



# THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

September 25, 2020

## Advent Devotional Booklet

We are offering a daily devotional guide for the Advent season and need your help. Each devotion should include a brief meditation, prayer, and scripture with a 325 word maximum, patterned after The Upper Room.

For details or to sign up, please call the Church Office, 843-524-3841 by September 28. Devotions due by October 19.

## For Pumpkin Patch Volunteers

Saturday, September 26 at 11:00am there will be a mandatory meeting with all the volunteers (unloaders of the truck, workers of the stand, wheelbarrow and wagon haulers, Scouts, Teens, etc.) to discuss the Pandemic requirements given to us by the farmer and other information. This meeting hopefully will ease your minds about everything dealing with the Patch and COVID. Thank-you everyone!

## UMYF

Saturday, September 26 at 9:00am Pumpkin Patch set up. At 11:00am there will be a meeting with all the volunteers, plus Youth and parents, to discuss the COVID requirements for the Patch to operate this year.

Sunday, September 27 12:00noon. First load of pumpkins arrives around 12:30pm, and we need all hands-on deck for the unloading.

Sunday, October 4 the youth will work the Pumpkin Patch from 12noon-3pm. Come out and enjoy the fun!! Please wear a mask!

## **A Word from Pastor Bryson...**

Greetings to everyone who sees this CSUMC Weekly Connection. I am looking forward to returning to in-person and on-line worship on September 27. If you feel comfortable worshipping in person I am excited to see you. If you are uncomfortable then please continue to join us through on-line worship. Based on previous attendance during Covid-19 we will have room to socially distance in the Sanctuary. We also have guidelines for everyone to remain as safe as possible while worshipping.

We will continue to offer the service on Facebook and our Church website even when we return to in-person worship. We continue monitoring the Covid-19 Coronavirus situation closely as we look forward to returning to in-person worship.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to Epworth Children's Home. You may still make a work day offering. Make checks out to Carteret Street UMC and put Epworth in the memo line.

As part of our Safe Sanctuary policy it is time to renew background checks on everyone who might work with Children and Youth. We are attempting to reach out to all, if we have missed you please let us know and we will get you the forms. These background checks are very important to ensure the safety of the Children of our Church and community. Any questions please let me know.

Please be in prayer for our Church, our Nation and our Community. Pray for health, peace and that we come to see the light of Jesus. Pray for our students and teachers. Pray for our Police Officers who have a tough job and who are important to the safety of our community. Pray for those who grieve that they are comforted and feel the presence of God in their lives.

If anyone needs anything please call the Church Office.

## **Pumpkins are Coming!!!!**

They will arrive Sunday, September 27 at 12:30pm and volunteers are needed to help unload the truck. Everyone is invited to be part of this exciting time.

The Patch will be open daily starting September 28th through the month of October from 12noon until 6pm. Volunteers are needed to work the Patch each day. There are two shifts each day from 12-3pm and 3-6pm. Please call the Church Office to sign-up to work the Patch!! The money raised is used for youth ministries.

We will be following all safety guidelines given to us by the Pumpkin Patch in regards to COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns call the Church Office.



# Children's Corner

## Zoom Story Time

October 4, 2020

5pm-5:30pm

Zoom in with "Miss Melinda" during this time. Zoom link will be sent by email and posted on the Children's Facebook page.

## Halloween Drive-By

In lieu of Trunk or Treat we will enjoy a Halloween Drive-By in the church parking lot. Drive-by on Sunday, October 25th at 4:00pm to pick up your Halloween Goodie Bag!! See you there!

## Third-Grade Bibles

If your child is a rising third-grader or has not received a Bible, please call the Church Office or send an email as soon as possible so Bibles can be ordered. Thank you!

Any questions please contact:  
Melinda Ackerman

## Epworth Annual Work Day Offering

We have received \$2,730 for Epworth Children's Home Work Day Offering. If you did not get a chance to contribute you can mail your check or drop off in the mail slot at the Church Office. Make checks payable to Carteret Street UMC and note Epworth in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

## Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes are available in the Fellowship Hall, the Church Office or outside of the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to fill a box, please pick one up, fill it and return to the Church by Monday, November 2nd. Any questions, please call the Church Office.

## HELP of Beaufort Food Pantry

HELP of Beaufort is in need of many items for their food pantry such as peanut butter & jelly, boxed dry cereal, boxed macaroni & cheese, canned meats, soups & vegetables, flour, grits, rice, mayonnaise, sugar, vegetable oil, pasta sauce & bottled water. They also need laundry detergent. These items can be dropped off at the Church Office between 9 and 12, Monday through Friday.

## Snacks Needed for Beaufort Nursing and Rehab (BayView Manor)

Beaufort Nursing and Rehab formerly BayView Manor is in need of snacks for their residents. Items such as granola bars, individual fruit cups, cereal bars, raisins, crackers or any other individual bagged snacks such as Cheez-its or Goldfish are needed. These items can be dropped off at the Church Office between 9 and 12, Monday through Friday. Thank you for your support of this ministry!! Beaufort Nursing and Rehab is extremely grateful!!

## Church Council and Charge Conference

The Church Council will meet on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 6:00pm followed immediately by Charge Conference. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

## Upper Rooms

Upper Room Devotional Books are available for pick up outside of the Fellowship Hall.

## Sunday School Notice

Presently we are not holding in-person Sunday School. We will advise when it is safe to return. The Fall Sunday School Curriculum for the Horton and Trinity Classes is available for pick up outside the Fellowship Hall.

## Technology Needs

If you are interested in working with the video/sound system and helping to stream services, please call the Church Office. We also have needs working with the website and social media. Contact the Church Office for more information.

## "SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE"

"With so much in the news about racism, it can be hard to know where to start in such difficult, polarizing conversations. Ijeoma Oluo's So You Want To Talk About Race engages with a variety of important topics and themes, ranging from the interpersonal ("Why can't I touch your hair?") to the systemic ("What is the school-to-prison pipeline?"). It offers us key foundational definitions ("What is racism?") and it invites us to turn insight into action ("Talking is great, but what else can I do?"). This 10-week virtual book study will provide a safe space to talk about race and our own call as Christians in the midst of racism.

\*NOTE: In this book you may encounter a few moments of graphic language and an unexpected expletive or two. This is part of the authentic and conversational voice that this author brings to the table. It may be familiar to us or it may be uncomfortable for us. Either way, we hope that this will not distract from your engagement with this important text and study.

Zoom meeting link will be provided in the confirmation email upon registration. Please register only the household member whose device will be used for the virtual meetings.

" Register here: <https://fumcr.infellowship.com/UserLogin/Index?ReturnUrl=/Forms/443439>

## **Connect with us!**

**We invite you to worship on-line on Sundays!!**  
The service is posted on Facebook and available on our website Facebook scroll at [www.carteretstumc.org](http://www.carteretstumc.org)

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