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October 2020 Berea Friendship UMC Newsletter

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

I promised a newsletter on the topic of our Prodigal God. Our God is a prodigal God in the sense that he loves us with reckless abandon, in order to bring us home, to bring us to Him. We are awash in God's grace- an infinite goodness that's always leading us back to our God. The organization of our series on Luke 15 and much of what I shared comes from a book by Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal God*. It is a thought provoking read and I highly recommend it. It is a challenging perspective for traditional churches.

We begin to see what our prodigal God is like in Genesis. The pattern for divine creation is in place, God's Spirit is hovering over dark circumstances, and God's Word is spoken into those circumstances. Then creative goodness begins to flow. For six days God created, and the results were our world and universe as we know it. We have only begun to scratch the surface of understanding and appreciating the infinite goodness we have been given. Our prodigal God created all for our benefit and then gave creation to us. God loves us with reckless abandon!

In the book of Exodus we see the same prodigal God. In every circumstance Israel faced, God was powerfully present in a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night. Paul tells us the Spirit of the pre-incarnate Christ was in the pillar, leading God's people every step of the way. Israel was awash in a flood of God's grace: the plagues of Egypt did not touch Goshen; death passed over Hebrew homes marked with lamb's blood; the Red Sea parted; bitter water turned sweet; manna fell from heaven; flocks of quail covered their camp; God's grace flooded over his people. But, after four hundred thirty years in bondage, Israel understood God as a strict disciplinarian to be feared. They thought they had to please God by works and efforts. In the hardness of their hearts they wandered needlessly in the wildness for forty years, never entering the promise land God intended for them. Today many people are wandering needlessly because they misunderstand God in the same way. Nothing could be further from the truth! God loves us with reckless abandon.

Everywhere in scripture we see our prodigal God, loving with reckless abandon; His people awash in a flood of grace. Then grace came to us in a person, in the person of Jesus Christ. We see the grace of God in a context we can understand. One uniquely created person, a man, yet fully God! Through this one person Jesus, we see what God is like. Able to forgive our sins, Jesus meets our greatest need, and gives mankind right standing before a holy and righteous God. We receive grace simply by believing in Jesus and his finished work. Through Jesus eternal life flows to us, and is given to us. God Himself has made a way back home through His Son. Today mankind is awash in a flood of amazing grace: Jesus did nothing from selfish ambition; He put the interest of others first; He never regarded power as something to be exploited; He emptied himself as a slave without rights; He allowed Himself nailed to a cross; and he was obedient to the point of death. God is selfless sacrificial love; who will do anything to make a way for those he loves. Our prodigal God loves all with reckless abandon!

God's ways and thinking are infinitely above us. By contrast worldly thinking and human thinking always boils down to one thing. What is best for me is best for everybody! That's what politics boils down to; that's why all the heated political debates these days. That's why churches have heated debates! People passionately hold onto best for me! Maintain Me! Awash in a flood of grace our prodigal God is always before us, His flood invariably bringing us home. The younger brother finally came to the end of himself. At that point in the flood the younger brother chose his Father, and the binding covenant relationship the Father knew to be best.

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). The Father is eagerly watching and waiting for the prodigal son's return. He sees him coming from afar and runs to him; He knows that his heart has changed toward him! The Father hugs and kisses the son; he calls servants to tend to his son! The younger brother initially squandered away all his Father had given him. Yet, in an instant everything that the Father has is restored to him again. The younger son never even has the chance to declare his lesser plans, before the party is on! All heaven rejoices when one sinner repents and comes home to the Father. Our prodigal God loves us with reckless abandon, especially when we come home to Him

This is mankind's reality Berea Friendship; this is our reality. A flood of grace is taking us home, but is up to us to choose it, to go with God's flow, to choose all he wants to give us. He tells us, "my son my daughter all I have is yours." God has given us his grace in every way imaginable, up to His one and only Son. Jesus is our way, our truth, our life; God wants to give us more each day. God knows what is best for you, for me, for Berea Friendship. My prayer is that we are ready to PARTY!

