



The Pastor's Connexion

A Publication of Reverend Terry Goodman

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Pastor's Thoughts....

I am a couple of days early with The Pastor's Connexion because I will be busy on Friday with other matters. I especially want you to take time to follow the links through on this edition, because I am giving you information about a project that needs quick attention on your part, if you want to participate.

Our Worship Team and the Council on Ministries would like to adorn the sanctuary this Advent/Christmas season with some special banners. We hope that you might give them in memory or honor of someone. In addition, we also have a much bigger project for which we would like to ask for funds. Articles for both of these special giving opportunities will take you through to the pages that contain a description and picture of the items we desire.

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Help Us Brighten the Sanctuary This Holiday Season

The Worship Team and Council on Ministries invites you to help us adorn the worship area this holiday season with the addition of banners and a special Advent Wreath stand. In a effort to add color and warmth to the worship area, we desire to purchase two to four banners. We would like to have two of the [Joy to the World](#) design and one each of the [Light of the World](#) and the [Child is Born](#) design. Each of these banners would be \$130 (shipping included). They could be given in memory or in honor of someone. If you wish to order one or more of these banners, then please contact the pastor as soon as possible. We desire to first get the 2 Joy to the World banners and then purchase the Light of the World and Child is Born banners next.

In addition to banners, we also have a much more ambitious project. We also want to purchase a candelabra designed to hold the Advent candles. Unfortunately, the Cokesbury web site does not have a picture of the item we want to purchase. The picture to the right is an example of what we are wanting to purchase. It is brass and can also be used during the Easter Season. The cost for this item is around \$1500.00. Obviously, it may take one or more donors to make such a gift possible and there is a good chance we will not have it for this holiday season. However, it





Happening This Week!

Saturday October 21, 2006

- 10:00 a.m. – Abel Center Walkathon
- 1:00 p.m. – Hilson/Moten Wedding
- 6:00 p.m. – Pastor's Table-CANCELLED

Sunday October 22, 2006

- 8:30 a.m. – Macedonia Fall Planning Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m.—Macedonia UMC Worship
- 11:00 a.m.—Virginia Avenue UMC Worship
- 5:00 p.m. – Committee on Nominations- CANCELLED

Monday October 23, 2006

- 8:30 am-1:30 pm: Clergy Gathering in Bristol, TN
- 7:00 p.m. – Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday October 24, 2006

- 6:00 p.m. – Alpha Group

Wednesday October 25, 2006

- 6:00 p.m. – Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. – World Religions – Christianity
- 7:30 p.m. – Choir Practice

Sunday October 29, 2006

- 9:30 a.m.—Macedonia UMC Worship
- 11:00 a.m.—Virginia Avenue UMC Worship
- 12:00 p.m. – Safe Sanctuaries Training
- 3:00 p.m. – Church/Community Halloween Party
- 7:00 p.m. – Charge Conference

Tuesday October 31, 2006 --Halloween

- 6:00 p.m. – ALPHA will not meet tonight

Wednesday November 1, 2006

All Saint's Day

- 11:30 a.m. – Bluefield Ministerial Association
- 2:00 p.m. – Sarah Creasy UMW Circle
- 6:00 p.m. – Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday November 2, 2006

- 9:30 a.m. – District Minister's Meeting

is on our wish list and for those interested, we now have a Worship Fund to which money could be donated with the goal of accumulating funds until we could purchase this item.

We Need Your Help for the Halloween Party

We are hosting a Church and Community Halloween Party on Sunday afternoon October 29th at 3:00 p.m. A variety of activities are being planned for the children. There will be games, cake walks, goodies, and treats. Children may wear their costumes and join us for this special time. For more information please contact Keri Nuckolls at 322-1910.

Macedonia UMC to Host Fall Planning Breakfast

The Macedonia UMC will gather for breakfast on Sunday October 22nd at 8:30 a.m. for its second annual Fall Planning Breakfast. We need to begin eating at 8:30 a.m. sharp so that we will have time to conduct our annual business prior to the worship beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will nominate officers, hear a report from the PPRC concerning the pastor's salary, and discuss our 2007 budget. All members and friends of the church are invited to attend

The Pastor's Table Has Been Cancelled

The Pastor's Table meal and discussion that was scheduled for Saturday night October 21st at 6:00

p.m. has been cancelled due to lack of reservations. As of October 18th, no one had called to indicate that they would be attending.

