

NOTE OF THANKS

*Dear Chapel Family,
We have been touched, honored,
and most of all, comforted by your love
and support through these difficult
days. The memorial service was
beautiful and perfect. The way that
you gathered around to make it so
brought healing and peace to match
our sorrow. We are immeasurably
grateful.*

*With love,
Britt, Tina, Mark, and
all the Lowry family*

HOLIDAY H.O.P.E. DONATIONS

Holiday H.O.P.E. is the food collection for Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach Thanksgiving baskets. They are due Sunday November 12th. They need canned green beans, corn and sweet peas, mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, cake mix, and cake frosting.

Bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendars for our **Community Christmas Concert on December 9th at 4 PM.** Our FMC Choir and musicians have a great concert planned! Stay after for the reception and participate in our **“12 Baskets of Christmas” Silent Auction** to benefit the Lake Lure Classical Academy scholarship fund. Invite your friends and family to join us as we kick off the holiday season!

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The Chapel will be participating in the Angel Tree program this year and the Christmas Tree is already up and filled with tags! For children ages birth to 12, the tags include the child's age, size and items from their wish list. They are asking the gifts total \$50 and include at least one clothing item and one toy, game or book. Children ages 13 and up will receive a gift card totaling \$50. Gifts are to be turned in un-wrapped.

****The tags state that gifts must be delivered to Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach, but we are asking that gifts be brought to the church so that we might assist the Outreach in wrapping them and then take them as a group to the Outreach.**

Please consider stopping by the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall and taking a tag (or two!) and bless a child this Christmas!

SHEPHERD MINISTRY

We are grateful for our shepherds who serve the church through caring for our members! This vital ministry led by Katherine Johnston connects with members through sending caring cards and offering assistance. If you have any questions about the Shepherd Ministry, please contact Katherine Johnston at 828-424-5162.

From the Pastor

Many of us have been watching the heartbreaking images from Israel and Gaza. Some have indicated to me personal ties to the region through family members and friends. We have an opportunity to meet the needs of those suffering through our giving. We will be sending an offering to Samaritan's Purse, a ministry organization that has a commitment to provide humanitarian aid and medical supplies to civilians who have been impacted by the fighting between Israel and Hamas.

Throughout the month of November, you may give by placing your offering (cash or checks made out to FMC) in an offering envelope and marking it "Samaritan's Purse."

+ Kevin

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Lunch Outing - Monday, November 6 - La Strada in Lake Lure. We will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to carpool to the restaurant and enjoy lunch and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for your RSVP. All ladies are welcome to join us!

Women's Ministry will be in charge of **wrapping the Angel Tree gifts** on Tuesday, November 28th at 10:00 a.m. and **volunteers are needed to assist!** If you'd like to volunteer, we'll be wrapping gifts in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE! Women's Ministry Outing to **Grove Park Inn to see this year's Gingerbread Houses and lunch at Apollo Flame - Thursday, December 14.** Save the date.... more details to follow!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come join us for Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 11th at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage you to come and bring a friend. As a reminder, we continue to be available for opportunities to serve the church and the community. If you have a job, or project that we can assist you with, or know of a neighbor that needs assistance, contact the church office.

COFFEE FOR VETERANS

Meets Thursday, Nov. 9 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All veterans are welcome!

NOVEMBER 2023



Sunday, November 5, All Saints Sunday and Communion

Sunday November 12, Congregational Meeting, to vote on capital improvement projects and security.

Sunday November 19, Congregational Meeting, to vote on the 2024 Church Budget and the 2024 Missions Budget.