



Sharp Notes



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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A special thank you to EVERYONE that helped make Sharp Memorial's 75th Anniversary Celebration a success! Our congregation and plethora of visitors had the pleasure of visiting a small Sharp Memorial Museum of History thanks to the monumental efforts of Jackie Volk.

My goodness what a wonderful week of activities we shared which began with the beautiful worship service where we enjoyed the Sharp and YHC Choirs who blessed us with the gift of song. Folks enjoyed yummy ice cream treats coupled with a remarkable visual "ride" down memory lane, courtesy of Jim Barker. During our ice cream social we even had a visit from Artemas Lester (aka Jerry Taylor). Shirley Miller delighted us on Friday with special memories during the enchanting afternoon tea. The event was decorated for royalty!

Early Saturday morning enthusiasts enjoyed a 5K run benefiting YHC's track team, while others enjoyed the more leisurely fun run across the YHC campus. This was followed by a bit of kite flying and bee house crafting on Sharp's lawn between light rain showers. It was a fun morning for all to enjoy.

Our week was topped off by a beautiful worship service on Sunday morning, highlighting Sharp's tenure of pastors along with some of Sharp's members who shared brief testimonies of what this incredible church means to them. The service was filled with reverent moments, captivating music, and a heartfelt message to start our week with. The service was followed by a lovely, covered dish organized by many loving hands.

"Thank you" seems like an understatement for all that our planning team did to insure this week of celebration was a success, but nonetheless – our hats are off to you. Our sincerest thanks goes to: Co-Chairs: Jackie Volk and Pam Leslie; Members: Joy Breedlove, Sandra Collins, Betty Dotson, Rev. Dr. John Kay, Terry Mayhew, Shirley Miller, Jan Orr, Rev. Stephen Soulen, and Jerry Taylor.



May Community Offering

The North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church began to recognize and meet the need for accessible, independent senior living back in the early 1950s. Out of that recognition has grown **Wesley Woods**, now a respected leader in serving older adults from all income levels, races, and faiths. **Wesley Woods** makes the retirement experience healthy and fulfilling, as it is their expressed mission to: "create communities of connection, well being and promise."

In their seven decades of service, Wesley Woods has expanded to include 12 such communities. Those communities include Branan Lodge and Simpson Estates at Wesley Mountain Village in Blairsville, where Rev. Melanie Stanley-Soulen is the chaplain. In total, **Wesley Woods** serves more than 1,800 older adults each year. Your gift to this month's Community Offering will go to support the programs that keep **Wesley Woods** communities so vital, appealing to today's retiree by emphasizing wellness, socialization, and education, as well as personal and spiritual fulfillment.

Wesley Woods has a tradition of lifting up Mother's Day as a time of celebration, so join us throughout the month of May in celebrating the women in your life as well as the wonderful work of **Wesley Woods**.

To make a gift, please make your check out to Sharp Memorial UMC

(or SMUMC) with **Wesley Woods** on the memo line. Similarly, please write **Wesley Woods** 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, to let her know if you would like to update the designation of your monthly offerings.



Did you know that you can also submit your offerings and contributions online at SharpUMC.org/Donate, or with our QR Code found at our website. For more information contact the church office.

Thank you, moms



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
Ruth Heusel
Martha Rollison

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.



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.



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, 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.

Stewardship



REPORT

Operating Budget
through March 2024

Monthly income	\$33,945
YTD income	\$132,161
Monthly expenses	\$50,036
YTD expenses.....	\$129,602
MTD surplus/ (deficit)	(\$16,091)
YTD surplus/ (deficit).....	\$2,559
Community Offering.....	\$946
	<i>(Housing & Homeless)</i>



The **Mary Martha Circle** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10AM, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Myra Valentine to learn more at 912-687-5012, or mvalenti@georgiasouthern.edu.

The **Ruth Circle** meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:30PM, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Robyne Ellis to learn more at robynellis2013@icloud.com.

The **Fay Hoag Circle** meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 10AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Joyce Frick to learn more at joycefrick@gmail.com.



- 5/5Frank & Linda Riley
- 5/12John & Jay Richards
- 5/16Richard & Debora Klotzbier
- 5/26 Cy & Jo Sineath



The deadline for the next issue of Sharp Notes is 15th of this month. Email your content to Jacque at SharpMemorialUMC@gmail.com.



★ **ARMED FORCES** ★

Do you have loved ones serving in the Armed Forces? Please email current photographs to us at SharpMemorialUMC@gmail.com as we work to update our bulletin board honoring those actively serving in the Military.



