



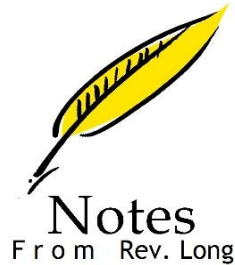
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The person who goes into the new year without some priorities governing their life and without some principles guiding their behavior, is prey to the tempting, unimportant and destructive things in life.

The new year is an opportunity to sort out the useless tasks and plan for the important; to review the failures and resolve to be successful; to take an inventory of causes and pledge life to purpose and service. These being done, the new will truly be new, different, and better.

The beginning of a new year is a great time to begin seeking God's guidance in ordering our priorities and helping us along our journey of life? We have a place for you.

Peace,

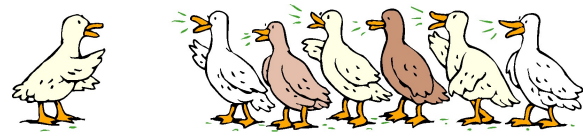
Nathaniel

- **If you live right each day, you will be neither afraid of tomorrow nor ashamed of yesterday.**

-- E. C. McKenzie

- **If you haven't bot any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.**

-- Bob Hope



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 01/08 Counting Team @ 4:30p
- 01/08 Worship Team @ 6:00p
- 01/09 Administrative Council @ 7:00p
- 01/17 Staff Parish Relations Committee @ 7:00p
- 01/21 Administrative Council & All Committee members Training & Planning @ 9:00a
- 01/22 Outreach Committee @ 6:00p
- 01/23 United Methodist Women @ 7:00p
- 01/24 Board of Trustees @ 7:00p
- 01/29 LaGrange District Training Event @ 3:00p



2012 ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Chairperson | Hal Sewell |
| Vice-Chairperson | Jean Cotton |
| Pastor | Nathaniel Long |
| Recording Secretary | Jean Cotton |
| Lay Leader | Jean Cotton |
| Lay Member of Annual Conference | Vicki Sewell |
| Finance Chairperson | Paul Wenske |
| Treasurer | Debbie Baumgardner |
| Financial Secretary | Peggy Nestlehutt |
| Stewardship Chair | Ken Hazelton |
| Staff/Parish Relations Chair | Gary Baumgardner |
| Worship Chairperson | Melinda Garver |
| Board of Trustees Chair | TBA |
| Church Historian | Sue Williams |
| Membership Secretary | Jane Hutchinson-Arnold |
| President of United Methodist Men | TBA |
| President of UMW | Marnie Copeland |
| Wedding Guild Chair | TBA |
| Scouting | Jim Asher |
| Parish Nurse | Ivie Bowman, R.N. |

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Staff Parish Relations (9)

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Chairperson | Gary Baumgardner |
| Lay Member of Annual Conference | |
| Lay Leader | |
| Pastor | Rev. Nathaniel A. Long |
| Class of 2012: | Pat Crook, Suzanne Helfman, Sue Williams |
| Class of 2013: | Gene Mullinax, Gary Baumgardner |
| Class of 2014: | Reid Copeland, Robert Belisle |

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (9)

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| Chairperson (<i>Pastor</i>) | Rev. Nathaniel Long |
| Lay Leader | |
| Class of 2012: | Dale Graves, Becky Hughes, Abigail Able |
| Class of 2013: | Kemp Wright, Sherry Ratliffe |
| Class of 2014: | Harriet Hazelton, Leigh Morgan |

Board of Trustees (9, 1/3 women)

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| Chairperson (<i>Elected by Board in January</i>): | TBA |
| Pastor: | Rev. Nathaniel Long |
| Class of 2012: | Bob Tinsley, Byron Binion, Lynn Hurdle |
| Class of 2013: | Ralph Arnold, Shirley Orr |
| Class of 2014: | Mike Donnelly, Cheryl Mullinax |

