## **Church Calendar**

Jul	12	10:00	Outdoor Service
Jul	19	10:00	Outdoor Service
Jul	26	10:00	Outdoor Service
Aug	2	10:00	Outdoor (?) Service
Aug	9	10:00	Outdoor (?) Service
Aug	16	10:00	Outdoor (?) Service
Aug	23	10:00	Outdoor (?) Service
Aug	30	10:00	Outdoor (?) Service
Sep	6	10:00	Outdoor (?) Service
Sep	7		Labor Day
Sept	7-9		Prep for Yard Sale
Sep	10-	7AM-	Annual UMW Yard
	11	5PM	Sale

### Please review the following updates and notify others as appropriate

- Homecoming has been <u>postponed</u> to the fall (date to be set at a later time
- X VACATION Bible School for 2020 has been <u>cancelled</u>



July 10

July 16

July 23

### S.H.A.P.E. Update

Happy Birthday!

TJ Fain

Maxine Stephens

Shannon Manring

S.H.A.P.E. started its summer session early July. We are using a modified schedule of 3 days a week as we incorporate the various state guidelines for safety. Fall plans are on hold until decisions are made about how schools will open.

#### Cookbook Sales are HOT!

Better grab one or two or three now. Lots of holidays and birthday gifts opportunities are coming up!

# **Snow Hill UMC Connection**

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#### From the Pastor

Excited is an understatement of how I feel about being appointed as your pastor. I am truly blessed to serve you. When I completed licensing school and was appointed Assistant Pastor I was asked, "Who is your boss?" Without hesitation I said "God!" The past two years have been an affirmation of my call and now I have the privilege to serve the people that helped guide me to answer my call. I am here to serve you.



Serving Snow Hill and the community is a blessing, a prayer answered for me. There are many opportunities for us to build upon the great works already being done. However, I read a statement recently that although profound, it was troubling. "If everyone is welcome at church, why doesn't everyone come to church?" I invite you to ask yourself, "Why do I go to church?" I remember the first time I came to Snow Hill and I distinctly remember the warm, welcome, joyous feeling I had. I hope to build on that experience. I hope to empower the congregation to feel the Holy Spirit and create an atmosphere that is inviting, leaving people with an insatiable desire to come back for more! How will we do that? We will think "out of the box!" I do not want to abandon the tradition of Snow Hill, but to enhance it. I look forward to talking with each of you, listening to your thoughts on worship, on discipleship, on growing the Kingdom of God. Jesus will satisfy our hunger and he we will satiate our thirst!

Don't expect me to change everything right from the start. That would be disastrous! Remember I want to enhance what Snow Hill already does well. Progress is the inevitable process of change, but I do not believe in making changes just for the sake of "change." I am a member of this community. I was a member of this church. I know how much the church does in the community and I know how much more we can do! Together, we will grow the Kingdom of God.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all, Rev. Keith R. Lawson



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Please be aware that it may take time for the pastor to return a phone call if he is working at the hospital with a patient. Please leave your name and number so he can return the call.

## Yard Sale Coming Soon – Sept 10-11



Hope you have been cleaning out and packing up during this extended time at home. If not, there is still time. Please continue to collect your treasures you are ready to pass on (and bring others home of course!) You help our community as we provide great deals for families in need while raising money for the missions supported by the women of Snow Hill through the year.

# **New Beginnings**

## **Making Adjustments**

### Welcome to Rev. Keith Lawson and his wife Sherri!

Some newer members may not know me as well as others, but I look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you. I was born in this county and I have lived here all my life apart from time spent away at college. I am currently bivocational, working as a Respiratory Care Practitioner at LifeBrite hospital. I plan to retire from LifeBrite in March 2021 at that time, I hope to be appointed full-time as pastor.

I have been married to my wonderful wife Sherrie for 31 years. Sherrie works for Novant Cardiology. Our daughter Morgan, our only child, lives in New Orleans and is the Industrial Hygiene/Occupational Health and Safety Specialist for a company that builds tactical watercraft for the Navy. All three of us served as volunteers for Lawsonville Fire Department for many years.

We have two dogs, Nitin and Louie. Sherrie and I love cooking, gardening, and anything that affords us the chance to help others. Sherrie is incredibly creative and quite gifted when it comes to decorating.

Welcome to the neighborhood! Martha Monnett is renting the parsonage. She welcomes a visit or call 919-740-2842

### Outdoor Worship Service TIME CHANGE to 10 AM

Beginning July 12, Snow Hill UMC will begin our service at 10:00 AM due to the summer heat.

We plan to continue to meet in the front of the church for car/yard seating. This will be reevaluated as the governor and UMC determine it is safe to go inside.

Please wear a mask when you are outside your vehicle for the safety of all of us. Thanks!

### Welcome New Members

We welcome Gavin and Crystal Davis, with their son Wyatt into the Snow Hill UMC family.





Thanks to all who have filled in, stepped up, organized over the last couple of months.







Special thanks to Nolan and Kim Lawson for the setup/ manning/ take down weekly to make our drive-up services possible!

# Best Wishes for Retirement to Pastor CJ Spicer

What a beautiful, holy service Pastor CJ led on her last "official" Sunday. Giving her Faith Journey, sharing Communion, adding new members to our family, and us sending her off with gifts, cards, hugs. WE LOVE YOU!





"Be known as a Christian for whom you love, not whom you hate"