



# SharingSpace

Weekly Newsletter of New Beginnings UMC

June 28, 2020

## This Week's Activities

### Sunday 6/28

8:30a Traditional Worship  
11:00a Contemporary Worship

### Monday 6/29

8:00a Church office open until 4pm

### Tuesday 6/30

8:00a Church office open until 4pm  
10:00a Staff Meeting  
1:00p Stephen Ministry  
6:00p Live-It Sunday School Class  
7:00p Scout Troop 413-Girls

### Wednesday 7/1

8:00a Church Office open until 4pm  
6:30p Servant Stitchers

### Thursday 7/2

8:00a Church Office Closed  
8:00a Morning Prayer Group

### Friday 7/3

8:00a Church Office closed

### Sunday 7/5

Rev. Green's First Sunday  
8:30a Traditional Worship  
11:00a Contemporary Worship

## Ways to welcome a new pastor

In just seven days on July 1st, Rev. Dr. J. Christopher Greene will begin a new chapter in his life and ministry as our new pastor here at New Beginnings UMC. His first Sunday leading services will be July 5th.

Starting a new job and moving to a new home is often filled with many emotions...hope, anxiety, happiness, sadness from leaving the familiar and of course lots of change. Top all of this off in the middle of a pandemic and it can be a stressful situation for sure.

Most of the major moving hurdles have been taken care of. A huge "Thank You" goes out to our Trustee Chair, Melissa Lawson and her team for getting the parsonage ready. We have "pounded the pastor" with supplies and food, and the moving truck delivered all of Christopher's belongings yesterday. He even has most of his church office unpacked!

With that being said, I wanted to share some meaningful ideas that I found for the rest of us welcome Rev. Greene as he starts his new ministry here:

**1. Pray for your new pastor.** Make a commitment to pray daily for your pastor throughout the duration of his ministry. Once the honeymoon period is over and the daily grind of ministry begins, praying for your pastor will strengthen their ministry and will fortify your bond with your pastor.

**2. Send your pastor a welcome note of encouragement or email.** Be careful not to make this correspondence a lengthy epistle, itemizing your personal expectations or agenda. Just offer a word of welcome or encouragement.

**3. Mention your name on your first several encounters with your new pastor.** Once your new pastor arrives, make sure to offer your name in each greeting for the first few weeks. Learning names is important for pastors. And be sure not to embarrass the pastor by quizzing, "Do you remember my name?" Give your pastor the opportunity to learn your name and, over time, to learn a part of your life story.

**4. Lead with grace.** When a new pastor arrives, it's easy to begin making snap judgments about him or her or to make comparisons with the previous pastors. Resist the temptation to go with your first impressions. Understand that the new pastor does not yet know your traditions, your values, or your sacred cows; neither do you know your new pastor's ways of being and doing. It takes a while to learn those things about each other and leading with an attitude of grace enables both the congregation and pastor to create space for that learning to take place. Use the new pastor's arrival as an opportunity to see your congregation through a fresh set of eyes. Take the initiative to quell the inevitable rumor mill and assume the best from your new pastor. In doing so, you create a climate of trust and authenticity that makes for a good transition.

**5. Offer gifts with a purpose.** One of the ways that you can provide both a generous act of hospitality to the new pastoral family and give them an introduction to the community is to shower them with gift cards to local restaurants and businesses. Don't forget to provide gift cards for the local home improvement stores, which are the most frequently visited places when setting up a new home.

Pastor Greene has been called by God to minister to the spiritual needs of our congregation. These are just a few tips that can welcome him in a way that gets us started together on the right foot and help make it his best move yet!

Blessings,

Lisa Diestler  
Communications Lead



## Welcome back to church!

Please take a moment to review guidelines in place for your comfort and safety.

**As you arrive:** Three entrance doors will be open. The front, back and office hallway doors. You will be guided to sit in a section based on where you enter the building. It may be different than what you're used to. Hand sanitizer is available.

Please maintain 6 feet of separation from anyone other than household members.

**Masks/Face coverings:** Masks or coverings are REQUIRED at the 8:30 service and OPTIONAL but requested at the 11:00 service. Please bring your own if you have one. There will be a small supply at available at each entrance.

**Bulletins:** To avoid contact, paper bulletins will not be handed out. For upcoming activities, please check this newsletter, the church calendar on the website and social media.

**Coffee:** The coffee bar will not be available at this time, But please feel free to bring your own. Remember to take your cups and belongings when you leave.

**Singing:** Because of the distance germs can spread during singing, neither service will include singing. Hymnals have been removed for the time being.

**Offering:** To avoid contact, we will not be passing the offering plates. Baskets and envelopes will be available at each exit to place your offering.

**Communion:** Until it is deemed safe, we will not be sharing communion the first Sunday of the month.

**Prayer Requests:** Since the communication cards will not be available, please submit your prayer requests to [prayerlist.nbumc@gmail.com](mailto:prayerlist.nbumc@gmail.com) or call the church office.

**Sunday School:** Because of the room capacities and inability to social distance, ALL Sunday School classes are suspended until further notice.

