

# Gamewell United Methodist Church



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## Church Newsletter OCTOBER 2020



### Upcoming Events:

- *Administrative Council/Planning Meeting:*
  - New Date! Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  - Don't forget to wear your mask!
- *Annual Barbeque Fundraiser:*
  - Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
  - Drive-thru/Pick-up only (no dine-in this year)
  - Proceeds will benefit the Gamewell Elementary School Backpack Program
  - See Cheryl Teague or Ann Watson to purchase tickets. We also need volunteers to make baked goods!
- *Weekly Worship Service:*
  - **We will meet in the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday for worship.** This is how we will meet for the foreseeable future. The service will be recorded and uploaded to our Facebook page and our website [gamewellumc.com](http://gamewellumc.com).
  - In the event of rain, Pastor Garrett will send out an email about an online worship opportunity.
  - Please bring your mask and a chair if you plan to attend!

### Monthly Missions:

- Don't forget to bring your donations of canned fruit to the church for Yokefellow!
- We will begin collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child in October through November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/).





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

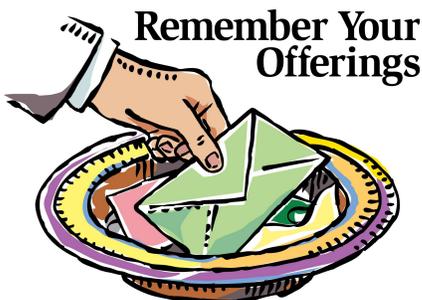
Mary Ellen Corpening, Hayden and Linda Davis, Bitsy Greene, Willie Frank Houck, Matthew Bays, Kim Greene, Dale Hicks, Abby LaPrade, Allen and Vickie Safford, John Shelton, Linda Shelton, Georgia Sue Crump, Jim Childers, Emily Brown, Amy Perry, Louie Lindsay, Carolyn Trivette, Annie Hills, Jace Coffey, 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, Ben Carlton, and Roberta Deck.

You may submit your prayer request to [gbrown1@wnccumc.net](mailto:gbrown1@wnccumc.net)



Wendy Goins	Oct 4
Willie Frank Houck	Oct 7
Shirley Haas	Oct 8
Royce Coffey	Oct 11
Cole Staley	Oct 12
Linda Davis	Oct 13
Melissa Carlton	Oct 16
Judy Lefever	Oct 22
Kaylor Adams	Oct 23
Karrie Johnson	Oct 23
Happy Halloween!	

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**Monthly Contributions  
To Date: 9-20-2020**

Needed Weekly	2,092.63
General Fund YTD	84,112.50
Total Needed YTD	79,519.94
Building Fund YTD	600.00
Memorial Fund YTD	25.00
Pregnancy Center	239.61

**Weekly Worship  
Attendance**

8-30-20	30
9-06-20	34
9-13-20	n/a
9-20-20	33
9-27-20	35

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 at Gamewell United Methodist Church!

We're moving now into the time of cooler weather, fall activities, and football! I think we're all happy that the weather is finally cooling off, but maybe not so much that summer is coming to an end. However, as it goes in life, things move forward. Gamewell UMC is no exception! We have successfully transitioned from virtual worship to outdoor worship, and I'm so proud of the efforts of those who have made it happen. Folks are doing a good job with social distancing during worship, and the Lord has blessed us with a smooth transition. I'm finally meeting some new faces, and it's so nice to see everyone in person. What a joy it is, to be able to worship with you all, and give praise to the Lord as a group in a single location.

In other good news we now have an FM transmitter for those who want to join worship but may feel safer staying in the car. If this is you, come on out, we've got you covered! For those who still feel uncomfortable worshipping live, fear not, we also have ways of getting worship services to you! We upload our sermons to our website, [Gamewellumc.com](http://Gamewellumc.com). We also upload sermons to Gamewell and Whitnel UMC's Facebook pages, and we also email the sermons directly. We have plenty of options here at Gamewell, but if none of these options work for you, call me, and I'll be happy to tell you what we talked about during worship. I do not want any of you to go without God's word during this time of uncertainty. If you feel like you're missing out, call me, and we'll get it solved!

We still plan on doing our BBQ fundraiser October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6:30. Be sure to bring out the whole family for an easy meal! It will be held drive-through-style, and we pray for a good, safe, turnout. Additionally, we hope to transition into the sanctuary sooner rather than later. It seems safe to say that things are progressing towards that reality, and as soon as Bishop Leeland gives us the green light, we'll make that move back inside. Keep praying that the Lord will provide the way to eliminate this virus, so we can get back to business as usual (well as close as we can get to it anyway). Worship may change in some ways for a bit once we're able to move back indoors, (like with the issues that surround singing) but that shouldn't keep us from being able to worship in a way that we find uplifting and rejuvenating! I'm confident, that with time, we'll be back to worship in ways that are familiar! God will work in the world. God will help rid us of this viral threat, and God will see us through. Until then, let's remain considerate of others, wear our mask in public, and look to the future with hearts of hope!

In God's Peace  
Pastor Garrett