Finance Committee

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| Chairperson: | Paul Wenske |
| Pastor: | Rev. Nathaniel Long |
| Lay Member to Annual Conference: | Vicki Sewell |
| Administrative Council Chair: | Hal Sewell |
| Staff Parish Relations Chair: | Gary Baumgardner |
| Board of Trustees Chair: | TBA |
| Stewardship Committee Chair: | Ken Hazelton |
| Lay Leader: | Jean Cotton |
| Financial Secretary: | Peggy Nestlehutt |
| Treasurer: | Debbie Baumgardner |

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Outreach

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| Chairperson: | <i>To be elected by committee.</i> |
| Pastor: | Rev. Nathaniel Long |
| Class of 2012: | Sue Williams, Pat Crook, Betty Bryant |
| Class of 2013: | Tom Cotton, Marnie Copeland Gail Noble, Jason Hall |
| Class of 2014: | Lindsay Oldham, Greg Rose, Jim Asher |

Worship

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| Chairperson: | Melinda Garver |
| Pastor: | Rev. Nathaniel Long |
| Organist/Choir Master: | Jim Preece |
| Ushers: | Danny Branch, Carl McKnight |
| Acolytes: | Robert Belisle |
| Communion Stewards: | Melinda Garver |
| Visitors: | Becky Hughes |
| Homecoming: | Sue Williams |

Wedding Guild

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| Chairperson: | <i>To be elected by Guild</i> |
| Pastor: | Rev. Nathaniel Long |
| | Lu Nations-Miller |
| | Jean Cotton |
| | Norma Asher |
| | Lynn Hurdle |
| | Julie Humphry |

Education Committee

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Chairperson | Judy Belisle |
| Sunday School Superintendent | Ken Nestlehutt |
| Adult Ministries Coordinator | Gary Baumgardner |
| Youth Ministries Coordinator | TBA |
| Children's Coordinator | Judy Belisle |
| Nursery Coordinator | Becky Hughes |

Meditation Garden

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| Chairperson: | Paul Wenske |
| Pastor: | Rev. Nathaniel Long |
| | Lynn Hurdle |
| | Vicki Sewell |
| | Byron Binion |

Audit Committee

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| Chairperson: | Pat Crook |
| Pastor: | Rev. Nathaniel Long |
| | Ward Abel |
| | Danny Branch |
| | Michael Carroll |
| | Paul Wenske |

Counting Committee

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| Chairperson: | TBA |
| | Peggy Nestlehutt |
| | Pat Crook |
| | Ken Hazelton |
| | Ralph Arnold |
| | Jim Garver |



01/02 Linda D'Allen
01/05 Susanna Long
01/08 Brian Oldham
01/10 Lynn Hurdle
01/14 Cathy Wenske
01/15 Christine Curry
Charles Utt
01/21 LeAnne Sears
Reid & Marnie Copeland
01/22 Susan Correia
Alison Smith
01/24 Brooklyn Hughes
Bruce Humphrey
Hal Sewell
01/26 Claire Branch
Skip Hughes
01/28 Dale Graves
01/30 Alan Blose
Reuben & Sue Williams

Steven Parker
 C 594th Transportation Company
 FOB Leatherneck FPO, AE 09372

Lt. Col Ray & Kim Shenk
 Unit 5740
 DPO AE 09750

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If you have a friend or family member serving in our military, please send us their address to include our list. We are asking you to prayer for these persons and their families. AND we encourage you to write to them, and maybe even send them small tokens of encouragement throughout the year. They give so much for us, we can chose to give to them.

PRAY FOR OUR

MILITARY

PFC Nicholas Adams
 Bravo Company 84th Chem BN
 6th PLT class 012-11, Unit #24
 470 Michigan Ave
 Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473

Jim Asher
 648th MEB
 Camp Phoenix APO, AE 09320

Lt. Col. April Asher
 585 Oak Ridge Lane
 Williamson, GA 30292

Eric Long
 130 Triple Crown Dr
 Reaford, NC 28376



2011 Financial Support for SUMC

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| Needed for 2011 | \$177,632 |
| Received in 2011 | \$160,469 |
| Difference | \$17,163 |

- Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged with humankind.**
—Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)
- Time is a dressmaker specializing in alterations.**



Fellowship Dinner

Don't forget to make your reservation for our Wednesday night Fellowship Dinners.