In Christ, Pastor Davon

Holiday Bazaar - New set up for November 7, 2020

BFUM with host a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 7th 8am – 5pm.

It will look very different this year. Several vendors will be sharing their products.

The BFUM Quilters will have a country store with pickles, jams, jellies and baked goods.

This will also be a quilters table with a limited number of various items for sale.

Please share information about the Bazaar and plan to attend.

As an expression of caring and courtesy to others, masks/face covering will be required

What we need from our members --

Based on COVID guidelines all food items but be individually wrapped. We will be unable to have an open kitchen this time.

We request members to make cakes, pies, cookies and wrap them in zip lock bags or clear plastic wrap so they can be seen. We will sell whatever we are fortunate enough to receive for this event.

Whole / half cakes are fine. 3 brownies or cookies up to a dozen cookies are good in a bag work well. There may also be single pieces of pound cake in baggies for individual sale. Please let us know what you plan to donate for our event.

We would greatly appreciate people signing up or letting us know if they can assist with:

set up of tables on Friday afternoon / evening November 6^{th from} 5pm – 8pm and/or break down Saturday 5pm – 6:30 pm.

We will also need **helpers on Saturday** to be present for sales. Each table will take money since we have individual vendors. We need between **3-5 people** for the **Berea Friendship table** from **7:30 am -12:30p** and **3-5 people from 12:30 – 5:30 pm.**

MANY THANKS! Bazaar Committee









TRUNK OR TREAT

The Outreach Ministries/ Family Ministries committees met and we have decided that we will have a Trunk or Treat for the church kids/CDC kids/ and community on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. We are asking for members to come and decorate their cars and help with the event. We are also in need of candy (last year we had about 100 kids come and had to buy more candy). We will have cars park every other parking space and request that everyone wear a mask and we will have gloves available to pass the candy out. We would like for everyone passing out candy to wear gloves and place it in the kid's containers, as to cut down on exposure. Family Ministries will be providing dinner for all the volunteers. Please arrive and have your car ready by 5:50. We look forward to this event, as we have had such a different year. Please share our event with your family, friends, and neighbors. We will have flyers available for handout by October 11th.



Church Website and Facebook Information

Update on church website

A calendar has been added to the website. We are continually making changes to the website and updating information. If you have information about your group that you would like put on the website, please contact Vickie Failor, Rob Wallace, or Anne-Marie Wallace. If you have any suggestions for website, please contact one of us.



United Methodist Women

Newsletter article October 2020

The Friendship Circle will not meet during the month of October.

The Shalom Circle will meet on Saturday, October 17, 2020. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. for a light lunch, devotional and work on a mission project.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the UMW will have a special called meeting on Sunday, October 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the social hall for a brief business meeting. We will practice social distancing during this meeting.

Prayer Focus

Our prayer focus for October is on the Wesley Community Center in Dayton, Ohio. It was established in 1966 in response to civil rights and civil unrest that was occurring in the city. Their goal was to address the needs of the Westside community in the spirit of Christian faith.

Through the years, Wesley Center has become a safe haven for families in crisis who are seeking stability, hope, and a fresh start. The center and programs offered have been highly successful and helped countless families and individuals. Their mission statement reads "The mission of Wesley Community Center, Dayton is to meet the spiritual and basic needs of families of all ages offering assistance in education and training, employment and human assistance in transitioning families toward self-sufficiency."

Their amazing team/staff is committed to this mission. Their primary focus is to identify solutions that lead to self-sufficiency. They take these convictions and turn them into action.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Barbara Haralson in Arizona and Rachel Harvey in Pennsylvania.

Essential in Uncertainty

United Methodist Women-supported national mission institutions adapt quickly and creatively to meet community needs during the global health crisis.

by Michelle Bearden

The 1918 flu pandemic killed an estimated 50 million worldwide and 675,000 in the United States. Modern science, mass communication and medical technology will hopefully keep that horrific death rate from repeating itself in our current global health crisis—but that doesn't mean the coronavirus toll hasn't been devastating.

As of early July, it has killed more than 539,906 people globally, including 129,963 Americans, and hospitalized tens of thousands more. To slow the spread, the U.S. economy was temporarily shut down—and it is still struggling to recover. And with isolation and distancing the best defense against COVID-19, the lack of human contact has had a hefty emotional impact.

Restrictions and government-mandated guidelines have been particularly difficult on nonprofits and ministries, which sometimes struggle financially even in robust times.

It's no different for the nearly 90 national mission institutions supported in partnership with United Methodist Women.

United Methodist Women's predecessor organizations established social service programs across the United States at the turn of the 20th century in response to the needs of marginalized and vulnerable communities—newly arrived immigrants, freed Blacks, the working poor and indigenous peoples.

Today, many of these programs operate throughout the country as independent, autonomous nonprofit agencies, with missions ranging from caring for children and educating youth, creating economic opportunities, empowering women, housing the neglected and advocating for social justice.

United Methodist Women's commitment to these programs remains strong. Agencies have access to annual grants, emergency funding, technical support and member involvement. In 2019, the national office gave nearly \$1.9 million in grant support to national mission institutions. Some of the national mission institutions will be receiving additional grants to help manage the shortfalls caused by COVID-19, says Jessica Tulloch, United Methodist Women's executive for national ministries.

"I know these are unusual times, but these are agencies that are often called on to adapt and adjust as the needs of the community change," she said. "It's in their DNA. Most of them started with few resources, but with plenty of passion and the drive to serve. That will get them through this."

How did these nonprofits cope? response talks with four directors of national mission institutions on how they responded and adapted.

And though they all have their own challenges, they share a common trait, Tulloch said. "They are quick to respond and can make adjustments quickly. We've seen that throughout history. When they come out of this, they will be that much stronger."

Nome Community Center

Life can be challenging enough in Nome, Alaska. Weather, poverty, the high rate of homelessness and alcoholism, and isolation are everyday struggles. Add a pandemic to the mix, and Rhonda Schneider had yet another obstacle to overcome. She's the director of the Nome Community Center, the area's main social-service agency. Its roots are uniquely Alaskan: It began in 1906 when a benefactor gave a donation to the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church to establish a reindeer mission at the Sinuk River to preserve and protect the tradition of reindeer herding.

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The center now has a more expansive role, providing a daytime program for seniors, family services, Boys and Girls Club activities, a youth court diversionary program, feeding outreach, an overnight shelter and a housing program to keep people out of homelessness. Schneider does this all with a \$2 million annual budget. Her offices are located in donated space on the second floor of Community United Methodist Church. Several of her programs also work out of Methodist-owned buildings at no charge except for maintenance costs. "When you have to do so much on a limited budget, any help means so much," she said. When COVID-19 hit, her staff of 35 could not close up shop. "There was no 'stay home and stay safe' order for us," Schneider said. Only three programs were put on hold—youth court, the Alcohol Safety Action program and the Boys and Girls Club. The rest were modified to follow local guidelines.

Senior meals, for example, went from being served in a community setting to at-home deliveries. Staff devised "distant bingo" games, a lending library of disinfected puzzles and a weekly regime of exercise handouts to do at home.

Children living in the children's home had to be home schooled by an already overburdened staff. And the homeless shelter remained open an extra month because of the pandemic and relocated to a gym in a city-owned recreation center to accommodate the spike in numbers.

With this population, Schneider said, "social distancing was practically nonexistent." "They rely on one another, they huddle with one another and they roam together," she said. "Asking them to limit contact with each other was not very feasible." Because it operates a "wet" shelter, which allows inebriated guests, moving to a temporary shelter was stressful because it was so far from the local bars. Some staff members sought out the regulars and brought them to the new location so they would have shelter and a meal. A bright spot amid the coronavirus chaos was that some guests stayed sober for about a week. "That was an amazing surprise," Schneider said. "It was very nice while it lasted."

Most of the Nome Community Center's work is face-to-face, and Schneider is looking forward to returning to that. There were few COVID-19 cases in Alaska—only three recorded in Nome by late May. That is one of the upsides of limited contact with large population centers.

Schneider says she will not forget the response by her staff and the commitment made to keep clients safe during such an uncertain time. "It's work that touches your soul," she said. "You do this because you have a heart for helping people. And I saw a lot of people going the extra mile to get that done."

Hattie B. Cooper Community Center

As executive director of Hattie B. Cooper Community Center in Roxbury, Massachusetts, Lillie Searcy knows how to juggle resources, manage staff and prepare for the unexpected.

But COVID-19 stretched even her limits. "I've never been more nervous and scared about anything in my life," Searcy said. "The responsibility to the kids and families we serve to keep our staff safe in an environment with so much uncertainty was over whelming. "The first order of business was to shut down the center, because it was not considered an essential business. Nearly all of the 100 or so kids who attend the programs, from infants to young children, are subsidized, so those payments kept coming. But Searcy had to funnel all the funding into paying routine expenses on the building and restructuring the center so it would meet the strict public-health guidelines set by the state for the future reopen date.

In the beginning, she wanted to continue providing meals to the kids, but with all the restrictions in place and her limited staff, she could not manage it. Instead, she got the word out to all the families directing them to local feeding centers. Many of the parents from the center's underserved neighborhood were laid off and in dire financial circumstances.

One way she could offer assistance was to provide funding to parents to promote children's learning at home, from books, markers, pencils, art supplies and educational toys to financial assistance for food and diapers.

She never thought much about the importance of disinfectant wipes. "I will never take them for granted again," she said. "She managed to keep most of her 24-person staff by getting federal funding through the payroll protection program. But as the weeks went on, Searcy realized she had another challenge ahead of her: convincing the teachers and other workers that it was safe to return.

"I'm 65 and I get it. I'm at a vulnerable age and can't take any chances," she said. "I feel like I'm treading on ice. I don't want to push people back to work if they're uncomfortable. It's something they have to decide for themselves."

With an annual budget of \$1.2 million, Searcy doesn't have much wiggle room when it comes to funding. Keeping the website current and planning fundraising activities for the fall were no longer options. Instead, she had to turn her attention to tracking down hard-to-get personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and plastic shields. Her space requirement went from 35 square feet per child to 144 square feet, which means enrollment will be slashed for the time being. "We do a lot of waiting on the state for answers it really doesn't have. Everything changes from day to day," she said. One-third of the center's board is made up of members of New England United Methodist churches. Before, she gave them a

wish list for items like baby wipes; now, she is hoping congregants will donate as many face masks as possible.

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Cornerstones of Care

Denise Cross knew things were different this time.

"We've been through floods and tornadoes. We had a plan for those," said Cross, chief executive of Cornerstones of Care, which serves some 10,000 children and families annually in Missouri and Kansas. "But this required a different response altogether."

Cross knew that the nonprofit needed to stay steady and focused for both its staff and clients as it made the necessary transitions to follow community and state mandates. Among its responsibilities are education, mental and behavioral health, foster care and adoption, and family support.

"Our main objective was consistency, even if we had no idea from one day to the next about this virus," she said. "These kids weren't going away; their needs weren't going away." That included about 100 youth living on two campuses. She acknowledges that the first 10 days felt chaotic.

Adoptions and other court matters were suddenly virtual or postponed. Schools were closed, and now the program was responsible for overseeing the distance learning for its residential charges. The in-person family support and case management had to pivot to technology like videoconferencing. Drive-by visits with properly distanced conversations became the norm. Most employees began working remotely, and others still had to do home visits. The nonprofit had to scramble to find the necessary protective equipment.

Cross is grateful that none of her 750 team members had to be laid off. Their work with kids in the foster-care system and residential programs was deemed essential. With the youth living on the campuses and not leaving for school, Cornerstones of Care had to increase its supply of food and cleaning products. Team members used their connections to keep the children fed and the facilities disinfected.

"The attitude always was, 'We can figure this out.' And they did this while figuring out how to handle their own family situations at home," Cross said. "I can't tell you how proud I am of our team."

Cross was particularly concerned about the impact the pandemic's uncertainty would have on the youth's mental health

Even in the best of times, she said, it's a challenge to give them a sense of normalcy and stability. But again, her team members stepped up and did just that.

