



# Sharp Notes



## The Newsletter of Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Coming this month...

## Celebrate With Us – 75 Fantastic Years!



**Sunday, April 14 at 11 AM Worship**

Young Harris College Choir singing

**Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 PM**

**Ice Cream Social with cookies**

*A slide show of Sharp Memorial UMC highlights through the years  
A visit from special guest Artemas Lester, Methodist Circuit Rider credited with  
establishing a school here in the 1880s*

**Friday, April 19 at 3 PM**

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea – RSVP Required**

*Teas, finger sandwiches, and small desserts  
Musical entertainment from “The Andrews Sisters”  
A display of collector teapots and a sharing of memories  
by our own Shirley Miller.*

**Saturday, April 20 beginning at 10 AM**

**Celebration Saturday**

*YHC 5K Run concluding at Sharp Memorial UMC,  
including a Fun Run for the kids  
Kite Flying Event  
Bee House Building for all ages*

**Sunday, April 21 beginning at 10 AM**

**ONE** Special 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship service  
followed by fellowship and potluck



**April Community Offering**

Founded in 1940, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the global humanitarian relief agency of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR works in more than 80 countries, including the United States and its territories. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

Many of you have been giving to UMCOR for quite some time; others may just be learning about the tremendous scope of the organization's outreach. UMCOR has categories of giving so you can support a specific international relief effort, such as the war in Ukraine. One category that remains an open and active area of need is domestic disaster relief.

This month's offering will support UMCOR's continued efforts to offer immediate relief and long-term recovery for citizens whose lives have been disrupted by hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and floods. May loss and despair be replaced by hope. Amen.

For more information regarding UMCOR's ongoing efforts see: <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/>

To make a gift, please make your check out to *Sharp Memorial UMC* (or *SMUMC*) with **UMCOR** on the memo line. Similarly, please write **UMCOR** on your envelope if making a cash gift. Such gifts may be placed in the offering plate on any Sunday this month or brought to the church office.

Should you send offerings electronically or have your offering funds automatically sent each month from your financial institution, send an email to Kim Tigar, Treasurer, at [sharptreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sharptreasurer@gmail.com), to let her know if you would like to update the designation of your monthly offerings.



Remembering those that are homebound, in assisted living, or in nursing homes.

**Blue Ridge Assisted Living**

Charles & Betty Adams

**Brasstown Manor**

Donna Bosman  
Rachel Windsor

**Clay County Care Center**

Ramona Davidson

**Home**

Ward & Sandy Allen  
Aileene Brandt  
Clay Dotson  
Bud & Woodie Dyer  
Ruth Heusel

**The Sheridan at Eastside, Snellville**

John Beebe



Would you like to receive congregational emails, called eSHARPs? Not receiving eSHARPs, but pretty sure you're on the list? Contact the Church office so we can be sure we have your current email, or email us at [SharpMemorialUMC@gmail.com](mailto:SharpMemorialUMC@gmail.com).



The **Mary Martha Circle** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10AM, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Myra Valentine to learn more at 912-687-5012, or [mvalenti@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:mvalenti@georgiasouthern.edu).

The **Ruth Circle** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 3:30PM, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Robyne Ellis to learn more at [robynellis2013@icloud.com](mailto:robynellis2013@icloud.com). **Please know the April meeting has been canceled due to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities.**

The **Fay Hoag Circle** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 10AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Joyce Frick to learn more at 706-897-3745, or [joycefrick@gmail.com](mailto:joycefrick@gmail.com).



Connect with us online through Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and more! We are a very active Christian Community and want to share our love of Christ with others. Be sure to like, share, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to visit our social media pages to stay in the loop on what's happening and coming up next at Sharp.

support, and remind you of Christ's presence in your life.

If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself, a family member, or someone else you know, please contact our pastor, or one of the Stephen Leaders, or Jim Barker.



We invite you to join us to watch our worship service online, LIVE, on Sunday mornings at our 11AM worship service through our YouTube channel. We are recording the worship services so they can be watched anytime, that's convenient. This is one more way to stay connected with your Sharp family. If you haven't done so already, be sure to subscribe to the Sharp Memorial UMC YouTube channel to receive alerts for these and any other live broadcasts that should happen in the future. Did you know that you can also submit your offerings and contributions online at [SharpUMC.org/Donate](http://SharpUMC.org/Donate), or with our QR Code found at our website. For more information contact the church office.



**ReliefMISSIONS**  
UMCOR Bucket Kits

Sharp Memorial UMC is supporting UMCOR in two important ways this year. We have seven individuals who trained last summer to be part of UMCOR's Early Response Teams, or ERT, within our conference and surrounding regions. Additionally, this year Sharp will be putting together flood bucket cleaning kits, per UMCOR's specifications. We invite you to join us with this assembly project scheduled Wednesday, May 8 at 8:30AM in Fellowship Hall.



