

June

June Events

- 2nd 11:00am Casual Sunday
12:00pm Church Picnic
- 9th 8:30am UMW Breakfast
- 12th 6:00pm Finance Committee
- 16th 12:15pm Church Council
- 19th – Annual Conference
- 23rd
- 23rd 8:00am UMM Breakfast

Anniversaries:

- 1st Tom & Beverly English
- 6th Tom & Earlece Greenawalt
- 7th Fred & Ruth Moody
- 11th Evan & Annette Clapsaddle
Jim & Mary Ann Fox
- 16th Danny & Tammy Iadonisi

Weekly Events

Sundays:

- River of Life 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service 10:55 AM
Stone Soup 5:00 PM

Wednesdays:

- Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday
9 AM – 12 NOON

Birthdays:

- 4th Ann Fox
- 6th Doreen Gingrich
- 13th Marissa Smith
- 14th Linnie Greene
Cathy Outlaw
- 17th James English
Grant Outlaw
- 18th Dolores Price
- 22nd Tammy Iadonisi
- 23rd Harold Adams
- 24th Jan McGregor
- 27th Tom Greenawalt
- 28th Mikki Phillips

THE UPPER ROOM

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Thoughts about God's Blessings:

When God sends us to serve,
God also sends us a blessing.
– June 1

God's blessings should reach
beyond us to others. – June 17

Don't forget to pick-up your
free copy of The Upper Room
in the narthex or back hall.

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Newsletter



Enjoy a few of our favorite photos
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Lifting Up Our Eyes!

In this month's article, we continue to look at the need for sacred space.

The sermon on Memorial Weekend Sunday was from Genesis 1:1-2 which begins to tell the creation story:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

As part of the message our congregation was asked to stop and look up at the Smoky Mountains surrounding our church and be reminded of the creative beauty that surrounds us.

We tend to get so wrapped up in what we are doing – even going to church – that we forget to take the time to see the beauty of God that lies right in front of our eyes.

To my surprise that Sunday, there weren't many people that decided

to greet me on their way to lunch. Instead, many people headed straight to the back of the parking lot to do their "homework" and look up to see the hills about the church.

What a delight! So many people reported the joy they received from taking the time to look up to the hills.

In Psalm 121:1-2, the psalmist reminds us that the creator is also our protector if we remember to look up to him.

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

It is my prayer that we are reminded daily to be intentional about finding spaces that invite the awe of God and holiness into our lives.

[Read More online.](#)

Church News

Church Council

The next church council meeting will be on Sunday, June 16 after the service.

Worship Committee

The next church council meeting will be on Sunday, June 16 after the Church Council meeting.

Trustees

There will be a trustees meeting at 6 pm on Monday, June 11 to discuss the Fellowship Hall kitchen renovation. Representatives from UMW and the Building Committee are asked to attend.

Nurture Committee

Don't forget to submit your picture or have one taken for our church directory.

There will be a Nurture Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 pm to complete the Duke Divinity Intern Learning Covenant for Andrew.

Finance Committee

The finance committee will be meeting at 6pm on June 12.

UM Men

The next UMM breakfast will be Sunday, June 23

at 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

UM Women

The UMW will be meeting on Sunday, June 9 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.



River of Life

Join us Sundays at 8:30 am for the *River of Life* worship service.

[See More online.](#)



Visit Our New Website!

Over the past month, Mikki has been working on updating our website into a new format. We would like to invite those with internet access to check it out and let us know what you think.

We are already working on adding a calendar and the pastor's sermons in the near future.

Are we missing anything?

[See More online.](#)

Insights from the Intern Andrew Hammond

My first couple of weeks in Bryson City have already been full of great memories and I can't help but think that when I reflect on these stories later, the setting in which they take place will greatly shape my recollection. The opening of the fellowship hall, dinner in some of your beautiful homes, worship at the river and in a sanctuary—all depend on their specific location for these spiritual memories to form.

As an art history major for my undergraduate degree, I took a Gothic architecture class that explored the medieval architecture of the time. While the sanctuary and fellowship hall do not have this style, throughout the class, the importance of the place in which we worship became apparent to me. The mere shape of a standard gothic cathedral, a cross, begins to give away what

the building is about, and Who is worshipped in that setting.

The new fellowship hall exemplifies what I've learned that this church is about. Many of you helped tear down then rebuild this building, displaying a great sense of ownership and loyalty to the Bryson City UMC. Having the foresight to build something that will cater to the present congregation as well as the future shows a dedication to the future of this church. The new fellowship hall is a physical representation of the spiritual dedication the current congregation has to the future of this church.

I encourage you to be present in your current location, and to see how God uses your current place to reveal himself. I pray that the new fellowship hall, like the Holy Temple found in the Old Testament will be a place where God's presence dwells.