**KidLink AM / Nursery:** Children's/Student ministries will continue with online platforms and will not meet on campus at this time. Both services are "family friendly" and children of all ages are encouraged to attend worship.

**Playground:** The playground is open under parental supervision only.

**Small Groups under 10:** You ARE allowed to meet in Room 6/7, KidLink Main, Sanctuary or Picnic shelter. You must reserve your space with Lisa Diestler in the church office - [communications@newbeginningumc.org](mailto:communications@newbeginningumc.org).

Cleaning of common touch surfaces will take place before, between and after services by our cleaning company.

## Advocate: Call for Racial Narratives

Dear friends,

We must talk about racial issues and racial awakening in the name of Jesus and His call to love ALL people as ourselves. In that vein, the South Carolina Advocate is seeking submissions for another racial narrative project, which we hope to turn into a book. (If you haven't seen the first book, visit <https://advocatesc.org/stories-of-racial-awakening/>—it includes a forward by Bishop Holston.) Anyone with any tie to South Carolina United Methodism is welcome to submit. Submissions should be 500-1,000 words and include your name, church name, etc. and be a personal reflection about how your eyes were opened and you experienced a racial awakening in your life.

Email your narrative to [jbrodie@umcsc.org](mailto:jbrodie@umcsc.org) by Aug. 31.

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## NBUMC ERT Tornado Rebuild Mission

July 10-18th Estill, SC

Phil Griswold, our Spartanburg District Assistant Disaster Coordinator will be leading a team from the Spartanburg District to Estill, S.C. for the purpose of repairing five homes from storm damage during the last round of tornadoes. Stephen Turner, Disaster Coordinator from the Anderson District will be the overall Mission Coordinator and will have at least three teams there to assist, including the Spartanburg team.

At Phil's request we are asking anyone, 18 years or older, ERT certified or not, if they would consider attending the rebuild mission to assist our brothers and sisters in need. The teams will be housed and fed at "Camp Christian" in the Estill area. The team will leave on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and return on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

COVID 19 protocols will be adhered to during this call-out. If you can attend this rebuild mission in July please contact Phil Griswold at the number below. If you cannot attend this mission we ask for your prayers and support for those going.

Chuck Marshall, Spartanburg District Disaster Coordinator  
864-216-1876

Phil Griswold, Spartanburg District Assistant Disaster Coordinator  
864-814-4444

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

### June 28

**8:30am Traditional 11:00 Contemporary Sanctuary**  
UMCSC Congregational Specialist Chris Lynch will be leading both services.

### July 5

**8:30am Traditional 11:00 Contemporary Sanctuary**  
This will be the first Sunday with our new pastor Rev. Dr. Christopher Greene.

**We apologize, but at this time we will not be broadcasting live through Facebook. However, we will be taping the sermons during worship and they will be posted on YouTube, our website and Facebook early in the week, for those who are not able to attend on Sunday.**

## Servants

**Ushers/Greeters 6/28/20**

**8:30**  
No Ushers Needed  
at this time

**11:00**  
No Ushers Needed  
at this time

**Offering Steward**

**8:30** Jane Wofford

**11:00** Melissa Lawson

**Security/Medical Team**

**8:00-Noon**

Fred Weisbecker

Wayne Kyle

Mark Phillips

## One can CAN make a difference.

As you are grocery shopping this week, pick up an extra can of food for the food pantry and drop it off in the cart in the back of the sanctuary. Your donation will make a difference!

**All donations for June go to Greater Spartanburg Ministries**

# KidLink

3K– 4th Grade



## Sunday School / KidLink AM

Sunday at 8:00am

While we can't meet in person, Mrs. Sarah provides Sunday School / KidLink AM Worship materials each week by email. You can use these at home or on your tablet during Sunday Worship. If you are not on her mail list, please contact her at the address below.

## Daily Devotions for Families

Each week Monday—Friday

Mrs. Sarah provides a daily devotion for our KidLink friends! This video series provides a brief devotion delivered via email for viewing when it works best for your family. If you want to join in, just contact Sarah at the address below.

## KidLink Newsletter

Mrs. Sarah puts out a weekly newsletter to connect parents with Sunday school lessons and ways to stay involved. It is also full of ideas and resources for parents, grandparents and caregivers to do with the kids. If you would like to be included, please email her at the address below.

## Virtual Vacation Bible School

July 13-17th See information on next page.

## KidLink has a Facebook Page!

Take a minute to visit and "like" their page [New Beginnings UMC KidLink](#).

\*Just a reminder that the KidLink Facebook page is a public page and if you would like to participate with out posting to Facebook you can email your video to Sarah Pruitt at [childrens@newbeginningsumc.org](mailto:childrens@newbeginningsumc.org).

For more information on any Children's Events,  
Contact Sarah Pruitt at  
[childrens@newbeginningsumc.org](mailto:childrens@newbeginningsumc.org)



## Did You Miss a Sermon?

We are posting the sermons online in video and podcast format.

**Video:** Visit our website: [www.newbeginningsumc.org](http://www.newbeginningsumc.org)

Click on the "Resource" tab and then "Sermons".