**Stephen Ministry News**

*"Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ."  
Galatians 6:2*

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time. A Stephen Minister will meet with you—privately and confidentially—to listen, care, encourage,



The deadline for the next issue of Sharp Notes is 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. Email your content to Jacque at [SharpMemorialUMC@gmail.com](mailto:SharpMemorialUMC@gmail.com).





# PRAY HOW CAN WE PRAY for you? PRAY

Send your confidential prayer requests to us via email and know they will be handled discretely. You may also call the church office too – ask for Jacque or Pastor Stephen. You may also contact Jim Barker, our Director of Ministry Care. If you'd like, we can add your prayer request to our prayer list, or we will keep your concern(s) close and confidential while God makes a way for your needs.

To sign up and stay up-to-date on Health & Recreation program announcements contact Tena at [SharpUMC.programs@gmail.com](mailto:SharpUMC.programs@gmail.com) or the church office.

To join the Healthy Hikers list, contact Robyne Ellis at [robynellis2013@icloud.com](mailto:robynellis2013@icloud.com).

Invite a friend to join you – all are welcome!

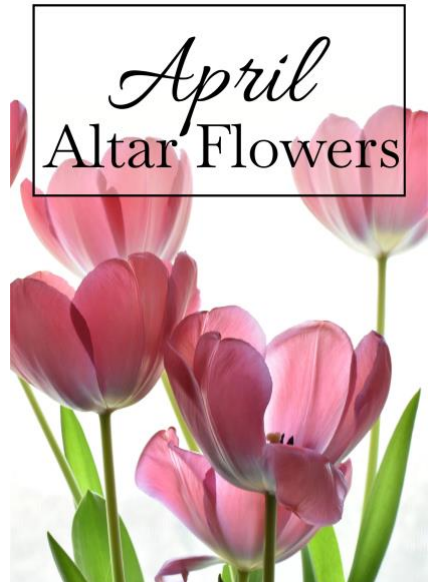


- 4/7 ..... Frank & Linda Riley
- 4/14 ..... Ben & Peggy Lilly
- 4/21 ..... Bill & Janet Zimmerman
- 4/28 ..... John & Martha Barker

## Stewardship REPORT Operating Budget

through February 2024

Monthly income .....	\$34,673
YTD income .....	\$98,216
Monthly expenses .....	\$37,827
YTD expenses .....	\$79,566
MTD surplus/ (deficit) .....	(\$3,154)
YTD surplus/ (deficit) .....	\$18,650
Community Offering .....	\$1,365
	<i>(Healing Hands Clinic)</i>



The 2024 flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. You may sign up for any open date. You are welcome to order the flowers or arrange them yourself. For planning purposes, we ask that you email the church office by noon Wednesday before flowers are presented if you wish for a special message to be included in the bulletin.

- 4/7 ..... Communion
- 4/14 ..... Jan Orr
- 4/21 ..... Ron Day
- 4/28 .. Renee, Hilley, Scott Orr & fam.



Tena Eddy, Programs Director, along with a team of passionate, active individuals works hard to offer a variety of options for our church to stay healthy.

The *Sit & Be Fit Class* has been extended through the month of April. Be sure to watch the email blasts from Tena for updates. **Note:** the April 18 class has been canceled.

As our weather warms up, we will begin to see more of our outdoor activities return to our schedule. Be sure to watch your emails and check the calendar for updates.





**Planet vs. Plastics: A Battle Cry for Earth Day 2024**

Mark your calendars for April 22, 2024, because Earth Day is gearing up for an epic showdown: Planet vs. Plastics. This year's theme is a rallying cry to tackle the burgeoning plastic pollution crisis head on, demanding a 60% reduction in plastic production by 2040.

We've all seen the heartbreaking images of plastic-choked oceans and landfills overflowing with single-use waste. The consequences are dire, impacting ecosystems, human health, and the very fabric of our planet. Microplastics have infiltrated our food chain, from the smallest plankton to our dinner plates. Plastic pollution disrupts natural habitats, harms wildlife, and threatens the delicate balance of our environment.

Earth Day 2024 isn't just about raising awareness; it's about action. EARTHDAY.ORG, the event's global organizer, is calling for a multi-pronged attack on plastic:

- **Advocacy:** Pushing for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution to hold governments and corporations accountable.
- **Education:** Raising awareness about the health risks of

plastics and empowering individuals to make informed choices.

- **Innovation:** Supporting research and development of sustainable alternatives to plastic.
- **Community action:** Organizing cleanup drives, beach plastic patrols, and other grassroots initiatives.