Being our first year as full-time Georgians we were thrilled to be a part of Sharp's 75th Anniversary Week Celebration beginning with the YH Choir on April 14 followed by a full week of special events we attended. The Ice Cream Social with many historical photos shown and first-person commentary by Y.H. founder, Artemas Lester, brought back fond memories as we munched on homemade cookies and quickly melting homemade ice cream. The Tea on Friday reminded us of holiday dinners when the fine china and newly polished silver appeared for such occasions. Indeed, Friday was a special occasion with assorted teas and tasty crumpets prepared by loving hands while enjoying the Andrew Sisters and Shirley Miller's reminisces of historical figures who helped shape Young Harris and Sharp. The culminating Sunday service included former pastors, music directors, Sharp family guests and three members who shared their love for Sharp in good and difficult times. Once again, the choir outdid themselves! All this was co-chaired by Jackie Volk and Pam Leslie, whose versatile committee had much input making it a memorable week. Our thanks to ya'll who helped out!

- Al & Jean Nethery



Ever thought you'd like to have the Red Bird Mission Trip experience, but need to stay closer to home and sleep in your own bed? Well, you can! There's a mission with healthy and safe homes as the primary focus right here in our area. The Hinton Center, just outside Hayesville, NC, hosts teams of volunteers throughout the summer months just like Red Bird Mission does. This year, the Hinton Center is hosting a week of "Boomers" to become familiar with and participate in their work camp, worship, and learning programs. That week is September 8-12. Hinton is aware they are asking for older volunteers and will gear the work accordingly. They are also gearing the pricing toward project supplies, as locals will not need housing that week.

As Hinton's Boomer Week falls on the same week as our Red Bird Mission Trip this year, Dan Thomas has agreed to lead the Sharp team while Heidi Klein is away at Red Bird. If you'd be interested in being part of this local mission experience, please reach out to Heidi. She would be happy to answer your questions and get you signed up to be part of team. We

need to register our team, so please contact Heidi with your questions or interest by June 9. How amazing would it be to have two mission teams out presenting Christ in the same week?! We'll have fun sharing our stories.



Praying...in a recent article we were reminded that praying is the **MOST** we can do for someone, or for a specific situation we might see someone walking through, or even find ourselves facing personally. Do our prayers need to be eloquent or a certain length? Not at all. They can be short, disorganized, and fully of tears and be just as effective. So, we will ask you, and ask often, "How can we pray for you?" because we truly wish to be partners with you in prayer. We invite you to send your prayer requests to us via email. If you wish for them to remain confidential, we will handle them 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(s) to our prayer list, or we will keep your concern(s) close and confidential while God makes a way for your needs.





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.

Our weather is welcoming the opportunities for more outdoor activities. We have our first kayak outing scheduled for May 8 at 10AM at Jack Rabbit. Be sure to watch your emails for updates and additional notices for future outings being scheduled.

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

To join the Healthy Hikers list, contact Robyne Ellis at robynellis2013@icloud.com.

Invite a friend to join you – all are welcome!



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.

- 5/5 Communion
- 5/12Katie Strals
- 5/19Leon & Judith Lee
- 5/26David & Virginia Tinsley

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.



A donation was made to Sharp Memorial UMC in honor of Shirley Miller by: -Elizabeth Ruf

A donation was made to Sharp Memorial UMC’s Community Assistance Fund in memory of Bud Dyer by:

- Linda Appleton
- Susannah Hendrix Bellew
- Cathy Cox & Mark Dehler
- Herman & Brenda S. Garrett
- Scott & Judy Gregory
- Steve & Barbara Harvey
- Mary Hitchcock
- E. Stuart Hudnall
- Julia Jones
- C. Edwin Jordan
- Leon & Judith Lee
- Stephanie W. McConnell
- Anne D. Moncus
- William & Kathleen Parsons III
- William & Barbara Preslock, III
- Tri-State Community Band (FKA YHC Community Band)
- Young Harris College
- Scott & Kathy Whitehead
- Frederic Whitley
- Ellis & Evelyn Wiley



May BIRTHDAYS

Ash Todd	5/2
Valleri Ide	5/3
Tonya Page	5/7
John Cochran	5/8
Don Gregg	5/8
Anna Allen	5/9
Linda Metzler	5/11
John Scott	5/16
James Ellis	5/17
Steve Wicker	5/17
Bob Bone	5/20
Danny Hawkins	5/23
Susan Sinram	5/24
Rachel Windsor	5/24
Martha Barker	5/27
Zoe Angelopulos	5/31
Samuel Gary	5/31
Mary Welken	5/31



May ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Sonya Newton	5/6
George & Carol McLaughlin	5/21
Lance & Shelia Heeke	5/23

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

The Bulletin Board

75th Anniversary

