

# Gamewell United Methodist Church

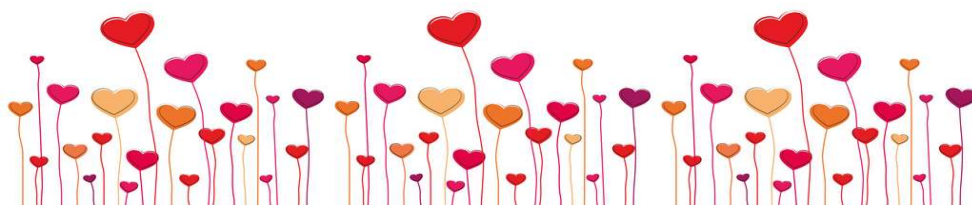


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## Church Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2021



### Upcoming Events:

- *Administrative Council/Planning Meeting:*
  - Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- *Worship Service:*
  - We will continue to have a Zoom-style worship service until the COVID-19 cases improve for our area.
  - Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. The link to the reoccurring Zoom meeting can be found online at <https://www.gamewellumc.com/>. Dial-in instructions can be found there as well. We hope to see you there!
  - A recording of the service will also be posted on the website and Facebook page the following day, for those who are not able to attend live.
- Unfortunately, there will be no Prime Rib Dinner this year due to COVID-19.
- The American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 4:30 p.m. You can sign-up to give blood online at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](https://redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive).

### Monthly Missions:

- Don't forget to bring your donations of canned fruit to the church for Yokefellow!
- We will be collecting items for the Women's Shelter during the months of January and February. Item's that are most needed right now are: **wash clothes, towels, and socks of all sizes.** They can also use the usual paper product items.
- Donations can be dropped off at the church during the following times:
  - Every other Sunday from 11:30am – 12:00pm. February dates are February 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Contact Garrett for other donation times at 980-621-8751.





**Please remember the follow people in your prayers:**

Mary Ellen Corpening, Hayden and Linda Davis, Bitsy Greene, Willie Frank Houck, Matthew Bays, Kim Greene, Dale Hicks, Abby LaPrade, Allen and Vickie Safford, John Shelton, Linda Shelton, Georgia Sue Crump, Jim Childers, Emily Brown, Amy Perry, Louie Lindsay, Carolyn Trivette, Annie Hills, Jace Coffey, Mark Young, Mike Stevens, Vivian Laws, Patricia and Gary Blackwell, Millie Jones, Brenda Bryant, Cynthia Presnell, Peggy Throneburg, Jimmy Marler, Kim Bays, Betty Willis, Leigh Carney, Jeff Hoover, Faith Mabe, Burla Willis, Brittany Watson, Chris Young, Sandy Stephens and Family.

You may submit your prayer request to **gbrown1@wnccumc.net**



Casey Throneburg	February 12
Nancy Thiele	February 14
<b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b>	
Ray Kendall	February 19
Doris Helms	February 21
Barbara Presnell	February 23
Amber Myles	February 26

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**Remember Your Offerings**

**Monthly Contributions**  
**To Date: 1-24-2021**

Needed Weekly	2,037.90
General Fund YTD	3,548.00
Total Needed YTD	8,151.60
Building Fund YTD	0
Memorial Fund YTD	0

*(excludes online donations  
for January)*

**Weekly Worship**  
**Attendance - January**

1-03-2021	31
1-10-2021	29
1-17-2021	29
1-24-2021	30

Number on Roll = 122

**2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in your church mailbox. Drop-off/pick-up times are every other Sunday from 11:30am – 12:00pm. February dates are February 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Garrett for other pick-up times at 980-621-8751.**

*\*You can mail your contributions to the GUMC parsonage at 3522 Highland Way, Lenoir, NC 28645. You may also donate online at <https://gamewellumc.com/>*



### Parish Announcements:

Whitnel UMC is in the process of planning for our 2021 Monthly Community Meals and needs your help. Since COVID-19 has caused a pause in our steps, and a decrease in the number of available workers, we are going to transition to drive-thru/pick-up meals (hopefully starting in February). **We're asking for donations of any of the following:**