You can make your reservation by placing a card in the offering, calling the church office or by visiting the church website: www.senoiaumc.org

January 18

Fund Raising Dinner

Proceeds benefit Brighter Day

Hosted by Miss Mary Kate Abel as part of her participation in the Miss Indian Princess Pageant. *Cost: Donation*

January 25

Parmesan Chicken, Salad, Bread, Dessert

February 1

Company Beef, Salad, Bread, Dessert

February 8

Sausage, Cheese & Eggs, Grist, Biscuits

February 15

Chicken & Dumplings, Italian Bean Beans, Pineapple Casserole, Dessert

February 22

Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

February 29

Fund Raiser or Covered Dish

A man was once asked to do something he did not want to do.

"I will do it," he said, "but first wait for me to get my rope of sand."

"Rope of sand!" exclaimed the other, "What an excuse. Who ever head of a rope of sand."

"Yes, I know," replied the man, "but when one does not wish to do something, any excuse will do."



Planning & Training Event

There will be a very important time of Training & Planning for ALL members of the Administrative Council AND ALL committee members on **January 21 from 9:00 AM until 12 noon**. This is an opportunity to remind ourselves of your leadership role and how we relate to other leaders in the church. It is also a time to make sure we know what we are going to be doing in the coming year to adequately plan for our ministry together.

We will also begin our work as part of the Vital Congregations effort of the North Georgia Annual Conference.

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of this event!



Thank You Note

Dear Pastor Long & Church Members,

Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon today (1/4) that warmed both our stomachs and our hearts. What a feast!

It was a joy to meet so many from your church. We appreciate your service to us as we resume our service to our students tomorrow.

May you be blessed in this new year as you have blessed us. We look forward to another Stop Hunger Now project with you on May 25 if that can be worked out.

Sincerely,
Nancy Cook, Principal

Augusta church to offer disaster-relief training next month

By Kelly Jasper – Staff Writer – Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012

The Rev. Scott Parrish knows that people mean well when they respond to a natural disaster, but that first response sometimes can cause other problems.

“Everybody sees the news and wants to load up and go right away. Because of the good-heartedness of people, they all show up in droves,” said Parrish, the pastor of outreach and missions at Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church. If they’re not careful, “they inundate the situation, creating a second crisis.”

“There’s a need for a more coordinated, measured response,” he said.

Over two days in February, the Augusta church will hold a disaster-relief training event for the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. The training is part of a week’s worth of events called Faith in Action, including worship services and a community day of service, when church members volunteer to clean up the Augusta Canal, serve at the Master’s Table Soup Kitchen and build beds with Augusta Urban Ministries, among other projects. Experienced disaster-relief workers will train volunteers to assess a disaster area, prepare a church facility before disaster strikes, or tend to the spiritual and emotional needs of victims.

The idea is to connect those interested in relief work with the proper training, resources and credentials to be effective, Parrish said.

“We want people to be plugged in, instead of being a lone ranger,” he said. “You don’t want to have a team have a negative impact on a place that’s already been devastated.”

Until recently, this sort of training was only offered in metro Atlanta. That’s changing, said Mike Yoder, the chairman of the disaster-relief team of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

“There are a lot of people who are asking for this training,” said Yoder, who is also the president of Georgia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, a coalition of faith-based groups working in disaster relief.

“We need to do this around the whole state,” he said. “We’re bringing it to Augusta because we believe there are a lot of churches willing and able to respond.”

The disaster-relief training is open to members of other churches, and previous experience isn’t required. Those getting trained will receive a background check and a badge that will certify a person’s training with the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Most of the training will be conducted Feb. 4, but one session begins the previous evening. Volunteers

will spend the night at the church in a simulated disaster shelter as they learn to set up and operate a child care center.

They’ll sleep on Red Cross cots and complete more than 20 hours of training through the Church of the Brethren’s Children’s Disaster Services. It aims to teach volunteers how to understand and respond to children who have experienced trauma.

It’s a critical service they’ll provide when disaster strikes, Yoder said.

“We as a church people believe we do this because Christ tells us to do it,” he said. “It is ingrained in us. We want to take care of our fellow man.”