"We had to follow all the best practices, from face masks to temperature checks. The key was not to lose those personal relationships we had established, with either the kids or the families," she said. "We just made the necessary adjustments so we could keep going."

Cornerstones of Care, with its \$52 million annual budget, has a strong partnership with the community through both funding and volunteers. United Methodist Women and some 34 churches havuede provided assistance. When the agency put out a call for face masks, two local United Methodist congregations got busy sewing hundreds for the team members.

One of the main lessons learned is that there will be less an appetite for in-office meetings and more emphasis on encouraging people to work remotely. Cutting down car travel frees up workers to devote additional time to the clients, something that will be utilized more often in the future.

And the value of teamwork was made even more clear through the COVID-19 crisis.

"You can't get through something like this alone," Cross said. "It was all hands on deck. That made the difference for us."

Red Bird Mission

Hundreds of lives depend on Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. For starters, it's the largest employer in a 35-mile radius in the southeastern part of the state, tucked into a remote corner of Clay County at the intersection of Bell and Leslie counties.

Nearly 100 people are employed by the agency, which provides a wide range of services in the impoverished region, including child development, community aid ministries, elderly and family services, women and children's ministries, economic opportunities, and community housing improvement.

Next year, Red Bird celebrates its 100th anniversary.

"People count on us," said Executive Director Kari Collins. "We need to be there for them, because we're in an area where the opportunities are so limited."

About 40 percent of the population is at the national poverty rate or lower, and unemployment is always higher than the national average. Collins estimated that about 10 to 20 percent of the residents have just given up looking for work. Drug addiction is also at higher-than-average levels.

When state and local officials began ordering shutdowns due to COVID-19, the demand for Red Bird Mission began to skyrocket. The number of clients who used the emergency food pantry and dispensary for baby items nearly doubled.

The pandemic forced the temporary closure of the community store, which stocks donated clothing, furniture and household items. And though the dental clinic stopped performing nonessential dental care, a teledentistry service was launched.

Meals on Wheels became even more vital, with the local senior center temporarily closed. Seniors who ate their main meal at the center were added to the home-delivery program. Teachers at the Red Bird School started online learning, but some of their students had no access to the internet. They had to prepare packets of homework assignments to be picked up or delivered to homes.

"It was a challenge beyond words," Collins said. "But we knew we weren't alone, because this was happening all over the country. It's just that we're sitting in a part of the world that's so isolated, so poor and with a lack of transportation."

She said the longstanding partnership with United Methodist Women played a critical role in being able to keep up with the additional demands, which stretched the nonprofit's \$4.6 million annual budget. Aside from the annual national mission institution grant, United Methodist Women also donated an emergency grant of \$40,000 to cover unexpected expenses due to the pandemic.

"United Methodist Women has always paid close attention to the special needs of this community and has always responded to our requests for assistance," Collins said. "They founded us, and they have kept us going. They are truly the hands and feet of this mission."

In the beginning, when some programs had to be put on hold, Collins was faced with having to lay off some of her staff. But the emergency funding from United Methodist Women, along with a payroll protection assistance from the federal government, allowed her to maintain most of her work force. To keep staff safe, the mission now has a 14-step "Health at Work" plan that includes staggered times in the office, daily sanitizing of workstations and temperature checks.

One of the mission's most crucial programs is Work Camp. The program draws about 2,400 volunteers from churches, schools or service organizations for short- or long-term mission trips for projects such as housing repairs and building accessibility ramps for elderly and low-income families.

Because the people stay in cabins, paying the mission room and board, the camp had to be delayed about a month so that a health and safety plan could be put in place. Many volunteers whose trips were canceled sent a donation instead, which was directed to hire local people to tackle the jobs they would have done on the mission. Collins anticipates a "new normal" regarding health guidelines going forward. She also worries about a drop in charitable giving, which Red Bird Mission depends on to survive.

"It's easy to get discouraged," Collins said. "But all the acts of kindness we've witnessed these past few months restore my faith in humanity. At the heart of it, people really do care for one another and take care of one another, especially in the worst of times.



