

JUNE 2026

The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I love this time of year when the dead trees come to life and flowers spring out everywhere. I've been excited this year that the box rose that I planted several years ago has bloomed, and as of yet the deer have not eaten it. I believe that's how God must feel when one of His children follows in His footsteps.

We must remember that one of the first biblical images of God was as a gardener. And as part of the garden He created were the human beings that He placed there to tend the garden. Just as the deer arrive annually to eat my roses, Satan arrives to tempt God's children - from Adam and Eve to us today. Likewise, as I feel great Joy in my rosebuds that survived the ravenous hunger of the deer, I believe God feels great Joy when His children resist the devil and his ravenous desire to devour our souls.

Praise be to the Lord! He has made us and called us according to His purposes. Let us bloom like a rose (Isaiah 35:1). Selah.

Steve

P.S. Thanks to the whole church for the incredible support (unanimous!) for the new property. What a magnificent gift from God!



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MEET and GREET with Bishop John Pena Auta



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
NORTH GEORGIA



SUNDAY
JUNE 7, 2026



6:30 PM



DAHLONEGA
METHODIST CHURCH
107 South Park Street
Dahlonega, GA 30533



Join us for a special evening with Bishop John Pena Auta.

The evening will include a short program with
a question and answer session.

Coffee and desserts to follow.



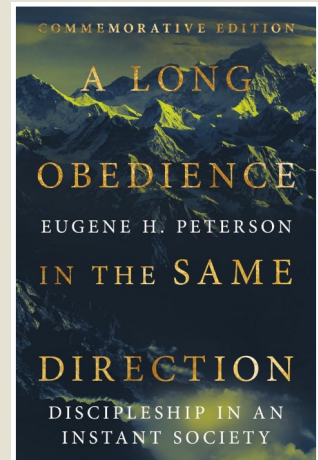
All are welcome!

Journeys of Paul Cruise

Join Rev. Robin Parr on the *Journeys of Paul Cruise*, 11 nights aboard *Celebrity Ascent*, round-trip from Rome, Italy. You will see Chania, Santorini, Kusadasi, Mykonos, Naples, Rome, and much more! Starting at \$4,798* from New York on October 17, 2027. **Register Early and Save—\$150** Register by July 17, 2026/**\$100** Register by October 17, 2026. Brochures are available in the Sanctuary foyer. For additional information and to register click here: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/ps27101727a#eotours>.



Book Club



The Book Club will be discussing *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society*, by Eugene H. Peterson, August 26th at 6:30 in the library. The book may be purchased from this link: <https://a.co/d/0eNix14R>

Pursue Deeper Faithfulness with Eugene Peterson's Classic Work on Discipleship.

Since Eugene Peterson first wrote this spiritual formation classic more than forty years ago, hundreds of thousands of Christians have been inspired by its call to deeper discipleship.

As a society, we are still obsessed with the immediate, but Peterson's time-tested prescription for discipleship remains the same—a long obedience in the same direction.

Long obedience requires a deepening life of prayer. Peterson finds encouragement for today's pilgrims in the Songs of Ascents (Psalms 120–134), sung by travelers on their way to worship in Jerusalem. With prophetic and pastoral wisdom, Peterson shows how the psalms teach us to grow in worship, service, joy, work, happiness, humility, community, blessing, and more.

If you would like to join the Book Club and receive email updates, please email deborah@dahmc.org.

Announcements

Widow Paint Party

Monday, June 1st at 11:00am in the Church Library. Please RSVP at 770-468-5441

Sportsmen's Group—Faith, Fletching, Flintlocks and Fly Rods.

The Sportsmen's Group will meet under the Church Pavilion on June 15th at 6pm for a meal and fellowship. Please email Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can have a good headcount for the meal.

CHP Summer Food Program



Community Helping Place's Summer Food Program is open for registration. This program is for families facing food insecurity that live in Lumpkin county and have children living in the home that attend school (ages 4-18). Families can pick-up food three times throughout the summer to help with food needs while school is out. They can register at the Food Pantry or through the main office, 706-867-9621.

