

# October

## October Events

- 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30am UMW Breakfast  
 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Trustees  
 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Finance Committee  
 20<sup>th</sup> 12:15pm Church Council  
 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00am UMM Breakfast  
 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30pm Meal for the Wesley Foundation at WCU

## Weekly Events

### Sundays:

- River of Life 8:30 AM  
 Sunday School 9:45 AM  
 Worship Service 10:55 AM  
 Stone Soup 5:00 PM

### Wednesdays:

- WoW! 6:30 PM  
 N/A 6:30 PM  
 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

## Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
 9 AM – 12 NOON

## Birthdays:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Evan Clapsaddle  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Cotton  
 4<sup>th</sup> Owen Outlaw  
 5<sup>th</sup> Os Waters  
 Dan Trehern  
 6<sup>th</sup> Kristi Benson  
 Gary Reece  
 9<sup>th</sup> Jim Jarrett  
 12<sup>th</sup> Amelia Cooper  
 13<sup>th</sup> Tom English  
 Janis Wright  
 18<sup>th</sup> Jerry McKinney  
 Charlie Saunooke  
 19<sup>th</sup> Elaine  
 Ringelspaugh  
 25<sup>th</sup> Bill Dills  
 27<sup>th</sup> Kaley Parker  
 28<sup>th</sup> Linda Dills

## Anniversaries:

- 8<sup>th</sup> James & Francis  
 Colville  
 25<sup>th</sup> Jim & Marilyn Gray  
 27<sup>th</sup> Allen & Esther Strait  
 28<sup>th</sup> Danny & Sandra  
 Whatley  
 30<sup>th</sup> Larry & Glenda  
 Callicut  
 31<sup>st</sup> Dick & Christine  
 Simon

## THE UPPER ROOM

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Thoughts about God's Love:

How can I help others feel  
 cloaked in God's Love? – Oct 17  
 Today I will remember that I am  
 God's beloved. – Oct 29  
 Don't forget to pick-up your free  
 copy of The Upper Room in the  
 narthex or back hall.

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# October 2013



## Newsletter



October is *Pastor Appreciation Month*. Thank you Wayne for all you do!

Want more photos? [See More](#) on our website.



# Memo from the Midbar



## You Take the Cake!

For those that could not attend the traditional worship service on Sunday, you missed a real treat. It was very special in so many ways.

First, for those of us that attended the River of Life service by the river, we gathered for our final Sunday of 2013.

During that time we celebrated God's love and provision in mission. Our mission is to support the giving of life to the people of northern Haiti through clean water. We celebrated the fact that we were able to send a filtration system and two wells in 2013. Read more about the Missional efforts later in this newsletter or click on the link below to:

[See More online.](#)

Back in Bryson City, it

was hymn singing Sunday! At the traditional worship service we enjoyed a marvelous time of singing hymns and praising God together as one body. Led by Ralph Murphy, the choir sang some beautiful special arrangements.

Accompanying Ralph and the choir was Anne Steele who played beautifully on the organ and her daughter Beth who seemed flawless on the trumpet.

Ralph also led the congregation in singing their favorite hymns. These hymns had been selected by the church earlier in the month with an array of songs from our United Methodist Hymnals.

One church favorite wasn't in the hymnal however; "The Church in the Wildwood" so the

choir sang the song while those that knew it by heart could follow along.

If you couldn't make it to the service, I put together a video with a short clip from most of the songs in the service. Click on the link below to:

[Watch the Video online.](#)

As part of the worship service, the congregation designed the day, pastor appreciation day and shared a little extra love with me.

Immediately following our inspirational service of worshipful singing, the congregation quickly moved to the Fellowship Hall for a pot luck dinner. And boy the pots had really been cooking overtime. Several people said it was the best food they can remember.

For me the highlight was the dessert which was a beautiful cake (as seen above) with the caption "Paddle your way to church." The phrase had an extra special appeal with my connection to river life.

Another way the church showed its love and appreciation for me as their pastor was through many financial donations designated to the wells in Haiti. What a blessing!

I can't say how grateful to have such a wonderful congregation! Thank you for being my friends and family.

