

Single Vision March 2022 Newsletter

“Welcoming all, presenting values based on the teachings of Christ”

First Broad Street United Methodist Church, Church Circle, Kingsport, TN

As we continue to meet, we need to be aware of the effects of Covid at the time and act accordingly. The best course of action against the virus still appears to be vaccination. Until any future updates, we will continue to follow church and CDC guidelines: Unvaccinated people should wear masks (except when eating and drinking) and maintain some physical distancing. I would personally suggest both vaccinated and unvaccinated folk wear masks unless eating or drinking. For all Single Vision programs and activities, if you are sick, have a fever, have tested positive for Covid, or have been in contact with someone with Covid, please stay home. There are many vulnerable among us, and we want to keep everyone safe.

Mon. March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 5-6 PM-Theater Room (2nd Floor, Wesley Wing), Lenten Study

For our Lenten study, we have chosen to view various episodes of **THE CHOSEN** series, with discussion to follow if time permits. Study leader: Rev. Rex Hill. Join us for this study as we look toward Easter.

Mon., Mar. 7, 6:30 PM-Fellowship Hall/Parlor-Potluck Dinner and Program with Christie Stapleton

Christie Stapleton has a long history of depression and suicidal tendencies. But her life has changed drastically. Come listen and learn how she achieved her goal of “**Leaving the Dark for Good**”. Should be most interesting. **Dinner:** Bring a food item to share. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. Reservations are not necessary. Program begins at 7:15 pm. **Enter the church through the first door of the Fellowship Hall.**

Mon., Mar. 14, 6:30 PM-Fellowship Hall/Parlor-Potluck Dinner and St. Patrick’s Day Celebration with Sandra Parker Do not miss this exciting and entertaining St. Patrick’s day celebration with Celtic harpist Sandra Parker, who will also sing and play guitar. **Dinner:** It would be fun if some of you put on your thinking caps and brought a St. Patrick’s or Irish-themed food item to share. Otherwise bring what you wish. Should be a delicious and interesting dinner. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. No reservations are needed. The program begins at 7:15. **Enter the church through the 1st door of the Fellowship Hall.**

Tuesday, Mar. 15, 5:00 PM-Dinner at Food City (1205 N. Eastman Rd.-Crown Point Shopping Center) and Movie at NCG Theaters, Ft. Henry Mall (2101 Ft. Henry Dr) Let’s try Tuesday movies again as rates are \$5 on Tuesday. Meet at the Food City Deli at 5:00 pm for dinner and then to the mall for a movie. Call host John (423 335-5697) if you plan to attend.

Sat., Mar. 19, 11:00 AM-Bus Trip to Big Stone Gap, VA, for lunch at Curklin’s Restaurant and Visit to the Southwest Virginia Historical Museum and State Park Depart the First Broad Street United Methodist Church WANOLA St. parking lot at 11 AM. Sign up Mondays or call Jane (423 246-1727). Bus capacity 15. Cost: Museum

\$4 Bus \$2. Lunch on your own. Host: John Powers (423 335-5697). Home around 6 PM.

Monday, Mar. 21, 6:30 PM-MOVIE NIGHT-Theater Room, 2nd Floor Wesley Wing

Join us for a movie about a colorful coat of a very popular singer. Free popcorn. No reservations.

Those who wish may go for a light supper or dessert after the movie. **Note:** Enter the church through the Wesley Wing doors, which will be locked at 6:30. **Plan Ahead:** *If you arrive after 6:30 pm, have a cell phone number of someone you know will be there to let you in.*

Monday, Mar. 28, 6:30 PM-Fellowship Hall/Parlor-Bring your own Meal and Program with Rev. Caroline Hawthorne

Rev. Hawthorne, pastor of Hunt Memorial United Methodist Church in Bristol, has a very interesting story to share. She took custody of a teenage boy and things began to change at her church. Attendance increased, especially among younger people. And in 2019, the young man was awarded the prestigious Harry Denman award for Evangelism at the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church's annual meeting. She will tell their inspirational story. **Dinner:** Bring your own meal. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. No reservations are needed. The program begins at 7:15. **Enter the church through the 1st door of the Fellowship Hall.**

We need your help! 1) set-up, clean-up, meal prep, etc. 2) planning committee-plan and/or host programs and activities, 3) be responsible for getting people to do devotions or do an occasional devotion, 4) host Tuesday evening Dinner and a Movie, 5) host afternoon walks, 6) assist with name tags and taking up dinner money. Thanks to all who have responded. We still can use more help. Planning Committee meetings are the 2nd Tuesdays at 10 AM (room 241 at church).

This and That. We welcome your input on programs, activities and meals and welcome those who would like to join the planning committee. Normal meeting times are 10AM on 2nd Tuesdays. Give Jane (423 246-1727) or Dave (daveredd@gmail.com) your input. Most of all we encourage your presence on Monday nights and other planned activities.

Meal-A-Month Program The Planning Committee is aware that many members of Single Vision are on limited incomes and cannot always afford the \$7 meal costs and has recommended a program with funds donated by Single Vision participants. If you want to attend a meal but cannot afford it, you may be eligible for one meal/month depending on availability of funds. If you think you could spare \$7 occasionally to support this program, a basket will be available Mondays, with all funds going to this cause.

****Locked Door Policy-**With a new security system, most church doors are locked in the evenings. When we meet in the Fellowship Hall, enter through the 1st door of the Fellowship Hall. **Shades of Grace***-Drop by between 10AM and 4PM weekdays to help or visit with the people Shades of Grace serves and see what their needs are. Food donations of breakfast items including fresh fruits and vegetables during the summer

months are appreciated. **Safe House**-Items needed are clothing for adult women, infants and children to age 10, socks and underwear; personal care items; bedding for single beds and cribs; paper products, etc. **Alcohol**-It is a Single Vision policy that alcohol will NOT be consumed at any Single Vision function. **Meal Policy**-Remember-meal reservations are binding and unless someone is available to take your reservation, you will be expected to pay. To cancel, call the 24-hour reservation line (423 224-1502) BY 8:30 AM Monday morning. If you learn after 8:30 that you cannot attend, call the church office (423 224-1502) to inform them, and we will try to fill your spot. ***Please notify a Single Vision contact to update your address and phone number, email, or to be removed from our mailing list. Contact Jane Adams (423-246-1727) or email daveredd@gmail.com.

* **Notice** Due to the Covid pandemic, **Shades of Grace** is closed to indoor activities but is currently handing out bag meals at their facility on Sullivan Street. They can use foods such as fresh fruit (bananas, oranges, grapes, fruit cups) and individually packaged items such as chips, crackers, cookies, nutrition bars and other nonperishable items that would be suitable for lunch or breakfast. Take to front door between 9 and 9:30 am and knock. Not sure when normal operations will resume.