FROM REV. DEVAL MASON

Can you believe that school has started this week. Even in a global pandemic time seems to fly by. We had a wonderful time this past Sunday during our worship service as we celebrated the children, youth, and school employees going "Back to School" with prayer. I want to say a big "Thank You!" to Rachel Miller, Ellen Banks, Luke Banks, Megan Stowe, Michael Ferguson, Sophie Banks, Jacob Stowe, and Gabe Ferguson for coming up and helping to lead us in prayer for all the children and youth who are going back to school. Also a big "Thank You!" to Jaime Stowe for coming up and helping to lead us in prayer for all the school employees who are going back to school. The start of this school year will be different from any other year ever, thus it will be stressful for all concerned. However, I believe that it can also be a great year for all concerned, because: God Is Good! All The Time!

Sending our love to all students, families, and school employees as school officially begins this week!

ONLINE YARD SALE

The WUMC Youth Group is leading its first EVER online yard sale fundraiser! We are replacing our annual in-person yard sale with an online version to raise money towards future youth trips and mission work. Do you have items at your house that you were going to donate to a thrift store? Consider instead donating items worth at least $20 to our fundraiser: furniture, tools, gardening supplies, household items (no clothes or dishes, please). All you need to do is donate your items and then Emily will take it from there, with all proceeds going to benefit WUMC! See the attached form for more details about how to get involved with supporting the youth program. We have already seen great success with this format from generous donations from Ken & Mary Beth Lovelace. In just 1 week, donated items from the Lovelace’s have earned the youth $520 in online sales.
To Ken and Mary Beth Lovelace: Your support of the youth program since 2018 has been amazing and so appreciated. Words cannot say how much we have been blessed by all the ways you have supported us - dinners, ice cream, donations, moral support, encouragement, letters written to us, teaching lessons, tootsie pops, sausage biscuits, and more! It’s people from our church family like you all who help keep this program flourishing. God bless you both. Much love, Emily & the WUMC Youth

CALLING TREE UPDATE
Our last calling tree effort was filled with wonderful heartfelt responses, so as the pandemic continues we are re-starting this program again. We would like to have as many people as possible participate in order to maximize connectivity in our church family, especially during this difficult time when our options to connect remain limited. Please join us as a caller! All you have to do is call a handful of people on the church roster to check in on them. It’s a wonderful way for us to support each other, enjoy some fellowship, and get to know each other a little better. Please email Bob Cipriano at bcip@charter.net by August 25th. I look forward to hearing from you!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
The Matilda Dryman Circle is meeting this evening (Tues. 8/18) at 6:00pm via conference call. All are welcome to attend - member or friend! Important work is done for women, children and youth by United Methodist Women. To join the meeting, call: (978) 990-5000. Access code is 922370#

CHURCH COUNCIL
A Council meeting has been called for Sunday, Aug. 30th. It will be done via Zoom from 4:00 until approximately 5:00pm. The agenda & Zoom instructions will be emailed to Council members this week.

CHILDREN & YOUTH
Children’s Sunday School:
WUMC will be offering online Sunday School via Zoom for children beginning after Labor Day. Small group instruction will be broken down into grade levels, and be no more than 15-20 minutes. Materials will be sent to you/your child ahead of time as we continue to follow our curriculum. Details about small group breakdown and times of zoom will be made available very soon, so stay tuned to the Twizzler and get signed up for Remind texts with Emily (youth@weavervilleumc.org) to stay “in the know”.
Car Scavenger Hunt for Youth & Children:
Buckle up with your family and ride around the metropolis of Weaverville looking for clues! You and your family will work your way through the "hunt" at WUMC members’ homes and town landmarks. We will also be using this as a "Back to School" mission project for local schools; one clue location will be a drop off spot for needed supplies. You do not have to participate in the scavenger hunt in order to participate in the donation drop-off; everyone is welcome to help with this project! The date is Aug. 30 beginning at 2pm, rain or shine. Please preregister by emailing Emily: youth@weavervilleumc.org More details coming in next week's Twizzler!

Next Youth Bible Study:
Join us next Sunday August 23rd. 6-8th grade starts at 5:00pm, 9-12th grade starts at 5:30pm. Read "You were Made to Make a Difference" through page 45. Haven't been able to join us for bible study yet? YOU ARE STILL WELCOME! Come as you are; we welcome you!

FINANCE UPDATE
HAVC Loan Balance: $ 12,451.31
Bus Loan: almost paid off

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!
Weaverville UMC provided a team of volunteers to work with the Buncombe County School District in the summer feeding program of deserving children in Asheville. Along with three dedicated folks from my neighborhood, Bob Cipriano, Anna and Mike Gerckens, Rick Spoering, and Len and Lou Moffatt worked every Thursday for 11 weeks to serve 35-50 breakfasts and lunches to families in the Black Locust Mobile Home Community. Our joy in serving God by serving others made our lives richer. Thanks for this amazing opportunity. –Lou Moffatt

WUMC ONLINE
We have all kinds of videos available for you on our YouTube Channel: worship services, youth group activities, Sunday School classes, & more. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAmGIzE0NZIhe63PwJP_gSg/videos
You can view this past Sunday's indoor worship service here: https://www.facebook.com/WeavervilleUMC/videos/308817637035432/

WUMC ON ZOOM
Join us for online fellowship using Zoom! It’s super easy; all you have to do is click on a link that Emily will email to you. If you aren’t receiving her messages with the login ID & password, please email her at youth@weavervilleumc.org so you can stay connected!
Children's Zoom Message: Sunday at 11:15am
Ignite Sunday School Zoom: Sunday at 9:00am

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH
Thank you very much to everyone who has continued to support WUMC with their contributions! Options to donate:
1. On our web site: www.weavervilleumc.org/donations
2. Through your bank’s online bill pay
3. Mail checks to:
PRAYER LIST
The family of Tena Denning, Delailah Ford, Lee Roy & Dianne Griffin, Emma Hughey, Joyce King, Connie Martin, Jennifer Martin, Elaine Robinson, Betty Sexton, Tom Stade, Jackson Stafford, Justin Travis, Mac White. We also offer up special prayers for our school employees, students, and families as they navigate through this uncertain time.
This list is reset at the beginning of each month. Please email office@weavervilleumc.org to request changes.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE
For those in our congregation who may need assistance: we have a pantry with food and basic supplies that can meet most needs. Contact Pastor Deval or Renee Weaver to let them know if you could use some help. We will deliver to you or meet you at the church. If you need fresh items or medicines, we will pick that up at the store for you.
Deval Mason: dmoson@weavervilleumc.org or (828)645-6721

May God bless you and keep you.