



The FUMC of McHenry

July 2017

Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends:

This month we have welcomed a new staff member to our church family. Donna Galloway-Chung has begun as our Director of Music. The Director of Music position is more than just being a choir director. As Director, Donna will be coordinating music for all of our worship services. This includes working with our Worship Committee and the established musical groups such as Praise Team, Children's Choir and Bell Trio. She will be working with the other musicians (soloist and ensembles) which have been providing Special Music each week along with looking for ways to revitalize our Chancel and Handbell Choirs.



For the past few Sundays she has been helping to lead some of our hymns while also meeting our various musicians. In addition, she has already started to be an ambassador for our church by talking to neighbors living near the church and handing out information at the weekly Farmer's Market. Her husband, Jae, has also been attending our services.

Donna comes to us with vast musical experience both as a performer and as a teacher. She has worked with children, youth and adults. Her background includes a variety of musical styles from opera and classical to gospel and modern.

In the coming weeks, as Donna gets to know us, she will be scheduling special music for our worship services and working with each musician and/or group to help us all get the most out of the wonderful talent with which our congregation is blessed.

If you have not already done so, take a few minutes to introduce yourselves as we welcome Donna into our church family. I truly believe that she will be a dynamic addition to our congregation's worship.

Peace,
Pastor Scott

1st UMC Rocks

We have started a new program of spreading good will to people who visit our church with "1stUMC Rocks!" The Sunday School and Confirmation kids have painted rocks that will be scattered around our church grounds. They have pictures and sayings that will make people smile. "1st UMC Rocks" is written on the back of them. We will have a bucket of rocks available for painting in the Narthex, near in the corner where the Missions Wish Tree has been. Please take a rock and paint or color it so that it can be placed in one of our gardens or around the church. If you pick one up, please replace it with one of your own. We encourage pictures or positive sayings on them. They don't have to be "works of art". Simple is good. The "1stUMC Rocks" will spread good will and serve as a positive reminder about our church. For questions, please contact Bonnie Rudolph.



Fiesta Days' Art in the Park Brat and Bake Sale

Please mark your calendar for our July 22nd Brat and Bake Sale at Fiesta Days' Art in the Park. Proceeds benefit our church missions and it's an excellent opportunity for fun and fellowship with our church family and the community. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to help during the hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.



We are still in need of baked good donations as well as cases of pop such as coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, 7-up, root beer and Brisk ice tea along with 16.9 oz bottles of water. Don't forget to take advantage of the 4th of July sales in stores on pop and water. Please drop all pop and water donations off in the corner of the Narthex by the Missions tree

Sunday Community Dinner

Come and join us for our next Community Dinner on Sunday, July 9th.

Free Community Dinner



May/June Newsletter



The boys worked almost non-stop in the mission house for several weeks straight. Between painting, making furniture, and helping with other adjustments, they earned a pizza night!

Pictured: Alfredo, Walter, Julio, BB, Selvin, Luis

Greetings from Ciudad Espana, Honduras! Thanks for joining me once again to hear about the goings-on with One Day Revival Ministry.

As with all periods, these past two months have come with their ups and downs. First, I want to share about Anderson, the young man I talked about in April's newsletter.

In an attempt to help Anderson, Luis and I went to the city several times to meet with him and speak truth into his life. During these meetings, Anderson gave his life to Jesus Christ and declared his desire to live for the Lord. All Glory to the Father! He decided to stay in the city with his family so that he could work and provide for his children, but was actively seeking a deeper relationship with God. Unfortunately, he continued to owe a significant amount of money to the gang.

Several weeks ago, he came back to town, knowing he would not be welcome due to his debts. He went missing, and his body was found several days later. My heart hurts still as I write this, thinking of how many young men we have lost; however, I have to trust that Anderson's death will not have been in vain. I believe he came back to town to declare his faith in hopes of finding a truce, and I believe he shared Jesus with all of the boys before leaving this world.

Like I have mentioned before, this ministry is not easy. It is heavy and sometimes very hard. There is loss and heartbreak, but there is also redemption. Anderson's story, from an earthly perspective, is a sad and heartbreaking story. But God is good, and He allowed Anderson's story to be one of redemption and reconciliation.

Please pray for Anderson's family and everyone surrounding his death, including salvation and justice for those who are responsible.

As my good friend Sharon said the other day, it seems that whenever things are slow in prison ministry, street ministry is busy, and vice versa. That rings ever true in these months!

All of the adult men from the 18th street gang were moved from the prison near my house to a prison several hours away. We are not sure yet how we will be able to visit them.

Additionally, with several mass breakouts from the children's prison, I have not been able to go there either. Due to many factors, the prison system is sort of up in the air right now, making it not entirely safe for me to visit until things smooth out at least a little.

In the streets, I am working hard to get the boys (both in and out of the gang) to the mission house to hear the Word of God, learn about His love, and find positive encouragement. They are all intrigued by the idea of a place just for young people and seem to be enjoying it!

Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom and favor while ministering to the gang members in the streets.
- Aftering being away for several months, Fanny is now wanting to move back to Ciudad Espana with baby Sylvia and stay with me. Prayers that God will guide me and bring peace to the situation.
- Reconciliation between family members who are key leaders in the ministry.
- Continued favor and spiritual presence in the mission house.
- Prayers that the Thursday night guys (see picture below) will not lose motivation and will continue seeking God.
- In July, August, September & October we will be welcoming many visitors. Prayers that these trips will all be blessed in safety, time spent together, and in serving!

