

Gamewell United Methodist Church



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Church Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2020



Upcoming Events:

- *Administrative Council/Planning Meeting:*
 - Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m.
- *Annual Barbeque Fundraiser:*
 - **The Barbeque Fundraiser was a success!** Thanks for all who contributed by selling tickets, baking desserts, preparing food, and serving on Saturday. We appreciate you!
- *Weekly Worship Service:*
 - **We have moved inside the sanctuary for worship!** We will be meeting every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for worship, with no Sunday School at this point in time. We will continue to follow guidelines and send updates as changes are made.
 - Please be sure to wear a mask, sit in the designated areas, and do not congregate in the sanctuary after the service.
 - If you do not feel comfortable coming inside, we have options for you. The service will be recorded and uploaded to our Facebook page and our website gamewellumc.com the following day. We also have a radio transmitter, so you can tune into the radio station 98.1 and listen to the service in the parking lot.

Monthly Missions:

- Don't forget to bring your donations of canned fruit to the church for Yokefellow!
- We will be collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child in October through November 15th. Informational materials and cardboard shoeboxes will be available at the church every Sunday. For those who are currently unable to shop, you can build-a-box online at www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/.





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, Mark Borelli, Jeff Hoover, Faith Mabe, Burla Willis, Brittany Watson, and Ben Carlton.

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



Toni Holland	Nov 1
Amanda Templeman	Nov 6
Kathy Jo Myles	Nov 8
Johnny Taylor	Nov 10
Cheryl Teague	Nov 12
Clyde Whittington	Nov 14
Kim Bays	Nov 15
Tommy Suddreth	Nov 15
Jack Roberts	Nov 28
Louie Lindsay	Nov 30
Happy Thanksgiving!!	Nov 26

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Monthly Contributions
To Date: 10-30-2020

Needed Weekly	2,092.63
General Fund YTD	92,335.65
Total Needed YTD	89,983.09
Building Fund YTD	660.00
Memorial Fund YTD	25.00
Pregnancy Center	239.61

Weekly Worship
Attendance

10-4-20	30
10-11-20 (zoom)	12
10-18-20	31
10-25-20	20

Number on Roll = 127

*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/>



Hello one and all! We're nearing the end of the year and that means it's time to think about upcoming family gatherings for Thanksgiving! Gamewell UMC has been flowing as efficiently as we can during this pandemic and that makes me proud. I'd like to take a moment and talk about some of the happenings around the church in case you missed it, and also for those who still may feel uncomfortable leaving their homes during this bizarre time. I'd like to remind you that you're still in our thoughts and prayers and I'm just a phone call away at any time, if you ever feel the need to reach out. Things are busy for me, as someone who's still in Seminary and nearing the time of finals, as well as taking on the roles at Whitnel UMC for a period (I start my rotation there November 1st) but I will certainly find a time to reach out to church members I don't see often just to check in. I think about you all more than you probably realize.

To begin, we have successfully moved our way back into the sanctuary after a few outdoor worship services, that despite the noise from the road, went well. The conference adjusted their restrictions of the number of people allowed indoors for worship and as it is, Gamewell falls within the range where it's safe to do so. Not a moment too soon also as the cold weather is surly on its way, and as fun as it may be to bundle up with blankets for outdoor worship, (I say fun because it would surely be different than what we're used to doing come winter) the experience would certainly wear thin sooner rather than later, so I thank the Lord that we are able to go back into our warm, comfortable sanctuary as soon as we could. Folks around the Church have done a great job marking off pews and providing the necessary protective measures to ensure that this will be a safe area to worship in. Folks have been sitting apart from each other in regards to the appropriate distances and each one of us has been wearing our mask and I cannot thank you all enough for your patience and participation in the efforts to keep our at-risk members safe. We have been keeping services on the short side of things as an extra precaution (it's best not to poke the bear as they say) and I wholeheartedly believe this is best to do during this time because we cannot be too careful with this virus. Also, we have our FM Transmitter up and running if you'd like to come to church to worship, but still do not feel comfortable coming inside. All you have to do is tune in to 98.1 FM to catch our service from the comfort of your own car in our parking lot. Not a bad middle ground solution during these strange times. I am so proud of our Church for taking it seriously and you all deserve a round of applause for your efforts. Thank you so much to those who have took the time outside of their normal schedule to prep the church and also to those in attendance for following the correct procedures to ensure a safe worship experience for all.

We had a BBQ fundraiser on October 17th that really went well. It was such a great experience to see how everyone stepped into their roles, even without me having to ask, and working hard to see that the event went smoothly. We were able to feed the community during a difficult time in our nation's history and that's something to hang your hat on. We had a decent turn out (despite the fire department down the street holding a BBQ event on the same day) and we were able to bring in over 2500 dollars after our expenses to help fund the Gamewell Elementary Backpack Program. As a result, we are able to continue in our efforts to feed some of the hungry children in the area, and this is something I am certain God takes delight in. This is an important mission for our church and we "knocked it out of the ballpark" as they say. Again, I am very proud of what we were able to accomplish. Also, the BBQ, slaw, beans, and dessert were delicious! I hope you were able to experience it. We thank you for participating either as a worker or just as someone looking to get a plate to eat, as everyone's efforts went to a good cause.

We're looking forward to the holidays and as a new pastor I'm looking forward to experiencing these special times with you all. I know that things will look slightly different than what we are used to but that doesn't mean we can't have a good, meaningful holiday experience during this time. I want to thank you all again for the treatment of my family and I. I'm very much starting to feel at home here and it's from the efforts of the church community which is making us feel this way. We love you all and look forward to worshipping with everyone for (hopefully) years to come.

In God's love, Pastor Garrett