*

December 16 - Ice Skating at the Classic Center with First, Chapelwood, Oconee Street, St. James and Tuckston UMC's. (SO COOL!)

One of the most effective ways to impact the life of a youth in our congregation and our community for Jesus Christ is to offer them your real presence.

If you are interested in serving in this way, please speak with Pastor David or with Blake for more information.



Confirmation - All Saints Service, November 4, 11 a.m.

Fall Confirmation will be on All Saints Sunday (This Sunday) during a COMBINED 11 o'clock worship service on November 4. There will be three youth to be confirmed this year. They are:

- Alexis Riley Church
- Ethan Thomas Hogan
- Nicole Angela Pastor

They have participated in nine one-hour intensive classes each Sunday, before MYF and they have articulated with Pastor David their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Please continue to pray for all of our youth and those youth who we seek to invite as they are learning more about the Doctrines of the Church as well as better understanding their personal relationship with Christ.

We offer a very special "Thank You" for our sponsors, Erin McElroy and Mike McLaughlin. They attended each confirmation class and were very helpful to aid us all in thoughtful and prayer conversations.

Women and Men at Young Harris UMC



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Women's Circles for UMW are held the 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Em's Kitchen for Circle 1 and 2:00 p.m. for Circle 2 in the Family Life Center. The 2nd Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Circle 3 meets in the Family Life Center. For more information contact Geneva Milliner.

Women's Prayer meeting at Em's Kitchen 1st Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Exceptions will note on calendar.

UMW Circle 3 are asking everyone at YHMUMC to consider packing a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child! If you want to help out, there are boxes available in the Fellowship Hall, next to the Sanctuary. They have set a goal to collect 50 boxes!

Let's support Circle 3 in their AWESOME mission to children who might otherwise not receive a Christmas gift.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets each Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the FLC, Dining Room.

We are back and in full swing! We invite YOU to attend our Wednesday morning breakfast! You will be fed twice! Once with an amazing breakfast and again with the Word of God!



Friday Evening's at 7:00-8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer and Worship group that meets in the Ebenezer Sanctuary. Rev. Angela Baza leads the group in Spanish.

Missions Opportunities & Updates

The Following Sundays will include giving opportunities to these organizations:

December 24 - Our Daily Bread's "Christmas Eve Offering"



Serve Meals at Our Daily Bread

If you are interested in volunteering, we would like for you to participate! Every month a group of volunteers get together to serve a meal to the less fortunate of the Athens Community. Praise God for our Young Harris faithful servants.

One Community Garden volunteers will be working 2-4 p.m. Sundays.

If you enjoy gardening or if you would like to learn a little bit about gardening, we would like to help you become involved in this ministry. To sign up, email Mike (caidaz@gmail.com) or Allison afloydwriter@yahoo.com)



Special General Conference Called

The Council of Bishops have called a special General Conference to be held February of 2019 to discuss a way forward for the United Methodist Church amid disagreements regarding the UMC Book of Discipline's definition of Christian marriage and the stated

qualifications for the ordination of United Methodist clergy. Both issues stem from the long-standing debate regarding human sexuality.

The called General Conference will include those delegates who were elected to attend and participate in the 2016 General Conference that was held in Portland, Oregon. This General Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

The purpose of this General Conference will be "to receive and act on a report from The Commission of a Way Forward based on the recommendations by the Council of Bishops. Please pray for The United Methodist Church as we inch closer toward this special General Conference. For more information or to read the proposals being presented to the General Conference go to **[CLICK THE WEBSITE HERE.](#)**

Please contact the church office with prayers and praises so we may pray! Many members of our church need your special prayers.

Prayer for the following:

Faye Lester, Peg Christian, Mildred Edwards, Betty Mann, Joann Escoe, Pat Osley, Gwen Holmes, Evelyn Echols, Roy and Jean Welch, Luana Brown, Patsy Orr (death of her son, Trey)

- Pray for the Contemporary Service at 9:00 a.m.
 - Pray for the Latino Ministry as we come upon our first year of Hispanic worship YHMUMC.
 - Pray for our members and friends who are "shut-in" presently.
 - Pray for the ministry to children and youth at YHMUMC.
 - Pray for Christ to be known in the world.
 - Pray for our nation and other nations.
 - Pray for God's hand to be upon our leaders.
 - Pray for the United Methodist Church's Way Forward.
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Birthdays
of the Month

November Birthdays

Hannah Alexander 11/7

Craig Richt 11/8

Carlos Pastor 11/12

Lindsay Alexander 11/16

Jose Urillas 11/23

Jessica Ammons 11/23

Daryll Victorio 11/26

Martha Rayburn 11/30

Jesus Linch 11/30



November Pictures of the Month!



Nancee Tomlinson went to Cuba on a mission trip last week. During worship at the church in Piñar del Rio, the mission team sang with the locals Parrish.

The mission team brought money to and worshipped with 19 churches.

Submit your favorite Young Harris UMC pictures to dwofford@yhmumc.com or
psimpson@yhmumc.com. It may just get chosen!
