

# The Kresge Kourier September 2021



ANNA KRESGE MEMORIAL  
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CHURCH  
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From our Pastor's Heart .....

August 31, 2021

Charge Conference is quickly approaching, ours is scheduled for Oct 24, 3:30 pm via a Zoom call along with the other UMCs in Zone 6 (Floyd/Polk counties) and Zone 3 (Bartow and Gordon counties).

To prepare for Charge Conference there are numerous reports we must complete and tasks we must accomplish. All this is done to set the vision for our congregation for 2022. There are Lay Leadership Positions on the One Board that need to be filled prayerfully. Our budget reflecting the missions and ministries we want to accomplish must be prepared by the Finance Committee with input from all the Committees and Teams that comprise the One Board.

There are several new forms to complete this year requesting information on the church as a whole and concerning me the appointed clergy person. Here is an example:

## **Mission/Vision Statement**

### **Stance**

*The convictional stance of the congregation, theology, prejudices, spiritual info  
Share about our congregation's passionate worship.*

- 1. Share how your congregation purposefully strives to keep passionate worship as a fresh expression of Christ?*
- 2. How is your congregation intentional about engaging persons in the radical hospitality of God's gracious love? How are you welcoming persons from your mission field setting?*
- 3. Share the various paths available for a person, from seeker to mature disciple, to develop their faith and spiritual formation. How is your church growing courageous leaders?*
- 4. In your congregation what expectations are there for serving beyond the walls, to reach out into the surrounding community to make a difference? How is your church engaged in mission?*
- 5. Vows are taken when joining the church. After that, what are various ways that people can live out those vows in this church? Share how the new members' class teach the responsibilities of membership?*
- 6. Describe your church's mission and outreach in your global mission field setting. Describe your church's mission throughout the world:*
- 7. List the various transformation processes the church has participated in and completed and what difference did it make in your congregation:*
- 8. How does the congregation support the pastor(s) physical and spiritual health (including prayer time, time off, vacation, continuing education, etc.)?*

### **Situation**

*The general situation in which a congregation finds itself in a particular setting: size, ethnic and economic make up, geography, unique factors, financial condition and trends, quality of lay leadership. (How trained, developed?) Write an essay answer not repeating the statistics asked for below.*

*The North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church Data Services  
(Revised 8/16/2021)*

### **Finances**

*Is the congregation spiritually committed to fully participate in all apportionments and connectional askings? 2021 Budget: Spent in 2021: 2022 Budget: Indebtedness: Monthly payment on total indebtedness: Monthly payment on mortgage:*

### **Financial Viability**

*Do your regular worship offerings meet or exceed your operating expenses (including insurance, utilities, payroll, apportionments, building maintenance)? Choose No, Meets, or Exceeds*

*What percentage of your regular operating expenses is paid through: fundraising (pumpkin patch, Christmas tree sales, etc.):*

*will and legacies: interest generated by endowments or trusts: accessing the principle of endowments or trusts: rent/fees generated by organizations/persons using church owned property: some other form of revenue other than congregational giving:*

*Does the Congregation support full and timely payment of property & casualty insurance premiums as billed? No/Yes*

*Does the congregation support One Great Hour of Sharing and other special Sunday offerings?*

*No/Yes*

*Does the congregation encourage the pastor(s) to preach on tithing and stewardship*

*throughout the year? No/Yes*

*Date of last audit (internal or external): Last audit type (internal or external):*

## History

*Brief History of the Church: Year worship started as a Congregation or Community of Faith: Date Chartered as a Church:*

*Enter your name, position, and contact information to save the report when you are done.*

It is recommended that the Lay Leadership on the One Board in coordination with me write the answers for these documents. What we submit will be stored online and will be readily available for The Annual Conference Cabinet and Bishop to access to gain a snapshot of our congregation. Obviously, it is best for our future that what we submit represent positively the life of our congregation.

The Conference leadership is looking for faithful, fruitful, congregations that demonstrate conditions for viability and growth 3-5-8 years in the future. Specifically they are looking for congregations that anticipate having multiple first time professions of faith very year and realistically project increasing worship attendance.

It is recommended congregations use the Process for Assessment of Local Church Potential found in paragraph 213 of the UM Book of Discipline, page 154, to help guide their assessment. **"213. A Process for Assessment of Local Church Potential**—Since every congregation is located in a community in some type of transition, every local church is encouraged to study their congregation's potential. Upon the request of the congregation the district superintendent shall appoint a study task force to assist in an extensive study of the past, present, and potential ministry of that local church. Alternatively, the district superintendent may appoint such a task force when the future viability of the congregation is in question or whenever he or she deems it necessary for other reasons. The task force shall be composed of an equal number of lay and clergypersons and shall include persons from that congregation.

1. This study shall include, but not be limited to: a) unique missional opportunities and needs of the community; b) present ministries of the congregation; c) number of leaders and style of leadership; d) growth potential of the surrounding community; e) fiscal and facilities needs; f) distance from other United Methodist churches; g) number and size of churches of other denominations in the community; h) other items that may impact the church's ability to fulfill the mission of the Church as stated in Chapter One, Section I.

