



VANNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A VOICE IN THE VANNA COMMUNITY

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HOMECOMING

Vanna United Methodist Church will be celebrating

HOMECOMING on Sunday, May 21st starting at 10:00am.

Join us for wonderful music and an uplifting sermon.

Stay for a delicious potluck meal and visiting with friends and family.



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Vanna United Methodist Church Website:

<http://www.vannamethodistchurch.com/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Vanna-United-Methodist-Church-1641787629394391/>

We would love for you join us at Vanna United Methodist Church

Join us on Sunday's for: Morning Worship: 9:30am ~ Sunday School: 10:30am

Every Wednesday : Morning Brunch Gathering: 9:30am - Until - CHURCH PARSONAGE

Every Thursday: Youth Group: 7:00pm - CHURCH PARSONAGE

Every 2nd Thursday of each month: Church Pot Luck Supper: 6:30pm - CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Adult Sunday School Class has created a church food pantry for those in our church and community who may need a little extra help. If you would like to contribute food items or if you need assistance please contact Ivan Stephenson or Michael Hall.



The Senior Adult Sunday School Class along with the Youth Group partnered with OASIS Ministries' to conduct a food distribution in March. We distributed 100 boxes of food to families who needed assistance within the community and surrounding communities.

FROM OUR PASTOR'S HEART

April 11, 2017

It is a wonderful time of year! Spring has sprung, and summer is just around the corner. This week we celebrate Easter, the Resurrection, the forgiveness of our sins. How will we respond? How have we, how do we respond. More pointedly, ask yourself- How will I, how have I, how do I respond to God?

It is also a strange time of year for United Methodist, especially those in congregations who find themselves preparing to say good-bye to one pastor and family and welcoming another. Believe me it is just as strange for the pastor who prepares to say good bye to one congregation and say hello to another.

Our itinerant system calls for us to trust in God. To have faith in our Bishop, and the Cabinet. To prayerfully trust that God can and does lead people we may or may not know, who may or may not know us (congregations and individual pastors) to appoint the right pastor, to the right congregation, at the right time.

Remember that I often say God's Over-the-Horizon promises requires our Over-the-Horizon faith. This is very true in this appointment process. How we react to the news, how we anticipate the future is telling to how faithful we are.

As your pastor, the one responsible to lead you spiritually, emotionally and administratively through this time I encourage you to pray, pray and pray some more. Take some time, ask yourself, about yourself, have I grown with Jesus the past two years? Have we as a congregation grown closer to Jesus? Have we grown closer to each other? Are we a welcoming congregation? Are we an inviting congregation?

How can I/we help our new pastor, whoever he or she may be? Am I willing to be obedient to God by following the person who is appointed, trusting he or she is listening to God and will follow God's lead. Again, I encourage you to pray, pray and pray some more.

God sent me to this appointment for a season; I've done my best to be obedient. I have faith that the fruit of the past two years will be realized in the future adding to the bounty of the harvest of Vanna UMC's ministries.

In His grip, Ed

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Vanna UMC Youth Group has been working hard to build relationships with our church members as well as the community. Missions and outreach are important to this group of youth. They have already completed many community outreach activities and have many more planned. Between our two age groups we have:

- Volunteered at the local animal shelter.
- Had a community wide Back To School Cookout.
- Created and delivered Keychains for our local Police / Fire / EMT'S to thank them for their service to our community.
- Visited and delivered over 150 tins of cookies to the local nursing home as well as a few of our church members for Christmas.
- Partnered with OASIS Ministries and assist4ed in distributing d to the community.
- A Bake Sale to collect money for a fellow church member.

Our youth have many other activities planned. The youth meet every Thursday at 7pm at the church parsonage. If you know a young person who would like to join us, please have them contact us (706-498-4986).

