



# SharingSpace

Weekly Newsletter of New Beginnings UMC

August 9-16, 2020

## This Week's Activities

### Sunday 8/9

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

### Monday 8/10

8:00a Church office open until 4pm  
6:30p Scouts BSA Pack 413  
6:30p SPRC  
7:00p Couples Class Meeting Group

### Tuesday 8/11

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

### Wednesday 8/12

8:00a Church Office open until 4pm  
6:30p Servant Stitchers  
7:00p Brothers in Christ Men's Group 2  
7:00p Brothers in Christ Men's Group 3

### Thursday 8/13

8:00a Church Office is open until 4pm  
8:00a Morning Prayer Group  
6:00p Praise Band Practice

### Friday 8/14

8:00a Church Office closed

### Sunday 8/16

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

## End of the law

*Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. ~ Romans 10:10 (CEB)*

Our human sin has kept us from full unity with God. God, of course, has remained faithful, making and keeping promises to Abraham and rescuing the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt, but still the people were determined to go their own way. The law was given to Moses to help the people rectify this broken relationship with God. Instead, according to Paul, the law led the people of Israel to "try to establish their own righteousness" rather than God's (Romans 10:3). Paul wrestles with the law throughout his letter to the church at Rome, describing it as somewhat of a barrier to salvation by faith, being cumbersome to keep and nurturing self-reliance instead of reliance on God. The good news Paul shares with the Romans: What the law could not do, the incarnation can do.

Jesus is the end of the law, or put another way, the fulfillment of the law, and the telos of the law. God's intent to be at one with God's people is made manifest in the Christ. Jesus can heal the broken relationship between creature and Creator and among the created order. Our heartfelt belief, confessed with our mouths—this is the one God sent to save the world—redeems us, reconciles us to the God who loves us.

*...if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved...All who call on the Lord's name will be saved... ~ Romans 10:9,13*

In place of the law and its 613 commandments is the commandment of Christ to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself. This is true for Jews, and this is true for Gentiles. Paul's commentary revokes the idea that good works can save us, that any human has the capacity to save oneself. Only God, only grace, can set us free, can release us from condemnation.

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Deuteronomy 26:5-11 confesses the God who drew Jesus out of the womb of the chosen people and gave him back to them in a gracious act of love. God now chooses all by grace, through the One who was sent, Jesus the Christ. Grace repairs the brokenness we feel. Brokenness is the gap between the people we strive to be and the fallible people we are. It is the gap between God's perfection and our own imperfection. It is the divisions we create and perpetuate between all of us in God's creation. Jesus restores what was broken, fulfilling God's promise of salvation, fulfilling the law. Jesus is the end of the law, the embodiment of grace and unconditional love of God that boldly chooses all of us – willing not to let one soul be left behind. Grace restores what is broken, not anything we can do.

May we have the boldness to step out in faith, confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and live lives that reflect the grace and love of God for our broken world. May we love as those who have been loved and forgiven by God, and share the mercy we have received so that others may hear and come to know this amazing love of God that heals and redeems all our brokenness.

*So how can they call upon someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news. ~ Romans 10:14-15*

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Christopher

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## Ladies Thursday AM Bible Study

**Starts Thursday, August 20th at 9:30am Room 6/7**

All ladies are invited to join us for the six week Bible study *One in a Million*, by Priscilla Shirer. Modern day Christians often hear and understand the promises of God each Sunday morning at church but then rarely choose to experience them in everyday life. Bible teacher Priscilla Shirer invites us to change that pattern for good, living beyond our circumstances and expecting to see God move in miraculous ways day after day. Study Guide is \$16. Note: Childcare will not be available for these sessions. Wearing masks is encouraged but not mandatory. To sign up, contact Melissa Lawson at 864-542-3433 or [melissa.anne.lawson@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.anne.lawson@gmail.com) or Amanda Eplee at 864-612-2620 or [amandaeplee@gmail.com](mailto:amandaeplee@gmail.com).

## Sunday Attendance Taking

As you come in one of our three entrances, you will be welcomed by a greeter who is taking attendance. They may recognize you, but not know your name. Please help them out by giving them your name as you come in the building. We are keeping a record of attendance at each service in case a COVID-19 notice is necessary.

## School Supply Drive Service Opportunity

**August 10-12th 1:00-6:00pm**  
**Upstate Family Resource Center**

Willing hands are needed to help distribute school supply bags to families on August 10, 11 and 12. If you have a few hours to spare between 1:00 and 6:00pm, they can use your help.

Supply bags will be packed inside the building and then moved outside with carts. Clients will form a car line and bags will be placed directly in trunks for a safe contactless delivery.

Contact Carolyn Wilson at UFRC 864-578-1379 or [carolyn.wilson@spart2.org](mailto:carolyn.wilson@spart2.org).

## Celebration of Education Prayer Meet

**Sunday, August 9th at 4:00pm**

**See below for locations**

As the school year approaches, many are dealing with anxiety and fear over returning to the classroom. The Spartanburg District of the United Methodist Church is providing a way for us to show support to our educators, administrators, school staff, students, families, and communities.

On this Sunday, August 9th at 4 PM, the United Methodist Church is hosting a "Celebration of Education" at multiple School District Office parking lots. Currently, we have received approval from Spartanburg Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 to host this time of prayer outside in their District Office parking lot.