But this fight isn't just for environmental organizations and policymakers. We all have a role to play. Here are some ways you can join the Planet vs. Plastics movement:

- **Refuse single-use plastics:** Ditch plastic bags, straws, and water bottles. Opt for reusable alternatives like cloth bags, metal straws, and refillable water bottles.
- **Reduce your plastic footprint:** Choose products with minimal packaging and avoid unnecessary plastic purchases.
- **Recycle responsibly:** Make sure you're recycling the right types of plastic in the correct way.
- **Support sustainable businesses:** Choose brands committed to reducing their plastic footprint and invest in reusable products.
- **Spread the word:** Talk to your friends, family, and community about the plastic pollution crisis and inspire them to take action.

Together, we can turn the tide on plastic pollution and build a healthier planet for ourselves and future generations. Let's make Earth Day 2024 a turning point in the Planet vs. Plastics battle. Every action we take, no matter how small, contributes to a larger global

effort to protect and preserve our planet for future generations. Remember, every small action counts!

Join the movement and visit EARTHDAY.ORG to find resources, events, and ways to get involved in your community. Let's show the planet that we're on its side!



**Welcome New Members!**

We are so glad you are part of the Sharp Memorial UMC family.

- Callie Atkinson
- Bena Ball
- June Fortney
- Katie Harkins
- Bob Poindexter
- Kay Poindexter
- Linda Weaver

If you are interested in learning more about joining Sharp Memorial UMC, or transferring your existing membership to our church, please contact Pastor Stephen, or our church office at anytime.



**Wonderful Wednesdays – Keeping it Simple, Spiritual and Social!**

Save the dates for our upcoming “Dinners for Eight” presented by the Fellowship Committee in May. All are welcome to attend – couples, singles, families, children, truly ALL! We want to get to know YOU, each other, our church family better. What better way to do that than with a casual dinner at home?!

So how does this work? Attendees will be assigned to a “group of eight” on May 8 **and** May 22. The group will get together for dinner and fellowship from 5:30PM-7:30PM. The host home will provide the main dish and each person attending will be asked to bring a side of some sort – veggie, salad, bread, dessert, etc. The “group of eight” will remain the same for both dates. If interested, please RSVP by May 1. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Fellowship bulletin board and a second one will be posted outside the church office once space permits. Please contact Curry Butler for more information at [currybutler@gmail.com](mailto:currybutler@gmail.com) and if you have any food allergies.

**PRAY FOR OUR**



**MILITARY**

**Support our Troops in Prayer**

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers all the men and women in our armed forces stationed around the world, keeping our country safe and free, along with the civilians who are there to support them.

*Due to the safety and security of our Military, service locations are excluded.*

**We Especially Remember:**

**LCPL Michael Ashton** – Joy Breedlove’s great-nephew, Marines.

**W-2 Ron Barker**, son of John & Martha Barker.

**SSG Charlie Bell** – Nancy & Paul Bundy’s grandson.

**SSGT Jeff Buckingham** – Ron Denton’s cousin.

**Staff Sgt Brandon Ciesla** – Melanie Beighley’s son-in-law.

**LT Bentley Foster** – Jim Gilmore’s grandson.

**David Junghans** – US Army

**CDR Gregory Morris** –Diana Smith’s great-nephew.

**CAP Andrew Servis**-US Air Force, Barbara Hale’s grandson.

**SGT Ian Servis** – US Army, Barbara Hale’s grandson.

**BRIG GEN Stephen Smith**-Larry Smith’s son.

**MAJ Perry VanZandt**-US Space Force, grandson of Kenneth VanZandt.



**Happy Birthday &  
 Congratulations  
 -from  
 Your Church Family**

Jodye Butler .....4/1  
 Woodie Dyer .....4/3  
 Ken Van Zandt.....4/4  
 Benjamin Gary .....4/5  
 Susu Davis .....4/6  
 Joann Wicker .....4/6  
 June Fortney .....4/8  
 David Tinsley .....4/9  
 John Barker .....4/11  
 Joy Breedlove.....4/14  
 Richard Klotzbier.....4/14  
 Thomas Gary .....4/18  
 Jayne Robertiello .....4/20  
 Billy Snipes .....4/21  
 John Richards.....4/22  
 Jennifer Angelopulos .....4/24  
 Betty Adams.....4/26  
 Katelyn D’Ambrosio .....4/26  
 Frank Dyer.....4/27  
 Jan Orr .....4/28  
 Barb Pittman .....4/29  
 Joe Bello.....4/30



Bill & Helen Sturgeon ..... 4/3  
 David & Sharon Ratley ..... 4/4  
 Dick & Marcia Aunspaugh ..... 4/6  
 John & Martha Barker ..... 4/6  
 John & Jay Richards ..... 4/6  
 Charlie & Jo Ellen Thornton..... 4/9  
 Jim & Robyne Ellis..... 4/13  
 Mark & Trisha Reinhardt..... 4/16  
 Tommy & Crystal Gary ..... 4/20



# The Bulletin Board

## Easter in the Park