October Birthdays

02 Dalton Argo

Jackson Thomas Surett

05 Clay Argo Grace Disher 06

"Leah" Elizabeth Sylvester

08 Judy Bikas

08 Sue Bagwell

09 Jim Martin

Laura Childs 10 Lisa Nichols

12 Wilson Creswell

Linda Lee

15 Shirley Dickson

16 Kevin Baker Victoria Smith

Rebecca Looper Henthorne

Cindy Wells

22 25 25 Sonya B. Evans

Everette Youngblood

Jan Martin

26 Jane Hunt-Grady

26 Casey Ann Armstrong

27 Dalton Argo

30 Robert Bridges

Maxwell Willard

PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

We are only listing those who we know are in nursing/Assisted living homes, the home-bound, those who are hospitalized at present, and those who are at present under going medical procedures such as chemo, etc. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you want your name or loved ones name listed, please notify the church office. We will up-date this list every 30 days—please help us with this important endeavor.



Nancy McCants Richard Jardin Mary Penland Frankie Greer, Rick Greer's Mother Mildred Thompson, Martha McWhite's 96 year old aunt transferred to McCall Hospice after a fall. Alex Philpot healing

from surgery

Janet Stone is home healing from

surgery Barry & Laura Childs

Welbourne White, Ellen & Corky's nephew is in Charleston Hospital he had a stroke.

Caroline Shelton, Cy & Lou Rogers granddaughter and Sarah & Andrew Shelton

Joe Philpot Mildred Pollard Blanche Creswell

Robert Moler, Linda Crouch's

brother John Disher Allen Zorn Alex Stone Janet Stone Elmo Mann Molene McDuffie

Troy Clements Millie Dunn Shirley Dickson Jane-Hunt Grady Kathleen Griffin



October Anniversaries

Address for Lynnsey Nalley

North Charleston, SC 29406

Women's North

9200 University Blvd.

Charleston Southern University

Linda & Rodney Lee

20 Janet & Alex Stone

Mark & Melissa Miller

SYMPATHY

Sympathy to Ellen and Corky Holman and their family upon the death of her last surviving uncle who passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2020. He lived on Lake Badin in North Carolina.

Sympathy.

The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to the family of Mildred Garrett Bray who passed away on Monday, September 28,2020.

She is survived by a son, Tom Bray (Beth); two grandchildren Jon Bray (Alicia) and Whitney Nash (Judd); five great-grandchildren, Avery, Bray, Chloe, Sawyer and Jack.

The family plans to have a private graveside service for her on Friday, October 2, 2020 at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials to be made to Alzheimer's Association

Attn: SC Gift Processing

4600 Park Road

Suite 250

Charlotte, NC 28209 or www.alz.org/sc/donate Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.thomasmcafee.com

Rehab.

Room 12

Brushy Creek for

Her address temporarily is:

101 Cottage Creek Circle Greer, SC 29650

Building 109 Road of Denver

Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Northwest







Monthly mission collections for

Do not forget that we are still collecting donations of nonperishable food, cleaning supplies, paper products, personal care items, etc. for North Greenville Crisis Ministries.. The food pantries are being hit hard during this pandemic. If you would like to assist with delivery, please let Vickie Failor know.



Altar Guild Dena Nalley

Mary Penland has been in the hospital and was moved to

Brushy Creek Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center

Trustee Corky Holman

Serving in October







The Berea Friendship United Methodist Quilters Invite you to Mini Bazaar and Vendors Fair Saturday November 7, 2020 8am – 5pm

8001 White Horse Road, Greenville, S.C. 29617

Participants include but are not limited to:

Berea Quilters: pickles, jams, jellies, baked goods, crafts, quilts

Thirty One Scentsy Mary Kay

Paparazzi Lula Roe Avon

Debbie Waynick Crafts Ashley's Hustle-apparel

Crafts from Beachwood Church Bags/Purses by Wendi

The Pound Cakery Rada Cutlery Southern Flavoring

ENTRY FEE \$1 donation or one canned good to donate to NG Crisis Ministry



To respect and keep others safe – face coverings or masks are required.