Sheffey Camp Meeting

This event Sunday, July 7 – Wednesday, July 10 is worthy of your time. This Camp Meeting is named after a man who was utterly convinced that prayer could change situations and people. He would pray asking the Holy Spirit to come to these meetings and renew the spiritual lives of those present. This year the music starts off with Jeff and Sheri Easter. They have been frequent performers on the Gaither Homecoming videos and recordings and have at least 28 CD’s. Rev. Ronnie Collins is our guest preacher. Ronnie started ministry in Hillsville, VA working with the youth. This ministry turned into a congregation and is one of the largest Methodist congregations in Southwest Virginia.

Camp-in-the-Community

This is it. July 15-19, our dream of hosting 120 children in a day camp is about to take place. Here are ways you can help.

Pray! Last year 39 out of the 60+ kids who took part grew in their faith and declared that they were followers of Christ.

Water: Yes, we need cases of bottled water. Until we accomplish that feat; cases of water are a blessing. The small bottles are best.

Snacks: Granola bars, crackers, raisins, and other small individually wrapped snacks are a blessing for the child who arrives hungry or “is going to die” before they get home.

Children: Rising K through Rising 8th graders are the ones who can take part in this experience. It is a free day camp. We are hoping volunteers can drive the church van from our church parking lot to Sheffey Camp Meeting each day.

Application forms are outside of the church office, and donations can be left in the church office.

Rhonda’s Requests

Rhonda has sat on the organ bench and listened to sermons at Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopal and now Methodist churches. Along the way she wondered about sermons and what she would like to hear. This July she is getting her wish. To get you thinking here are Pastor Brian’s Sermon titles for the month: July 7 Worthy of the Supreme Court; July 14 Long-Neck Ice-cold Comfort; July 21 You’re Not Even Charging Rent; July 28 Listening to Silence.

July 14th Road Trip

Our Sound and Media Crew are preparing to improve their skills. Two of our area churches St. Paul in Wytheville and Dublin UMC use technology in ways that adds greatly to worship. So, our crew is going to visit both churches this Sunday and observe. To help them in this process new software is also being purchased. Rejoicing that these volunteers are willing to take their God-given talents and improve them for his glory and our benefit.

Report for VBS

“Do I go to baseball practice or VBS?” This question was asked by many children involved in VBS and most picked VBS because of the quality of our program. Around 55 kids came out each night and learned. One of the key parts of this was that these were the same children who came back day after day. Several hundred dollars was collected and used to fulfill the M-I-S-S-I-O-N song and help a family in our community. Four new trees were donated and planted. Handmade gifts were distributed personally to our neighbors at Old Orchard. Most importantly the roots of faith grew in those who came each night; faith that will affect them the rest of their lives.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to make VBS a success this year. We were definitely blessed to see so many children showing up every night to celebrate the Lord’s beautiful creation. We are already looking forward to next year and praying about the message God wants us to hear. Have a blessed summer!

→Kim and Emily

Name Tags

Jerry, one of our 1st graders probably knows your name. Our guess is that if you attend worship, you know his as well. However, an informal survey notes that many of us don’t know the names of the persons a couple of pews away. So, to help us all love our neighbor for the months of July and August, everyone is asked to wear a name tag. These will be provided at the entrances to the sanctuary along with pens. By the way, this is nice way to get to know our guests among us as well.
MEMORIAL GIFTS
Were given this month in loving memory of:

Jennifer Fonfara
Charles Houck
Goldie Spaur
Gillett Wickline

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Stewardship Report-Budget

Received June a year ago .............. $ 15,263.50
Received June ................................ $ 20,090.61
Received Y-T-D a year ago .......... $ 107,702.00
Received Y-T-D .............................. $ 115,054.50

Preschool
Tina Hedrick (540-921-7114 mobile) is rejoicing over the number of children already registered for the 2019-2020 school year. If you know of a child who would benefit from this quality program, please call Tina today.

Church Directory
The consensus was it would be a good for our church to publish a new directory. The last one was published in May 2011. To do this we need at least three volunteers who are willing to direct the program. Photo day will be October 9-10.

Youth News
We are taking donations from spring cleaning and yard sale leftovers for our Annual Rummage Sale, which will be the 1st weekend in August. We will be setting up the weekend before and that week. We may extend our Sale times to Thursday evening, Friday morning and Saturday morning. We will plan to attend a Pulaski Yankees ballgame, weather permitting on Wednesday, July 10th. CAMP IN THE COMMUNITY IS JULY 15-19! YOUTH are encouraged to help. Training will be provided. Let Renee know if you are interested. We will plan to go to yardsales July 27 at the US 21 Road Market (weather permitting). We will also be having other outings to be determined. Texts will be sent.

Thank You!!
Thank you for your help during the 2019 Relay event and fundraising year. We missed those of you that were not able to attend the event. Giles Relay has collected, $40,363.08 for the American Cancer Society. We have until the end of August to continue turning money in for this year’s totals. Our team turned in a total of $6,241.00. Your help throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again, Diane

Old Orchard Delivery Service
Monday through Friday between now and August 15 our church is helping our neighbors at Old Orchard. For the last couple of years, a grant enabled these residents to get free food from the Summer Feeding program. This year, with the changes in the program a complication arose: how to get the food to them. Our church loves our neighbors and is willing to help. Ellen Salmon 921-2020 is coordinating these volunteers and using this same service to provide food for our Young at Heart in June and July. So, give her a call and bless our neighbors. You can even go early and get a great lunch yourself at Narrows High School.