

Forestburg United Methodist Church

Come Grow With Us



Sunday Mornings

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays

Kids' Klub

Will Resume Weekly Meetings in September.

The church newsletter is published monthly.

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Tu.-Fri

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From the Pastor's Desk

Hello friends,

I pray in the name of the Risen and living Christ that you are all doing well. I also pray that you and your families are staying strong in your faith and devotion to our God.

Wow! Where did summer go? I know that technically it's still summer but with school starting again on the 16th, it feels as if summer is over.

That's hard to imagine, for I remember hearing many of you speak about your vacation plans. I also remember how we were planning for our VBS, which took place on the last week of June. And was a huge success due to the wonderful efforts of so many of you! Thank you, Savannah and Melody, for stepping up and handling everything like you did. You were blessed with many wonderful volunteers and I thank everyone who helped make it such a successful VBS! Great job everyone!

Then some of the youth were able to attend camp at the Bridgeport camp which was a wonderful thing even though there was a scare with some youth and staff catching Covid-19. We were thankful that it wasn't any of our kids.

Back to vacations, it sure is fun to hear about your trips that you've taken and about the adventures you had. We were blessed to be able to take a week off and drive to Atlanta, GA to see our daughter Rachel. We had not seen her since Christmas so we were excited to go. While on our trip we drove down to Savannah, GA to see the sites and swim in the Atlantic Ocean. What a beautiful beach they had! It was fun to spend a few hours watching the girls swim and play and just relax to the sound of crashing waves. We truly enjoyed seeing the historical places in Savannah (which is an old city settled in 1730) and being able to tour some beautiful sites. One place that I really loved was going to see where John Wesley's statue was. It is in a place called Reynolds Square. It has many large and old trees with the Spanish moss hanging down from them. In the center of the square is the statue of the founder of our Methodist faith, John Wesley. John Wesley spent almost two years there as a missionary, back in 1733-34. The statue shows him standing there with one hand out-stretched in show of compassion while the other is firmly clinched to his bible as if the Spirit is guiding him as he preaches. It was a surreal moment. To be standing there looking up at the man I have read so much about, and who is a big part of the reason I am now a minister. That moment made the whole trip for me and has inspired me as we have returned home to becoming an even more devoted servant of the Lord.

There are many moments in our life that God uses to help us realize what he is calling us to do as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we notice them and sometimes we don't. This life gets way too busy for us and sometimes it's just easier to push our faith to the side. During the summer time is the easiest time for us to do this. We have way too much going on and we tell ourselves that we will get back to it later; however, later gets farther and farther away. Now, I'm not trying to point the finger at anyone, I'm just simply stating the truth. I know because I've done so myself at times during my life. Sadly, sometimes it seems we work against ourselves, against our faith. We're so busy at times that we think, 'Oh, I'll wait and do this for the church next week, or the next.' Or 'We'll come to church next Sunday, we're going out of town.' We have good intentions but sometimes we get lost in our busyness. Again, I'm just saying. I've done so myself, many a time.

It just reminds me of the story of Paul, on the road to Damascus. In which he, at that time, was

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DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

The **deadline** for submitting articles and information for the September newsletter is end of the day, **Tuesday, August 31..**

Have Faith in GOD

Pastor's Article Continued....

opposing the early church and all who called themselves Christians. He was persecuting those who he thought were wrong. He was too busy doing what he thought was right to stop and see that he was only working against his faith. It finally took Jesus to stop him and open his eyes so that he could see the error of his ways.

Similarly, we can use the start of school to stop us and help us to realize that we may be a little too busy, working against ourselves, and that we need to reengage ourselves in church once again. Again, please don't take me wrong, I've done this myself, many times so I'm just preaching to myself.

Let us all look for ways, as we get back to a much normal routine now that summer is winding down, to make sure we find time for the Lord. Let us look at being at church with each other as a wonderful and fulfilling time each week, to restore our spirits and to share the love of Christ with each other.

Please join with me, as we strive to continue on with the building of the kingdom of God.

Take care of yourself and stay healthy. I hope to see you soon.

I pray that the Lord blesses you and keeps you, that his face shines upon you and gives you peace. I look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday.

You are loved. Go in grace and love your neighbor, sharing the "Good News" of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Greg

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Galatians 2:20

Watermelon Festival August 14

We Need Your help!

We are selling ice cream this year and making a float for the parade. We are also hosting all gospel/country music from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you can volunteer to help with any of these events, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Dawna Vann to help with the ice cream booth
(A freezer of ice cream can be dropped off at the church prior to the parade.)

and

Pastor Greg to help with the float.



We are taking up donations for school supplies.

This is a mission that we have done in the past. Please pray about this and give what you can.



Upcoming Events and Meetings

Community Game Day & Lunch at 10 am, 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

Thursday August 12th we are providing lunch for the teachers & staff at the school.