2. The findings shall be published and presented to the congregation with recommendations as to how best to fulfill the local church's call to ministry and to optimize the stewardship of the ministry resources available. The recommendations shall explore options for serving the community with nurture, outreach, and witness ministries as an organized church ([¶¶ 201-204](#)) or cooperative parish ministries ([¶ 206](#)) or ecumenical shared ministries ([¶ 207](#)); or give special attention to redevelopment, relocation, or discontinuance. Those invited to the presentation shall include: the members of the congregation, the pastor(s), the district superintendent, and members of the district board of church location and building ([¶ 2519](#)).

3. a) The members of the local church shall consider the recommendations and develop goals and a ministry action plan in response to the recommendations. The district superintendent shall report the results of the study and the congregation's response to the cabinet, with recommendations for the allocation of conference staff, resourcing, financial support, or other resources needed to undergird the congregation's efforts to reach its recommended potential. Such annual conference support shall be committed no longer than three years. b) For any church that has been through this process, the district superintendent may convene a special session of the conference to take action concerning the ministry recommendations. In addition to the local church charge conference membership, the members of the District Board of Church Location and Building will be present with voice only.

Obviously there is much needed to be done and we cannot wait until the last minute to prepare our input. Volunteers are most welcome, speak to Debra Willingham.

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### Potential Lay Leadership Positions Needed to Fill

Vice Chair One Board class of 2023 (also serves as Lay Delegate to Annual Conference) -definite need is vacant

Finance Chair class of 2023 - incumbent may remain in place

SPR Specialist #1 class of 2024 (also serves as One Board Recording Secretary) - incumbent may remain in place

Trustee Specialist #1 class of 2024

Outreach Coordinator class of 2024 - Incumbent may remain in place

Witness Coordinator class of 2024 – definite need is vacant

Lay Leadership/Nomination x2 class of 2024 – definite need

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Please pray, ask God for discernment. If He leads you to volunteer to seek to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of one of the above expositions let Rev Ed or one of the members of the Nominations Committee (Michael Davis, Krista Cooper, Terry Simpson, Susan O'Neal, Linda Moody, or Charlie Self) know.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist the efforts of the Trustees, and all the Team coordinators: Outreach, Nurture, Worship and Witness. Please pray about finding a hand as needed.

This is an exciting time in the life of the congregation – setting the vision for the next year that projects and propels our ministry into the future. Remember when we join the local congregation we covenant to participate fully in the life of the church through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. Are you? Will You? In what area can you improve?

In His grip, Rev Ed

# Kresge Cares Through Prayers

## Shut-Ins

Margaret Jolly  
Charlene M.  
Diane L.  
Gene M.  
Arlene G.  
Vivian M.  
Jane C.

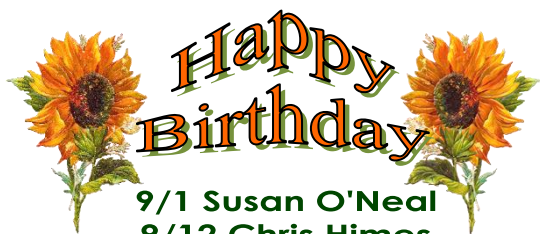
## Long Term Concerns

Justin M.  
Jill W.  
Pam R.  
Ed D.  
Gus Z.  
Jeff M.  
Covid  
USA

United Methodist Church  
Afghanistan  
Haiti

## Short Term Concerns

Sandra S.  
Shannon M.  
Mike B.



9/1 Susan O'Neal  
9/12 Chris Himes  
9/17 Sandra Simpson  
9/25 Krista Cooper  
9/26 Pam Himes  
Harry Petersmarck



Happy Anniversary  
9/1 Jim & Judy Cook  
9/16 Kam & Cathy Andrews  
9/27 George & Martha Robinson

*We greatly appreciate gifts given in  
Memory Of  
Marilyn Mobbs*



THE **MONDAY SMALL GROUP** MEETS EACH MONDAY AT 4:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. WE ARE STUDYING THE BOOK OF ACTS. THIS GROUP IS INVOLVED IN NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES. PROVIDING BLESSING BOXES (PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS) TO THE CLIENTS OF THE CEDARTOWN UNITED FUND. WE ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH OUTREACH TO FREE PROVIDE POP-UP LUNCHES.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME AND JOIN THIS SMALL GROUP AND GET INVOLVED WITH BIBLE STUDY, MINISTRY, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

CONTACT:  
LINDA STANTON \* 770-468-5957  
LYNN SELF \* 706-936-1711

*The Tuesday Small Group meets at 12:00 each Tuesday. We will begin a study on Paul, THE CALL by Adam Hamilton. Bring your lunch and come join us! We would love to have you!!*

*THE THURSDAY SMALL GROUP IS GEARING UP FOR FALL BY PUTTING TOGETHER FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING FOR OUR CLOTHING BANK. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AND ALL DONATIONS. WE WILL BE MAKING PLANS FOR FALL AND WINTER MEETINGS.*

SPRC will be working on many reports to submit in preparation for Charge Conference. If you have anything you would like to share, please contact Debra Willingham, Lou Pletcher, or Harriett Norris.

