

Single Vision October 2021 Newsletter

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

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

Greetings. As cases are increasing with the Delta variant of the Covid virus, we need to be vigilant and continue to follow church and CDC

guidelines: Unvaccinated people should wear masks (except when eating or drinking) and maintain some physical distancing. As cases continue to rise, vaccinated folks may wish to wear masks as well. 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. The virus is still out there. We want to keep everyone safe.

Mon., Oct. 4, 6:30 PM-Potluck Picnic, Shelter 9, Eastman Bays Mountain Recreation Area

Let's try another potluck picnic. Bring a food item to share (*with serving utensil*) and a **beverage for yourself**. Ice and paper products will be provided. Feel free to bring your own meal if you prefer. For fellowship time, bring your musical instruments and favorite items for outdoor recreation activities, board and card games. SAFETY NOTE: Bring your masks. Masks are required when going to the bathroom or outside our shelter. Unvaccinated folks should wear masks except when eating or drinking. You may wish to bring a chair for extra seating or physical distancing.

Thursday, October 7, 6:30 PM-Putt-Putt, 346 W. Stone Drive at Teasel Dr.

This is our last putt-putt of the season, so come out and join hostess Joyce (423 245-7734) for another fun evening-a real bargain at \$3 for both courses. More folks need to join in this activity. Stay later for cards.

Saturday, Oct. 9. 11:00 AM-Bus Trip to Newland Waterfall, Doe River Gorge Fall Festival and Dinner at Mayflower Restaurant in Elizabethton Depart the First Broad Street United Methodist Church WANOLA St. parking lot at 11 AM. Our first stop is Newland, NC for lunch at the scenic waterfall. Bring your own lunch or purchase something at Ingles across the street. We next head to the Doe River Gorge Festival which includes a train ride, a hayride and corn maze as well as other attractions. After the activities at Doe River Gorge, we will stop at the Mayflower Restaurant for a sumptuous dinner (most entrees in the \$8-\$13 range with drink, tax and tip extra). **Cost** for Festival and bus is **\$22**. Lunch and dinner on our own. Bus capacity is 15. Sign up Mondays or call Jane (423 246-1727). Host, John Powers (423 335-5697). Home around 9 pm.

Monday, Oct. 11, 6:30 PM-Fellowship Hall-Dinner and Program with Bill McSpadden on Christopher Columbus (Hero or Villain)

Today is the official Columbus Day observance. Bill McSpadden will share information about Columbus, his mission and historical significance. In recent years his legacy has become controversial, and Bill will address some of these issues. Should be most interesting.

Dinner: Lasagna (meat and vegetable), garlic bread, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost: \$7. Reservations are needed by noon, Friday, Oct. 8 (423 224-1502). The program begins at 7:15 and no reservations are needed for the program only. **Enter the church through the 1st door of the Fellowship Hall**

Monday, Oct. 18, 6:30 PM-Greenbelt Walk (East Stone Commons-2003 N. Eastman Rd) and Dinner at East Coast Wings and Grill (2637 East Stone Dr., Ste F,G,H-near Aldi's and across from Pavilion)

Meet in the lower parking lot beside Pet Smart near the Greenbelt sign. After the ~hour walk, meet at East Coast Wings at ~7:45 for dinner. Join us for dinner if you do not wish to walk. *In case of heavy rain or storms, meet at the restaurant at 6:30.* Call Jane (423 246-1727) if you plan to walk or eat with the group.

Tues, Oct. 19, 1:00 PM-Afternoon Greenbelt Walk (East Stone Commons-2003 N. Eastman Rd.)

With our evening greenbelt walks ending with daylight savings time and with cooler daytime temperatures, Barbara Ruth has agreed to host an afternoon greenbelt walk. Questions? Call Barbara (423 323-1486)

Monday, October 25, 6:30PM- Fellowship Hall-Dinner and Gospel Music with Joey Strickler and Evie

We are delighted that Joey Strickler and pianist Evie will join us for an evening of Southern Gospel music. Joey is a favorite, and we happily welcome him back. Don't miss this! **Dinner:** A variety of pizzas, tossed salad, dessert and beverage. Cost: \$7. Reservations are needed by noon, Friday, Oct. 22 (423 224-1502). The program begins at 7:15 and no reservations are needed for the program only. ****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 Tuesday (or other day) afternoon monthly walk, 6) assist with name tags and taking up dinner money. Thanks to all who have responded. We still can use more help. We have currently switched our Planning Committee meetings to 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**-All church doors will be locked at 6PM on Mondays. 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.