

Single Vision September 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. If 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., Sept. 6, 6:30 PM-Labor Day 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, September 9, 6:30 PM-Putt-Putt, 346 W. Stone Drive at Teasel Dr.
Join hostess Joyce for another fun evening of putt-putt-a real bargain at \$3 for both courses. Stay later for cards. Congratulations to Joyce for induction in the Tennessee Senior Olympics Hall of Fame!

Saturday, Sept. 11. 1:00 PM-Bus Trip to Bays Mountain Park for Barge Ride and Wolf Program
Depart the First Broad Street United Methodist Church WANOLA St. parking lot at 1 PM. We will have time to visit the Nature Center and animal habitats before the Barge Ride (convening at 2:45) and wolf program at 4.
After the Bays Mountain activities, we will stop for dinner (on your own) at La Carreta Mexican Restaurant (1336 S. John B. Dennis Hwy). Cost for barge ride and bus is \$7. We only have 15 tickets for barge (\$5), so those who wish to drive would need to pay park entrance fee and purchase a barge ticket at the Nature Center early. Sign up Mondays or call Jane (423 246-1727). Host, John Powers (423 335-5697)

Monday, September 13, 6:30 PM-Fellowship Hall-Dinner and Music with Oscar Harris
We are delighted that Oscar Harris will join us for an evening of music. Oscar plays guitar and autoharp and will present a program of “Songs from the Heart and Soul.” He is a talented musician and plays frequently at Shades of Grace UMC and performs with Dale Jett and Hello Stranger. We are in for a real treat!
Dinner: Barbecue pork sandwich, baked beans, slaw, chips, dessert and beverage. Cost: \$7. Reservations are needed by noon, Friday, Sept. 10 (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, Sept. 20, 6:30 PM-Greenbelt Walk (Greenbelt Parking Area across from Netherland Inn-2114 Netherland Inn Rd) and Dinner at Mad Greek Restaurant (4217 W. Stone Dr.) Meet in the parking lot across from Netherland Inn. After the ~hour walk, meet at Mad Greek 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 Mad Greek at 6:30. Call Jane (423 246-1727) if you plan to walk or eat with the group.

Monday, Sept. 27, 6:30 PM-Fellowship Hall-Dinner and Program with Ryan Salyer on Disaster Response
Ryan is a much-involved volunteer who serves on teams with Virginia Baptist Disaster Response, North Carolina Baptist Missions and North Carolina Medical Reserve Corp. Locally he serves at the Kitchen of Hope.
He will give us insight into these missions, types of responses he is involved with, and interesting stories.
Dinner: One of Ryan's many duties in disaster response is providing food. He will prepare us a delicious meal this evening: chicken parmesan with spaghetti, green beans, glazed carrots, tossed salad, roll and cream cheese banana pudding. Yum!
Cost: \$7. Reservations are needed by noon, Friday, Sept.24 (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. To date, I have not received any volunteers from my earlier plea. 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.

Due to the pandemic, Shades of Grace is not currently having meetings or meals in their facility on Sullivan Street. Therefore, we can defer food and clothing donations until they are able to take these items in the future.