



# *The Messenger*

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## **God is Truly Amazing!**

God Bless America! Wow! What a beautiful, amazing country we live in! Pam & I were overwhelmed with the changes and beauty we saw on our epic adventure out west. We commented numerous times about the amazing work of our Creator God. We saw the lush greenery to the sprawling desert. The flat plains with nothing for miles to the majestic mountains of the Rockies. From the 117-degree desert heat to the cold 41-degrees with 15 mph winds at the top of Pikes Peak. We witnessed the destruction of unchecked wild fires, some man made and some by lightning. We visited with family, old high school friends, and a former youth director. It reminded me of the importance of family and friends. But as wonderful as our adventure was, there is something special about coming home!

We jump back in with the Outreach VBS and committee work to begin planning for the fall. I invite you to enjoy your times of re-creation, but to join us when you are home as we worship our Creating, Saving, and Sustaining Lord!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Chip*

### **Come and Worship with Us!**

9:00am Contemporary Worship—Lacy Hall  
11:00am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

### **Come Learn With Us!**

10:05am Sunday School

We have over 10 classes for all ages...  
find one that suits you!

We also offer weekly Bible studies...  
check the website for dates & times

# BETHANY NEWS

## Christmas Shoeboxes



The Youth will be packing our Christmas Shoeboxes during their lock-in on July 20&21. Each box will contain a pair of shorts, a shirt, a soccer ball & pump, toiletries, cars or training bras. We are super excited about the contributions that we have received so far, but we still have a ways to go. **ALL** of the items needed

for the shoeboxes have been collected. We are asking that you make a \$35 donation to cover the cost of the requested items. This amount also includes the \$5 postage that is required for each box. Please be in prayer for the children that will receive these boxes. Please make your checks payable to Bethany and put *Christmas Shoebox* in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, please see Mary Jane , Susan Poolos or Chandra.



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## Thank You

I would like to send my thanks and gratitude to each of you for the prayers and concern while I was in the hospital and at rehab. The flowers were so pretty and I enjoyed then for a long time. I continue to enjoy the beautiful plant. All the cards were appreciated and the visits a joy. Thanks to all of you. God Bless You! *-Joyce Poolos*

## Murphy-Harpst Offering

Murphy-Harpst is an independent not-for-profit organization committed to meeting the needs of abused and neglected young people through residential treatment, placements in specialized foster care, and community programs that serve at-risk youth and their families. In partnership with the United Methodist Women national office, our services are available to all children regardless of sex, race, color, or creed, and whose needs can be addressed and treated within the scope of program services. We will have a special offering on **this Sunday, July 15**. Special envelopes will be provided. Please be in prayer for those that your generosity will assist.



Make sure you don't miss this worship experience!

Sunday, July 29 @ 10:30 am - Lacy Hall

**One Worship Service Only**

There will be Praise & Worship, Choral Music, Solos, instrumentals...Don't miss out....

**Save the Date!!!!**

## SERVANTHOOD, ETC.

### Attendance for Sunday, July 8

Contemporary Worship Service—80  
 Traditional Worship Service—105  
 Sunday School—139

### **JULY 15, 2018**

*"A Chose People"*

*Ephesians 1: 1-14* Rev. Chip Wilson

#### Acolytes

Jack Stuart & McCartney Ryan

#### Greeters

9:00 am Radney Simpson & Fred Droms  
 11:00 am Cindy Hasty & Delphia Brown

#### AV Tech & Sound

9:00 am Cindy Boyd & Jack Reilly  
 11:00 am Jim Stratton & Claire Farmer

#### Presentation Team

Jack Reilly, Catherine Simpson, Claire Farmer

#### Scripture Reader

Louise Young

#### Ushers

9:00 am Keith Groce  
 11:00 am Kevin Ammerman, Wayne Human,  
 Mike Garrison, Ron & Mun Hui Johnson, Wes  
 Liebergesell, David Stuart, Beth Weldy

#### Children's Church

Jean Lehmann & Stephanie Johns

### **MUST Items**

The following items are in short supply at the Smyrna MUST pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated. beef stew, canned tuna, oatmeal, canned chicken, ham or salmon, ramen noodles, jelly, canned pork & beans, refried beans, canned fruit (*no snack sizes, please*), spaghetti sauce & spaghetti noodles, dry beans, dry potatoes, peanut butter.

## REACHING OUT & SUCH...

Smyrna Village Players proudly present

# ANYTHING GOES

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY COLE PORTER | BOOK BY GUY BOLTON, P. G. WODEHOUSE, HOWARD LINDSAY & RUSSEL CROUSE



**JULY 19** at 7pm    **JULY 20** at 7pm    **JULY 21** at 2pm & 7pm

AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF SMYRNA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 For additional information, reach out to us at [smyrnavillagep@gmail.com](mailto:smyrnavillagep@gmail.com).