- pre-wrapped utensils (preferably with napkin)
- to-go soup bowls with lids
- to-go condiment containers
- to-go boxes
- spaghetti noodles
- spaghetti sauce
- Canned corn, green beans, whole potatoes
- Dried pinto beans
- Individual size bags of chips
- boxes of instant mashed potatoes
- boxes of cornbread mix
- pre-made, individually wrapped desserts

If you have any donations, please contact Claricea Mitchell at [clmitchell@caldwellschools.com](mailto:clmitchell@caldwellschools.com), or swing by Whitnel UMC between 8 am and 10 am on Sunday Mornings.

## RECIPE of the MONTH

### Strawberry Pretzel Salad

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 cups pretzels, crushed           | 6 oz. box Strawberry Jello |
| 1 cup plus 3 tsp. sugar            | 2 cups boiling water       |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ cup melted margarine | 20 oz. frozen strawberries |
| 8 oz. cream cheese                 | 2 cups Cool Whip           |

Mix pretzels, 3 tsp. of sugar, and margarine. Press in bottom of 9 x 13" pan. Bake 8 minutes at 400 degrees. Cool completely.



Mix cream cheese, 1 cup sugar and Cool Whip, folding the Cool Whip into the mixture. Spread over pretzel crust. Dissolve gelatin in hot water; add strawberries. Pour on top of cream cheese mixture and chill overnight.

Cheryl Hoover & Elizabeth Davis  
Gamewell UMC Cookbook (1994)  
Pg. 235



### A Letter from the Pastor

Greetings one and all!

I'd like to begin by thanking those who have been joining us each Sunday via Zoom for worship service. I don't think any of us expected Covid-19 to linger around as long as it has, and it's certainly taken its toll on the normality of church life, but I'm thankful that we're still able to convene in a singular place (even if it is online) to worship the Lord. I thank you for your patience, your grace, and your support as I know it is a less-than-desirable situation. I'm not naive to the fact that Zoom fatigue exist, and so again, I just wanted to thank you all for hanging in there with me. I cannot say for sure when we'll be back in our sanctuary. It is all depends on a virus that I cannot control and one that seems to be as stubborn as a mule. When the district announces that it's safe to re-enter, we'll probably set the land-speed record for a congregation moving back into its sanctuary, but until then, or until the weather warms up, Zoom is how we'll have to worship.

The good thing about the church is that it's more than a building, but a community of people, working together inside and outside of the sanctuary walls doing the work of Gods Kingdom. I'm very proud to say that we're still able to maintain our missional efforts during this time of uncertainty, and that there are more opportunities to serve our community on the way.

If you have not heard, we will be having a blood drive again and I'm excited for all the good we'll be able to do via the help of the American Red Cross. Information on the date and times has been included in the "upcoming events" section of the newsletter. We will share more information with you all as it comes on how to sign up and how to get involved with volunteer work. I'm very proud that we're continuing this tradition this year. Some of our other traditions have been sidelined for now, but I'm thankful that we can at least do some good for the community while we wait for the elimination of this virus.

I'd like to remind you all that God is indeed working in and through all this. To quote the insightful Dr. Trick "God is preparing to pour new wine into the new wineskins He has been constructing over the past year." I don't know how, or when, but good will come out of all this. Somehow, some way. We serve a loving, caring God. He will not and has not forsaken us, and the insights of what He's doing will soon come to light. I just know it.

In the meantime, keep your heads up, and have faith that life will return to normal sooner or later. We will be able to spend time together again in person, and before you even know it, we'll be lifting the roof of that sanctuary with songs of praise, worshipping our Lord who loves us more than we can even comprehend.

As always reach out to me anytime, and if I do not have your email for Zoom, please make sure that I get it. If you do not have an email and want help making one, let us know and we'll get that done for you.

In God's love,

Pastor Garrett