CHP Summer Food Program is in need of volunteers on Friday, July 17th from 9:45—1pm at CHP for the distribution of the food. DMC is slotted to provide volunteers for July 17th. We must ensure that we have at least four workers that day. If you can help pull food, pack boxes, and pass out food please call Debi Holloway at 706-867-9621.

Globetrotters

Globetrotters -- We're pressing pause for the summer months of June and July. Enjoy the sunshine and time with family and friends. Mark your calendars—we'll kick things back off on Tuesday, August 25 from 1-3 with Bingo and lots of laughs and fun!

Emmaus

How would you like to spend three days in the company of other believers bathed in God's love and forgiveness while receiving encouragement to grow as a disciple and to share the love of God with others who also desire to hear the message of reconciliation. The sole purpose of the Emmaus movement is to strengthen disciples within the ministry of individual congregations. Emmaus, in partnership with the local church, inspires leaders to become more effective and intentional as disciples who make disciples. The call to love God and to serve with enthusiasm comes amid many other demands and priorities in one's life. The Georgia Foothills Walk to Emmaus community is holding walks in July – Men's 9-12 and Women's 16-19. Applications to attend can be found at GFWTE.weebly.com.

The Georgia Foothills Walk to Emmaus community is holding walks in July – Men's 9-12 and Women's 16-19. Team selection has to started, please submit an application to work the weekend. Pray about who to send as a pilgrim, sponsor them. Info can be found at GFWTE.weebly.com. There is plenty of scholarship money available for both pilgrims and team. Again there is plenty of info at GFWTE.weebly.com. The sole purpose of the Emmaus movement is to strengthen disciplines within the ministry of individual congregations. Emmaus, in partnership with the local church, inspires leaders to become more effective and intentional as disciples who make disciples. The call to love God and to serve with enthusiasm comes amid many other demands and priorities in one's life. For more information contact Rev Ed Dickens, 706.265.9229 or wedngc79@live.com

Women's Circle of Faith 3rd Tuesday of the month-10am

June 22nd (MONDAY, 11AM – 1PM):

LUNCHEON (Bring a covered dish)

We will meet at the **Lumpkin County Library in Room A.** (Enter library at the main door and take hallway to the right)

The Sautee Nacoochee Methodist women's group "Mary & Martha's" will be joining us. Begin with a 45-minute chair yoga class. Enjoy homemade dishes and fellowship!

Circle of Faith 2026 Program

July 21st—Field Trip to Camp Meeting, Lumpkin Campgrounds, Dawsonville

More information to be announced

August—NO MEETING

Sept. 15th—Awakening Collegiate

Fellowship: Nathan Dickens

Oct. 20th—CHP: Spirit of Christmas, Sarah Chagris, Pledge Prog.

Nov. 1st—Half-Cake Bake Sale Fundraiser

December—NO MEETING

Sewing Hearts Circle

Sewing Hearts Circle are women who join for a time of sharing, friendship, fun, talking, and praying, while all the time making and stuffing "Heart Pillows". You don't have to know how to sew to make a "Heart Pillow". You can cut out the pattern and/or only stuff the pillows and at the same time enjoy Christian fellowship. The pillows are distributed to children, teens, and adults, who need something to touch as a reminder that "God Loves Them"! The pillows will be distributed the second Sunday of each month from 8:00-12 noon. For more information contact Betty Fisher at bettyfisher5262@msn.com.

Congratulations 2026 Graduates!



Pre-K Graduates



Ms. Emma Chewning, Teacher
Ms. Terry Rosso, Aide

Zelda Adams
Hazel Crane
Pierce Grindle
Cameron Johnson
Camilla Kolar
Luke Laidlaw
Oliver Martin
Wyatt Munday
Mabry Morris
Hadley Palmer
Sebastian Pike
Brody Reeves

Ms. Tammy Hardin, Teacher
Ms. Kylee Mullinax, Aide

Stevie Dowdy
Walter Gerrells
Maverick Gooch
Kolsten Greene
Hudson Harkins
Autumn Jacques
Tate McCrary
Adrain Spooner
Haddie Stepp
Walker Sullens
Liv Thornton
Emme Weeks



Congratulations High School Seniors!

Keli George
Georgia College & State University

Nicole Bruno
University of North Georgia

Rileigh Raftelis
Georgia College & State University

Maddie Lee
US Merchant Marine Academy

Rebekah Charles
University of North Georgia

Kadyn Dillon
Georgia College & State University

Connor Boyce
Miami University (Ohio)

Camden Beckman
Georgia Southern

Parker Cox
Georgia College & State University

Landon Pierce
Georgia Tech

Jacob Enright
Lee University

Carson Horton
Georgia College & State University

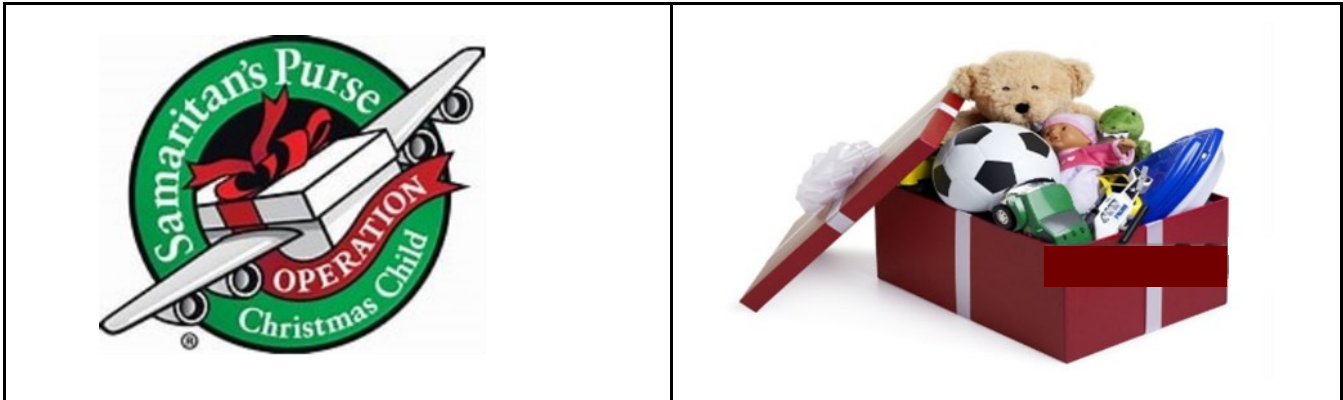
Asher Boegner
Brevard College

Jack Marshall



Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing Party

Summer - Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Program



School is out and summer sales are In! After Memorial Day, Flag Day & Father's Day check for Deals! The list below has been updated to reflect what is still needed for the November 7th Packing Party.

We look forward to seeing what is donated at the OCC bin outside of the Fellowship Hall this Summer! And here is the link for the New Online Amazon Shoebox Wish List.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ESGOMTPZAE9V?ref=wl_share

It works like a Bridal or Baby shower gift list. You order & Items are delivered directly to our church group.

As always, for those who prefer not to shop, monetary donations are so appreciated and will be used to buy WoW items in bulk, like Soccer balls, Dolls, and to help pay shipping fees, etc.

Online Giving & Checks can be made to DMC memo line: "Operation Christmas Child"

Hygiene/School Supplies	Quality FUN Toys		Accessories	WoW items
Small Hairbrushes	New Stuffed Toys	Small cars	Hair bows	Soccer balls
Durable plastic Cups (NO Toothpaste or Soap!)	Yo-Yos	Trucks	Sunglasses	Barbie dolls
Socks	Slinkies Playdough	Airplanes	Watch	Baby dolls
Pencils (#2 & Color)	Coloring Books	Legos	T-shirts	Boys Action figures (not war related)
Erasers & Sharpeners	Balls	Bead kits	Shorts	Trucks
Notebooks	Puzzles	Sewing kits	Dresses/skirts	Cars
Paper	Card games	Harmonica	Sandals/flip- flops	Fanny pack/ Small back pack
Crayons	Dominoes	Plastic Flute	Fun jewelry	Purses
Coloring Books	Tote Bags	Wrist Jingle bells	Ball caps/hats	Watch
Scissors (kids)	And More– be Creative!	And More - be Creative!	Gloves	Nice Stuffed Toys
Calculator		(NO War related or Camouflage)	Bandannas	
NO Liquids or Food			Headbands	

Look for summer deals – and get your shopping shoes on for Jesus!

Contact Mary Kay Crowell with questions 706-974-4462 mktcrowell@windstream.net

Thank you so much. Motto: Fun, Packed & Filled with Prayer! And remember, It's all about Jesus!!!



June Calendar for D-Town Kidz

Summer Schedule for D-Town Kidz

- ◆ Kidz Church (K-5th grade) will meet as usual in June, but it will **NOT** meet for the month of July.
- ◆ Nursery & Lil' Kidz (babies-PreK) **WILL** continue to meet as usual in both June & July at the 9:30 service.
- ◆ We will promote kids to their new classes the first Sunday in August.

Summer Kidz Church Fun

Join us at Kidz Church at 9:25 am in June!

June 7 - No Kidz Church for K-5th (First Sunday Family Worship)

June 14 - VBS Kick-Off

June 21 - Wear your VBS T-Shirt

June 28 - Wear Red, White, or Blue (or all 3 colors)

June Summer Pop-Up Event

Tuesday, June 2 4:00-6:00 pm

Pool Party at Pinetree Rec Center

Join us for an afternoon of swimming! Snacks & drinks provided.

VBS

June 15-18 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Our VBS is currently full! If your child would like to join the waitlist, please reach out to Vanessa Myers.



Preschool is out for the summer!! Hope everyone enjoys their time with their family.

If you are interested in enrolling for the school year 2026-27, we only have a couple of openings in the PreK class only. We do have a waitlist for the other classes if you are interested. Please email angie@dahmc.org to register or to be placed on the waitlist.

Thank you!

We have job openings!

If you have a heart for children and would like information on employment, substituting, or simply volunteering, please contact Angie Mayo @ angie@dahmc.org for more information.

Youth Ministry

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Over the summer, Sundays will be Serve and Swim. We will meet at the church at 4:00 and return by 6:30-7:00.

On Wednesdays we will have "Adventure Days" where we go hiking, swimming, etc. Summer Schedule starts May 24th and ends July 29th. More details will be sent for each Adventure day closer to date.

High School Mission Trip

June

June 3rd-Picnic @ Yahooola

June 7th-Serve and Swim

June 10th-TBD (Fun Day)

June 14th-Serve and Swim

June 15-18-VBS(Water Park Day)

June 17th-Rising 6th grade

June 23-July 1st-HS Mission Trip

High School Mission Trip

When: June 23rd— July 1st

Where: Buffalo, New York

Sign ups close May 20th/\$400 to go, nonrefundable \$200 deposit due by May 20th.

Middle School Camp

When: July 16th—19th

Where: Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon's Island

Sign ups close June 17th/\$300—\$150 nonrefundable deposit due by June 17th.

Contact Information

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One Child El Salvador, Inc.

Sponsor a Child



- Sponsoring a child is a personal way to show God's love to a child in need. Children living in poverty are especially vulnerable and face uncertain futures.
- Your monthly gift of \$30 will give your sponsored child access to life changing benefits like educational support and life skills.
- As a sponsor, you'll be able to see your impact firsthand through letters, photos and your child's academic progress.

- A sponsor serves as a friend and source of support, with whom they can communicate and develop a meaningful relationship.
- Sponsors receive pictures and details about their child's academic progress, interests, and family at the beginning and towards the end of each school year.
- Once a year sponsors can exchange letters and photos with their child. Volunteers translate your letter.
- It is possible to meet your child in person when you participate in mission trips.

Click here for more information: <https://onechildelsalvador.org/become-a-sponsor/>

Our Impact

We have numerous testimonies from families of how attendance at this school has made a real difference in the lives of the children and how these changes have carried over into their families. Most of the children who attend the school come from unchurched families, broken homes, and – prior to attending this school – had no real hope for the future.

Our goal is for our students to have choices for their futures, and, through their lives, to help improve their families and their community.

One Child Coffee

Consider giving a flavorful gift with purpose through One Child Coffee. We are offering rich Dark Chocolate Espresso Roast Beans, along with delicious chocolate bars infused with our espresso-roasted crushed coffee beans. These unique treats make wonderful gifts for family and friends while supporting a meaningful mission.

Every purchase helps One Child El Salvador, a local nonprofit working to build and sustain a Christian school for rural children in El Salvador, giving them the opportunity for a better life. Simply scan the QR code to order online and join us in making a difference.



Medium Roast

Whole Beans, Drip Grind

K-Cup, **K-Cup Decaf- new**

Dark Roast

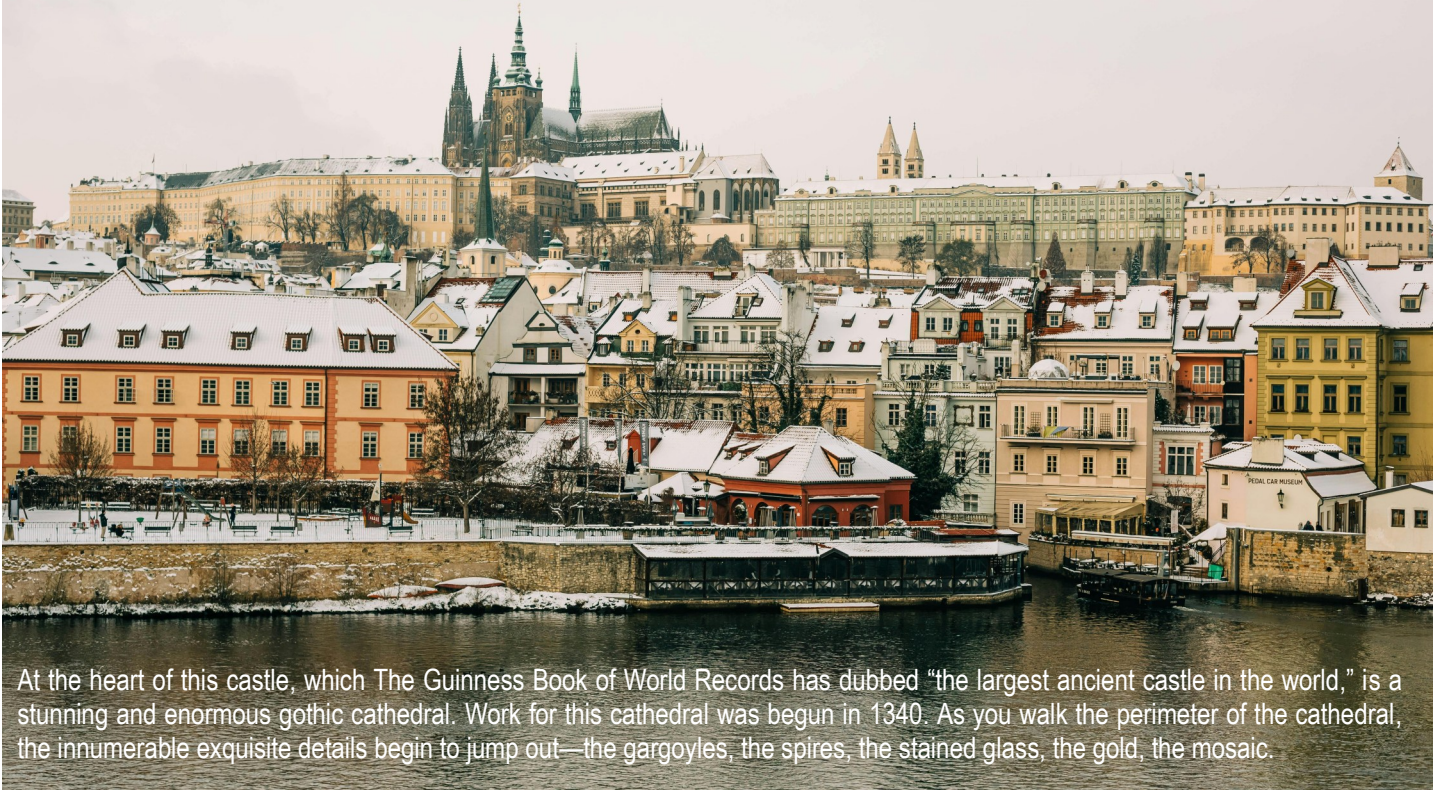
Whole Bean, Drip Grind, K-Cup



Czech Republic Mission

Spiritual Awakening in the Heart of Europe

Pražský hrad, the Prague Castle sits atop a hill overlooking the capital city of the Czech Republic. The castle has historically served as the residence for the kings of Bohemia, and is currently the residence and work place for the Czech president.



At the heart of this castle, which The Guinness Book of World Records has dubbed “the largest ancient castle in the world,” is a stunning and enormous gothic cathedral. Work for this cathedral was begun in 1340. As you walk the perimeter of the cathedral, the innumerable exquisite details begin to jump out—the gargoyles, the spires, the stained glass, the gold, the mosaic.

As I marveled the cathedral, I noticed an irony—namely, that at the heart of this castle, a symbol of the Czech Republic, stands a church. The irony is this, that God is very much not a part of the lives of your average Czech. You see, only 9-11% of Czechs consider themselves Christians. After years of religious suppression first under Nazi Germany and later under Communism, the church has not really “bounced back,” so to speak.

The Czech Republic might not be as obvious a mission field as other countries, however the poverty at the heart of the nation is undeniably real. To address this poverty, in 2025 DMC partnered with a church in Pilsen, Czech Republic to host an English language camp for middle and high schoolers. At camp, yes, we taught a full day of English lessons during the day, but the team shared their testimonies and sang hymns with the students in the evenings.

For some campers, it was their first time hearing the Good News of the Gospel. For some, it was their first time meeting actual Christians. Some believed. Some are still seeking and having conversations with their new American friends via WhatsApp. Lives were undoubtedly changed by the relationships forged at camp.

We are now enrolling campers for the 2026 YEC (Youth English Camp). We are excited that almost all our friends from last year plan on attending this year and many plan on bringing friends. Attendance could potentially double.

If you'd like to help, there are several ways to do so. Number one, pray that God would bring as many as possible to camp. Number two, pray that God would make ready the hearts of those in attendance to receive the good news of the gospel. Number three, if you find yourself in a position to give, you may do so by writing a check to Dahlonga Methodist Church and put Czech Mission in the memo. For those of you who have already given to our mission, I, on behalf of the team, would like to thank you for your support.

Grace and peace,

Matt Stephenson -T: 706-300-0340 -E: mbstep2055@gmail.com

Sunday Worship

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am

Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:25—Children’s Ministry available

Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am

Live Streaming 9:25 and 11:00am Service

<https://dahmc.org/services/#watch-live>

Communion Rail Offering for June is for One Child El Salvador

One Child El Salvador, Inc. is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization which exists to improve the lives of children in the nation of El Salvador through the establishment of schools to bring high-quality Christian education to the children, and through programs to help strengthen the family unit and improve the communities in which they live. Check out their website at www.onechildelsalvador.org. Please make your checks out to “One Child El Salvador.”

He Knows My Name (...and now you can too!)

Studies show that hearing your name spoken can lead to a sense of inclusion & feeling known. So, we will begin having Nametag Sundays on the first Sunday of the month, aligning with Holy Communion and our children being present in worship services. Look for nametag stations in the Narthex on both floors of the sanctuary.

Sunday Verbal Announcements

If you would like to have a verbal announcement on Sunday mornings during the worship service, the announcement needs to be emailed to deborah@dahmc.org two weeks prior and approved by Steve and Robin.

Adult Sunday School Classes—Third Floor, Education Building

9:30 a.m.— Primetime Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Chris Buice

11:00 a.m.— 11th Hour Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Jeff Ramsland
New folks always welcome and bring a friend.

Assisted Listening Capabilities

DMC is now offering assisted listening capabilities through Listen Technologies. Please download the app “Listen Everywhere” from the APP or Google Play Store to your smart phone and pair your Bluetooth hearing aids or headphones to your device. Connect to the wifi “Listen” (Password – canyouhear.me). Open the app and select “DMC Sanctuary”. For more information, contact Chuck Bell @ chuck@chuckbellmusic.com or stop by the audio booth on Sunday morning.



Honor a loved one in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or in remembrance with flowers. Sign up table is outside of Fellowship Hall or you may call the church office. The cost is \$110.00. Please make certain that your check is clearly marked “Altar Flowers”.

To allow the florist plenty of time to prepare floral arrangements, please give two weeks advance notice if you would like a specific color and/or flowers for your arrangement. Thank you.