Thank you for joining me and One Day Revival Ministry Inc. to continue serving the people of Honduras. We are honored that you have chosen to sow into this ministry and the work that God is doing here. You make this ministry possible!

With the ministry growing in so many ways, we are still looking for new monthly supporters that will commit to partnering with us by giving a gift of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$200 each month. All donations go directly towards ministry- rent/utilities, food, Lester's university costs, jail visits, baby baskets, family help, the mission home, and street/outreach ministry. Please consider partnering through a monthly or one-time gift!

Monthly and one-time donations can be made in the following ways:

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Click Jennifer Olsen (Honduras) from the drop down box

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Marietta GA 30061

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Blessings,
Jennifer

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23,24

Wanting to see daily updates and pictures about ministry? Find me on Facebook and I will add you to the private group! You can also visit the website to see periodic updates.



Building Workshop

Since renting the mission house and beginning to fix it up, the guys have been there building. For now, they are building furniture for the mission house itself. In the future, they plan to build the furniture at the mission house and sell it around town. It is a great way for them to learn a trade while also being off the streets. Many of them have said to me that they don't even realize they have been there all day building until it suddenly turns dark! All of the furniture is built out of used pallets that we purchase for the guys to use. In the next coming months, they will have several visitors that will come to teach them different techniques to use for furniture building.

So far, they have made two couches and several tables for the ministry house as well as a couch and a table for my new house. It is a slow process in the beginning, but they are starting to get the hang of it and quickly find more efficient ways to tackle their projects!

I've Moved...Again!

Family Help & Baby Baskets



As you all know, one of the ways I am consistently trying to do outreach in the community is with young mothers. My goal is to give a baby basket once a month to a young mother in need. It includes diapers, baby wipes, bottles, milk, a baby blanket, and a few other gifts.

At the end of April, one of those young women went through a life-threatening sickness at the end of her pregnancy, causing her to be hospitalized for 2 weeks while her newborn son was sent home. With no one to take care of him, I was asked to do so. Baby Milan stayed with me for a week until his mom could be with him, and they were given a baby basket as her homecoming. This month, the baby basket went to Mariela and her newborn baby boy.

Thank you to those who help financially with these



Yes, you read that correctly! Once again, I am in another house. But, this time, it is a familiar one! I have moved back to the first house I rented in Ciudad Espana 2 years ago. After constant problems with renters and an obvious need for more space, I decided to move back into the 'big' house.

While living here means my housing budget goes up, I am trusting that God will provide for that need! With so many people in and out all the time, both during the day and staying the night, I am grateful for the extra space (and giant cistern) this house provides.

This picture is of the terrace- one of my favorite parts of the house. I love sitting to do my Bible study, read, and sit with friends while looking out on the beautiful city!

Thankfully, I was able to do a contract for the house, meaning I will NOT have to move for a while now. Praise God!

help financially with these baskets! They are a great way to jump-start a new family with a bit of help and give me a chance to connect with these young women!

Thursday Night Group



The biggest program we wanted to begin in the mission house was a Bible study for young men and women. Dani and I feel comfortable leading the young women, but we desired for a strong, Christian man to lead the young men. After visiting a church in Tegucigalpa, we believe we found our man!

Pastor Hernan has come on Thursday for the past 2 weeks to start up the study. We are there to facilitate, but the goal is to ultimately leave the guys to their time so they can better connect with the Pastor and learn more about Jesus.

The first two weeks went GREAT. We had 11 guys the first week and 7 the second week, mostly due to the rain. Almost every one has commented on how much they have liked the group and how they want to come back.

In addition to the guys who are building in the mission house, there were

MISSION HOUSE, there were also several gang members from town who went to the meeting. We are so encouraged to see these young men excited about learning about God and His Word!

July Birthdays

- Sheila MacDougall, July 1
- John Armstrong, July 4
- Dave Dolby, July 6
- Charles Miller, Ayden Pala, John Swinney, July 7
- Madelyn Ammons, Kyle Frantz, Kathie Robinson, July 9
- Ken Crick, Vaughn Hodges, Linda Partenheimer, July 11
- Tegan Eternick, Denise Linebaugh, July 12
- Kysa Meek, July 13
- Ryan Boland, Jenny Copenharve, July 14
- Shannon Hoak, July 16
- Adia Arnoldussen, Les Bacon, Ryan Darbro, Evan Witte, July 17
- Gary Mack, Jared Ritter, July 18
- Nicholas Miller, Keith Olsen, Al Werhane, July 19
- Julie Shaw, July 20
- Tiffany Kratt, Billy Penuel, July 21
- Erin Frommes, Julie Witte, July 24
- Laura Nobbe, July 25
- Lori McClellan, July 26
- Becky Stewart, July 28
- John Rudolph, Debbie Scheuring, July 29
- Ray Cook, July 31



July Anniversaries

- Christina & Ray Cook, July 6
- Michelle & Joe Knaack, July 7
- Sheila & Doug MacDougall, July 22
- Sherri & Mitch Clark, July 26



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

July Calendar

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