The "Celebration of Education" is a time where we will recognize the hardships all are facing and pray for our school administrators, educators, staff members, students, families, and communities. Due to the heat, the time of prayer will be limited, but hopefully, our presence will make a positive impact.

Social distancing will be practiced, and wearing masks are strongly recommended. If you have any questions, please contact Walter Cantwell ([pastor@lymanumc.com](mailto:pastor@lymanumc.com)).

Here are the addresses for the participating

School District Offices:

District 1 - 121 Wheeler Street, Campobello, SC

District 2 - 3231 Old Furnace Road, Chesnee, SC

District 3 - 3535 Clifton Glendale Road, Spartanburg, SC

District 4 - 118 McEdco Road, Woodruff, SC

District 5 - 100 N Danzler Road, Duncan, SC

District 6 - 1390 Cavalier Way, Roebuck, SC

# 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 Sarah.

## 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.

## 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 Sarah.

## 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)



# NB YOUTH

5-12th Grade

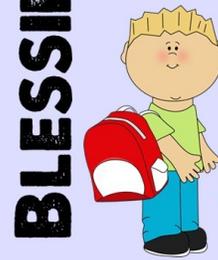
## Daily Devotions for Youth

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)



# BLESSING of the Bookbags



Sunday,  
August 16th

11:00 Service



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11:00 service

All students, regardless of age and grade are invited to bring their bookbags or tablets to church for a special blessing. If you cannot be here, Mrs. Sarah will be sending a blessing by email that you can participate in at home.

## 31 Days of Prayer

There is nothing more powerful our Church can do for our precious children than lift our collective voices in a chorus of prayers. So that we are united in prayer, a daily prayer prompt will be posted on our KidLink Instagram account from August 1-31. Be encouraged to use this prompt in your prayer time each day. All are invited to participate, feel free to ask Grandparents, family and friends to partner with our church through prayer!

## 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 August go to  
Upstate Family Resources

### Current Food Pantry Needs:

Canned meats Canned soups, Canned beans,  
Canned vegetables except corn and green beans,  
Dry beans, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Flour, Sugar, Oil  
Mac and Cheese,  
Tooth brushes adult & children's sizes,  
Bar Soap, Hand dishwashing liquid,  
Laundry pods, Deodorant/antiperspirant,  
Basic cleaning supplies such as baking soda,  
white vinegar & bleach

**Please note that we can not accept the following items for the pantry:**

- Expired food
- Homemade canned food
- Open food packages
- Punctured, bulging or seriously damaged canned goods

## Servants

**8/9/20**

### Ushers

**8:30**

Tim Finch  
Donelle Finch  
Carolyn Weisbecker

**11:00**

Robin Meyers  
Gus Meyers  
Jamie Olsen

### Offering Steward

**8:30** Carolyn Weisbecker      **11:00** Brian Cannon

### Security/Medical Team

**8:00-Noon**

Melissa Lawson    Rusty Daniels    Jerry Ellis

**8/16/20**

### Ushers

**8:30**

Mike Russel  
Nita Russel  
Stacy Shepherd

**11:00**

Sarah Rice  
David Rice  
Jim Hardin

### Offering Steward

**8:30** Steve Byerly      **11:00** Melissa Lawson

### Security/Medical Team

**8:00-Noon**

George Troncoso    Adrian Kostiuik    Doug Chivers

**August 2, 2020**

#### Our Presence

Traditional	49
Contemporary	87
Sunday Total	136

#### Our Gifts

#### YTD Actual

Income	\$298,427.13
Expense	\$224,463.58
Last week's giving	\$13,119.00

## Ways to Give

- Place an offering in the collection plate on Sunday. This can be a check, money order or cash.
- Send a check or money order in the mail.
- Give online through the church website: [www.newbeginningsumc.org](http://www.newbeginningsumc.org). Click on the "Give" tab and register to donate online.
- 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 bank account or credit card. Text **864-952-0918** and follow the prompts to send your donation.

## 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. Hand sanitizer is available. Please maintain 6 feet of separation from anyone other than household members.

**Attendance Taking:** As you come into the building, you will be welcomed by a greeter who is taking attendance. They may recognize you, but not know your name. Please help them out by giving them your name as you come in the building. We are keeping a record of attendance at each service in case of a COVID-19 notice is necessary.

**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.

# 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

### Trustees

Sunday, August 9th at Noon Room 7

Contact Melissa Lawson at 864-542-3433.

### SPRC

Monday, August 10th at 6:30pm Room 3

Contact Ken Walter at 864-590-1310.

### Finance

Monday, August 20th at 6:30pm Zoom

Contact Howard Cleveland at 864-680-4155.

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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:**  
Sue Miller [jimmysue81@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmysue81@hotmail.com) 864-590-2651
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Sue Miller [jimmysue81@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmysue81@hotmail.com) 864-590-2651
- **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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Sue Miller [jimmysue81@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmysue81@hotmail.com) 864-590-2651
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Prayer shawls for anyone who is seriously ill or going through a serious life challenge.  
Jane Wofford [woffordjane@gmail.com](mailto:woffordjane@gmail.com) 864-494-1176
- **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

(note: Child care suspended until further notice)

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).