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!*

Psalm 133:1 NIV



What society thinks I do



What my parents think I do



What my friends think I do



What my church thinks I do



What I should do



What I actually do

## Prayer Chain

There are times when each of us is desperately in need of prayer and God's healing of our body, mind and spirit.

There is great power in prayer. Whether it is through personal prayer or "intercessory prayer" for others.

*The prayer of faith will save the sick.*

James 5:15a NRS

You are probably aware of the intercessory prayer offered each week during

on Sunday, November 3. Alan Carvalho will oversee our Charge Conference.

All forms need to be in the office by **Monday, October 28** so we can make enough copies and give Alan enough time for planning.



our worship service. But did you know that our church has a team of dedicated pray-ers? We call this support team our *Prayer Chain*.

Our church is in the process of updating our *Prayer Chain* so that we can most effectively pray for the needs of our church and community.

If you would like to be a part of this powerful ministry, please contact:

Betty Sandlin  
488-3871

Dolores Price  
488-3438

## Church News

### Church Council

The next church council meeting will be on Sunday, October 20 after the service.

We will be discussing old and new business. Everyone in our congregation is welcome to attend this meeting.

### Worship Committee

If you would be interested in being a liturgist, please contact Arthur Tribble at: 488-0372 home 770-354-2941 cell Training will be provided. Fortune and fame are sure to follow.

### Finance Committee

The finance committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 16 at 5:30pm

### UM Women

The UMW will be meeting on Sunday, October 6 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

The UMW will be leading our worship service on Sunday, October 20.

We will be providing a meal for the Wesley Foundation at WCU on

Thursday, October 31. Please watch for the bulletin insert of items that will be needed.

It's time to start looking through your recipes! The annual Cookie Walk and Bazaar will be on Saturday, December 7.

### UM Men

The next UMM breakfast will be Sunday, October 27 at 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for a time of sharing, devotional, fellowship and of course a hearty breakfast!

### Church Directory Photos

PLEASE: Don't forget to submit your picture or have Mikki or Pat take one for our church directory.

### The I's Have It

As we seek to provide you with the best and most up-to-date news about our church, we wonder what you think is most *Informative*, *Interesting* and *Inspirational*.

Let us know what you would like to read about in your newsletter.

### Small Group Bible Study

We are in the process of

planning new Bible Study groups and are interested to hear how you need to grow spiritually.

We hope to be able to start new study groups within the next month.

Please fill out the "[Small Group Survey](#)" and email it back or print a copy and drop it by the office.

### Thank You!

For your gracious hospitality and open doors, we give thanks! Our weekend allowed us to welcome new folks and deepen relationships within the community. We could not have imagined a more welcoming church.

Thank you!

Clemson UMC Youth

### Wireless Internet

Wireless internet access has recently been expanded throughout the church including The Fellowship Hall. Both networks are 'secured.'

The network names and passwords currently are:

BCUMC: bcchurch76

Fellowship Hall: wayner#1

These passwords will change periodically. Each

time they do, you will receive an email with the new password. It will also be printed in the bulletin.

Per safe sanctuary policies, we are striving to maintain a safe and secure environment for all children and youth at BCUMC. The security of our internet is a key part.

If you have problems connecting, swing by the church office, anytime during the week, for help.

We hope everyone enjoys the new wireless internet.

Thank you,

Rick Colcord, Chair  
The Trustees

### Computer Available

Pastor Wayner has donated a laptop that can be borrowed to type letters or access the internet. It may be used to check email, do research or engage in online Bible studies through our RightNow Media account.

To use the laptop at BCUMC, check with Mikki in the church office.



In case you haven't heard, our church has access to over ~~1,000~~ 3,000 videos for Bible study and devotionals.

To sign up to watch the RightNow Media videos at home, contact Mikki in the church office.

If you don't have access computer, you can watch them on the church's laptop.

Click on the link below to learn more and:

[Watch the Video online.](#)



### Church of Celebration

There are many days and many reasons for us to celebrate as a body of Christ together.