\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION  
 \$12 STUDENTS & SENIORS  
[smyrnavillageplayers.com](http://smyrnavillageplayers.com)

 SMYRNA VILLAGE PLAYERS

A portion of proceeds from this production will be donated to:  
 **Murphy-Harpst**  
 LIFE AND HOPE FOR CHILDREN

### *Happy Birthday!*

**July 10** - Daniel Black  
**July 11** - Donald Clark  
**July 14** - Lauren Booth  
**July 15** - Ron Johns, Carolyn Reilly, Hunter Hawkins  
**July 16** - Breanna Mote  
**July 18** - Johnnie Driver  
**July 19** - Bobby Upchurch, Leigh Ann Eddins  
**July 21** - Bill Bennett, Rosemary Willits  
**July 23** - JR Campbell  
**July 29** - Lily McCormick

**Bethany United Methodist Church**

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 Mon-Thurs 8:30 am —4:00 pm

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**Current Prayer Concerns**

- Family of Alan Kovach- husband of Mary Jo Kovatch  
 Family of Patricia Lester - PMO Teacher  
 Family of Alan Rustin
- Mary Albaugh - aunt of Sharon Rice  
 Nancy Burky - friend of Claire Farmer  
 Betty Burnett - friend of Judy Kelley  
 Ann Friedlander - friend of Leta Thomas  
 Corey Higman - son of Dean & Mary Jane Higman  
 Jack McClannahan - stepfather of Sharon Rice  
 Hollis Miller & Family - friends of Leta Thomas  
 Monique Oscar  
 Lamar Roberts

**Pray For Our Friends**

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|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Steve & Kathy Beckham | Eloise Fulmer | Mary McBath     |
| Nell Bilderback       | Lisa Hilley   | Connie Dewberry |
| Jane Eisenberg        |               | Martha Speir    |

**Long-Term Prayer Concerns**

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| Christine Adhikari                             | Bonnie Lee—friend of Dianne Tidmore            |
| Neal Allen                                     | Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas            |
| Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman     | Mary Anne Malcolm                              |
| Shawn & Angel Campbell                         | Patty Mann - family of Gail Garrett            |
| Don Carter - nephew of Travis Carter           | David Marvin-family of Ray Gary                |
| Gary Carter - nephew of Travis Carter          | David May                                      |
| Martha Ciffone - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm   | Maryanne McCurdy                               |
| Britt Crump - nephew of Judy Kelley            | Lalla McGee - family of Gail Garrett           |
| Rev. Stiles Cobb                               | Mariana Moosa                                  |
| Jim Danas                                      | Buddy & Evelyn Panter                          |
| Barbara Davison—sister -in-law of Donna Carter | Patricia Pearlberg—friend of Mary Anne Malcolm |
| Laura Denton                                   | Joyce Poolos                                   |
| Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas        | Aaron & Allie Rice                             |
| Bobbie English                                 | Eliska Rucker Family                           |
| Guy & Alison Gabrielson                        | Russell Elementary School                      |
| Katie Garrett-Hayward                          | David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore       |
| Victor Gary                                    | Chris Sperry - friend of Britt McCurdy         |
| Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe         | Richard Sprayberry                             |
| Harvey Hendrix                                 | Doug Stisher                                   |
| Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver          | Helen Sullivan                                 |
| Jackson Jones—Terry family member              | Rev. Susan Taylor                              |
| Patricia Kramer                                | John Tidmore—family of Dianne Tidmore          |
| Lecia Landolt—daughter of Mary Lanford         | Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote      |
|  | Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's         |

**COMING UP ...  
 JULY 15 - JULY 21**

**Sunday, July 15**

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship - Lacy Hall;  
 Children's Church—Room 101  
 10:05 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

**Monday, July 16**

- 7:30 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Lodge

**Tuesday, July 17**

- 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday, July 18**

- 2:00 PM Water Fun w/children - ballfield

**Thursday, July 19**

- 7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal - Lacy Hall;  
 Anything Goes Play - Smyrna First

**Friday, July 20**

- 6:00 PM Youth Pool Party & Lock-in  
 7:00 PM Anything Goes Play - Smyrna First  
 7:45 PM Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, July 21**

- 8:00 AM Youth Lock-in ENDS  
 10:45 AM Zumba - The Rock  
 2:00 PM Anything Goes Play - Smyrna First  
 7:00 PM Anything Goes Play - Smyrna First

**Hospitalized/Rehabilitation**

Donald Clark - Carrollton Nursing & Rehab