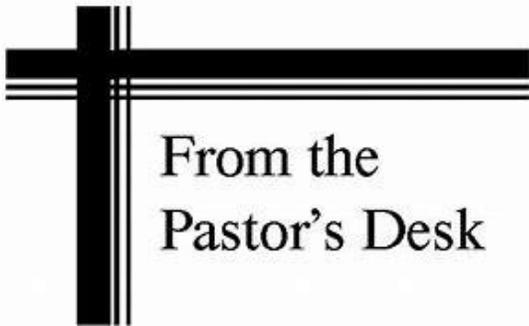




Welcome!

DS Rev. Kelly Clem has announced the appointment of Holly Woodall as pastor at Rogersville UMC, effective July 1, 2020. Holly is a 2017 Master's of Divinity graduate from Memphis Theological Seminary. She also has a Master's degree in English and an undergraduate degree in Communications, both from UAH. She currently serves as pastor at Lineville First UMC and Oak Grove UMC. You may send her a note of welcome at Holly.woodall@umcna.org



April 20, 2020

Dear Church Family,

I have recently developed a turtle mentality - slow and easy wins the race. This is new for me because I have always favored forging ahead, and sometimes even letting the pieces fall where they may. But this COVID 19 pandemic has made me cautious. And that may well be one of my lessons from this time of social distancing and isolation. As we make a plan to reopen, my heart says it will be so good to see everyone, to get a hug and to go back to normal. That's what my heart says while my head is saying slow down. This morning I preached about the 8" leap of faith from our head to our heart. Tonight I am seemingly talking about the reverse. I am not. I am advocating for allowing our head to temper impetuous heart behavior. The Apostle Peter had a good heart, a faithful heart, but there

were times when he needed to slow down; to do what my grandmother advocated – “*engage your brain before you open your mouth.*”

I know we are ready to get back to church, to Bible Study, to small groups. And we will – in time. Right now the Administrative Council is working on a phased reopening plan; one step at a time; Moving forward slowly as the threats to our health lessen. Because there are some who do not feel it is safe to reengage yet, we will continue to live stream our Sunday Service and ZOOM Bible Study and many of our meetings. Little Lambs is also working on a reopening plan, with built in cautions.

Our plan is still being developed, if you would like to have a look at it, let the office know and we will send you a copy of the draft for your comments and suggestions. We will move forward slowly, lovingly so that safety and community coexist.

As I have studied Scripture for words of hope, I found this verse and it so applies to the time we are in.:

But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.
Romans 8:25

I hate praying for patience, but I invite you to join with me in the practice of the discipline of patience until that wonderful day when we gather as the body of Christ in the house of the Lord.

Pastor Carol



Dear Member in Christ:

Thank you so much for your financial support of our church. Through March we were in good shape financially. Going forward we will receive some relief on our salary expense from the federal relief loan. However, you are the hands and feet of Christ. In these uncertain times you will determine just how effective we can be in our families and community. We need the church more than ever. Great things are in the future for the Rogersville United Methodist Church. Continue to be a part of that with your gifts and talents.

Your Fellow Servant Tom Thompson



Prayer Concerns: Our new Pastor, Holly Woodall, as she prepares to move; and her family as her grandfather passed away this week, Jo Mari's mother, Keith & Donna Kelley and family, Laura, friend on chemo, mother in nursing home, Darby Bethea, those dealing with depression, anxiety, and fear, our community, country and world as we go through this time of isolation.

Our youth continues their scavenger hunt through "GroupMe" and look forward to the day they can once again meet on campus. There will be a postponed Senior Breakfast at some point.

Make sure to check our Facebook page for several activities for children. These activities are constantly being updated.

Mother's Day



We are putting together a power point for Mother's Day, please send a picture of your mother to Pastor Carol at wrngrev@aol.com by Thursday, April 30th, to be included.



Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 for a live stream of worship on facebook@rogersvilleumc

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May God Bless: