

West Bend Church's Weekly Update August 5, 2020

Prayer List

Our Church Family

Mike Brown	Virginia Cooper
Frank Ervin	Peggy Foust
Paul Foust	Lora Hill
Harold Hill	Liz Johnson
Douglas McMasters	Lena Mae McMasters
Dave McGowan	Juanita Porche
Denny Reinhardt	

Our Family & Friends

Marie Caldwell
Jennie Frazier
Terri Lane Frazier
Turner Frazier
Vicki Freeman
Kathy Needham (Vivian Morgan's neighbor)
Michelle Petty (Carol Petty's sister-in-law)
Wilma Patterson
Thelma Smith and her grandson, Eric
Sue Starr (Lora Hill's mother)
Mark Strider
Our Church Family and Their Families
Those who are sick

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

Carillon, Asheboro
Ramona Shephard
Clapp's, Asheboro
Daffie Branson
Clapp's, Pleasant Garden
Ken Patrick
Spring Arbor Senior Living, Cary
Clarence Davis
North Pointe, Archdale
Lib Howell
Woodland Hills, Asheboro
Kim Shaw

Our Military

Kasey Ingold Logan Morris

Others

Cure for COVID 19 and healing and protection
Our Church Our Country
Revival Unchurched

Prayer requests will be left for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise.

TOG News

Our Table of Grace Team sent out 151 take out meals this week to the homeless, trucking school, shut-ins and needy. Thank you to our many volunteers who are delivering, cooking, calling, planning, etc. If you are a shut-in or need of a meal or know someone who does, please contact the church office by 11 AM on Mondays by calling or emailing the church office.

Ministry Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Kari L. Howard
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
Lay Leader	Mrs. Laurie Hunt
Janitor	Mr. Tim Burrow

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Offering Needed Each Week	\$2,674.99
Received This Week	\$1,773.45

You can mail your tithe to P.O. Box 1845, Asheboro, NC 27204-1845. Or you can give on line by going to our website: westbendumc.org and clicking the PayPal link.

The Ministry of the church is ongoing.

Thank you for your generosity!

Table of Grace in the Season of COVID

Rev. Kari Howard

This season of life and ministry has helped me to see Elijah's story in a whole new light. He was called to stand up to difficult challenges and act on God's word. He had to speak up for God when there was evil all around. And he had to lift up those who were oppressed and lacking resources. So when the famine came, he found God providing in new and creative ways. When he had to leave home, his source of food and water was a brook and whatever food the ravens supplied for him. When the brook dried, he was led to become friends with a stranger, who was not on his usual ministry route (1 Kings 17).

That's what it has been like at Table of Grace at West Bend Asheboro since Coronavirus hit. We have seen God provide for us in new ways and we are reaching out to more people than ever before with the ministry of Table of Grace.

At first, we just moved the food outdoors for people to pick up and then take it with them. But we quickly realized that most of the people we had been serving, really were not able to come to us under the advisement to stay home and lay low. We also had to make sure our staff was healthy and safe. So, we stopped for two weeks to regroup hoping that we would be able to open back up and get back to normal.

But hunger doesn't stop, just because people are in quarantine. And it became quite clear that getting back to normal wasn't going to be. And you know what? God didn't stop providing for us just because we had to change our method. When some funding came in for Table of Grace from unexpected sources we knew God was sending a message to get back to work. God was feeding us so we needed to go out and get back to feeding others.

It has been amazing to watch what God will do in the lives of willing people. Our cooks came back together willingly and safely in order to prepare the food. Many people who had been out of work or experienced scheduling changes volunteered to deliver meals. Some volunteered to make calls and schedule deliveries. We reconnected with many of those who had been coming before and found more in need of a meal.

We're seeing God provide and we're moving further out into the community with the Good Food and Good News on Tuesdays. I don't know how that would compare to what the ravens fed Elijah, but I know that the same Supplier has supplied for us all along. I know it looked bleak when Elijah met with the widow of Zarephath, but again, when God gives the word and makes the appointment, it's best just to follow the plan God gives.

So for now we are a delivery service. Table of Grace has always and will always be about Good Food and Good News. Just maybe offered in a new way. Grace by Delivery kind of has a nice ring to it, don't you think?

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 9

**9:30 AM Drive In Church
Graduates Recognized**

Tuesday, August 11

11 AM TOG Take-Out Deliveries

**Our Volunteer Trash & Recycling Detail Person
for August is Richard Lanier. Thank you so much!**

Thank You Note

Dear West Bend,

Thank you so much for the generous gift card in honor of my graduation. That was very thoughtful of you and I appreciated it so much. Thank you also for all the support and love you sent to Lucy and I through our wedding. You have all been so kind to our family.

Sincerely,

Josiah Howard

SERMON SERIES

HOPEFUL