Watermelon Festival is August 14.

August 15th is "Back to school and back to church" Sunday!

We will pray over our teachers, students and faculty.

First day of school is August 16th.

Nominating Committee Meeting on Wednesday August 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Greg will send out an email to those who are on this committee.

Kid's Klub Planning Meeting. Wednesday Sept. 1st at 6:30 p.m.

If you haven't updated your certificate on Ministry Safe, please do so.

If you have a question about it see Pastor Greg.

Kid's Klub returns on Wednesday, September 8!

"Bring a Friend" Sunday is September. 19!

Potluck lunch following our worship service! More information will follow.

July Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Designated Offering</u>
July 04	29	\$2,960.00	\$642.39
July 11	29	1,928.00	260.00
July 18	24	645.38	600.00
July 25	27	1,202.00	340.00
July Total	109	\$6,735.38	\$1,842.39
<i>Monthly Average</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>\$1,683.85</i>	

Volunteer Responsibility Schedule for August

Date	Reader	Cleaning
August 01	Theresa Gentry	Marjorie Hess
August 08	Jana Tipton	Virginia Lynch
August 15	Carolyn Hawk	Gayle Edwards & Dawn Vann
August 22	Leann Baber	Carolyn Wood & Margaret O'Brien
August 29	Mike Carter	Jewel Dill
September 12	Savanah Johnson	Liz Johnson
September 19	Dan Gentry	Marjorie Hess
September 26	Liz Johnson	Virginia Lynch
August Ushers: Vicki Smith & Marjorie Hess		
September Ushers still to be determined.		

Prayers & Praises

Recent Prayer Requests

Gaye Houston
Mike Singleton
and the loss of his grandfather
Casey Parr
The family of Ed Cordero
The Newark Family
Traveling mercies for those traveling and will be
the next few weeks.

JOYS & PRAISES

The blessing of new visitors.
The blessing of having a swim party for our Kids' Klub.
"Thank You, Doyle & Vicki Smith for hosting the party."
Blessing of healing & answered prayers.
Gayle Edwards returning home!
Rejoicing in receiving a new member to our church!
Pat Maxwell joined our church in July. We are excited to have
her to be a part of our church family.

August 3

Alicia Johnston

August 6

Josie Parr

August 13

David White

August 15

Dan Gentry

August 16

Judy White

August 19

Tony Vann

August 22

Bobby Griffith

August 24

Gracie White

August 25

Don Farrell

August 26

Dale White

August 28

Helen Ellzey

Houston Johnson

August 31

Skip Mann

Continued Prayers

<i>The rise in COVID-19 cases</i>	<i>Sierra Jones</i>
<i>The family of Merwin Tucker</i>	<i>Debbie Reynolds</i>
<i>Pam Lindsey</i>	<i>Toni Anandel</i>
<i>Sheree Roberts</i>	<i>Jeanie Reasure</i>
<i>Raymon Wood</i>	<i>Bobby Freeman</i>
<i>Jennifer Jones</i>	<i>Pat Parr</i>
<i>Marjorie Hess</i>	<i>Veronica Greanead</i>
<i>Stephen Meeks & family</i>	<i>Karen Martinez</i>
<i>Hector Vella</i>	<i>The Family of Robert Hensell</i>
<i>Dave & Elaine Atkins</i>	<i>Our Nation</i>
<i>James Baber</i>	<i>Our Military Men & Women</i>
<i>Stephanie Hughes</i>	<i>Our Law Enforcement</i>
<i>Liz Sharp</i>	<i>Our World</i>
<i>Gayle Edwards</i>	<i>Our Government Officials/</i>
<i>Carolyn Steil</i>	<i>Decision Makers</i>
<i>Kenneth Lynch</i>	<i>Our Public Schools</i>
<i>Lisa Trussell</i>	<i>Our Administration/Teachers/</i>
	<i>Staff & Students</i>

COVID Shut-Ins/Homebound

<i>Don & Judy Farrell</i>	<i>Jacque Hensell</i>
<i>Helen Ellzey</i>	<i>Betty Dunn</i>
<i>Rosemary Reynolds</i>	<i>Carolyn Hawk</i>
<i>Mary Whatley</i>	<i>Skip Mann</i>
<i>Jim Gafken</i>	

August 24

Liz & Gary Johnson





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Kids' Klub Back to School Swim Party

The Kids' Klub enjoyed an afternoon of swimming, eating and socialization before returning to school on August 16!

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO DOYLE AND VICKI SMITH FOR HOSTING US.

Doyle and Vicki cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for all, and we celebrated June, July, and August Birthdays!

A great time was had by all.



Happy Birthdays to Carson, Pastor Greg, Houston, Theresa, Corianna, Genna, and Josie!



If any news, articles, or information was printed incorrectly or left out, it was done by mistake. Please accept my apologies. ~ Liz