**Podcast:** Visit [Buzzsprout.com](http://www.buzzsprout.com)

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/194909>

# NB YOUTH

5-12th Grade

## Daily Devotions for Youth

Our team recently started a daily devotion and encouragement thread for NBUMC students using the app GroupME. If your NBUMC student would like to participate but did not receive the invitation to join GroupME, please email Sarah Pruitt at [childrens@newbeginningsumc.org](mailto:childrens@newbeginningsumc.org) and we will add them to the list.

For more information on any Youth events,  
Contact Sarah Pruitt at  
at [childrens@newbeginningsumc.org](mailto:childrens@newbeginningsumc.org)



# Ways to Give



- Place and offering in the collection plate on Sunday morning. This can be a check, money order, cash or loose change.
- Send a check or money order in the mail.
- Online through the church website: [www.newbeginningsumc.org](http://www.newbeginningsumc.org). Click on the "Give" tab and register to donate online through your checking or savings account.
- Set up "New Beginnings UMC as a Bill Pay at your local bank.
- Give by Text on your cell phone. Funds can be donated from your saving or checking account charged to your MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express card. Simply send a text to **864-952-0918** and follow the prompts to send your donation.

If you have any questions please contact the church office  
or e-mail [finance@newbeginningsumc.org](mailto:finance@newbeginningsumc.org).

June 14, 2020

### Our Presence

Traditional	23
Contemporary	107
Sunday Total	130

### Our Gifts

	YTD Actual
Income	\$243,354.29
Expense	\$209,807.42
Last week's giving	\$8,530.00

# LITTLE BUGS BIG IMPACT

BIG AND SMALL  GOD USES US ALL



## Virtual VBS July 13-17, 2020

VBS this summer was going to be a little "BUGGY"... so we're teaming up with other churches for the

### **BIGGEST VBS IN HISTORY!!**

We are partnering with our sister conference in Northern Alabama to bring the first ever

**VIRTUAL VBS** experience to KIDLINK families this summer.

We're taking VBS into thousands of backyards and we hope you'll join the fun!

Participants will receive a "Virtual VBS" daily email during the week of VBS, filled with the same content your children know and love from VBS, including access to **LIVE PRAISE AND WORSHIP** online each evening.

Access this content at home together as a family to host your very own backyard VBS!  
We've also created a VBS SPIRIT KIT to jump start the fun!

*The first **12 registrations** will receive a special VBS box that can be picked up from the Church between July 1 and July 13.*

**Simply let us know you've registered for VBS**

(email Sarah Pruitt at [childrens@newbeginningsumc.org](mailto:childrens@newbeginningsumc.org) or call the church office ).

**Register your family today via link below.**

<https://na-reg.brtapp.com/2020VirtualVBS>

Be encouraged to share with your neighbors and friends, all ages are welcome!

\*Access to our Virtual VBS is provided free for all participants, but will require a few supplies. If this presents a road block to participation for your family, please let our church know so we may assist you.

# Sunday School

## Live It Class

Study of the Book of Genesis

Leader: Wes Craven

Tuesdays at 6:00pm Picnic Shelter

During this first phase of reopening, all indoor Sunday School classes have been suspended until it has been deemed safe to resume.

## Scheduled Meetings

### Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, June 30th at 1:00pm Room 6

Contact Cathy Blair at 864-431-9611 or Sandra Shaw at 864-497-9918.

[www.newbeginningsumc.org](http://www.newbeginningsumc.org)



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## Prayer Requests

To submit a prayer request:

- Email to [prayerlist.nbumc@gmail.com](mailto:prayerlist.nbumc@gmail.com)
- Write them on the Sunday Bulletin Communication Card.
- Visit the Prayer tab on our website.

If want to pray for concerns please send an e-mail to: [prayerlist.nbumc@gmail.com](mailto:prayerlist.nbumc@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

## Congregational Care

- **Congregational Care Information:**  
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- **For cards or mail:**  
Nancy Hallgren [nhall39@bellsouth.net](mailto:nhall39@bellsouth.net) 864-578-9761  
For congratulatory, illness or death.
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- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Prayer shawls for anyone who is seriously ill or going through a serious life challenge.  
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- **Stephen Ministry:** Christian care for those experiencing a life challenge or crisis.  
Rev. Dr. Christopher Greene [pastor@newbeginningsumc.org](mailto:pastor@newbeginningsumc.org)  
864-599-1303

## Registration for Child Care

Child care is available free of charge for all church ministry meetings and church -sponsored events (unless indicated). No reservations are needed for worship services.

**Reservations required 48 hours in advance.**

- Complete the Child Care request on the Sunday Bulletin Communication Card.
- Visit the Nursery tab and register on the church website.

## Church Calendar

The official church event calendar is on our website.

Contact Lisa Diestler at [communications@newbeginningsumc.org](mailto:communications@newbeginningsumc.org).

## Text to Give

Simply send a text to **864-952-0918** with the amount you wish to contribute. Once you register, future giving is easy. Just send a text with the amount you wish to give and it will process automatically. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Rev. Dr. J. Christopher Greene **Pastor**

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