## **Samaritan House**

Please remember to bring supplies for the Samaritan House the first Sunday of each month. The Samaritan House is open on Tuesday and Thursday.

Volunteers this month are:  
Sept 2 - Clara Jean David \* Sept 28 - Ellen Dickert  
Sept 30 - Deborah Edge

Trustees and the one board have had a busy year with major accomplishments in the church building and the parsonage.

A new roof was installed on the parsonage in July, old insulation removed from the attic and new insulation blown in,

Old windows were removed in the parsonage and new windows installed and trim work is ongoing.

Various maintenance issues have been resolved in the parsonage that included stove hood fan repaired, oven light repaired, doorbells all repaired, ceiling fan switch repaired, air conditioner service and repaired, drain lines underneath parsonage repaired, new ceiling fan installed, various bathroom issues resolved, faucets repaired. Cosmetic repairs are ongoing and scheduled for future dates.

All light bulbs have been changed in the sanctuary and 54 lights now burn with 8 fixtures in need of electrical service. A commercial Electrician is addressing the Lighting board and the nonworking fixtures. Light switch issues have been addressed and corrected in part.

Air condition repair has been accomplished on the sanctuary and the kitchen units, as the heat was unusually high in these areas.

Restroom issues had occurred and been addressed and are monitored regularly.

Dirt was added to the playground and the playground equipment pressure washed. New mulch was ordered and spread on the playground area, with the help of volunteers.

The One board agreed to surplus the heavy sleeper couch, 13 boxes of books, along with the grey church van. The couch and books were donated to a thrift store and the van is in the process of being sold for Blue book value. The grey van was sold for \$1200 this week.

Work on the water fountains is being continued and studied by the one board for future replacement of the double fountain.

Thanks to the One board and the Trustees for taking care of our facilities entrusted to them.

## **K.L.M. Kresges' Ladies' Ministry Updates**

**\*\*September 21st- 6:30 p.m.-  
Planning meeting for our  
upcoming activities.**

**We are talking about a luncheon  
for our shut-in ladies. Also, a  
thanksgiving meal  
is being planned. We really do  
have fun planning and laughing  
together, so come join us.**

**Hope to see you there!**

# September 2021



| SUN.  | MON.   | TUES.  | WED.   | THURS.  | FRI.   | SAT.  |
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| 5<br>Worship @ 10:55<br>Social Distancing<br>Masks Optional<br><br><br>Ezekiel 17-19                          | 6<br><br><br>Small Group 4:30<br><br>Ezekiel 20-21                 | 7<br><br>Tues. Morn<br>Prayer Group<br>10:30 am<br><br>Small Group<br>12:00<br><br>Ezekiel 22-24                           | 8<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Ezekiel 25-28   | 9<br><br>Small Group<br>11:30 am<br><br>Ezekiel 29-32   | 10<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Ezekiel 29-32                                  | 11<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Ezekiel 37-39 |
| 12<br><br>Worship @ 10:55<br>Social Distancing<br>Masks Optional<br><br>ONEBOARD<br>6:00<br><br>Ezekiel 40-42 | 13<br><br>Small Group 4:30<br><br>Ezekiel 43-45                    | 14<br>Tues. Morn<br>Prayer Group<br>10:30 am<br><br>Small Group<br>12:00<br><br>Ezekiel 46-48                              | 15<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Daniel 1-3     | 16<br><br>Small Group<br>11:30 am<br><br>Daniel 4-6   | 17<br><br>Clean Team:<br>Self, David,<br>Temple<br><br>Daniel 7-9            | 18<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Daniel 10-12  |
| 19<br>Worship @ 10:55<br>Social Distancing<br>Masks Optional<br><br><br>Hosea 1-6                             | 20<br><br><br>Small Group 4:30<br><br>Hosea 7-14                   | 21<br>Tues. Morn<br>Prayer Group<br>10:30 am<br><br>Small Group<br>12:00<br><br>Joel 1-3                                   | 22<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Amos 1-5       | 23<br><br>Small Group<br>11:30 am<br><br>Amos 6-9;<br>Obadiah 1   | 24<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Jonah 1-4                                      | 25<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Micah 1-7     |
| 26<br>Worship @ 10:55<br>Social Distancing<br>Masks Optional<br><br><br>Nahum 1-3;<br>Habakkuk 1-3            | 27<br><br><br>Small Group 4:30<br><br>Zephaniah 1-3;<br>Haggai 1-2 | 28<br>SH -<br>Ellen Dickert<br><br>Tues. Morn<br>Prayer Group<br>10:30 am<br><br>Small Group<br>12:00<br><br>Zechariah 1-7 | 29<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Zechariah 8-14 | 30<br>S.H.-<br>Deborah Edge<br><br>Small Group<br>11:30 am  |  |   |

Nahum 1-3;  
Habakkuk 1-3

Zephaniah 1-3;  
Haggai 1-2

Zechariah 1-7

Zechariah 8-14

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