Safe Sanctuaries Training Session October 29th

We will host our second training session for those persons desiring to work in some capacity with our children and/or youth. The session will be held immediately after church on Sunday October 29th in the sanctuary. If you did not attend the first session, then you need to attend this session. If you DID attend the first session, then you DO NOT need to attend this session.

Alpha Course Takes a Break for Halloween

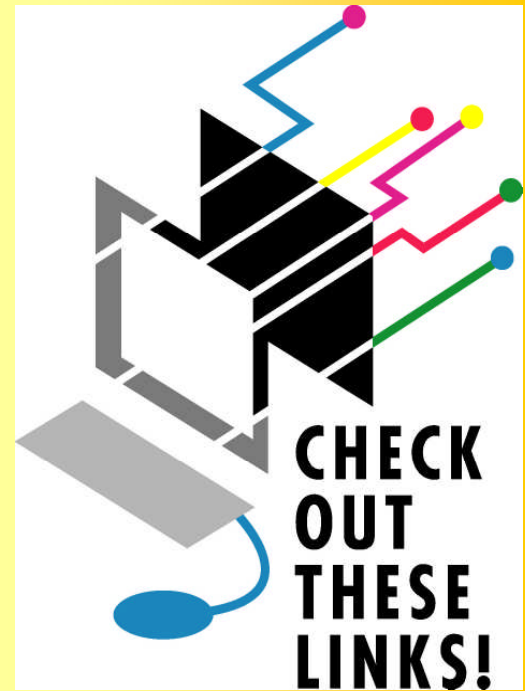
The Alpha Course will not meet on Tuesday October 31st. We are going to take a break for Halloween. The course will resume on Tuesday November 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Charge Conference is Set for October 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Our Annual Charge Conference is set for Sunday night October 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church. All members of the Administrative Boards of the Virginia Avenue and Macedonia United Methodist Churches are voting members of the Charge Conference and should be present at this meeting.

Join Us for A Santa's Workshop at Virginia Avenue UMC

We are hosting our second annual Santa's Workshop at the Virginia Avenue UMC on Saturday November 4, 2006. The fellowship hall will open at 8:00 a.m. with vendors and breakfast available from the United Methodist Men. During the day, a hot chicken salad lunch



[Virginia Avenue UMC Web Page](#)

[Our Church Online Calendar](#)

[The Pastor's Blog](#)

(Please note: Neither I, nor the church, are responsible for the content of all these sites.)

[Holston Annual Conference](#)

[The Official United Methodist Church Web Site](#)

will be made available by the United Methodist Women. We will also have a special photo room set up so that parents can get pictures of their children with Santa Claus. Please be sure to tell everyone about this event. All vendors will be donating 10% of their profits to the church and we will be using it to pay towards our Conference Fair Share.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast is Just Around the Corner

It's time to once again mark your calendar and set your clocks for early. The United Methodist Men will be hosting their November breakfast on Friday November 3rd at 7:00 a.m. The biscuits will be hot, the eggs will be scrambled, and the gravy ready to pour. So come on out and join us for this special time of fellowship.

Join Us on All Saint's Sunday November 5th for a Special Time of Worship

We will gather on Sunday November 5th to celebrate All Saint's Sunday. We will have the Lord's Supper, and in the liturgy we will read the names of members that have died since All Saint's Sunday last year. In addition, we are also going to use the sung liturgy. We also will be bringing persons into the church that day. Following the worship, we will go downstairs for our first Sunday Luncheon. It's going to be a great time to gather for worship and fellowship. You will not want to miss this special day. Plan now on attending.

Special November Events

Operation Christmas Child

Join with us as we team with Franklin Graham's Samaritan Purse organization to make Christmas brighter for boys and girls. Check the newsletter and bulletin for more information. Also look at the web site.

Area Methodist Churches Get Together for Revival

The Ebenezer, Virginia Avenue, Bluefield, First, and Bethel United Methodist Churches are getting together for a time of worship and fellowship during November. We will rotate pastors and churches beginning on Sunday night November 12th and ending on Wednesday night November 13th. The services will begin each night at 7:00 p.m.

We will be taking a special offering of non-perishable food items and of money each night of the services. These gifts will be given to the Bluefield Union Mission. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for these special worship services.

Services will be held at the following locations:

- Nov. 12th – Ebenezer UMC
- Nov 13th – Virginia Avenue UMC
- Nov 14th – Bethel UMC
- Nov 15th – Bluefield, First UMC

I will be preaching on opening night at Ebenezer UMC. Please plan on coming to support me and this joint effort.