The tradition of the little white church on the altar is one of celebration. It is an opportunity for us to celebrate special days in our lives. It might be a

birthday or anniversary. It might be the celebration of a special day of healing.

As an offering for these celebrations, we offer "gifts" back to God for the goodness in our lives. The monetary tribute given for these celebrations will be placed in the Good Samaritan Fund. This community fund designed to give help and hope to others in our community.

'Church of Celebration' will be on the altar throughout the entire service. This will give you the opportunity to celebrate quietly during the time of greeting, or share your celebration with the whole congregation before the time of greeting.

It's time to count your blessings and celebrate with our whole church so that we might experience God's goodness together.

And in the process, offer hope and the potential for celebration to others that desperately need to feel God's presence in their lives.

Celebrate with us!

~The Worship Committee

## Contemporary Worship Service Update



### WoW! Is Happening!

After two trial runs to work out some of the details for our WoW! service (Worship on Wednesday) we are ready to start offering this contemporary style service on a weekly basis.

Starting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a WoW! service in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Similar to the worship style of the River of Life, WoW! offers contemporary praise and worship songs combined with a current message of Good News.

Each week we are challenged to make the message relevant through small group discussions including the mutual encouragement of others.

Our plan is to keep the children with us through the entire service if possible.

There are special tables set up for the children to use to color, draw, and love on stuffed animals under parental guidance. This allows the parents to stay connected through the entire service including the message and small group discussion.

We have added an informational page on the Bryson City UMC website. You can find more details, photos, and videos about the service on that page. Or just click on the link below to:

[See More online.](#)



### Summer in Review

It was another great summer of experiencing the Hope and Love of God in the Nantahala Gorge.

We were fortunate to have a covered area for worship since it rained almost every Sunday morning. Still, our hearty group managed to grow in God's love and fellowship with each other along the way.

We would especially like to thank Dwayne Parton who led the worship music and Terry Cotton who organized the set-up and take-down each week.

Thanks to everyone's generous support over the summer, we were able to raise the full amount for a portable water filtration system!

The FW-60-M(S) system was chosen because of its durability and ease of use to sustain a small community in critical circumstances such as hurricanes.

Having a high-caliber filter of this nature will help Dr. Eugene minister

to the needs of the people by giving them clean water to help them heal from deadly illnesses.

If you want to know more about the water filter, click on the links below. The first gives information about the filter and the second is a video showing it the filter in action.

[Read More online.](#)

[Watch the Video online.](#)

(The FW60 is described starting around 3:10.)

Our goal for September was to raise enough money to build another well and **we did it!**

Through the Well in a Weekend event, special donations and the loving gifts from the BCUMC congregation for 'pastor appreciation day, we raised over \$3,000! Coupled with other ROL funds it is enough for two additional wells!

If you are interested in learning more about how we are ministering to the people of Haiti, contact Pastor Wayner at the church office or

[See More online.](#)



### Stone Soup Update

Join us each Sunday, starting at 5 pm for a fellowship meal and study of the Psalms.

We begin our time together with a "fellowship dinner" with a theme such as "Picnic."

After sharing in a meal together we share in reflecting on a Psalm passage which often gives us the opportunity to explore the deeper meaning of the message on Sunday morning.

Check the website or church bulletin to see what the food "theme" and the Psalm in focus will be for each week.

Together we are being fed physically and spiritually. Click on the link below to:

[See More online.](#)



### Share Your Story

We are asking for help from the congregation with our Christmas

edition of the BCUMC Newsletter this year!

If you have a special Christmas story about yourself and/or your family, please submit it to Mikki.

We need short stories about LOVE, GRACE, HOPE, GIVING, or even a CHRISTMAS MIRACLE!

We would also like to share a couple of the stories as part of our Christmas worship service. These stories would also be wonderful to add to our website to inspire others beyond our own walls.

Please indicate whether you would be willing to read your story at the Christmas worship service or would allow someone else to read it for you. Also let us know if it is OK to post your story online.

Depending on the number and length of stories we receive, we may have to choose six to eight that best fit the newsletter.

We are looking forward to involving everyone in our program of Christmas music and stories.