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SWEETHEART BANQUET

The Methodist Men hosted their annual Sweetheart Banquet on Monday Night, Feb. 26. We want to say a very special congratulations to Mike Drake for being voted Burns Methodist Man of the Year!!

The dinner and music were excellent! Thanks so much to all the volunteers who helped set up, prep food, take food off and clean up -- a special thank you to Carl and Burles for leading the way once again!



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From The Pastor

To the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Administrative Council, and to all the beloved Burns Church Family

Thank you for your love and support these last almost 7 years. The time has flown by, and I will treasure friendships made and meaningful moments together. A highlight of course, was when my son Thomas married a Burns girl, Jordan.

After prayerful consideration and consultation with my family, I have decided to take another position.

As you may have heard last Sunday in the GMC Informational Meeting, 263 churches disaffiliated from the UMC in November of 2023. Some of the churches that disaffiliated have been without a pastor ever since. One of these churches without a pastor is in Elbert County. This church invited me to an interview and have offered me the position. As you may know, my wife and I have a home near Lake Russell in Elbert County. Lori has also been working for the Elbert County School System for several years. I’m getting older and I’m tired of the drive. So, as much as I have loved being the Pastor here at Burns, I am going to take the position. It will be really nice for my wife and I to spend more time together.

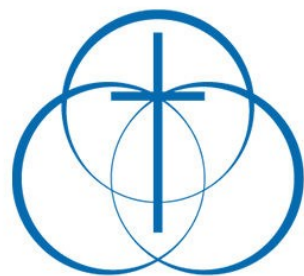
And now that Burns has disaffiliated and is moving forward, this seems like a good time for a new pastor to make a fresh start here.

At the last Administrative Council Meeting, when looking at a draft of the church bylaws, a 30-day notice provision was discussed, and though not voted on, there seemed to be a consensus that this is a reasonable notice of change of employment. Therefore, my final day as Pastor at Burns Memorial Methodist Church will be April 11, 2024.

I look forward to enjoying one more Easter Season with you all. This is the season of resurrection, of hope and joy. And I trust that as Burns moves forward the risen Lord will continue to guide and bless you all.

John Donaldson

From John’s email on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

March 24, 2024 was an exciting day for Burns Memorial Methodist Church! We had a Church Meeting and voted unanimously to join the Global Methodist Church! We will be following the Global Methodist Church Transitional Discipline. If you would like a copy, please let Dee know and she will make you a copy to have. Dee has sent the application, with required documentation, to the Global Methodist Church, and we are looking forward to finding out when we will officially join them!

It was also a sad day. There was a called Administrative Council Meeting. During that meeting it was voted on to accept Pastor John Donaldson's resignation as of April 11, 2024. He is moving on to a Global Methodist Church in Elberton. He and Lori were thanked for their service. Thomas and Jordan Donaldson's last Sunday will be April 7, 2024. They were thanked for their work with the sound system. Nathan was also thanked for his numerous services.

We have three wonderful trained and certified Lay Speakers here in our Church who have blessed us over many years with their sermons. It was also voted on during the meeting that Carol Echols, Bill Williams and Mavis Williams supply our pulpit until we are assigned a new pastor by the Global Methodist Church. We are looking forward to being blessed by the words they are given for us by the Lord!!!



Wednesday April 24 at 6 PM, We will be having Family Night Supper! Join us that evening for RIBS, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Desserts. It's \$8 for 13 yrs. & up, \$4 for 4-12 yrs., and 3 & under eat free! Please make sure you fill out the form in the bulletin and turn it in or call the church office to sign up so that we know how many folks to prepare for!

Come for a super tasty meal, fun and fellowship! **Please note** that Family Night will be the fourth Wednesday this month instead of the third!

MORNING MOVERS

Exercise is good for the heart, mind and soul! And it is so much more fun with friends! Join us in the Family Life Center weekdays at 10:30 AM! We would love to see you there!!



Spring Flowers Word Search



Anemone	Daffodil	Iris	Lily	Rose
Carnation	Daisy	Lavender	Orchid	Snapdragon
Chrysanthemum	Hydrangea	Lilac	Poppy	Sunflower