DISASTER-RELIEF TRAINING

All training events will be held at Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church, 1330 Monte Sano Ave. Lunch will be provided. See www.trinityonthehill.net or call (706) 738-8822 for more information.

Contact Rev. Long ASAP to ride the bus down.

SHELTER CHILD CARE TRAINING: An overnight course on how to set up and operate a child care center within a temporary disaster-response shelter, 5 p.m. Feb. 3 to 6 p.m. Feb. 4; the cost is \$45 and scholarships will be available. Meals are included.

DISASTER ASSESSMENT: A three-hour course on the United Methodist Committee on Relief approach and coordination of disaster assessment immediately following a tornado or hurricane; 12:30 p.m. Feb. 4.

DISASTER PREPARED CHURCH: A three-hour course to instruct churches how to prepare their facilities before a disaster strikes and respond to the needs of the community following a disaster; 9 a.m. Feb. 4.

BASIC SPIRITUAL & EMOTIONAL CARE: An eight-hour course that trains people to provide support and information following a disaster while helping survivors connect with personal, community, spiritual, emotional and basic life resources; 9 a.m. Feb. 4; the cost is \$10.

EARLY RESPONSE TRAINING: An eight-hour course that provides an introduction to disaster response ministry, with hands-on experience in the specific tasks early responders are expected to accomplish; 9 a.m. Feb. 4; the cost is \$10.

MISSION TEAM LEADER TRAINING: An eight-hour course for team leaders who also want to network and lead United Methodist Volunteers in Mission teams nationally and internationally; 9 a.m. Feb. 4; the cost is \$25.



The United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, **January 23 at 7:00PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Jane Crawford, Membership Nurture Outreach Coordinator for the UMW LaGrange District will be our guest speaker. All women are invited to attend.

The United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is:

To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.

To develop a creative supportive fellowship.

To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of United Methodist Women.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci:

To be a community of women

To know God

To develop a creative and supportive fellowship

To expand concepts of mission



On Sunday, January 22, we will be privileged to have guests in our worship service. Mike and Eli Sabin will be with us from Guam. They are involved with Trans World Radio which seeks to broadcast Christian information into countries that outlaw Christianity.

There is much information about this ministry at www.twr.org that covers information such as doctrinal statements, main goals, etc...

TWR has been broadcasting biblical programs since 1954. It grew from the initial site in Morocco to include a dozen international broadcast stations. KTWR on Guam was the fifth site, which was started in 1977.

KTWR currently has four transmitters on the air with a fifth unit expected to come online next year. They have six antennas that allow them to reach places that range from North Korea, Russia, China, India, Indonesia, ANZ, and the South Pacific. Their coverage area includes nearly 1/2 of the world's population. There are also many people outside their designated coverage areas who tune in to hear more about living for Jesus. Most of these people live in Europe, Asia, and Africa. This ministry provides many households with a reliable source of teaching and encouragement for living out their Christian faith.

TWR receives thousands of letters each year detailing stories of how the broadcasts were used by God to bring listeners to Himself.

Mike works as the chief engineer. He is responsible for keeping the transmitters operating as efficiently and reliably as possible. Eli has helped out in the finance department and with hostess duties.

KTWR was designed to have twelve staff members, but they only have 7 - 9 and it has been that way for several years.

They need more career missionaries to work in engineering, IT/IS, and finance. If any families already assigned to Guam need to extend their furloughs due to lack of support, that seriously affects station operation. Mike and Eli need to find nearly \$700/month more in financial support before their planned return to Guam in July 2012.

Please plan to be in worship to hear about this exciting ministry and how YOU can be part of sharing God's word in foreign lands.



Mary Kate Abel is participating in the East Coweta High School's 2012 Indian Princess pageant. It is a charity benefit pageant, and Mary Kate is raising money for A Brighter Day.

The pageant will be held on January 27th at 6:00PM at the Centre for Performing and Visual Arts in Newnan.

Mary Kate will host a Soup and Salad Fund-raiser on Wednesday night, January 18 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Let's all come out to support her and this great cause. Cost for the meal will be a free will donation.